

Church Miscellanea

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Abundant Grace Bible Chapel

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Schedule of Events

October 14 – Sing Praise MusicFest 2014 (11am - 7pm)

(Wonderful musicians and free food throughout the day)

November 17 – Thanksgiving Benefit Concert (7:00 pm)

(We collect food for the Burgettstown Food Bank)

December 1 – Christmas Movie Night – (7:00 pm)

December 23 – Christmas Eve Eve (5:00 pm)

December 27-30 – Christmas Vacation Bible School

2018

March 31 – Good Friday Service (7:00 pm)

April 7 – Church Anniversary Celebration (5:00 pm)

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"What does it mean to know Jesus?"

When people speak of "knowing" Jesus, Christians refer to having a relationship with Him. Being a Christian is more than knowing about Jesus; being a Christian is knowing Him personally. Jesus spoke of the need to know the Savior when He prayed, "This is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

It is one thing to know about a sports hero, and quite another thing to be a friend of that athlete. You can read every news article on your hero, memorize every stat, and collect every piece of memorabilia yet never really know the athlete himself. To truly know a sports hero, you would have to do more than watch him play. You would have to have a relationship with him, based on time spent together and regular conversation. When a person truly knows Jesus, it is on the basis of a relationship; they spend time together and talk regularly. And, when we know Jesus, we also know God the Father. "We know . . . that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true" (1 John 5:20).

How can you know Jesus? Romans 10:9 says, "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." You must believe that Jesus is Lord and that He has risen from the dead. The reason He died was to pay for your sin (1 Peter 2:24).

When you trust in Christ, you receive Jesus and become part of His family (John 1:12). In addition, John 3:16 says that you have been given eternal life: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." This life includes eternity with Christ in heaven and is available to you and to anyone who believes in Christ.

Is there anything else you have to do to know Jesus? Ephesians 2:8-9 explains, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Knowing Jesus is not based on what we do; knowing Jesus is based on faith in Him, and that faith is always a gift from God. Romans 5:8 teaches, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This great love brought Jesus from heaven to earth to live, die, and return to life to provide salvation for us.

There is no special prayer you must pray to know Jesus and believe in Him. However, the following prayer can be used right now to express that you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ: *"Dear God, thank you for opening my eyes and making me realize that I am a sinner and could never reach heaven by my own good deeds. Right now, by your grace, I place my faith in Jesus Christ as God's Son who rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Jesus Christ is Lord. Please forgive me of my sins and help me to live for you. Thank you for saving me and giving me eternal life."* **If God has saved you, please let us know. We'd be happy to give you a Bible and help you to know more about our the Lord Jesus Christ! Please call Pastor Pucci at 304-670-9334.**

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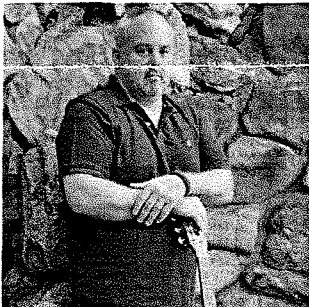
Sing Praise MusicFest 2017

Jesus, The Great Shepherd!

Saturday, October 14

Abundant Grace Bible Chapel, 1080 Steubenville Pike, Burgettstown, PA
(Located One Mile from Key Bank Pavilion on Old Rt. 22)

11:00 AM



Marshall Fike

Noon



Mount Pleasant
Praise Team

1:00 pm



Allegheny Angels

2:00 pm



Grace Point Worship

3:00 pm



Cross Vision

4:00 pm



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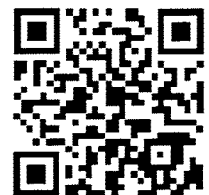
At 5:00 pm, we will have our regular worship service.

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Among the Churches

[This page is open to the Burgettstown churches. Under this head we will print any announcement that the pastor or congregation wishes to bring before the people. We hope to make it one of the most interesting departments of The Call, where each member of the different congregations can learn what is going on in their church. Announcements may be handed to your pastor or directly to The Call. Announcements of festivals, entertainments, or anything for pay, will not be received in this column, but will be welcomed at the usual rates for such advertising.—EDITOR.]

First Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. W. M. Hays, D. D.

Trustees—James Leith, W. B. Linn, W. B. Culley, G. S. Pate, Winfield Allison and A. H. Kerr.

Congregational Treasurer—W. B. Culley
Sunday School at 10:15 a. m.; Bert Luttrell, Superintendent.

Christian Endeavor meets Sabbath evening at 6:30

Junior C. E. meets Sabbath afternoon at 3:00

Prayermeeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Ladies' Aid Society hold their meetings on the last Thursday of each month; Mrs. W. B. Culley, president.

The Woman's Missionary Society meets on the second Thursday of each month; Mrs. W. M. Hays, president.

Golden Chain Mission Band meets second Monday of each month; Mrs. Bert Luttrell, president.

The Brotherhood meets on the third Monday evening of each month at 7:30; James Leith, president.

Morning, "Cumulative Consideration for the Sinner."

Evening—Union meeting; sermon by Rev. R. H. McCarney on "The Untamable Tongue."

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. James Waite.

Trustees—T. H. Huber, V. F. Felch, G. R. Norris, W. L. Rankin, Ed. Hughes, John M. Scott.

Congregational Treasurer—T. H. Huber.
Sunday School at 10:15. Superintendent, T. H. Huber. Men's Bible Class taught by Pastor.

Prayermeeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Christian Endeavor Society every Sabbath evening at 6:45.

Woman's Missionary Society meets third Thursday of each month; Mrs. John M. Scott, president.

Ladies' Aid Society meets first Friday of each month; Mrs. Ella Boyd, president.

Willing Workers' Band, Mrs. S. O. Bridgeman, leader

Morning, "An Unexpected Answer to Prayer."

Evening, "What is a Christian?"

There were two accessions to the church membership on last Sabbath evening.

First United Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. R. H. McCartney.

Trustees—Lee R. Scott, J. G. Scott, U. G. Creighton, F. B. Vance, Lee R. McKinney, J. W. Keys.

Congregational Treasurer—Lee R. McKinney. Treasurer Mission Fund—W. F. Scott.

Sunday School at 10:30. Superintendent, W. E. Dickson.

Young People's Christian Union on Sabbath evening at 6:30.

Prayermeeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Woman's Missionary Society meets first Friday of each month at 2 p. m.; Mrs. R. H. McCartney, president.

Ladies' Auxiliary meets third Thursday of each month at 2 p. m.; Mrs. J. A. Russell, president.

King's Daughters meet on the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p. m.; Eliza Goldsboro, president.

Morning, "A Poor Wise Man."

Evening—Union service in First Presbyterian church.

Second United Presbyterian Church

Preaching every alternate Sabbath at 11:30 a. m.

Stated Supply—Rev. J. M. Potter.

Trustees—M. M. Acheson, John H. Berlin and William Sharp.

Congregational Treasurer—Miss Margaret Bailey.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:45. Superintendent, William Sharp.

Preaching next Sunday.

First Baptist Church (Colored)

Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. T. C. Cotter, of McDonald. Sunday School at 9 a. m.

The union preaching services are well attended, and much interest is being manifested in them. They were held in the First U. P. church last week, this week in the First Presbyterian church. Dr. James A. Kelso, a former Burgettstown boy, now president of the Western Theological seminary, preached Tuesday night; personal workers from Steubenville, were here last night, and Rev. W. J. Hogue, of Washington, will preach Thursday and Friday nights. Sabbath evening Rev. McCartney will preach on "The Untamable Tongue."

The meetings will be continued. Preaching every evening next week except Monday evening.

Among the Churches

First Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. W. M. Hays, D. D.

Morning—A Safe Pilot.

Evening—Union service in Westminster church.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. Malcom Matheson Ph. D.

Morning—"Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

Evening—Union service, Rev. R. H. McCartney, of the First U. P. church, preaching.

First United Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. R. H. McCartney.

Morning—"Their doings will not suffer them to turn unto their God."

Evening—Union service at Westminster church.

Second United Presbyterian Church

Trustees—M. M. Acheson, John H. Berlin and William Sharp.

Congregational Treasurer—Miss Margaret Bailey.

First Baptist Church (Colored)

Rev. T. C. Carter, Pastor

Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m.

Preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. (Young People), 6 p. m.

FEDERATED WORK

Rev. G. W. Snodgrass, Pastor

Cherry Valley—Preaching 11 a. m.;
Sunday school, 12 m.

Langeloth—Sunday school, 10:30
a. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Facts-Auditorium Hall

The building was first used as a church. Built in 1845, it was located inside the cemetery lot on the hill on East Pittsburgh Street, Burgettstown, PA. The original size was 52 x 45 feet in size and cost approximately \$1300.00. The church was enlarged in 1860 and again in 1868. The building was used until 1874, when Hillcrest Church was built.

In 1875, after the completion of the new church, the old frame building was moved in its entirety and relocated on Main Street, Burgettstown, PA.

It was used as an auditorium and town hall.

It was located where the Mary Ann Theater was later built. Today's location would be at the by-pass across from Petrucci's IGA and Family Dollar.

Other uses:

May 1908-Dance Hall

September 1910-Auto-Motion Picture

September 7, 1910-Ed McFarland purchased the Auditorium Hall from J. G. Marquis

September 12, 1912-Washed away by flood

Children's Day Programs To Be Presented In Local Churches At Eleven O'Clock

Children's Day will be observed in various churches in the Burgettstown Community, Sunday June 20, at 11 o'clock.

First Presbyterian

The program at the First Presbyterian Church will begin at 11 a.m. and selections will be as follows:

Song by the School, "The Sabbath Bells"; Prayer, Rev. Jacob C. Ruble; Welcome on Children's Day, Sandra Petrucci; Playlet, "A Bouquet of Flowers", Laurel Jane Malone, Janice Hamilton, Donna Allison, Warren Coker, Gloria Boni, Susan Jane Phillis, Nancy Hamilton, Lee Perkins, Harriet Holt, Garth Leiper, Kathy Stewart, Garry McNally, Mary Louise Taborski, Billy Hemphill, Jimmy McElhaney, Earl Ray Petrucci.

Song Beginners; "The Happiest Ones", Susan Jane Phillis; "What I Can Do", Earl Ray Petrucci; "Whispering Daisies", Harriet Holt; Exercise, "A June Bouquet", Eight Beginners and the older girl, Sue Figley; Playlet: Garden of Happiness"; Lorraine Taborski, Billy Craig, Marlin Coker, Charles Hamilton, Rebecca Holt, Valjean Malone, Sandra Smith, Buddy Morgan, Ronald Taborski, David Scruppi; Children, Mary Jo Figley, Frances Saxton, Mary Jane Wilson. Song, "God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall; Offering and offeratory prayer; Baptism of infants; Cradle Roll; Song, Lovely June, Pearl Booth, Sandra Petrucci, Ann Coker; Christian Pioneers, George Saxton, Bill McCreight, Arthur Boni, Bobby Scott; Song, Exercise, "The Commission and the Cross", Patty Morgan, Carole Johnson, Bobby Davidson, Wallace Krocsko, Jim Malone Bobby Vega.

Recitations: Sue Figley, Pearl Booth, Doris Baker, Irene Figley, Ann Coker; "Goodbye", Jo-Anne Hemphill; Closing song, "Can a Little Child Like Me?" Benediction.

9:45 a.m. Church School; 11 a.m. Children's Day.

A Birthday Day tea will be held by the missionary society June 23 at 2 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

The Mary Pyle class met at the home of Mrs. Bert Scott Friday evening with Miss Ethlyn Stevenson acting as co-hostess. Mrs. Scott led devotions, and Mrs. George Atherton and Mrs. Edwin McBride provided entertainment. Refreshments were served.

Church of the Nazarene

Children's Day was held at the Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene Sunday, June 13. Those who received pins for a year's perfect attendance include: Nanny Olivia Bonner, Margaret Warchol, Michael Andrew Warchol, David Warchol, Nanny Marie Bonner, George Raymond Bonner, William Earl Bonner, Patricia Bonner, Elsie Lee Bonner, Phyllis Ann, Julia Ann, Erlene Jewell, John Clark and Ronald Earl Ayres; Donna Eileen, Margaret Marie Geiger, Mary Ann Staschiak, Patricia Mae and Clara Bell Mitchell, Erla Jean Bonner.

Members of the Sunday School who received pins for six months attendance were Mary Mitchell, Rose Marie Solomon, Viola and Rowene Smith, Mrs. Sara Hannah, Gertrude and Marion Geiger, John and James Staschiak, Michael Borsis, Rev. George Emmitt, Milliam Hughey, Mrs. George Emmitt.

The program as follows: Welcome, Marion Geiger; Prayer, was sung by Junior Girls; "Jesus Is Here", Rosemary Solomon; "O Zion, Haste", Hymn 222 by the congregation; "A Tiny Prayer", Gertrude Geiger; "The Artist's Dream", Grace Preston; "The Secret of Light", Billy Bonner, Ronald Ayers, David Warchol, Michael Borsos; "This Little Light of Mine", song, Beginner's class; "Happy Children's Day", Patricia Mitchell; "A Plea For Jewels", Patricia Bonner, Roberta Darko, Sara Nice; "Rosebuds", Earlene Ayres; "Bringing in the Sheaves", Hymn 139 congregation; "Old Testament Bible Heroes", Junior boys and girls; "Send Me", Mary Ann Staschiak; "Joy Is the Meadow", Donna Geiger, Marie Bonner, Mary Mitchell, Phyllis Ayres; "My Secret", Isabelle Smith; Mission Exercise, Intermediate Boys Class, Chalk Drawing and Song, Mary Ann Staschiak, Jean Bonner; "The Ninety and Nine", Reading, Mrs. M. Warchol; "Open My Eyes That I May See", Hymn 71, congregation; Scripture Reading, prayer, by the pastor. Offering; Announcements, "Take Our Pennies, Heavenly Father", Robert Preston; "Little Servants", Jean Bonner; "Suppose", Mary Mitchell, "Who Will Go For Me"? song, Mrs. J. Geiger; "Goodbye" Dick Speaks; Benediction, pastor.

9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. morning worship, "The Great Fathers of the Bible"; 7 p.m. Young People's; 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service, "True Holiness, Ephesians 4:24; Prayer meeting, Friday, 8 p.m.; Prayer and Fasting league, June 21 at 5 p.m. for special prayer.

The Eastern Nazarene College will be represented at the church June 22 at 7:45 p.m., at a special service.

From 9 a.m. to 12 noon except Saturday and Sunday until June 25 the church will hold its Daily Vacation Bible school in the church.

First United Presbyterian

The United Presbyterian church has arranged a Children's Day program as follows: Prelude: Organ and piano, Mrs. Gaylord Malone and Mrs. Edward Welsh; Processional Prayer; song, "We Welcome You, Children"; "Welcome" Anthony Mungello; "Hello", Alfred Plance.

"A Question Verse", beginners class-Janet Grabsky, Patty Sella, Renna Malone, Marilyn Tony; "Joyous Wishes", Douglas Lawson; "Children's Day" Patty Scott, "Spread Joy for Jesus", Chester Beadling, Accompanist, Mrs. Steve Vukas.

Songs, Beginners and Nursery; Alphabetical Bible Verses, Nursery class-Sally Welsh, Rockie Malone, Bill Robinson, Darlene McGinnis, Buddy Sella, Jacqueline Latella, David Hulick, Evon Fliton, Mary Scott, Ruth Lorraine Richey, Joanne Baier, Ronald Sematori, Lewis Hodge, Jimmy Bish, John Stevens.

Biblical Playlet "Moses in the Bullrushes" primary class-Chester Beadling, Ethel Mungello, Norma Jean Jones, Janet Sanders, Richy Hall, Jimmy Williams, Joe Latella, Forest Wayne Machak, Gerald Mann.

Recitations-Pearl Stevens, Virginia Tony, Judy Fliton, Jimmy Tepsic, Kay McCormick.

Songs, primary and junior classes, "Books of the Bible", "Map of Palestine", "The Disciples' Names" "In the Temple."

Pink and blue cradles for roll call of cradle roll; Mary Louise Russell, Patty and Betsy Canning, David Evans Nicksick, Deborah Louise Jones, Paul Anthony Tepsic, Ronnie Lee Johnston, Patricia Ann Edwards, Hervey Leigh Cunningham, Loren Scott Cook, David Lee Harmon, Rose Sylvia Stevens, Linda June Donati, Joyce Ann Muskowitz, Janet Lee Wargo, Ruth Lorraine Richey, Jane Evon Fliton, James Ray Bish, Lewis Wayne Hodge, David Allen Hulick, Gary Dean Malone, Pamela Prendes, Georgia Dee Beard, Allan Lee Latella, Craig Dale Cuervo, Kathryn Arlene Kiffer, John Alex Kopolovich, Cheryl Louise

Cunningham, Richard Max Boyle, Robert Park Scott, Joanne Love Smiley, Kenneth Edward Cowden, Joe Dominick Rene Abate, Vee Jay Beadling, Sue Mann, Vaughn William Finney. Mrs. Sutton, superintendent.

Bible memory verses by junior class-Lucille Malone, Martha Hulick, Arthur Froats; Recitations, Chucky Cunningham, Thomas Tony, Lin Fulton, Darlene Hall; Junior Missionary work, Mary Jane Richey, Ann Marie Plance, Calvin Johnston.

Offering Phillip Scott and Pioneer boys; Offeratory anthem by junior choir. "Talk", Rev. Richard C. Sutton; "Goodbye", Joanne Baier; Songs by All. Benediction, Rev. Sutton. Flower committee, Faithful Workers' Class.

10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a. m. Children's Day; 7 p.m. Outdoor meeting for Pioneers. The group will meet at the church, each bringing his own lunch.

No Prayer meeting on June 16 or 23.

WESTMINSTER

Children's Day will be observed at the 11 o'clock worship period this Sunday, June 20 in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Program is as follows:

Prelude-Mrs. Harry McCormick
Opening son: "Jesus Loves Even Me"; Devotions: Bible Drill and Scripture by the Primaries and Junior Department; Roll call of Cradle Roll-Mrs. M. E. Cowden, superintendent.

Recitations by the Beginners class in charge of Misses Evelyn Smith and Enid Campbell.

Offeratory-Prayer, Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank; "Gladness in Giving", Ruth Lander and Mary Walp; Playlet-"The Children's Garden", Primary class; "How Children's Day Started", James and Jerry Lander; "Room for Boys", Richard Lander; "Our Father's Sayings," Junior Boys; "Daisy Drill", Junior Girls.

Benediction-Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank; Postlude, Mrs. Harry McCormick.

Church School, 9:45 a.m.; Children's Day Program, 11 a.m.

Fidelity Auxiliary met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Neal of Midway.

Missionary Society will meet this Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. A. Smith on Hindman avenue. Leader will be Mrs. C. K. Morrow with Mrs. Georgia Rommes presenting the Foreign topic and Mrs. Lee Moore the National. Mrs. Fred G. Smith is in charge of the Prayer calendar.

The Victory Bible class met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Clair of Florence avenue with Mrs. D. N. Cook as co-hostess. Mrs. Clarence K. Morrow was in charge of devotions and used "Faith" as her theme.

The class are planning a Plastic Demonstration to be held in the Sunday School room June 24 at 8 p.m. All ladies of the community are invited to attend when new and handy plastic gadgets and materials for the home will be on display.

KING'S MEN TRUMPET TRIO AT NAZARENE CHURCH

The King's Men Trumpet Trio of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., will play at the Nazarene church, Atlasburg, Tuesday, June 22, at 7:45 p.m.

The personnel of the trio is as follows; first trumpeter, Clair Umstead, Royersford, Penna; second trumpeter, Walter Graeflin, Wellington, Ohio; third trumpeter, Bruce Berry, Saugus, Mass. All of these young men are students at Eastern Nazarene College. This service is an annual event at the local church.

Among the Churches

First Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. W. M. Hays, D. D.

Morning—Communion.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Preaching next Sabbath morning

First United Presbyterian Church

Pastor, Rev. R. H. McCartney.

Morning—"Evangelism."

Second United Presbyterian Church

Preaching every alternate Sabbath at 11:45 a. m.

Trustees—M. M. Acheson, John H. Berlin and William Sharp.

Congregational Treasurer—Miss Margaret Bailey.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10:45, Superintendent, William Sharp.

First Baptist Church (Colored)

Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. T. C. Cotter, of McDonald. Sunday School at 9 a. m.

MISSION APPOINTMENTS

Rev. G. W. Snodgrass, Pastor

The Coming Revival

Much progress has been made on the tabernacle the past week. On Tuesday about forty men and boys were on the job, and the ladies prepared and served refreshments for them in the First Presbyterian church. There was an abundance of eatables, and after the workman had been fed several baskets were filled and sent to needy families in the vicinity.

The tabernacle is nearing completion and within a very short time will be ready for the meetings, which open January third. To-day a number of men are putting on the finishing touches, building seat, etc.

Interest in the praymeetings is increasing. On account of Christmas falling on Friday there will be no prayermeeting that night, and we are unable at this time to give the meeting places for the following Tuesday night, but they will no doubt be announced from the different pulpits on Sabbath.

Since putting the above in type President Mrs. Cora Sutherland reports that the meeting her district will be at C. R. Cook's, she to be leader, and Mrs. W. R. Malone, president, announces the meeting

for her district at Mrs. Otto's, with Charles Hamilton leader.

SUBJECTS

Dec. 29—"What May God Expect from Me in this Campaign." (Consecration Service). "Prayer." James 5: 16. "Personal Service;" John 1: 40 42. "Consecration; Attendance" Heb. 10: 25.

Jan. 1st, 1915—"What May I Expect from God." Acts 2: 4; Mal. 3: 10; Acts 3: 26.

Don't forget that the song books are on sale at W. E. McCurdy's and W. M. McMurray's and can be had for 25 cents, or 30 cents if sent by mail. Everyone will want one of these books and it will be well to secure it now and become familiar with the songs used in the meetings.

A Story With a Moral

On leaving for one of the cottage prayermeetings the other night one of our good citizens gathered up what he supposed was the new song book, stuck it under his arm and marched piously forth. Another member of the family seemed to think the book didn't look just right and making an investigation, discovered that it was his little granddaughter's "Mother Goose" rhymes. "Bub" was pretty hard to convince that he didn't have the real thing, but he finally yielded the point and accepted the revised version.

Another lady was even less fortunate. She did not discover that she had her grandson's second reader until she opened it for the first song.

Moral—Be sure you have one of the new song books, which are on sale at McCurdy's and McMurray's and then be sure you don't have something else when you start for the meetings.

TOWN PRAYERMEETING

Tabernacle to be Dedicated Sabbath Evening With Big Prayermeeting

As we go to press we learn that arrangements have been made to dedicate the tabernacle with a big town prayermeeting on Sabbath evening. The building will be completed by that time and in good shape, and the different churches will give up their evening service for this meeting. It is hoped to make it a memorable event, and everyone is urged to attend.

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GILBERT DRUG COMPANY

Public Sale

In the matter of Wm. S. Wright, Bankrupt, No. 7463 in Bankruptcy, the undersigned Trustee will offer at Public Sale on the Johnston Heirs farm at the Village of Cross Creek, Pa.,

Tuesday, January 5th, 1915

at 12:30 o'clock, the following personal property:

One Draft Horse, one Mule, one Jersey Bull Calf, eight acres of Wheat in ground, 4,000 Pit Posts, five tons of Timothy Hay, Double set Work Harness, Collars and Bridles, Single Buggy Harness, one Slat Wagon, one Kramer Wagon, one Smoothing Harrow, Spring-tooth Harrow (new), one McCormick Binder, New Milwaukee Hay Rake, one New Mowing Machine, one Oliver Chilled Plow, one set Wagon Ladders, one two-horse Corn Worker, one Potato Digger, Hay Car, Rope and Fork, etc.

W. E. MARQUIS,
Trustee in Bankruptcy.

HANLIN STATION

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Dornan have returned from a two-weeks vacation.

Misses Nellie and Helen Boyce are visiting friends at Boyce station and Bridgeville.

Mrs. Lawrence Meneely and Mrs. John Scott were Burgettstown callers one day last week.

Miss Bertha Curry is home on a two-weeks vacation.

Miss Ruth Jamieson is visiting at her home in Renfrew.

The Christmas entertainment at the Eldersville M. P. church will be held Christmas eve.

CHURCHES

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Sabbath School, 10 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11 a. m., "Out of Darkness, Into The Light"; Young Peoples Society, 6:45 p. m., Leader-Wayne Cowden; Evening Service, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday Evening Prayer Service, 7:30 p. m., "Studies in The Psalms."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Preaching Service, 11 a. m., Rev. Calvin French of Prosperity; Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p. m. This prayer service will be dedicated to George Atherton.

The Ladies Aid of the First Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. B. L. Hughey on Thursday, February 24, at 2 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

10 a. m., Sunday School with song "Does Jesus Care?" and prayer for Pvt. Ernest Gill, brother of Mrs. Wallace Gill who is with the United States Army in Africa; 11 a. m., sermon, "Servants", Rev. Frank Ritz 6:15 p. m., Christian Endeavor, Bobby Pavan, leader, topic, "Baptism and Communion in the Church"; 7:30 p. m., worship service and sermon, "The Tried Man and the Blessed Man."

WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Church School 9:45 a. m., E. C. Carmichael, Supt.; Morning Worship 11 a. m., Music by Youth Chorus. Sermon "My Church." Evening Worship 7:30 p. m., Gospel Singing, special music, Sermon "A Man Who Saved the World." Westminster Fellowship 8:15 p. m., Theme "Great Beliefs". Wednesday 7:30 p. m., Prayer and Bible Study "Some Truths from Gospel of St. Matthew." Thursday 4 p. m. Class in Christian Education.

CHURCHES

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Rev. W. H. Flurkey, Pastor

Church School, 9:45 a. m. E. C. Carmichael, Supt.; Morning Worship, 11 a. m., Series of Sermons on 'What We Believe'; Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m., Series of Sermons on 'Christ's Challenge to man'; Christian Endeavor, 8:15 p. m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Choir Rehearsal Thursday, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday, January 28, Young Peoples Day, Special program at the morning service.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Westminster Presbyterian church will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Louella Cook. The topics will be 'China' and New Americas. Prayer Calendar will be in charge of Mrs. Hugh Hamill. National Topic, Mrs. John Love and Foreign Topic, Mrs. John Williams.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. R. C. Sutton, Pastor

Sabbath School, 10 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11 a. m.; Young Peoples Meeting, 6:30 p. m.; Evening Service 7:30 p. m., Study of John 7; Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting, 'Studies In The Psalms'.

Juniors and Light Bearers monthly meeting Friday, January 19, from 4:15 to 8:15 p. m. A missionary program, covered dish dinner, and games including shuffleboard.

At the Communion last Sabbath, three new members were received into the fellowship of the church.

The Cottage Prayer Meetings of last week were very well attended. The attendance ranged from 76 to 97.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Jacob C. Ruble

Sunday School 9:45 a. m., T. C. Linn, Supt.; Preaching Service, 11 a. m., Service will be in charge of Rev. Robert B. Shane, pastor elect of the Cross Creek Presbyterian church. The pastor will be absent holding Communion for the Cross Creek church. Young Peoples High School Forum, 6:30, Subject—'My Ideal Boyfriend and My Ideal Girlfriend'; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday evening, 7:45 p. m., services dedicated to Raymond Lynch.

Langeloth Community Church
Rev. Leslie Van Inwegen, Pastor

Bible School 10 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11 a. m.; 'The Story of The Runaway Slave'; Young Peoples Meeting, 7:30 p. m.; Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting 7:45 p. m.; The John street area will meet at the home of Mrs. Griffith

and the Fifth Avenue area at the home of Mrs. Hall. Young Peoples Snow Party, Thursday, January 18.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Frank Ritz, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Jack Ashton, Supt.; Morning Worship and Communion 11 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; Evening Worship, 7:45 p. m. Mid-week Prayer Service, Thursday, 7:45 p. m. at the church

ITALIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Louis Montecalm

Sunday Services, 2:30 p. m. and Thursday evening services 7:30 p. m.

SLOVAN MISSION

Sabbath School 9 a. m., Supt. R. G. Russell; Worship Service, 10 a. m., conducted by Mrs. R. G. Russell; Juniors, Wednesday, 6:30 p. m.

CROSS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN
REV. ROBERT B. SHANE

Preparatory services and a congregational meeting will be held on Friday, January 19, at 8 p. m. Communion will be observed on Sunday, January 21, at 11:30 a. m.

CHURCHES

Westminster Presbyterian

9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. worship service; 8 p.m. Christian endeavor.

The missionary society is holding its regular meeting this Thursday evening, August 17 at the home of Mrs. H. W. Cramer, Main street with Mrs. Edwin B. Smith acting as co-hostess. The National topic will be in charge of Mrs. John M. Scott and Mrs. J. Herbert Cruickshank will present the Foreign mission topic.

The Fidelity Auxiliary met Tuesday evening, August 15 for a picnic supper at the home of Miss Nora Moore, Burgettstown, R. D. 3.

The next communion will be held October 1, world-wide communion day.

LANGELOTH CHURCH

10 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a. m., preaching service; subject-"He Went a Little Further".

Thursday at 8 p.m. there will be a meeting of the missionary workers.

Church of the Nazarene

9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 11 a.m. morning worship, topic "Will Ye Also Go Away"; 7 p.m, young peoples' service; 8 p.m.; evening worship, guest speaker-Harlan Shober of Canonsburg.

Wednesday-7 p. m., prayer and fasting league; 8 p.m. prayer meeting; 9 p.m. board meeting of church officers.

Thursday-7:30 p. m., young peoples' cottage prayer meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Staschiak.

D.V.B.S. will be held each day from 9 to 11:30 a.m. All children of the community are invited to attend, Aug. 14 to 25.

Lovely Zion Baptist Church

Francis Mine

Sunday school 10 a.m., Robert Bennet, Sunday school Supt.; Worship service 11 a.m., Rev. Thomas Lucius; 3 p.m., the Union 4 quartet, gospel singers of McKees Rocks will sing at the Hall for the benefit of the church. The public is invited. Evening service at 6 p.m. The Gospel Chorus will also sing at the evening service.

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OUR CHURCHES

Sunday, September 18

First Methodist, McDonald — Rev. L. Jack Paxton, pastor.

9:45 a.m., Church School.

11:00 o'clock, Morning Worship.

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Trimble Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Oakdale — Rev. M. L. Miscoe, pastor.

9:45 a.m., church school.

11:00 o'clock, morning service.

6:00 p.m., second and fourth Sundays, Christian Endeavor.

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The Christian and Missionary Alliance, 201 Valley street, McDonald — Rev. D. P. McGarvey, pastor.

10:00 a.m., Sunday School.

11:00 a.m., worship service, junior church, and nursery.

6:45 p.m., Junior and Senior A.Y.F.

7:35 p.m., musical prelude, organ and piano.

7:45 p.m., Evangelistic service.

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Primrose Valley Chapel —

1:30 p.m., Sunday School.

2:30 p.m., Worship service in charge of the Rev. John Sheppard.

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First United Presbyterian, McDonald — Rev. Samuel E. Glass, pastor.

9:45 a.m., Bible school.

11:00 a.m., divine worship service.

Sermon, "The Lord of the Church."

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Irons Memorial United Presbyterian, McDonald — Rev. Robert A. Helstrom, pastor.

9:45 a.m., Church School. Classes for every age.

11:00 o'clock, Morning Worship.

Sermon, "God's Blockbuster."

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United Presbyterian, Oakdale — Rev. W. V. Ritchie, pastor.

10:00 a.m., Sabbath school.

11:00 a.m., morning worship. Sermon, "The Power of Negative Thinking."

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 139 North Jefferson avenue, Canonsburg — Rev. J. Kirk Hartman, deacon-in-charge.

10:00 o'clock, morning prayer and sermon.

Communion first Sunday of each month.

For transportation, phone, WA-bash 6-3001.

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CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH NOTICES ARE WELCOME by this newspaper and will be published weekly in this space. Deadline for church notices is Monday at noon.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Atlasburg. Rev. Jack Kerr, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:45 a.m. N.Y.P.S. at 6:45 p.m. Sunday evening gospel service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY - Shady Avenue, Burgettstown. Rev. Stewart Pier, pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening service at 7:30 p.m. Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S - Avella. Rev. John L. Michaels, pastor. Masses; Saturdays and Eves of Holy Days. 7:30 p.m. Sundays and Holy Days, 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Confessions, Saturdays and Eves of Holy Days, 4 to 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 to 7 p.m. Baptisms Sunday at 12:30 p.m., by appointment.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST - Rennison Malone, Elder. Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Bible School at 11 a.m. Sunday Youth School meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday evening evangelistic service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, prayer and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Wednesday, choir practice at 8 p.m.

CROSS CREEK UNITED PRESBYTERIAN - Rev. John E. Adams, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m.

LANGELOTH COMMUNITY - Rev. John E. Adams, pastor. Morning worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.

ST. ANN'S - Bulger. Rev. George T. Garber, pastor. Confessions Saturday afternoon and before Masses. Masses Saturday at 6 and 7, in the evening. Sunday Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

HILLCREST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN - Dr. Howard Eshbaugh, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Paris. Rev. Edward Midcap, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 10:45 a.m. People's service at 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST - Rev. Louis H. Jones, pastor. Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. Communion every fourth Sunday. Prayer meeting and Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Rev. Edward Trzeciakowski, pastor. Confessions Saturday 11-12 a.m., and after evening Mass. Saturday Mass at 7 p.m. Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Baptisms first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, by appointment.

BAPTIST MISSION-Francis Mine Community Church. Rev. Clare W. McClellan, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night services at 7:30 p.m.

LOVELY ZION CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - Francis Mine. Rev. Richard Jones, pastor. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Worship at 11:30 a.m. Worship at 7:30 p.m.

ST. PETER AND PAUL - Cherry Valley. Rev. Edward Trzeciakowski, pastor. Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.

FLORENCE PRESBYTERIAN - Morning worship at 9:45 a.m. Sunday School at 11 a.m.

SLOVAN MISSION - Sunday services at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Care and Share services every other Tuesday.

ROBINSON UNITED PRESBYTERIAN - Bulger, R. D. Charles J. Swenson, pastor. Bible Study at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m.

PENTECOST LUTHERAN - Avella. L. Blankenbuehler, pastor. Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. Church service at 6 p.m.

LANGELOTH CHURCH OF CHRIST - Eldersville Road. Olen Adams, minister. Sunday services; Bible Study at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 10:45 a.m. Worship at 7 p.m. Wednesday evening, song practice at 7:15 p.m. Bible Study at 7:45 p.m.

WESTMINSTER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN - Rev. Alexander C. Wilson, pastor. Worship at Slovan at 8:45 a.m. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at Burgettstown at 11 a.m. Youth Group at 7 p.m. Sewing Group at 10 a.m., alternate Tuesdays. Visiting Group at 12:45 p.m., alternate Tuesdays. Dartball Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Youth Club Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Women's Association meeting 7:30 p.m. third Thursday of the month.

CHURCH OF PROMISE - Hanover Township Building, Florence. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 7 p.m. Bible classes Friday at 7:30 p.m.

TUCKER UNITED METHODIST - Rev. Jane E. Myers, pastor. Ralph Ryan and Bob Kidd, Jr., lay speakers. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11.

ELDERSVILLE UNITED METHODIST--Rev. Jane E. Myers, pastor. Sunday School 9 a.m. Worship at 10. Evening service at Bethel at 7:30. Play School Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. The Local Activities is holding a "Bakeless Bake Sale" now through July, for the new siding that is being installed on the church building. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Melrose Karch or Helen Boles. Mini. School of Mission July 23-25. School of Mission, Allegheny College, week of July 25.

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SCOTT BEVERIDGE/OBSERVER-REPORTER

Sandy Mansmann of Washington County History & Landmarks Foundation admires a stained-glass window from an unknown Roman Catholic church that is part of a new exhibit at the John White House in Chartiers Township.

Church survey reveals local history

By SCOTT BEVERIDGE
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A survey of Washington County's landmark churches is not only revealing some of their remote locations, but also lost histories about the origins of some of the region's communities.

The Washington County History & Landmarks Foundation discovered through the project the Irons Memorial Presbyterian Church in McDonald where many French-Belgian immigrants settled to work in coal mines and continued to speak French for many years, said Sandy Mansmann, who is performing the survey.

"They came for a better life," said Mansmann, who has created a display based on the survey at the John White House, the foundation's headquarters at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Chartiers Township.

"We're finding there is a little bit of a revival of the traditional services," Mansmann said.

Many churches also have been working to modernize their services by installing large multimedia screens at the altars, she said.

The foundation received a grant from the Washington County Community Foundation to carry out the survey in an area that has many Presbyterian congregations with roots in the early Western Movement of the late 1700s. The survey will result in a tourism brochure highlighting the different architectural styles that were used to construct the churches.

The survey also amplified concerns that many of the aging congregations are struggling to attract new members.

"There are so many people who are determined to keep their churches open," Mansmann said. For example



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First Baptist Church of Claysville is shown before its ornate features were removed in a remodeling project

an "old believers" Russian Orthodox church in Marianna has so few members it holds services there only once a year, Mansmann said.

The exhibit includes a display of a simple meeting room with benches for the worshippers and a chair for the circuit rider who visited different communities to preach the sermon during the county's pioneer era.

Off to one side is a photographic display of Mingo Creek Presbyterian Church in Union Township, likely the most historic church and cemetery in the county because of its deep connections to the Whiskey Rebellion in the late 1700s, Mansmann said. Several of the rebels were buried there, including John Holcroft, who was also nicknamed

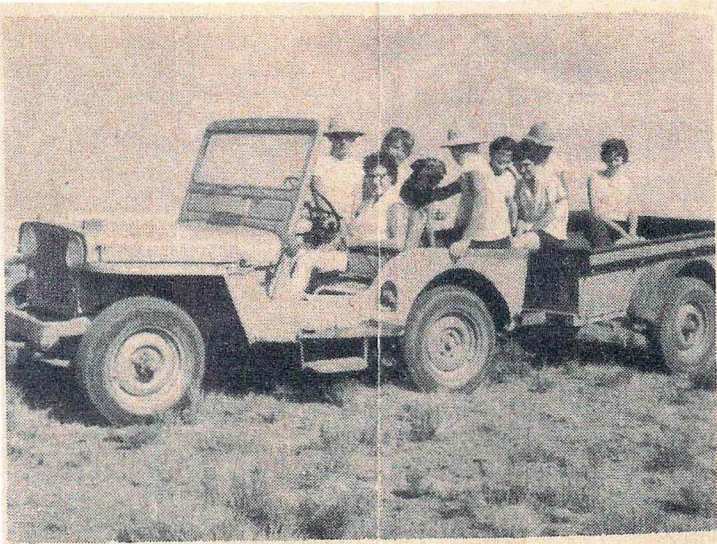
Tom the Tinker because he destroyed stills owned by farmers who didn't support the insurrection and its opposition to a federal tax on the whiskey produced in the region.

The foundation is hosting a tour of Burgettstown area churches and cemeteries at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The tour will include stops at Cross Creek Presbyterian Church and two Presbyterian churches in Burgettstown, Tucker United Methodist Church and Raccoon Presbyterian Church.

To view the exhibit at the John White House or inquire about the tour, contact Mansmann at s_mann41@hotmail.com, or call 724-225-2350.

Church Survey Reveals Local History
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“Off to Work” seems to be the order of the day, as the Jeep load of young folks embark on one of many adventures in the Navaho country. This photo was snapped by Rev. David Wallace, as his group left the former cattle-barn,

which had been converted into a dormitory, in which they made their headquarters. Following morning devotions, the young folks loaded up the Jeep, and began their day’s work among the Indians.



This photo shows the group at work painting the fence around the Navaho cemetery. Previous to the painting project, they had rebuilt and repaired the fence. Because of the existing Navaho superstitions concerning death and burial, they refuse to enter the cemetery, much less maintain it. The nearby Mission is informed of any death among the Indians, and it is left in the hands of the Missionaries to bury the remains. The group here is giving the fence

a coat of paint the approximate beige shade of the nearby desert, in order to camouflage it into natural surroundings. The fence had been painted a conspicuous white previously.

Following the painting project, the group planted shrubs and bushes in front of the fence, to further conceal any thoughts from the minds of the Indians, that evil spirits might lurk in the plot of land that is a burial ground for their dead.

The Washington Presbytery sponsored Summer Work Service Projects. came to a close this past week with the arrival home from the Southwest of the summer’s most extensive project.

Senior Highs participating in the Southwest Project were: Sue Campbell, Central Presbyterian Church, Washington; Betty Jane Gildow, Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church, Prosperity; Peggy McCreight, Second U. P. Church, Washington; Karen Pierrard, Center U.P. Church, Midway; Steve Post, Church of the Covenant, Washington; David Ross, Grove U.P. Church, West Middletown; Tim Wilson, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Thomas. Adult Advisors for the project were Rev. David Wallace, Grove U.P. Church, West Middletown, and Marion Henderson, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

The purpose of the Southwest Project was to serve, visit, and study the Church’s work in that area with emphasis on the Navajo Reservation. The first major stop on the month-long trip was a visit at the First Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House in Kansas City, Missouri, to study their Inner-City Work.

The group attended Church School and Church conducted by the National Council of Churches Park Ministry at Mesa Verde National Park in Southern Colorado.

At the Presbyterian mission, Ganado, Arizona, the group spent two weeks completing their work project consisting of painting, roofing, and general repair work on the Mission Campus. During the stay they had opportunity to study Christianity in Action through the Ministry, Teaching, Healing, and Community Services rendered at the Mission, under the direction of Dr. Joseph A. Poncel. Several Mission Out-posts were visited also.

On the return trip the group endured a hail and rain storm during their nine mile hike into the Grand Canyon, and had a chance to test their stamina during a dust, wind, and rain storm in Monument Valley. The group spent several days and nights camping in the Rockies, and visited the Campus of Sterling College, a Presbyterian College in Central Kansas.

Four such projects were sponsored by Washington Presbytery this year. In addition to the Southwest Project, groups from this area went to Camp Bohotam in up-state New York, Pittsburgh for Bible School and Street Recreation on the North Side; and Detroit to a Neighborhood House for Inner-City maintenance.

Area Churches Participate in Summer Program
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COME TO CHURCH

Christians will unite in observance of Good Friday, April 8, from 12 noon until 3, and business places will remain closed during that period to permit employees to attend services. A Community Good Friday service will be held in the First United Presbyterian church when seven local ministers will participate. The order of service follows:

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE FIRST WORD—"The Word of Forgiveness"

12 Noon

"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do"

Meditation

REV. E. ALAN RICHARDSON

(Pastor First United Presbyterian Church)

THE SECOND WORD—"The Word of Salvation"

12:25 P. M.

"Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise"

Meditation

REV. J. S. HITE

(Pastor First Christian Church)

THE THIRD WORD—"The Word of Care"

12:50 P. M.

"Woman, behold thy son—Behold Thy Mother!"

Meditation

REV. J. C. RUBLE

(Pastor First Presbyterian Church)

THE FOURTH WORD—"The Word of Loneliness"

1:15 P. M.

"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me"

Meditation

REV. JAMES H. SIMMONS

(Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church)

THE FIFTH WORD—"The Word of Need"

1:40 P. M.

"I thirst"

Meditation

REV. J. G. McDONALD

(Pastor Westminster Presbyterian Church)

THE SIXTH WORD—"The Word of Victory"

2:05 P. M.

"It is finished"

Meditation

REV. VINCENT SALTURO, JR.

(Pastor Italian Christian Church)

THE SEVENTH WORD—"The Word of Trust"

2:30 P. M.

"Father into Thy hands I commend my spirit"

Meditation REV. JAMES THOME

(Pastor Langeloth Community Church)

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES R. C.

Following mass at 9 a.m. Thursday, all-day adoration will begin. The men will keep adoration all night until noon Friday. Good Friday service from 12 noon until 3 o.m. by the pastor Rev. John Boslet and Rev. Fabian. Holy Saturday services begin at 7:30 a.m. with mass at 8:30. Easter Sunday regular masses at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. The combined men's and boy's choir will present music at the 9:30 high mass Sunday.

FIRST CHRISTIAN

Rev. J. S. Hite, Pastor
Wednesday, April 6, Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, Bible school at 10 a.m. in charge of supt, George Ball; Communion at 11 a.m. and sermon by the pastor at 11:15. The Easter program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Baptism will be administered in the morning and evening. Rev. Hite now occupies an apartment on the first floor of the church where he may be contacted.

LANGELOTH COMMUNITY

Preparatory service was held Wednesday evening preceding Holy communion Thursday, April 7 at 8 p.m. Easter Sunday-Bible school at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., in charge of Rev. J. L. Thome. New members will be received into the congregation and Baptism administered until Sunday morning.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Easter Sabbath sunrise service will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian church. Sabbath school convenes at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. Morning worship service at 11 a.m. The pastor will preach the fifth in a series of sermons on the theme, "Christ in You the Hope of Glory". The sermon subject is, "Christ and Your Easter." Youth Fellowship meets at 7:30 p.m. All young people from 12-25 are invited.

Dr. John H. Gerstner, Jr., Professor of Church History at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, is conducting Passion Week Preaching services every evening until April 8, at 7:45 p.m. Dr. Gerstner is preaching a series of expository sermons from the book of Ephesians. Make this a significant week in your life by attending these services. You will find a cordial welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST

Sabbath school at 10 a.m., in charge of Joseph Carr, sup't. Worship service at 11 a.m. by Rev. J. H. Simmons of Pittsburgh.

RACCOON PRESBYTERIAN

Midway Methodist and United Presbyterian churches have been invited to join in a sunrise service at 7 o'clock Easter Sunday in this church. Rev. J. C. Ruble, pastor of the Burgettstown First Presbyterian church, will be in charge. Sunday school at 10:15, with Roy Beck, supt. and 11:15 worship service in charge of Gene Boyd, student pastor.

RACCOON MISSION

Thursday evening a worship service will be led by Gene Boyd at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday worship service at 9 a.m., with a message by Mr. Boyd and Sabbath school meets at 3 p.m., in charge of Miss Marian Line.

ELDERSVILLE METHODIST

Thursday evening at 7 o'clock there will be a silent communion service. Sunday, Louis Robert, supt., will conduct Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Worship service at 10:45 a.m. Rev. John Scott will bring the message and the choir will present Easter music.

BETHEL METHODIST

Silent communion service at 8 p.m. Thursday. Sunday school begins at 11 a.m. followed by worship service at 11:55 by Rev. John Scott and music by the church choir.

SLOVAN MISSION

Sunday school at 9 a.m., with R. G. Russell as superintendent. Easter song service at 10 a.m.

FRANKFORT SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN

An Easter service with pictures and songs of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ will be presented Friday evening, April 8, at 8 p.m. Sunday - 10:15 Sunday school 11:15 worship service in charge of a supply minister.

FLORENCE PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday worship service at 10 a.m., in charge of a supply minister; Sunday school at 11 o'clock with Emil Robert as superintendent.

FRANKFORT U. P.

A supply minister will bring the Easter message Sunday at the 10 a.m church service. Sabbath school follows at 11 a.m.

PARIS PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. David Haines, Pastor
Thursday evening, April 7, at 7:30 o'clock, the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism will be observed. Those desiring Baptism or to unite with the church are asked to meet with the Session at 6:45 p.m. During this service, Mrs. Donald Malone, soloist, will sing, "O All Ye Who Travel Upon the Highway", and another selection. The choir will sing, "According To Thy Gracious Word".

Easter Sunday sunrise service at 6 a.m. in charge of the Board of Deacons. The Junior Youth Fellowship choir will sing an anthem-"Open Up Your Heart and Let The Sunshine In". Sunday school will follow at 10 o'clock. Worship service at 11 o'clock and special music will include: an anthem by the choir, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee", by Schneckler; solo, Gerald Ferguson, "Open The Gates of the Temple". In the afternoon, the Junior Youth Fellowship will meet at 2:30 o'clock followed by the Senior group at 6 o'clock. Evening worship begins at 7:30 o'clock.

**WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN**

Holy Communion Thursday, (Maundy Thursday) April 7, at 8 p.m. Sermon subject: "Christ's Banner of Love."

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
7 A. M.**

The public is cordially invited to attend this service—a popular feature presented each year by the Master Builders Bible Class. Mrs. Jane McDonald will conduct the service. On the anniversary of the Resurrection of Christ, it is a thrilling experience to worship the Risen Christ at the same time of the day He arose from the dead.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude - Miss Celestine Stievenart

Solo—"Open the Gates of The Temple" Miss Jane Powell

Call to Worship—Mrs. J. McDonald

Hymn—"He Arose"

Duet—"Alone" - Miss Olive Williamson and William Dodds

Scripture Lesson—Miss Doris Noah

Hymn—"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Responsive Reading - Rev. James G. McDonald

Quartet—"Love Led Him to Calvary", Sam & Wilbur Moore, Mrs. Alma Alrutz and Mrs. Nora Phillips

Prayer—Kaye Miller

Hymn—"In the Garden"

Trumpet Solo—Norman Smith

Sermon—"He is Risen"—Mr. Thomas Conboy, student pastor of Cross Creek Presbyterian church

Solo—Miss Jane Powell

Hymn—"Christ the Lord is Risen"

Benediction—Mr. Thomas Conboy

Organ Postlude - Miss Stievenart

Bible School 9:45; worship service 11:00 a.m.—sermon subject—"Three Gardens"; Text: "In the place where He was Crucified, there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb." John 19:41.

The Westminster Fellowship will meet at 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Communion service Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Three children's classes have planned a sunrise service at 7:30 o'clock Easter Sunday. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Richard Holt, supt; 11 a.m. worship service, message—"Easter Parades Ancient and Modern", by Rev. J. C. Ruble, pastor. The choir will present special music.

CROSS CREEK PRESBYTERIAN

Preparatory service for communion Thursday at 8 p.m. A special Good Friday service, with music by the choir will be given at 8 p.m. April 8. Easter Sunday—10 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. worship service. Dr. Sidney O. Hills, professor of the Old Testament at Western Theological Seminary, will have charge of administering Baptism and communion, assisted by Thomas Conboy, student pastor.

ST. ANN'S R.C. — BULGER

Mass at 8 a.m. Thursday with evening devotions at 7:30; Friday—8 a.m. mass; 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday service. Saturday—8 a.m. mass. Easter Sunday, regular masses at 8 and 10 a.m. by pastor, Rev. Paul Leger.

ATLASBURG NAZARENE

The Junior Sunday school class will present a program of recitations and a play at 9:45 a.m. Easter Sunday, in charge of Miss Shirley Fowler, leader of the class. Rev. Jarvis of Monongahela will be the supply minister for the 11 a.m. worship service. Young Peoples' meeting at 7 p.m., and the evening worship service at 7:45 in the church.

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Community Churches To Unite For Services On Good Friday At Westminster Church; Union Easter Evening Service At U. P.

Protestant churches in the Burgettstown Community will unite on Good Friday, March 26, for a three hour worship service in the Westminster Presbyterian Church from 12 noon until 3 p.m., and on Easter for an evening service at 7:45 in the United Presbyterian Church, when a cantata will be presented by a chorus under the direction of Mrs. R. P. McGregor.

An invitation is extended to anyone who wishes to attend all or any part of the Good Friday service. Merchants in the Burgettstown locality have been requested to close their business houses during the three hour

service. The program, which is based upon the seven last words from the Cross, also provide for one minute intermissions when worshippers may enter or leave the sanctuary.

Ministers from the Greater Burgettstown vicinity will preside according to the following schedule: First Word, 12 noon-Rev. Robert B. Shane; Second Word, 12:25-Rev. J. C. Ruble; Third Word, 12:50- Rev. R. C. Sutton; Fourth Word, 1:15, Rev. R. M. McCracken; Fifth Word, 1:45,-Rev. George Emmitt; Sixth Word, 2:10-Rev. Harry Leland; Seventh Word, 2:35-Rev. J. S. Hite.

Easter Cantata

Easter evening at 7:45, all persons in the community are invited to attend the service and cantata in the United Presbyterian Church. The program has been arranged as follows: Prelude: piano and organ, Mrs. Gaylord Malone and Mrs. Harry McCormick; Invocation; Congregation, "I Know My Redeemer Liveth"; Scripture and Offeratory; Cantata, "Christ Victorious" by Nolte. The chorus includes voices from each of the Burgettstown churches. Soloists will be Mrs. Donald Malone, R. P. McGregor, Mrs. Josephine McKinnis. Duets will be sung by Phyllis Evans and John Fliton, William Weaver and Gaylord Malone,, Jane and Olive Williamson; and a trio by Josephine Lawson, Mrs. Edward Welsh and William Weaver.

Mrs. Fred Baier, Miss Evelyn Smith, John Fliton and Gaylord Malone will present a quartet number.

Others participating in the program include Florence and Nova Cowden, Mrs. Edwin McFarland, Betty Turner, Jane Scott, Donna Cowden, Melvin Heinerman. Mrs. Gaylord Malone will serve as accompanist. The cantata is sponsored by the J.O.Y. class of the U. P. church.

Sunrise Service

An Easter Sunrise service sponsored by the Christian Endeavor will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church March 26 at 6:45. Frank McKown of Canonsburg will be the speaker. The public is invited to attend.

**Community Churches to Unite for Services on Good Friday
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Elders' Convention.

The Annual Convention of Elders for the district embracing the Churches of Cross Roads, Raccoon, Burgettstown, Cross Creek, Mt. Prospect, Upper Buffalo and Lower Buffalo, will be held in the church of Lower Buffalo, Independence, Pa., on

NOVEMBER 11 AND 12, 1885.

PROGRAM.

Convene Nov. 11, at 1 o'clock, P. M. Opened with a sermon by Rev. W. W. Morton, Upper Buffalo. General subject for the convention,

"RELIGIOUS REVIVAL."

- 1st-Its Nature and Necessity, Rev. J. T. Fredericks, Burgettstown.
- 2nd-Its Source and Means of Promoting It, W. W. Hunter, Upper Buffalo.
- 3rd-The Pastor's Duty in Reference to It, Rev. A. F. Alexander, Cross Roads.
- 4th-The Session's Duty, J. M. Stevenson, Raccoon.
- 5th-The People's Duty, J. R. Lyle, Mount Pleasant.

Sunday School Meeting Wed. Eve. To be opened with an address on "The Uses and Abuses of Helps for Teachers and Scholars." Rev. G. M. Kerr, Raccoon, followed by reports of several schools by their Commissioners.

**Former Resident
Named Vice Moderator
Of Penna. Synod**

At the recent meeting of the Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian church held in Chambersburg, Rev. Walter Kennedy, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Templeton, Armstrong County, was elected Vice Moderator. This synod is the largest in the Presbyterian denomination. It is composed of 20 Presbyteries with a total of 1131 churches and 1248 ministers and a communicant membership of 370,000.

Rev. Mr. Kennedy is a native of Burgettstown and a brother of Mrs. Sallie Belle Sunberg of Pittsburgh street and Mrs. Albert Fulton of Main street.

Dr. M. M. McDivitt of Kittanning, was named Moderator of the Synod for the year of 1943-1944.

Mr. Kennedy has just completed his twenty-fifth year as pastor of the Templeton church. He is the Stated Clerk of Kittanning Presbytery, secretary of the Armstrong County Sabbath School Association and of the county Ministerial Union.

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**Rev. Walter Kennedy Named Vice Moderator of PA Synod
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 24, 1943 Edition**

LOCAL CHURCHES PLAN PROGRAMS AND CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Rev. Richard C. Sutton, pastor

A Christmas entertainment will be given by pupils of the First United Presbyterian Sabbath school in the church auditorium on Monday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Richard C. Sutton, pastor, will read the scripture after which there will be carol singing around the Christmas tree. The entertainment has been planned by Mrs. Sutton, superintendent of the Primary and Beginners department and Harold Malone, superintendent of the Sabbath school.

The program will be as follows:

Songs by the Beginners and Primary—Away in a Manger, Silent Night, Holy Night, Little Baby in a Manger, Christmas Memory Bible Verses.

Mrs. John Welch's Class, Song, All of my Burdens Went Rolling Away; Joke on Santa Claus, Rita Ritchey; Just a Little Baby, Eleanor Donati; Morning and Evening, Carol Cunningham; David's Stocking, David Sutton; The Christmas Clock, Richard Cummins; A Question, Barbara Grabsky; Puzzling Questions, Connie Lawson; A Drill, Christmas Baskets, Rita Ritchey, Barbara Grabsky, Eleanor Donati, Carol Cunningham, Bobby Ransome.

Flute Solo, "The Minstrel Boy," Eleanor Carothers.

The Little Beginners — Teachers, Mrs. Wilbur Cunningham, Mrs. Charles Scott. Christmas, Lois Richey; Song, "Step by Step." What's in a Name, Tommy Carter; Rusty's Stocking, Rusty Fafette, When I'm Bigger, Gayle Tennyson; First Time, Richard Donati; The Best Day, Edith Ann Scott; Merry Christmas, Linn Lawson; A Christmas Greeting, A Drill, Merry Christmas, by all the Beginners, also Jane Powell, Janice Fliton and Adela Rae Kotula.

The Little Light-Bearers Missionary Band, Song in the Eskimo Language, "Jesus Loves Me."

Song with cornet accompaniment, "God Bless America." Richard and David Sutton.

Mrs. Baur Russell's Class, Song and Prayer; Mamma's Stocking, Eleanor Reed; Give, Live and Love, Gay Fafette; Christmas, Shirley Lawson; Christmas Candles, Thome Ransome; While I Slept, Joan Yanek; Santa's Whereabouts, Violet Donati; Song, Lullaby, Gale Lawson; Merry Christmas, Esther Denny; Drill, "Cleaning Up for Christmas", Eleanor Reed, Gay Fafette, Shirley Lawson, Joan Yanek, Esther Denny, Gale Lawson.

Mrs. David Dunlevy's Class, Mrs. C. D. Scott directing; Song, "The Books of the Bible," three Junior boys Carl Ulrich, Richard Sutton, Dale Scott; A Playlet for Christmas Time, "Our Happiest Time." Character—A Group of Girls: Bess—Eleanor Carothers, Dorothy—Ramona Inglefield, Edith—Lois Gregory, Mabel—Jane Alme Scott, Margaret—Kay Scott.

Christmas Songs: Ruth Franz, Linda Lee Malone, Eleanor Carothers. Santa Claus Song: Beginners and Primary.

"Twas The Night Before Christmas", Rev. Sutton.

Santa comes with his sleigh bells, talks with each little tot. Distribution of the Christmas treat.

The Young Women's Missionary society met Monday evening, December 16 at the home of Mrs. James McCalmont of Elm street, with Mrs. Francis Reed as co-hostess. Miss Ruth Algoe and Mrs. George Bish presented the program, "Worship the King." Gifts of toys were presented to the Raccoon Mission.

Sunday evening, December 22, at 7:30, an all music program will be presented by members of the choir, under the direction of T. E. Trimmer.

"Be A Friend" Class held the annual Christmas party at the home of the teacher, Mrs. Ida Slonaker of Church street Tuesday evening, December 17. Following a covered dish dinner, there was an exchange of gifts. Guests included mothers of the members of the class.

The Faithful Workers class was entertained at a covered dish dinner in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Sutton of Dinsmore avenue, Tuesday evening, December 17. Devotions were led by Miss Laverne Kuhns, and Sacred Music was in charge of Mrs. Harry Tennyson and Mrs. Earl Lawson. There was an exchange of gifts.

ELDERSVILLE METHODIST

Dr. Charles H. Beck, Minister
Sunday School ----- 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 A.M.
Sermon Subject, "Prince of Peace"
A Christmas program and children's party will be held at Eldersville church on Tuesday evening, December 24. Following the presentation of a Christmas play, a treat will be distributed by the Sunday school officers.

AT THE BETHEL CHURCH

Dr. Charles H. Beck, Minister
Sunday School at 2:00 o'clock.
Sermon Subject, "Prince of Peace"

WESTMINSTER CHURCH Rev. Wm. Flurkey, Pastor

The following program will be presented by members of the Primary, Beginners and Intermediates of the Westminster Sunday School, Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock:

Song, Congregation; Beginners, Song; Juniors, Christmas in Other Lands; Legends of the Christmas Trees; Story of the Madonna; Christmas Story, A Group, Matt. 2, 1-12; Song, We Three Kings of Orient Are; Intermediate, Hark the Herald Angels Sing; Story of Silent Night, Holy Night, (Pantomime and Tableaux); Special Music by the Junior Choir; Benediction.

Sunday School ----- 9:45 A.M.
F. A. Howe and Julian Myers Supts. Master Builders Group has charge of the worship program. Mrs. Mildred Morrow will sing at close of the session of school.

Morning Worship ----- 11 A.M.
Sermon "The Unspeakable Gift"
Music by the Choir, "A Little Town of Bethlehem", by Scott.

Christian Endeavor ----- 6 P.M.
Leader, Betty Darke "The Star of Christmas."

Monday, 8 P.M., Men's Brotherhood Meeting in the Church.

Tuesday, 8:30 P.M., Young People to sing carols to the shut-ins of the congregation and others.

Wednesday, 8 A.M. Christmas Morning Service. A half hour of Prayer and meditation under the auspices of young people of the Church.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet Friday evening, December 20, at the home of Mrs. Hugh Hamill of Main street. Mrs. George Conrad will conduct the meeting, assisted by Mrs. E. C. Carmichael, chairman of Foreign Missions and Mrs. Edwin B. Smith, chairman of National Missions. Mrs. Wilbert Morrow will lead the prayer calendar.

LANGELOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH Rev. Harold S. Giffen, Pastor

Sermon, ". . . And on Earth, Peace"
Musical Program

Special Evening Service at 7:30 with part of the program being presented by young people from the Slovan Mission directed by Mrs. Lie-ke.

The initial morning worship service in the newly painted and heated church auditorium will be held next Sabbath morning and a large attendance is expected. Last Sabbath the Sunday School attendance was 100 and the attendance at morning worship the best in many months.

With the operation of a new heating system the social activities in the church have increased. This week the following events were scheduled and held: Monday, dinner for Girl Scouts and their mothers; Tuesday, party by the Community Workers class Thursday, Ladies' Aid Christmas party. Friday, social evening for Girls of Teen-age Mission Circle.

The Christmas Program to be presented by the Bible School and Young People's Society will be held on next Monday evening at 7:30 with the following features: A White Gift play, "The Heart and the Halo," an exercise by Primary Class, "The Gifts We Bring," and one by the beginners, "Help the Poor." The young people will present a cantata entitled, "A Christmas Truant." A White Gift will be given, things useful and wearable being brought for giving to needy children at Bertha Mine.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. R. E. Carman, minister

The Missionary Society met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Willa Lee of Whitaker street. Leader was Mrs. R. E. Carman. Prayers were offered by Mrs. W. S. Morrow and Mrs. George Pyle. Mrs. Frank Wray and Mrs. Etta Westlake read papers on "Iran and our Migrant work." Christmas music was presented by Mrs. A. A. Haines, Miss Miriam Cassidy and Miss Jane Darras. There was an exchange of gifts. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Junior Choir under the direction of Miss Rosalyn Carman and Miss Miriam Cassidy met Wednesday evening at the Manse. A large attendance was present.

The Ladies Aid Society will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Richard Donaldson of Dinsmore avenue. Every member is urged to be present.

The Primary department, assisted by the Junior Choir, will sponsor a Christmas entertainment in the church Monday evening at 7:30.

Mennonite speaker at meeting

By **DOROTHY JANCART**
Correspondent

BURGETTSTOWN — The October meeting of the Fort Vance Historical Society featured Adin Stoltzfoos, local Mennonite businessman and history teacher, as the guest speaker.

Stoltzfoos was introduced by Society President Ron DiOrio. Stoltzfoos shared a brief history of the Mennonite Amish culture, beginning in the 1500s in Switzerland and ending in present-day

America. He related the lifestyle, beliefs and the persecution of the culture throughout central and northern Europe, when they were known as Anabaptists because of their views on infant baptism, political authority and other topics. Change and division took place when the Amish church began under the leadership of Jakob Ammann — hence the name Amish — whose teachings focused on non-resistance to conflict, a simplistic approach to Christianity and a non-hierarchy status in

every aspect of life.

Around 1680, William Penn, a Quaker and the largest landowner in America, invited the Amish Mennonites to Pennsylvania where he promised religious liberty, no compulsory military involvement and plenty of land to pursue their agrarian lifestyle and their tradition of a simple way of life.

Stoltzfoos can trace his ancestry through six generations,

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SPEAKING ABOUT HISTORY, CULTURE —

Adin Stoltzfoos, a local Mennonite businessman and history teacher, spoke at a recent Fort Vance Historical meeting, sharing the history of the Mennonite Amish culture.

Dorothy Jancart

beginning with settlers in the Lancaster, Berks

County and Philadelphia areas. Mennonites now

live in 49 states with population concentrations in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana. Mennonite missionaries serve throughout the world, spreading their message of peace and Christianity.

The local Mennonite community currently consists of 80 members, many of whom originated from Weavertown Amish Mennonite Church in Bird-In-Hand, Pennsylvania. Looking

for job opportunities, land and housing availability and also the spirit of the community, the Mennonites chose the Burgettstown area for seven families to relocate ten years ago. Since that time, five other families have also relocated to the area.

Stoltzfoos expressed thanks for the welcome the Mennonites have been given and for the opportunity to become a

contributing part of the area. Construction should be completed by next year on the Cornerstone Mennonite School in Eldersville, which will begin with 26 students and four teachers. Church services will be held there temporarily until a new church is built.

At the meeting, DiOrio welcomed guests and recognized member Kathryn Slasor on her

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birthday and thanked her for her ongoing work of preserving local history. DiOrio noted historical society openings are available for a secretary and also for three board of directors members and asked for volunteers to fill these positions. Members will be notified with details of an upcoming business meeting. For further information, c o n t a c t ftvance@gmail.com.

JOE BELLA

Joe Bella came to the United States from near Turin, Italy, in 1907. He returned to Europe for his bride, bringing her back to the States before 1913. The couple soon had a daughter, Ada. The Bellas lived in an upstairs apartment of the bakery building near Rottas on Main Street, but after a fire that demolished all their possessions, they purchased a store and residence combined in a building which many years before had been the Methodist Church. It stood on the site of the present Super Dollar. There Joe began his patient waiting on school children. In 1923, he bought a house across the street, tore off the porch and added the long restaurant where he and Rena continued as proprietors until 1942. At that point, their daughter, Ada, was educated and had married Clair Martin so the couple moved to a new home on Route 22. But retirement was not for them, so Joe built a diner on the highway where they could meet people and keep busy. They did so until 1957 when Joe passed away.

Years went by and Rena grew feeble. She entered the Weirton Convalescent Home where she still is today.

Clair and Ada live in River Vale, New Jersey. Their two surviving sons are married, and the Martins have three grandchildren.

**Mentions location of the Methodist Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-Centennial Edition, May 20, 1981 Edition**



Day of prayer

A National Day of Prayer service was held May 7 at the Trinity Presbyterian Church in McDonald, organized by the McDonald Area Ministerium and the outreach committee of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Washington County Common Pleas Judge Katherine Emery was the guest speaker. First row, from left, the Revs. Robert Miller, Trinity Presbyterian Church in McDonald; Johanna Reis, Church of the Nazarene in McDonald; and Ronald Geisler, First United Methodist Church in McDonald. Second row, the Revs. James Miller, United Methodist Church in Midway; Judge Emery; and Rodger Allen of Calvary Presbyterian Church in McDonald.

National Day of Prayer
Record-Enterprise-January 20, 1998 Edition

1040 Go To S. S.

The Protestant Sunday Schools of Washington County observed Church School Day on April 28th. A record was kept of attendance in all the Sunday Schools in the Burgettstown district and was reported to the district president, Rev. H. S. Giffen. Thirteen schools with a reported enrollment of about 1800 showed an attendance of 1040 for the one day; they are as follows:

First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, 157; Westminster Presbyterian Church, 155; First United Presbyterian, 135; Three Springs Presbyterian (Paris) 113; Florence Presbyterian, 107; Robinson United Presbyterian, 94; Langeloth United Presbyterian, 92; Eldersville Methodist, 76; Langeloth Church of Christ, 25; Raccoon Mission, 25; Slovan Mission, 26; First Baptist (colored) 21; Bethel Methodist, 14.

**Protestant Sunday Schools Observed Church School Days
1040 Go To Sunday School
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 9, 1940 Edition**

Large Crowd Attends Bible School Program

The Raccoon Daily Vacation Bible School closed Thursday evening, June 24, with a program representing a scene in a Chinese Mission. Helen Zibotrosky took the part of a Chinese missionary, and several children were attired in Chinese costume.

The pupils marched in singing a Chinese mission song, "I Will Not Be Afraid". The chorus was followed by the call to worship and the morning hymn. S. M. Fowler led in prayer, and the entire school joined in the scripture reading, Matt. 7: 24-27.

The theme of the school, "Building a House" was dramatized. Children in the primary and kindergarten departments presented several exercises.

A Chinese March was played by the mission Band. Those in charge were Kay Scott, Mrs. Richard Caleffe, Intermediate department; Miss Marion Line, juniors; Mrs. Delcie Sanders, primary; Mrs. Frank Blaine, kindergarten. Mr. Fowler assisted in posters and stage setting. There were 140 parents and friends in attendance.

The school reached a greater attendance this year than ever before with 77 children present on one day. Picnics were held Friday, June 25 at the Community Park and the Raccoon Ball Field.

Workers from all Parts of District in Attendance at Annual Meeting Held in Local Church

On Thursday and Friday of last week Burgettstown was headquarters for an army of Sabbath School workers who gathered here for the annual convention of the Washington County Sabbath School Association. A large attendance marked all sessions of the convention which was held in the First Presbyterian Church.

Aside from the importance of the business transacted by the delegates, the convention was one of stimulating interest. Prominent speakers who addressed the various meetings and conferences were: The Rev. Dr. C. Wallace Petty, of the First Baptist church, of Pittsburgh; the Rev. W. F. Harkey, Houston; Mrs. J. M. Bailey, Avalon; the Rev. A. E. Driggers, Kittanning; the Rev. Dr. J. Alvin Orr, of the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh. Bible study was directed by the Rev. Dr. Petty and song services were led by the Rev. E. A. Cole of Washington. Lunch and dinner were served each day in the church, where also a banquet was tendered the visiting clergymen.

R. G. Russell of Burgettstown, and Rev. O. S. Fowler of Claysville, were elected as new members of the board of directors. Directors re-elected were as follows: William Fitch, New Eagle; Rev. Huber Ferguson, Washington; A. G. Over, Midway.

Officers elected were as follows:

President, A. L. Berry, Eighty Four; vice president, Rev. Paul Hazlett, Avella; vice president, Harry Kuder, Canonsburg; vice president, Rev. Huber Ferguson, Washington; vice president, Colin Myers, Finleyville; vice president, W. E. McFall, Charleroi; recording secretary, Miss Helen Holmes, Claysville; treasurer, S. Murray Pollock, 217 East Beau street, Washington.

Departmental superintendents were named as follows: Children's Division, Miss Mary Hammond, Monongahela; Young People's, Wilbur Baird, Washington; Associate Y. P., Miss Creten Knappenberger, Charleroi; Adult, Rev. Owen S. Fowler, Claysville; Honorary Home, Miss Jennie Pollock, Canonsburg; Home Department, Mrs. J. W. Manon, Charleroi; Missionary, Mrs. Frank Fish, Millsboro; Temperance, Mrs. Willard Porter, Washington; Administration, Rev. S. A. McCollum, McDonald; Teacher Training, H. H. Saylor, Roscoe; Parent Training, Mrs. G. G. Kerr, Canonsburg.

County Young People's officers follow: President, Miss Frances Knappenberger, Charleroi; vice president, Floyd Hill, Charleroi; secretary, Elizabeth Gartley, Washington; treasurer, Boyd Spillman, Eighty Four.

The program committee for the convention was composed of Rev. Joseph Meridge, Dr. Huber Ferguson, and T. C. Hekson, retiring president, all of Washington.

**Sunday Schools of County Meet Here for Convention
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 23, 1931 Edition**

Union Service Scheduled.

A union meeting of the churches of Burgettstown will be held in the First Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to promote temperance and good citizenship in the community. The Rev. J. B. Ekey will be the speaker. A cordial invitation is extended to all people of the community to attend. No appeal for funds will be made and no offering taken.

Young Men's Bible Class

The young men met in Charles Hindman's harness shop Thursday evening, February 11, and organized a Bible Class. O. B. Stevenson was elected president and J.L. Woodrow secretary. L. M. Davies is teacher and Charles Hindman assistant teacher. The name of the class will be the Young Men's Union Bible Class. Eighteen members were present at the meeting Thursday evening. Another meeting will be held Friday evening, February 19, at 7:30 o'clock, in Hindman's harness shop. A committee was appointed to secure a permanent place of meeting. Meetings will be held once a week.

Young Men's Union Bible Class
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

RELIGIOUS SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN ATLASBURG CHURCH

Commencing Monday, April 22, the Church of the Nazarene, Atlasburg will hold a week of services, featuring a different speaker each evening. Those participating as speakers will be: Rev. Wm. Flurkey, Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Monday evening; Rev. Richard Sutton, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening; Rev. Jacob Ruble, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening. The Rev. Frank Ritz, former pastor of the Christian Church in Burgettstown will be the speaker Thursday evening, and Rev. George Cole, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Washington, will be the Friday evening speaker. This time of Spiritual refreshing will be climaxed with the presence of Rev. E.E. Blyston. Pittsburgh evangelist, for both services on Sunday, April 28.

Rev. Blyston will show slide pictures on the Life of Christ, for both the Sunday School rally, Sunday morning, and the evening Young People's Service.

Services will be held at 7:45 P. M. each evening. All are cordially welcome.

Hymn Sing Held At Francis Mine

Rev. Lee E. Speer conducted the Hymn Sing in the church at Francis Mine, Sunday, with eighty-five in attendance from ten neighboring churches. Rev. Speer is pastor of the church. Drexel Baker, of the Ebenezer Church of God, led the congregational singing.

Several special selections were enjoyed, from many of the churches represented. Miss June Campbell was pianist. Churches answering to a roll call of churches were: Avella Free Methodist, Ebenezer Church of God, Canonsburg Nazarene, Atlasburg Nazarene, Bethel Methodist, Eldersville Methodist, West Middletown Christian, Tucker Methodist, Christian Church of North America, Burgettstown, and the host church.

The tenth and last in the current series of sings will be held next Sunday in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church, Independence. A planned program is being arranged by the Hymn Sing committee, Morris Knabenshue, Kathryn Slasor and June Campbell. It will consist of special selections most requested from the hymn sings of the past nine weeks. The sing will begin at 3 p. m.

**Hymn Sing Held at Francis Mine Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 24, 1965 Edition**

Special Speaker At Atlasburg Church



Rev. Silas West, of Apollo, will be the featured speaker at special services to be held at the church of the Nazarene, Atlasburg, Sunday, May 9 through Sunday, May 16. The nightly services will begin at 7:30, with special music each evening.

Rev. West is associated with Radio Station WAVL, Apollo, where he both sings and preaches. He may be heard at 6:35 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. at 910 on the radio dial.

He has been a pastor for eight years, and in the evangelistic field for twenty-five years. He spent seventeen years as a radio announcer. He is a graduate of Marion College, Marion, Indiana, and has a degree in Theology.

All are welcome to attend the services. Rev. Glenn Propst is pastor of the church.

**Rev. Silas West, Special Speaker at Atlasburg Nazarene Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 5, 1965 Edition**

Baptist Church Of Midway To Affiliate

A recognition council convened recently at the First Baptist Church, of Midway, for the purpose of examining the Midway church's covenant, constitution and by-laws preliminary to acceptance of the church into the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and into the American Council of Christian Churches.

The council, which met at Midway on March 16, at 2:30 p.m., is composed of pastors and messengers from ten Baptist churches of western Pennsylvania and one from Ohio.

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is a fellowship of approximately 1,200 churches across the United States. The American Council of Christian Churches is composed of many fundamental denominations organized to promote the work of the Lord.

Rev. Ralph Burns, pastor of the Butler First Baptist Church, was elected moderator. Rev. Robert Rogers, pastor of the

Plum Borough Bible Baptist Church, was elected clerk.

The council unanimously approved the First Baptist Church as a duly constituted regular Baptist church and commended it to the fellowship of the two organizations. The church in Midway, which called the council, was host to a dinner for the delegates at the church at 6 p.m.

In the evening, a recognition service was held at 7:45 p.m., with Evangelist Alfred Colwell, the eastern representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, as the guest speaker. Rev. Ralph Burns, as moderator, conducted the evening service. Rev. Lee Kantenwein, pastor of the Limestone First Baptist Church, was the song leader, and Rev. Donald Lumeree, pastor of the Worthington First Baptist Church, led in prayer.

Rev. Robert Rogers, the clerk, read the report of the afternoon session of the council. Rev. Robert Childs, pastor of the Kittanning Union Baptist Church, gave the charge to the church, and Rev. Kenneth Andrus, pastor of the Grove City First Baptist Church, gave the charge to the pastor.

Rev. Richard Engle, pastor of the Indiana Fundamental Baptist Church, gave the offertory prayer. Rev. Charles Ritenburg, pastor of the Swissvale Baptist Church, presented the Scripture reading. A girls' chorus group from the Midway church presented a special musical number. Rev. James Spaulding, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, of Burgettstown, offered the benediction at the conclusion of the evening message.

At the monthly Bible Conference of the Western Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches, which is to be held this month at the Calvary Baptist Church, of Burgettstown, on Monday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m., the First Baptist Church of Midway will be voted on for acceptance in the fellowship of the Association.

We the undersigned agree to pay the sum
 annexed to our names for the purpose of building
 a new Church at Rathel April 27th 1874.

Names	amt	
Geo. Cunningham	200. ⁰⁰	
Mrs Cassidy	200. ⁰⁰	
C. Scott	200. ⁰⁰	
D. Buxton	150. ⁰⁰	
J. Boles	100. ⁰⁰	
J. Metcalf	100. ⁰⁰	
J. Sutherland	25. ⁰⁰	
J. F. Scott	25. ⁰⁰	
Cassidy Scott	25. ⁰⁰	Paid
Jefferson Scott	25. ⁰⁰	Paid
Wm Cunningham	100.	paid \$ 25
Francis Moore	25-00	Paid
John Moore	50-00	paid \$ 25 Paid \$ 25
James A. Stewart	25.00	Paid
Christanna Pogue	2.00	Paid
Julia A. M. Pogue	10.00	Paid
James Cassidy	25.00	Paid
Thomas Coen	5.00	
Robert J. Cunningham	15.00	Paid
William Sutt	15.00	Paid
Mrs Dennis Patterson	50.00	\$ 20 Paid
Wm McConnell	5.00	Paid
Nancy McConnell	5.00	Paid
M. McCreedy	1.00	
Friend	5.00	Paid
Alexander McConnell	\$ 10.00	Paid
Sarah McConnell	10.00	Paid
John Long	5	Paid
William B. Stur	10	Paid
Charles Smith	5-00	

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J. T. Scott	25.00		
Cafsidy Scott	25.00	Paid	
Jefferson Scott	25.00	Paid	
Let. Cunningham	100.00	Paid \$25	
Francis Magee	25.00	Paid	
Jas. Magee	50.00	Paid \$25	Paid \$25
James A. Stewart	25.00	Paid	
Christanna Pogue	2.00	Paid	
Julia A. M. Pogue	5.00	Paid	
James Cassidy	25.00	Paid	
Thomas Coen	5.00		
Robert S. Cunningham	15.00	Paid	
William Scott	15.00	Paid	
Mrs. Annis Patterson	30.00	\$20 Paid	
Urn M Connell	\$5.00	Paid	
Nancy M Connell	\$5.00	Paid	
M McCready	1.00		
Friend	5.00	Paid	
Alexander M Connell	\$10.00	Paid	
Sarah M Connell	10.00	Paid	
John Long	5.	Paid	
William E. Stein	10.	Paid	
Chales Smith	5.	-00	

Bethel Church Holds Homecoming

The homecoming at Bethel Church Sunday, August 29, was attended by approximately 150 friends and members of the congregation. The worship service began at two o'clock and included the following numbers: Prelude, June Campbell, pianist; Anthem, "At Worship", Bethel choir; Hymn, "This Is My Father's World", congregation; Welcome Address, Rev. H. V. Leland, pastor; Duet, Fred and Harlan Cassidy; Solo, "Follow the Gleam", dedicated to the memory of Dr. C. H. Beck, June Campbell; Reading, Mrs. Ward Elliott; Solo, Josephine Pastor; Solo, David Haines; Trio, Mary and Margaret Ihnat and Josephine Pastor; Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. Joseph Zezzo; Duet, Fred and Harlan Cassidy; Greetings from former friends and ministers including Rev. and Mrs. Orson Bolton and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Zezzo; Hymn, "An Evening Prayer", Bethel choir; "Blest Be the Tie", congregation. Closing prayer and benediction, Rev. Joseph Zezzo.

The W.S.C.S. server refreshments following the service on the church lawn.

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**Hymn Sing Held at Francis Mine Church
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BETHEL METHODIST

2:30 worship service

A family day will be observed May 23, at 2:30 p.m. The Methodist Church of Eldersville has been requested to join in the service. A program and refreshments have been arranged by committees from the W.S.C.S. of both churches.

Choir rehearsal was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Frances Kubick.

A delegation from the Eldersville and Bethel churches will attend the Panhandle Spring Rally of W.S.C.S. members at Weirton Thursday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m.



Bethel Church

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Progressive Dinner Success

Editor

The Enterprise

It feels so good, in this age of crime, corruption and complaints, to write a thank-you to the people in our community for their goodness and generosity — qualities so often unrecognized.

This summer we began meeting to plan some structured activities for Burgettstown's young people, hoping collectively that we might provide entertainment as well as build character. Our first attempt, the Progressive Dinner on Sept. 24, was a success.

The many young people who enjoyed the good food and fellowship could not have done so without the efforts of so many.

We would like to thank all of those at the Hillcrest and Tucker churches who prepared our first stop. We thank you for your labor and delicious salads.

We would like to thank Angelo Tunno for his delicious ravioli dinner, and all those members from the Eldersville and Westminster congregations who helped in any way with the main course.

We would like to thank the Christian Assembly and Our Lady of Lourdes congregations and Petrucci's Bakery for the "sweetest ending" a dinner could have.

Our gratitude is extended to all who helped in any way.

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—Committee Members, Burgettstown Area Churches

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Burgettstown Enterprise-October 19, 1988 Edition

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**REV. FRANK RITZ ACCEPTS
CALL TO COLLIER CHURCH**

Rev. Frank Ritz, pastor of the Shady avenue Church of Christ is doubling his ministerial duties, beginning Sunday, when he will accept a call to the Collier Church of Christ. He will preach at a worship service at Colliers at 10:45 a. m.

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Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday and Pancake Day are all names that have been applied to the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian season of fasting and prayer called Lent.

Two area churches, First United Methodist in Washington and Center United Presbyterian in Midway, will mark the occasion by hosting specials meals.

Fat Tuesday refers to the common Christian tradition of eating special rich foods before the fasting season. Shrove means to obtain ab-

solution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance.

Shrove Tuesday historically was the last day before Lent, and is noted in early histories dating to 1000 AD.

In England, Ireland and in the United States, Shrove Tuesday is frequently referred to as "Pancake Day." It is customary to eat pancakes as a last feast before the ritual fasting during Lent.

First United Methodist Church of Washington, 29 N. College St., will recognize the traditional day by holding a

Pancake Day dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. March 4.

At Center United Presbyterian Church, 110 Washington Ave., the Midway Mariners will host their annual Shrove Tuesday dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. March 4. The dinner will include pancakes, sausage, mush, fruit and cookies.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 12. Reservations are required by calling 724-796-3351 or 724-678-6976. Payment for reserved tickets will be accepted at the door.



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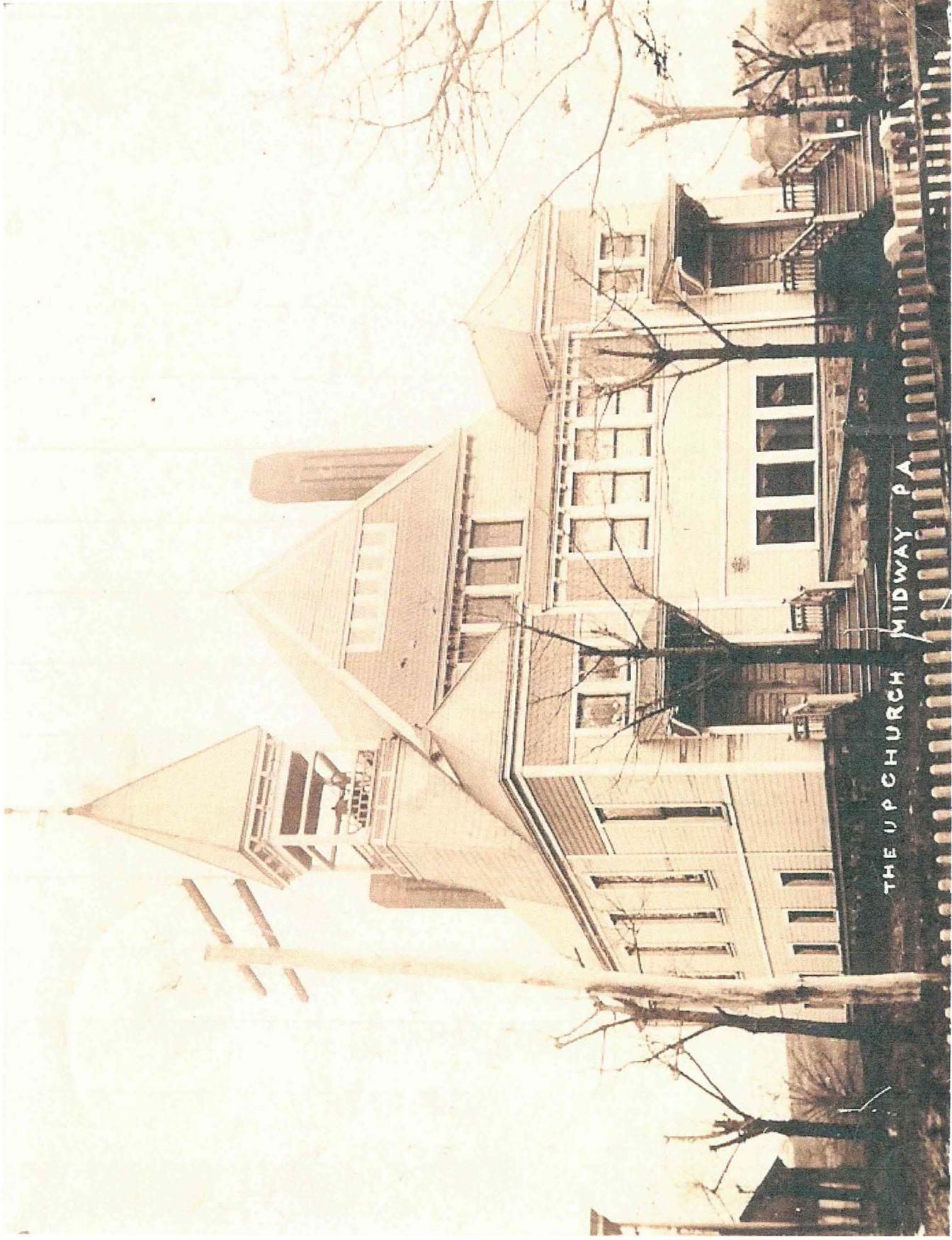
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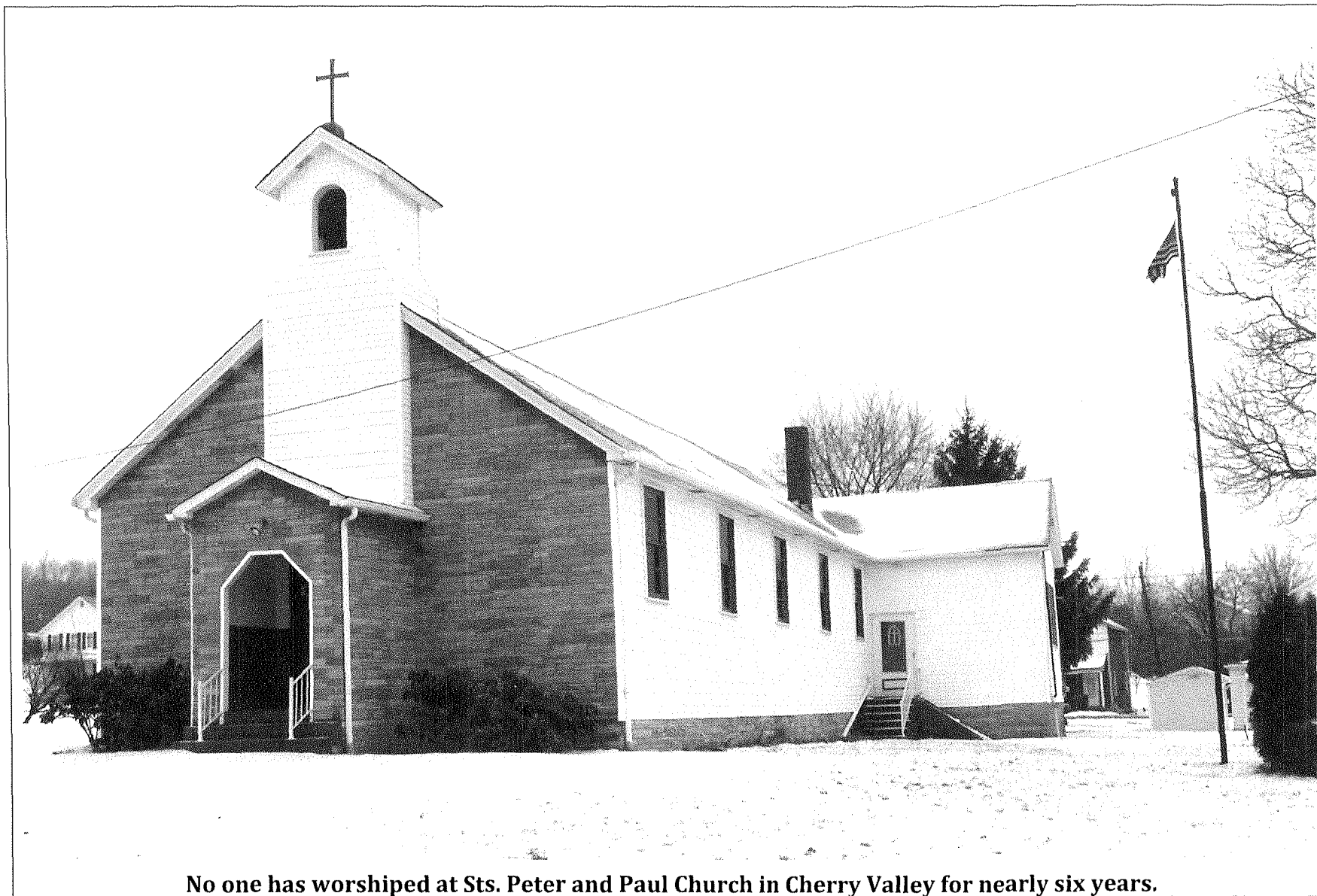
NORTH BUFFALO UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Friday, June 25th, 1897

❖ PROGRAMME ❖



<p>A. M.</p> <p>10:30 Devotional exercises..... J. R. Henderson, Houstonville</p> <p>10:50 Address of welcome.....Miss Anna McClay, Washington</p> <p>Response.....Rev. D. R. McDonald, Canonsburg</p> <p>11:10 Fault finding..... Wm. Lane, West Middletown</p> <p>11:25 Music</p> <p>11:35 The model leader.....Miss Jeannette Dickson, Canonsburg</p> <p>11:50 The Indianapolis Convention.....Rev. J. A. Alexander, Washington</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOON</p> <p>P. M.</p> <p>1:30 Devotional exercisesRev. R. B. Harsha, Taylorstown</p> <p>1:45 How to develop latent talent.....Miss Mary Wilson, Canonsburg</p>	<p>2:00 Music</p> <p>2:10 Junior work.....Miss Lulu McGuffey, Washington</p> <p>2:30 The Sabbath School—Attendance of adult members.....Rev. W. B. Smiley, Canonsburg</p> <p>3:00 Singing</p> <p>3:10 The social side of young people's worksMiss Blanche Noble, Taylorstown</p> <p>3:30 Buisness Session</p> <p>Report of the Corresponding Secretary</p> <p>Report of the Treasurer</p> <p>Report of Committees</p> <p>7:30 Praise Service.....A. W. Pollock Jr., Washington</p> <p>8:00 Address—Giving.....Rev. R. W. McGranahan, Allegheny</p> <p>8:30 Address—Anchors.....Rev. R. E. McClure, Blairsville</p>
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By Don Herschell
For The Enterprise

Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Cherry Valley has been closed, the seventh Roman Catholic church in Washington to close since 1992.

But this time no parishioners are there to mourn the loss. That's because no one has worshiped at Sts. Peter and Paul for almost six years.

Sts. Peter and Paul was a mission of St. Ann Church in Bulger, but many years ago priests from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Burgettstown took over responsibility for celebrating Masses there, said Brian Stankavich, a former member of Sts. Peter and Paul. Several years ago, Our Lady of Lourdes' pastoral staff was trimmed from two priests to one, and the remaining pastor stopped conducting Mass at the mission church.

"The assistant was transferred, leaving one priest. He sort of unofficially closed it," Stankavich said. "He just said something to the effect that he couldn't satisfy (the requirements)."

The Rev. Richard Tusky, current pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, has been there since Oct. 25.

Between 1992 and 1994, the Pittsburgh Diocese closed 38 churches in its Parish Reorganization and Revitalization Project (PRRP). Two more churches were opened. Churches were grouped into geographical clusters and changes were announced in five different phases.

When final closings were announced more than a week ago, Sts. Peter and Paul was not included. The diocese delayed action on the Washington County Northwest

Cluster and one other cluster until the Priest Council and the PRRP Executive Committee were consulted.

Parishioners learned of the closing Saturday in a letter dated March 17 and signed by Bishop Donald W. Wuerl, Stankavich said.

Stankavich said Sts. Peter and Paul was closed — or, in canonical terms, suppressed — as a mission of St. Ann Church. However, the territory of Our Lady of Lourdes was expanded to include Cherry Valley.

The PRRP began in October 1989 in response to a decreasing number of priests and parishioners and a shift away from parishes that were founded along ethnic lines. The project included parishioner surveys and "town meetings," in-depth self studies and reviews.

Last week's announcements conclude the reorganization phase of the project. The project decreased the number of worship sites in the six-county diocese from 332 in 1989 to the current 296.

All of the churches will be included in the revitalization phase of the project, which now begins.

The other six churches closed in Washington County are St. Charles and Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary churches in Donora, Oct. 30, 1992; St. Elizabeth in Lawrence and its mission, Guardian Angels in Southview, May 23, 1993; and St. Joseph in Cokeburg and Assumption in Daisytown, Feb. 11 of this year.

St. Charles and Holy Name closed as worship sites, and the parishioners joined with the St. Dominic and St. Philip Neri churches in Donora. The resulting parish was named Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

Msgr. Robert Garland, pastor of

St. Mary Church in Cecil, conducted the final services at St. Elizabeth and Guardian Angels. Some parishioners at St. Elizabeth sued the diocese to keep their church open, but the Guardian Angels parishioners have accepted the closing, Garland said.

"There have been a few that have come over here, but I don't think many of them have gone anywhere," Garland said of the St. Elizabeth members.

In November, Washington County Judge David Gilmore heard closing testimony in the St. Elizabeth case, but he has not handed down a decision.

When St. Joseph closed, its mother church, St. Clement in Ellsworth, joined with St. Luke in Bentleyville to form Ave Maria Parish. The Rev. Mark Skertich, pastor of that parish, said that the pews have been filled for every Mass since the reorganization went into effect. However, that's partly because the number of Masses was cut from nine to four, he said.

"The St. Joseph people have been very good, very decent about the whole thing," he said. "They are really making a serious attempt to be part of the parish. I commend them for that."

"I'm getting a lot of comments that people needed some changes," he said. "A number of people are coming back because of the changes. Even the people that are hurt or disappointed or even angry, they're still at Mass."

He stressed that all three of the churches, not just St. Joseph, were officially suppressed. Then one new parish with St. Luke and St. Clement worship sites was established.

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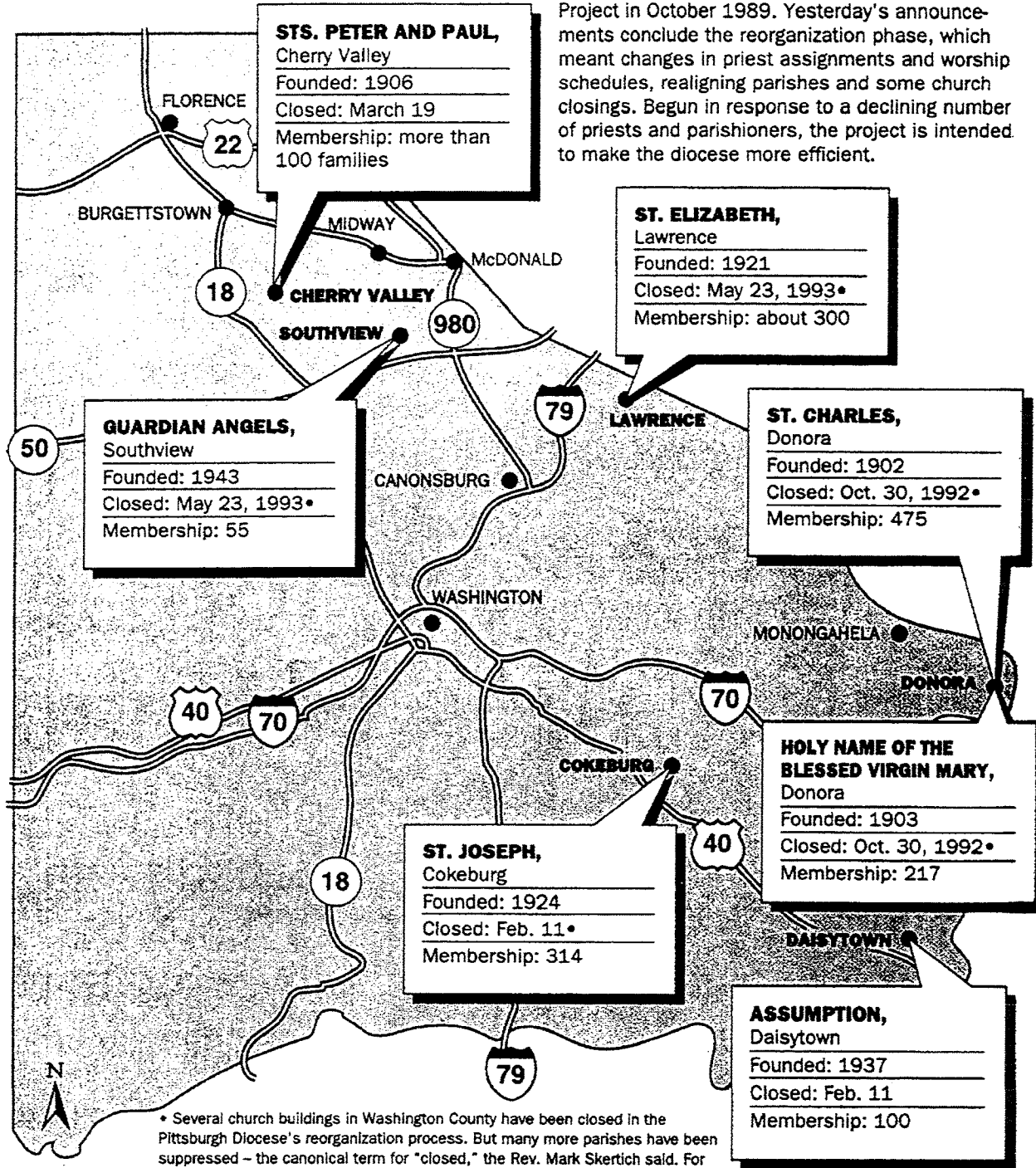
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The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh began its Parish Reorganization and Revitalization Project in October 1989. Yesterday's announcements conclude the reorganization phase, which meant changes in priest assignments and worship schedules, realigning parishes and some church closings. Begun in response to a declining number of priests and parishioners, the project is intended to make the diocese more efficient.



• Several church buildings in Washington County have been closed in the Pittsburgh Diocese's reorganization process. But many more parishes have been suppressed – the canonical term for "closed," the Rev. Mark Skertich said. For example, at the parish he serves – the newly formed Ave Maria Parish in Bentleyville – only one church building was physically closed, that of St. Joseph Church in Cokeburg. However, in addition to St. Joseph, both the parishes of St. Luke in Bentleyville and St. Clement in Ellsworth were "suppressed," because one new parish, Ave Maria, was formed from these three congregations. The parish includes the St. Clement and St. Luke worship sites.

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List of pastoral changes announced by diocese

■ The Rev. Carl J. Gentile, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in McDonald, has been assigned to pastor St. John Fisher Church in Churchill, effective June 27.

■ The Rev. Joseph F. Koloszczyk, pastor at St. Stanislaus, Ambridge, will become pastor of St. Alphonsus.

■ The Rev. John E. Moran, pastor of St. Ann in Bulger, will retire June 27.

■ The Rev. Rudolph M. Silvers, replacement minister at St. Vincent de Paul, New Castle, will become pastor of St. Ann.

■ The Rev. Alvin P. Gutierrez, pastor of St. Michael Church in Avella, will be reassigned.

■ The Rev. Pierre G. Sodini, administrator at Madonna del Castello, Swissvale, will become pastor at St. Michael.

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Hymn Sing Held At Francis Mine

Rev. Lee E. Speer conducted the Hymn Sing in the church at Francis Mine, Sunday, with eighty-five in attendance from ten neighboring churches. Rev. Speer is pastor of the church. Drexel Baker, of the Ebenezer Church of God, led the congregational singing.

Several special selections were enjoyed, from many of the churches represented. Miss June Campbell was pianist. Churches answering to a roll call of churches were: Avella Free Methodist, Ebenezer Church of God, Canonsburg Nazarene, Atlasburg Nazarene, Bethel Methodist, Eldersville Methodist, West Middletown Christian, Tucker Methodist, Christian Church of North America, Burgettstown, and the host church.

The tenth and last in the current series of sings will be held next Sunday in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church, Independence. A planned program is being arranged by the Hymn Sing committee, Morris Knabenshue, Kathryn Slasor and June Campbell. It will consist of special selections most requested from the hymn sings of the past nine weeks. The sing will begin at 3 p. m.

**Hymn Sing Held at Francis Mine Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 24, 1965 Edition**



St. John's Greek Catholic Church in Avella will charter a bus for Uniontown which will leave Burg-cttstown at 5:30 p. m. on Labor Day, September 3. The bus will take all interested people to the shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help at Mt. St. Nacrina, for the 1956 pilgrimage. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will be present to offer a Mass. Anyone wishing to make reservations are asked to call WH 7-8364.

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

9:45 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m. worship service with sermon, "The Triune God and His Church". This will be the first of a series of sermons from the Book of Ephesians. 6:30 p. m. Pioneer Youth group service; Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., Bible Study and Prayer Meeting; Thursday at 8. m., regular monthly meeting of the session.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

9:45 a. m. Sunday school; William P. Miller, Superintendent; 11 a. m. worship service with sermon by Rev. McDonald. The Kings Daughters Bible class will meet at the home of Mrs. M. E. Cowden on Wednesday, September 5 at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Gabriel Hanna will be the devotional leader.

ELDERSVILLE METHODIST

Rev. Robert S. Lash, pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a. m., Willard Jackson, supt. Morning worship at 10:45 a. m.

The Ladies Aid met Wednesday August 22, at the home of Mrs. William Truax with Mrs. Mary McFarland as hostess. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. Orlan Miller. The afternoon was spent sewing a quilt.

HANOVER UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

Dale Stewart, student minister
The J & J Sunday School class of the Hanover UP is sponsoring an evening of fun in the Hookstown Grange August 31, at 8:30 p. m. Refreshments will be sold. A free will offering goes to the Hanover church rebuilding fund. Pictures to be shown are "Time and

Eternity" and "The Hidden Heart". Everyone is welcome.

FLORENCE PRESBYTERIAN

Rev. Wallace B. Rummel, pastor
Morning worship 10 a. m., sermon title - "A Mission In Our Lives", Exodus 3: 1-18. Sunday school at 11 a. m.

The regular monthly Trustee meeting scheduled for Monday, September 3, has been changed to Monday, September 10, because of the holiday.

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PARIS CHURCH NEWS

Rev. David A. Haines
The flowers in the Chancel Sunday morning were placed by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hanlin and Mr. and Mrs. William Bainbridge in memory of Mrs. Hanlin and Mrs. Bainbridge's father, Mr. L. W. Holand.

Kindest regards to our sick and shut-ins this week: Mrs. Rose Freeland, Mr. Robert Murchland, Sr., and Susan Harlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Harlan. All are in the Weirton General Hospital.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Winwood on the birth of a son, Brad Douglas. Birthday greetings to Diane McGovern, James Nelson Jones, Joyce Ann Ralston, Pearl Delong, Timothy J. Connell, and Rex Moredock.

Happy wedding anniversary to Reverend and Mrs. David A. Haines and Mr. and Mrs. John Barish.

We join in the fellowship of prayer and worship for the Millsboro Presbyterian Church whose pastor is the Reverend James Clark.

Church News

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CHURCH NOTICES ARE WELCOME by this newspaper and will be published weekly in this space. Deadline for church notice is Monday at noon.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE--Atlasburg. Rev. Jack Kerr, pastor. Morning worship at 9:45 a.m. Worship service at 10:45 a.m. N.Y.P.S. Sunday at 7 p.m. Sunday evening gospel service at 7:45 p.m. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE--Paris. Rev. Clair D. Walker, pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 10:45 a.m. People's service at 7 p.m. OUR LADY OF LOURDES--Rev. Fr. Edward Trzeciakowski, pastor. Confessions Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday Mass at 7:30 p.m. Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Baptisms first, third and fifth Sunday of the month, by appointment.

ST. PETER AND PAUL--Cherry Valley. Rev. Fr. Edward Trzeciakowski, pastor. Sunday Mass at 9 a.m. SLOVAN MISSION--Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Care and Share services every other Wednesday.

ST. MICHAEL'S--Avella. Rev. Fr. John L. Michaels, pastor. Masses: Saturdays and Eves of Holy Days, 7:30 p.m. Sundays and Holy Days, 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Confessions, Saturdays and Eves of Holy Days, 4 to 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 to 7 p.m. Baptisms Sundays at 12:30 p.m., by appointment.

CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN UNION--Francis Mine. Rev. Robert L. Dodge, pastor. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. E.C.Y. at 6:30 p.m. Evening worship at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, night service at 7 p.m. Friday night, prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m.

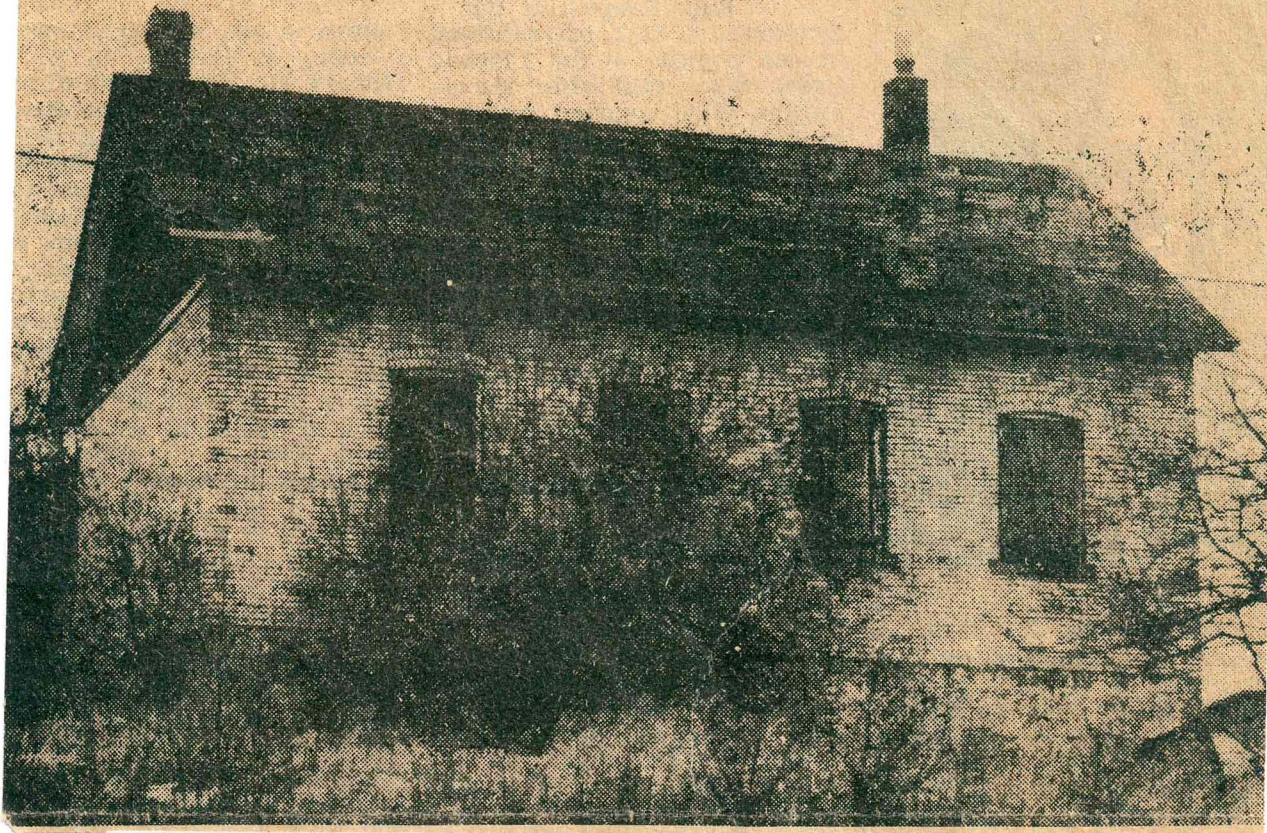
TUCKER UNITED METHODIST--Richard Vaughn, pastor. Worship service at 11 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST--Shady Avenue. John Surgenor, pastor. Morning worship at 10 a.m. Bible school at 11 a.m. Evening services: Youth meeting at 6:30 p.m. Church services at 7:30 p.m. Prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at 7 p.m., prayer and Bible study. Choir practice at 8 p.m.

Church Notices

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 31, 1972 Edition

Francis Mine Church Experiences Year Of Growth



Anyone who would take time out to visit the little Church of Christ in Christian Union at Francis Mine would find it difficult to believe that the building was once an abandoned schoolhouse. He would also be surprised to learn that its congregation has witnessed a revival possibly incomparable to any other in the Burgettstown Community during the past year.

Begun as a mission in 1956 under the guidance of Rev. Lee Speer, the church experienced a decade of growing activity, but upon the minister's retirement due to ill health, the attendance began dwindling so that at a service on the first Sunday of January, 1978, only three people showed up for worship. At the service this past Christmas there were 81 and the Sunday School enrollment now totals 48. Forty or fifty people normally appear for mid-week prayer service, and 58 young people took part in Bible School last summer. A bus now travels to Paris and Langeloth to transport those who wish to attend Sunday service.

The building itself has undergone amazing changes during the last year. Both the exterior and interior have been painted. New red and black wall to wall carpeting has been laid. The basement and porch acquired cement floors, and walks were constructed about the building. Insulation was added to the new wing.

If one were to ask Tex Strothers to what he attributes the growth of the church he would probably respond that it was the will of the Lord. Strothers, however, has led the congregation in its services for the last year and promoted many of its projects. Over \$4,000 and innumerable hours of labor have been contributed by the members to renovate the building and to buy the bus.

Born in Salem, West Virginia, Strothers came to Pennsylvania in 1962; then moved to Burgettstown in 1971 where he now operates the A-1 Pest Control, Inc. At one time he was affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene but later joined the Church of Christian Union. His hopes are high for expanding the Francis Mine Church. "This year," he says, "we'd like to buy another bus and increase our membership still further." He and his wife Brenda and their family live on McClure Avenue.

Rev. Lee Speer, to whom the

church owes its origin, still loves to recall his early experiences with the congregation. He came here from McDonald after becoming acquainted with the community by preaching at the Church of Christ on Shady Avenue. He noticed the abandoned schoolhouse at Francis Mine and dreamed of the possibilities of turning it into a Sunday School. For a year he held services in a rented house at Francis Mine; then he and his little band of followers purchased the schoolhouse and renovated it for worship purposes. Rev. Speer has many happy recollections of conducting the Francis Mine Community Church as it was then called. He recalls how a new roof, new windows and a new furnace were added to the building, and he remembers how people brought pennies and nickels to speed up the work of the Lord. He is delighted to know that once more the little church is growing.

Revival services are scheduled to begin February 12 with Rev. Drexel Baker from Weirton, a pastor of the New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene, as a speaker.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Every evening at 7:30 o'clock for two weeks.

at the

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Shady Avenue

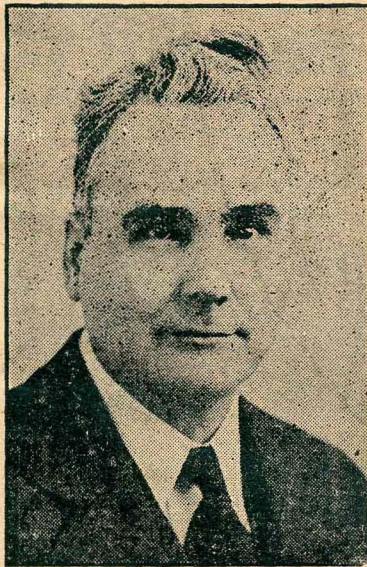
Burgettstown

REV. F. S. DOWDY

Evangelist

Assisted by

Rev. Frank Ritz



SERMON SUBJECTS

"GOD IS"

"THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL"

"THE ATONEMENT"

"JESUS the WORLD'S SAVIOR"

'THE BIBLE, THE WORD of GOD'

"THE LAST INVITATION"

"THE RESURRECTION"

'THE THREE KINGDOMS of GOD'

"THE GREATEST MEMORIAL"

"THE PLAN OF SALVATION"

YOU ARE INVITED

Ladies' Aid Social.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Church of Christ sponsored a birthday party in the social room of the church Tuesday evening. It was well attended and the guests were entertained with a delightful program. The evening was opened with a hymn and prayer by George Ball. Recitations, songs and readings were then given by Robie Wakefield, Doris Shelton, Doris Davis, Francis and Robert Morgan, Marjorie Gleason, Elaine Harris, Ila June McCoy, Lloyd Giles. A playett was then presented by ladies of the Aid, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Gun, Mrs. Lucy Meroida. The crowd was then divided according to the months of their births and were requested to present in fifteen minutes a stunt. The stunts proved to be interesting and entertaining. A lunch was then served. This church appreciates the good work of its ladies.

Revival Meetings At Local Church



MR. WOODS

Hilton V. Woods, pastor of the First Christian Church, on Shady avenue, Burgettstown, announces a revival meeting in the local church March 7-21.

The theme will be "Faith Is The Victory." Meetings will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. except Saturdays.

Twelve ministers of the Tri-State area will take part in the program. They are as follows:

From West Virginia, Allen Fields, New Cumberland; Clinton Gill, West Liberty; Robert Schondelmayer, Chester; and Russell Smith, Follansbee.

From Ohio, Ralph Cope, Toronto; Roderick Huron, Steubenville; Eugene McGhee, Hopedale; and Glenn R. Springer, Norwalk.

Dwight Chaplain, from McKees Rocks, will also participate.

Each one of the ministers will bring a sermon and special music from his congregation. Other quartets and solos will be featured.

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**REV. FRANK RITZ ACCEPTS
CALL TO COLLIER CHURCH**

Rev. Frank Ritz, pastor of the Shady avenue Church of Christ is doubling his ministerial duties, beginning Sunday, when he will accept a call to the Collier Church of Christ. He will preach at a worship service at Colliers at 10:45 a. m.

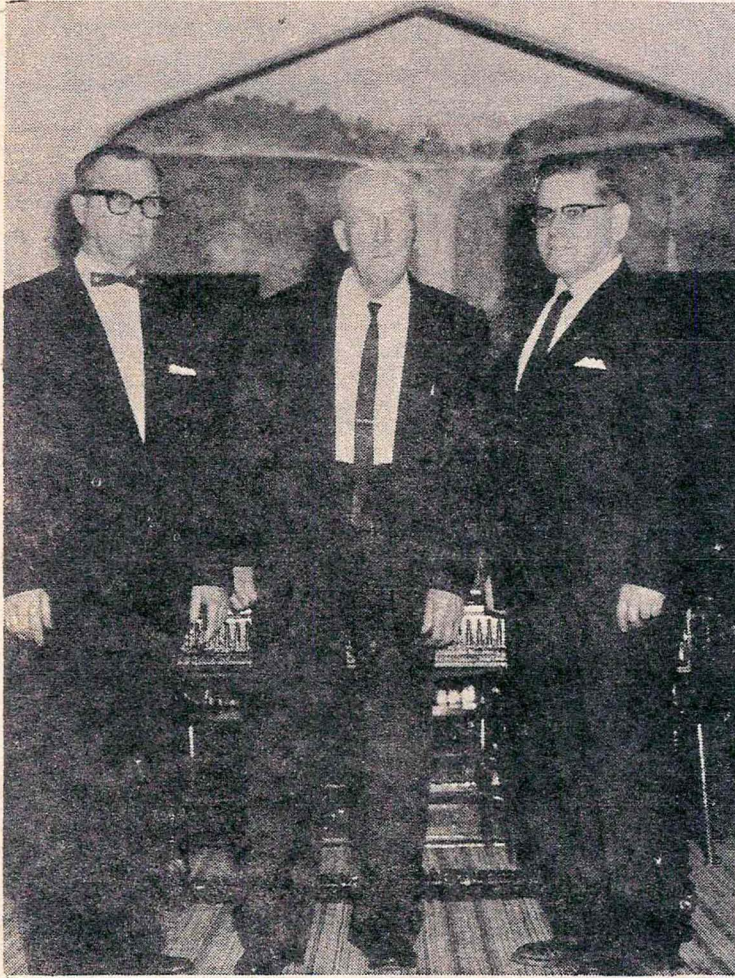
The Burgettstown Church of Christ will hold Sunday school at 11 a. m. instead of 10 a. m. as previously, and worship service following the Sunday school. Communion will be observed at the evening service at 7:30 p. m. The Board of Trustees will meet on Sunday evening to plan a schedule of services in co-operation with the Collier schedule.

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First Church of Christ
Shady Avenue, Burgettstown, PA

W. C. Massey Honored On 90th Birthday



The Fellowship Hall at the Church of Christ, Shady avenue, Burgettstown, was the center of a gala occasion, celebrating a combined Mother's Day and birthday banquet. The Men's Bible Class was in charge of cooking and serving the dinner. The honoree of the birthday celebration was W.C. Massey, who will be 90 years of age May 25. The bearers of the cake having 90 lighted candles were his grandchildren.

Warner Cutler Massey was born May 25, 1896, in Lakeview, Michigan, and came to this vicinity at the age of ten. He attended Hiram College and the University of Ohio. He was married to Jenny May Campbell and they were the parents of three sons and one daughter. He has ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

His first wife died in 1950 and is now married to Anna Veneral Massey, formerly of the Greensburg, who accompanied him along with his youngest son, Barton, and his family to the recognition service.

Mr. Massey was employed as a structural steel draftsman for the Bethlehem Steel Company until his retirement at the age of 82. He was the designer of the Burgettstown Church of Christ, he's been an elder for 34 years and has taught the Adult Bible Class for 20 years.

He presently resides at Midway, where he has lived for 50 years.

Left to right, Hilton W. Woods, minister of the Church of Christ; W.C. Massey, the honored guest; and Allen Fields, minister of the Christian Church of New Cumberland, West Virginia.

(Blehi Studio)

Warner Cutler Massey Honored on 90th Birthday
Designer of the Burgettstown Church of Christ, Shady Avenue
Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1966 Edition

Church of the Nazarene

9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. Morning worship, Sermon, "Christ or Chaos"; 7 p.m. Young People's; 8 p.m. Evening worship, Topic "Unconditional Surrender".

The Prayer and Fasting League will meet Wednesday at 7 p.m. Mrs. Earl Ayres will be in charge.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 .m. Subject, "He That Overcometh".

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bonner at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Junior Society will meet at the church at 4:15 p.m. Friday. A special outdoor program is planned.

Young People's Cottage Prayer meeting Friday at 6:30 p.m., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stachiak.

Church of the Nazarene

Burgettstown Enterprise-April 28, 1949 Edition

Nazarettes honor their moms

An annual Mother's Day banquet for the moms of the Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene was held at the Village Green in Hickory.

Grace Preston reported how, in 1907, Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia wrote letters to her Congressmen, Senators and others to start a movement for a day to be set aside for mothers across

the nation. In 1914, Congress approved the law making Mother's Day a national holiday.

On May 8, 39 grandmothers, mothers and daughters gathered for dinner and games. Atlasburg Nazarettes president Bea Pace gave the opening welcome and the Rev. Tracy Ogden-Johnson gave the blessing. Second, third and fourth generation

family members attended.

Devotions were given by Bea Pace and readings provided by Elsie Roach, Grace Preston and Evelyn Main.

Bea led the ladies in games. Prizes were won by Charlotte Alderman, Tracy Ogden-Johnson, Elsie Roach, Irene DeLuca, Kilee Bonazza and Evelyn Main.

**Atlasburg Nazarene Church Honor Mothers
Record- Enterprise-January 20, 1998 Edition**

**NAZARENE SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTION**

“Evangelism in the Church School” is the theme of the annual Sunday school convention sponsored by Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene next week.

All-day sessions will be held Monday, Mar. 6 in Washington, Pa., and Tuesday in Oil City. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents and elected delegates of 105 Nazarene churches are expected to attend.

Among area congregations participating are: Atlasburg Church of the Nazarene, Rev. Kenneth Neiderhiser, pastor, and Mrs. Michael Warchol, Sunday school superintendent. McDonald Church, Rev. William Pope, pastor and Hazel Griffith, superintendent.

**Nazarene Sunday School Convention
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 2, 1961 Edition**

Church of the Nazarene

9:45 a.m. Sunday school; 11 a.m. morning worship; New members will be taken into the church. Mrs. George Emmitt will illustrate a hymn with chalk. The pastor will bring a message on the subject "Pressing Forward". 7 p.m. Young People's Service; 8 p.m. Evangelistic Service. Rev. R. C. Sutton will be the guest speaker of the evening. Friends of the church are invited.

Officers for the Junior Society were elected last Friday at the church and include Phyllis Ayres, president; Mary Ann Staschiak, vice president; Jean Bonner, secretary; John Staschiak, treasurer; Patricia Mitchell, music director. A meeting will be held Friday evening at 4:15 at the church.

Young People's Cottage Prayer meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Geiger Friday evening at 7:30.

Bert Russell will be the guest speaker at the evening service, Sunday, May 23.

"Mothers of Yesterday" was dramatized by the young people at a special Mother's Day Service May 9. All mothers in the church were presented with carnations at the morning worship service. A corsage was presented to the oldest mother, Mrs. Hanna and corsages were also given to Mrs. Clara Mitchell, Mrs. Bruce Bonned and Mrs. Robert Preston who are each mothers of seven children.



Atlasburg Nazarene Church-Parsonage Groundbreaking

Amendment - to Incorporation Laws -

Approved, May 14, 1891

O.L., 1891 page 62.

By Laws.

By-Laws. Sec. 5. The by-Laws of every Corporation created under the provisions of this Statute, or accepting the same, shall be deemed and taken to be its law, subordinate to this Statute, the Charter of the same, the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth and the Constitution of the United States. They shall be made by the Stockholders of the Corporation at a general meeting called for that purpose, unless the Charter prescribes another body or a different mode. They shall prescribe the time and place of meeting of the Corporation, the powers and duties of its officials, ^{and} such other matters, as may be pertinent and necessary for the business to be transacted, and may contain penalties for the breach thereof, not exceeding twenty dollars.

Officers and Their duties.

How business } The Business of every Corporation created hereunder,
to be conducted } or accepting the same, shall be managed ^{or} conducted
by a President, a board of Directors or trustees, a
Secretary or Clerk, a Treasurer, and such other
officers, agents and factors as the Corporation auth-
orizes for that purpose, and nothing in any law contained
shall prevent or be construed to prohibit the Vice
President, Treasurer, Solicitor, or other officer of
any Corporation organized or existing under this
act, from being a director of such Company and
receiving - at the same time such compensation

for his services as such officer as the board of directors of such company may direct. The directors or trustees shall be chosen annually by the stockholders or members, at the time fixed by the by-laws, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen and qualified in their stead; the manner of such choice, and of the choice or appointment of all other agents and officers of the company shall be prescribed by the by laws. The number of directors or trustees shall not be less than three; one of them shall be chosen president by the directors, or by the members of the corporation, as the by laws shall direct. The members of said corporation may, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, determine, fix or change the number of directors or trustees that shall thereafter govern its affairs, and a majority of the whole number of such directors or trustees shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. The secretary or clerk shall be sworn and shall record all the votes of the corporation and the minutes of its transactions in a book to be kept for that purpose. The treasurer shall give bond in such sum, and with such sureties, as shall be required by the by-laws for the faithful discharge of his duties, and he shall keep the moneys of the corporation in a separate book account to his credit as Treasurer, and if he shall neglect or refuse, so

Directors, and
trustees to be
chosen annually

Not to be less
than three trustees
or directors

Secretary or clerk
to be sworn

Treasurer shall
give bond

Penalty

to do, he shall be liable to a penalty of fifty dollars for every day he shall fail to do so, to be recovered at the suit of any informer in an action of debt."

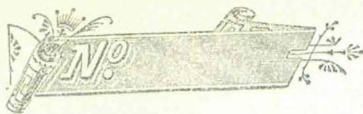
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Granted to
David Gault

Shares, Two

Dated, March 16, 1891

Original Certificate



The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that
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—The Cross Creek Cemetery Company—

Of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Transferable only on the Books of the Company in person, or by Attorney, on the surrender of this Certificate.

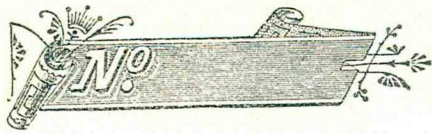
In Witness Whereof, the said Company
has caused this Certificate to be signed by
its President and Treasurer and sealed
with its common seal this _____ day
of _____ A. D. 18 _____

President.

Treasurer.

**The Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 1 was Granted to David Gault, 2 Shares on March 16, 1891**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



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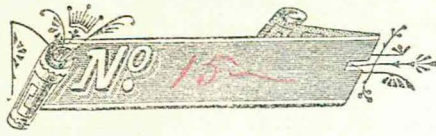
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President.

Treasurer.

Cross Creek Cemetery Company-Blank Certificate
Certificates were issued for the "new cemetery" Starting May 17, 1891

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

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This is to Certify, that James J. Lyle,
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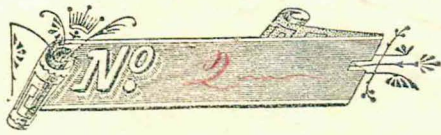
In Witness Whereof, the said Company has caused this Certificate to be signed by its President and Treasurer and sealed with its common seal this sixteenth day of March A. D. 1891.

J. L. Vance President.
M. K. Stephenson Treasurer.



Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 15 was Issued to James J. Lyle, One Share on March 16, 1891

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that *J. M. K. Reed*
is entitled to *Two* shares of the Capital Stock of
—The Cross Creek Cemetery Company—

Of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Transferable only on the Books of the Company in person, or by Attorney, on the surrender of this Certificate.

In Witness Whereof, the said Company has caused this Certificate to be signed by its President and Treasurer and sealed with its common seal this sixteenth day of March A. D. 1891.

J. L. Vance President.
M. K. Stephenson Treasurer.

Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 2 was Granted to J.M. K. Reed, Two Shares on March 16, 1891

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Company

For value Received I hereby sell, assign and transfer
unto J. Winfield Reed two Shares of the Capital Stock
represented by the within certificate, and do hereby irrevocably
constitute and appoint _____
to transfer the said Stock on the books of the within named
Corporation with full power of substitution in the premises

Dated Sept 23rd 1908

witness

J. M. Barber.

J. M. K. Reed, by
J. Winfield Reed Executor



Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 2 was Transferred to J. M. K. Winfield Reed,
Two Shares on September 23, 1908

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Company

No. 25

2 Shares

The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that *W. Vance Walker*
is entitled to *Two* shares of the Capital Stock of
—The Cross Creek Cemetery Company—

Of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Transferable only on the Books of the Company in person, or by Attorney, on the surrender of this Certificate.

In Witness Whereof, the said Company
has caused this Certificate to be signed by
its President and Treasurer and sealed
with its common seal this *seventeenth* day
of *October* A. D. *1891*.

W. Vance Walker President.
M. R. Stephenson Treasurer.

**Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 25 was Issued to W. Vance Walker on October 17, 1891**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

No 43

Two Shares

The Cross Creek Cemetery Company.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$10,000.

SHARES \$25.00 EACH.

This is to Certify, that *A. F. Zaebisch*
is entitled to *Two* shares of the Capital Stock of
—The Cross Creek Cemetery Company—

Of Cross Creek Village, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Transferable only on the Books of the Company in person, or by Attorney, on the surrender of this Certificate.

In Witness Whereof, the said Company has caused this Certificate to be signed by its President and Treasurer and sealed with its common seal this 17th day of May A. D. 1937

H. S. Lee President.

L. E. Foster Treasurer.

Cross Creek Cemetery Company
Certificate No. 43 was Issued to A. F. Zaebisch on May 17, 1937

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

RESERVATION

TURKEY SUPPER

Thursday, April 18th

Cross Creek Church

Serving at 5 P. M.

Adults \$1.75

Children 75c

PHONE

947-5572 OR 947-4279

Cross Creek Church-Turkey Supper
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

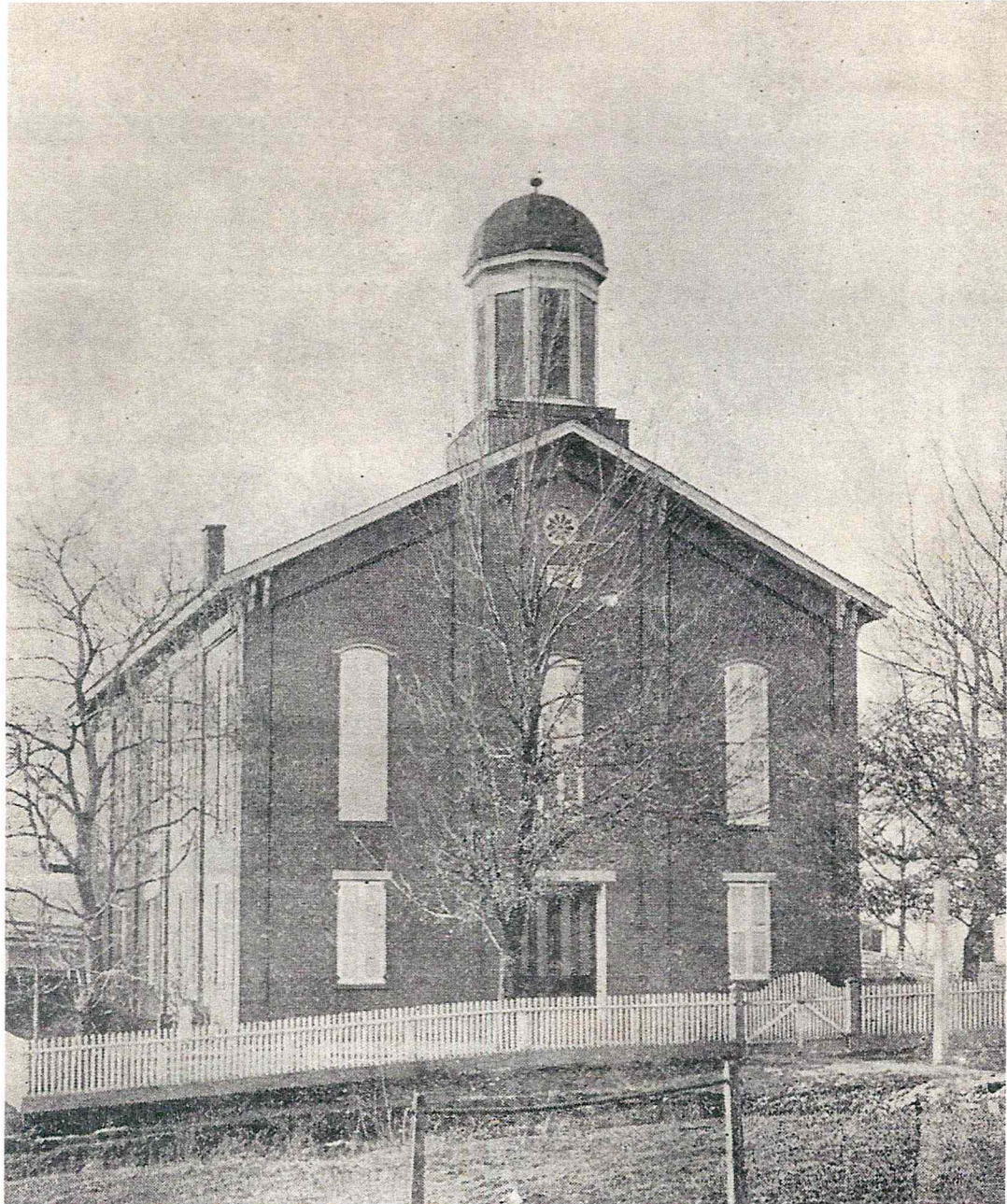


Cross Creek Church Meeting House

Robert Brown -A.D. 1880

Stone Marker laid in front of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church.

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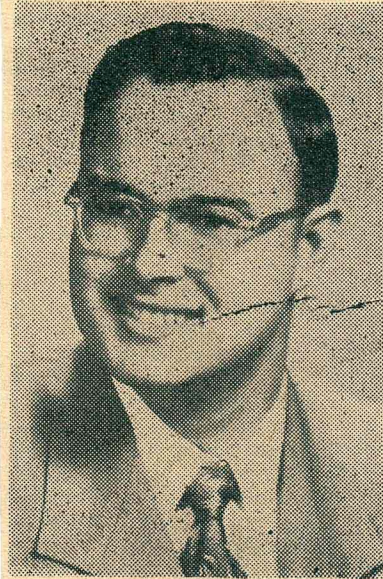


Cross Creek Presbyterian Church (brick) was organized in June 1779 by Dr. John McMillan. James Power preached the first sermon under an oak tree at nearby Vance's Fort in 1778. Joseph Smith served as the first pastor from 1779 to 1792. There have been five churches here: The first of unhewn logs (1781), one of hewn logs (1784), the third of stone (1803), an 1830 a brick structure and the present one built in 1867. A cemetery and graveyard is located across the road. The first interment of the graveyard was a child of David and Sarah Vance in 1779.

Guide to Historic Western Pennsylvania by George Swetman and Helene Smith.

Photo provided by Fort Vance Historical Society

Conboys Welcomed To Cross Creek



THOMAS J. CONBOY, JR.

The new student pastor of Cross Creek Presbyterian church and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Conboy, Jr., were honored at a welcome shower at the close of a meeting of the Friendship Circle Friday evening, Jan. 14, in the church.

A program of entertainment and music was planned with novelty numbers. Refreshments were served by the social committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Conboy occupied the parsonage January 1. Born in Pittsburgh, the new student pastor is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Conboy, Sr. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1953 and is in his second year of studies at the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh.

His wife, is the former Lois Dormire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Dormire of Apollo. She attended Westminster Choir College.

Regular Sunday services at the church are: Sunday school at 10 a. m., followed by worship service at 11 o'clock.

**Conboys Welcomed to Cross Creek Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1940 Edition**



Westminster Church Bell

After the church was torn down for the new highway, the church bell was donated to the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. It is located in front of the church.

Fort Vance Historical Society

THREE FIRE COMPANIES BATTLE FLAMES THAT DAMAGED HISTORIC CROSS CREEK CHURCH

The bell tower of historic Cross Creek Presbyterian Church was completely destroyed and the surrounding roof burned Sunday afternoon in a fire which threatened to consume the entire brick church.

Fire companies of Burgettstown, Slovan and Avella fought the blaze for more than two hours. Neighbors and volunteers of the congregation hauled water in milk cans and other containers to supply water to fight the blaze.

Cause of the fire has not been determined.

A fire alarm was sent out at 1:30 p.m. The interior of the main auditorium was not damaged but the ceiling was badly water soaked. The church carries insurance but the extent of damage has not yet been estimated.

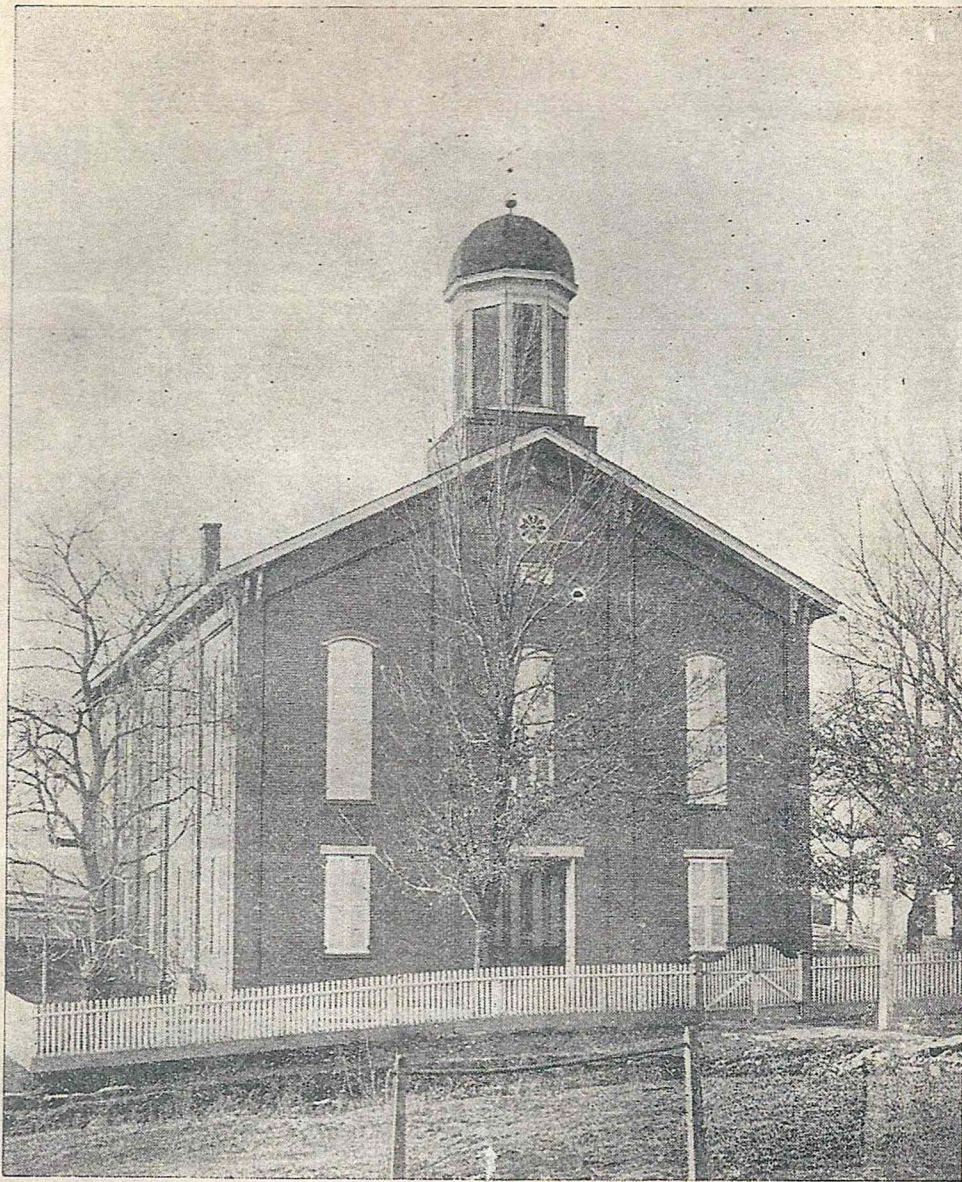
The bell in the tower is operated by hand and the entire tower structure fell from the church roof as it burned.

The Cross Creek congregation is one of the oldest in Washington County, having been organized in 1779. The present church building was erected in 1878. The congregation was formed when the Cross Creek and Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Churches extended a call to Rev. Joseph Smith to serve both congregations. At that time a log church was built. The two congregations had promised to pay Mr. Smith 75 pounds a year and at one time were three years behind in payment. It was necessary to have flour milled and shipped to New Orleans, a hazardous trip in the pioneer era, to raise money for the minister's salary.

Mr. Shane announced Sunday night that the Thanksgiving service scheduled for Wednesday evening will be held

**Three Fire Companies Battle Flames that Damaged
Historic Cross Creek Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 28, 1946 Edition**

Crosscreek Church is 135 Years Old



The Crosscreek Presbyterian church of Crosscreek Village will celebrate its 135th anniversary on Tuesday, September 22, in connection with the fall meeting of Washington presbytery, which will be held there.

The Crosscreek church is one of the very oldest of this denomination in the county. It was organized in May, 1779, although services were held in the community for one or two years previous to that time., the initiatory sermon having been preached September 14, 1778, by Rev. James Powers under a spreading oak near Vance's fort. The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Smith, who held the joint pastorate of Crosscreek and Upper Buffalo. The church existed for 46 years before a charter was granted

Crosscreek church has experienced some remarkable revivals. In 1802-4 one hundred members were added; 1827-28, one hundred twenty; 1835-37, one hundred forty; 1840-41, one hundred; 1853-54, ninety.

Of the ministers who have served the church the longest pastorate was that of Rev. John Stockton. D. D. He was pastor from 1827 to 1877, and bore the distinction of pastor emeritus for five years more, the church and presbytery fittingly celebrating his half-century pastorate. The next longest was that of Rev. Thomas Marquis (the silver tongued), who served from 1794 to 1826. Rev. Joseph Smith served from 1779 to 1792; Rev. W. H. McCaughey, D. D., 1877-1885; Rev. J. Philander Anderson, 1886-1892; Rev. Charles G. Williams, 1893-1900; Rev. Raymond M. Huston 1906-1908; Rev.

H. W. Hanna, now a missionary to Korea, 1908-1910; Rev. O. Scott McFarland, from 1912 to the present time.

The present building, which stands at the western end of the village of Crosscreek, is the fifth in the history of the church and was built in 1864 at a cost of \$12,000. The first church, an unhewed log structure, 22 by 26 feet, was erected in the summer of 1789 on a site selected by Major William Vance, of Vance's fort, nearby, Robert McCready and Henry Graham and stood near the present building. The second building was of hewed logs and was larger than the first, being 30 by 60 feet. It was built in 1784, and a gallery was added a few years later. This church was burned by an incendiary April 20, 1803, and in the same year the third building was erected. This one was of stone, 56 by 56 feet, and the ladies of the congregation contributed a good share of the cost. Its place was taken in 1830 by the fourth structure, which was of brick, 56 by 76 feet, with a gallery on three sides and cost between \$3,000 and \$5,500. This building was succeeded by the present edifice in 1864.

In 1878 a lot of 2 1-2 acres was purchased and the first parsonage, which is still standing, was erected at a cost of \$2,500.

The Sunday school was organized in 1821, in spite of opposition, and was conducted at first by a board of managers. The first superintendent was Col. Samuel Magill. The present enrollment of the Sunday school is about 250. In 1846 the membership of the church was 210, and at present it is 360.

The burial ground nearby is one of the most historic in the county. A number of settlers killed by the Indians are buried there, among whom are Samuel Robinson and William Parks, killed and scalped by the Indians in the spring of 1872, while soldiers of every war in which the United States has been engaged from the Revolution to the Spanish-American, are buried there. Some families have seven generations buried in this graveyard, which is one of the best kept of all of the ancient burial places in Washington county, and many in-

teresting facts are revealed by the inscriptions.

Below we give the members of the session, with the year in which they were elected to office: John S. Marquis, 1889; Robert S. Anderson, 1896; W. Craig Lee, 1896; Brainard C. Lyle, 1896; Henry Gault, 1904; R. Lyle Cooke, 1909; Charles M. Rea, clerk, 1909.

The trustees are H. C. Cooke, E. C. Caldwell, W. E. Marquis, whose terms expire December, 1914. W. T. Dunbar, president; Joseph Lyle, secretary, and Fred V. Walker, whose terms expire December, 1915. Dr. A. O. Hindman, L. E. Foster and C. W. McNelly, whose terms expire December, 1916.

Your Mission.

If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet,
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet;
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay;
You can lend a hand to help them,
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain, steep and high,
You can stand within the valley
While the multitudes go by.
You can chant in happy measure
As they slowly pass along;
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver,
Ever ready to command;
If you cannot toward the needy
Reach an ever open hand,
You can visit the afflicted,
O'er the erring you can weep;
You can be a true disciple
Sitting at the Saviour's feet.

If you cannot in the harvest
Garner up the richest sheave,
Many a grain both ripe and golden
Will the careless reapers leave.
Go and glean among the briars
Growing rank against the wall,
For it may be that their shadows
Hide the heaviest wheat of all.

If you cannot in the conflict
Prove yourself a soldier true;
If where fire and smoke are thickest
There's no work for you to do;
When the battlefield is silent
You can go with careful tread,
You can bear away the wounded,
You can cover up the dead.

Do not, then, stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere.

Historic Cross Creek Church Is Damaged By Fire, Water



Historic Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, at Cross Creek, was damaged by fire yesterday. Flames destroyed the bell tower atop the edifice and damaged the roof. District fire departments and volunteers rushed to the scene, being shown in front of the church yesterday in the picture above.

Flames Destroy Bell Tower And Damage Roof Of Cross Creek Presbyterian Church

**Historic Cross Creek Church is Damaged by Fire, Water
November 25, 1945**

The bell tower of historic Cross Creek Presbyterian Church was completely destroyed and the surrounding roof burned yesterday afternoon in a fire which threatened to consume the entire brick church.



Fire companies of Burgettstown, Slovan and Avela fought the blaze for more than two hours. Neighbors and volunteers of the congregation hauled water in milk cans and other containers to supply water to fight the blaze.

Cause of the fire, has not been determined.

Burned Tower
A fire alarm was sent out at 1:30 p. m. The interior of the main auditorium was not damaged but the ceiling was badly water soaked. The church carries insurance but the extent of damage has not yet been estimated.

Water was transported to the fire by neighbors from their own cisterns and the nearby school-house pump. Rev. Robert B. Shane is pastor of the church.

The bell in the tower is operated by hand and the entire tower structure fell from the church roof as it burned.

The Cross Creek congregation is one of the oldest in Washington County, having been organized in 1779. The present church building was erected in 1878. The congregation was formed when the Cross Creek and Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Churches extended a call to Rev. Joseph Smith to serve both congregations. At that time a log church was built. The two congregations had promised to pay Mr. Smith 75 pounds a year and at one time were three years behind in payment. It was necessary to

have flour milled and shipped to New Orleans, a hazardous trip in the pioneer era, to raise money for the minister's salary.

Mr. Shane announced last night that the Thanksgiving service scheduled for Wednesday evening will be held, the time and place to be announced later.

756 Preston St. West Philadelphia, Pa.

April 11, 1891

Dear Dr. Brownson

The first time I visited the site of Vance's Fort, I stood on the fallen trunk of an old apple tree which I was assured had stood and borne fruit for one hundred years. Standing as the tree did within the palisade, I thought it very likely that under it my own ancestry had both sheltered from the Indians and lifted their glad songs of praise to the God of heaven.

With this thought in mind, I sent for an ax and cut from that fallen trunk a piece of as fine grained curly wood as I ever saw. I am satisfied that that old trunk, had it been sawn into lumber as veneering would have been worth more money than any half dozen crops of apples it ever bore.

Recently I had the part I took from the old tree made up into a number of relics. And as I shall ever cherish a peculiar regard for the body from which I received ordination vows- - - under whose care I first preached the gospel--- and which taught my hands to war and my fingers to fight, I take the liberty of asking you, the oldest member, to present to the Presbytery of Washington, with my compliments, this little gavel. The making of this gavel was an after-thought and as all the good wood had been used, it had to be made of chips and refused pieces of the sap wood, so that, except slightly in the handle, the beauty of the grain does not appear.

However, if neither beautiful or very useful, it may be of interest to some because of the past associations. I have no thought that either the spirit of the Indian warrior who prowled around it or that of the early settler who, under its fruitful bows, worshipped God lingers with this bit of wood, but may I not entertain the hope that it may be so wielded as to promote the sweet spirit of unity, - - or if that be too much to ask, that it may preserve a decorous parliamentary calm during all the eloquent thrilling breezy Briggsy debates you may have over the new theology and revision questions.

With many kind recollections of the past,

Yours Truly,

W. H. McCaughey

Copy of the action of Washington Presbytery in receiving the gavel from Dr. W. H. McCaughey:

I move this Presbytery accept this gavel, a relic of the early history of the Church in this region. It carries our minds back to the time of the planting of the gospel here and is replete with sacred associations. Vance's Fort was the spot where, in great danger, the gospel was preached, and is connected with _____ remembrances. It reminds us we in these times must stand firm for the truth, and if need be-- like the fathers, contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

We also tender our hearty thanks to the donor, Rev. W. H. McCaughey, a brother beloved, and once a member of this Presbytery, for the gift.

(The one who made this motion can be assumed to have been the Rev. Dr. James I Brownson, to whom the letter was addressed but his name does not appear on the original paper from which this is taken. A D W)

Well Known Male Chorus Will Appear at Cross Creek In Church Organ Benefit

The Sipesville Male Chorus, consisting of 20 male voices and well known in Somerset county will give a concert at the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Sunday evening, June 2 at 7:30 o'clock. A free will offering will benefit the church organ fund. This group is being brought to Cross Creek under the sponsorship of the choir and preceding the concert the chorus members and their wives will be guests of the choir at a supper party in the church.

John McNelly, brother of Walter McNelly and a former resident of Cross Creek, who now resides in Somerset, is a member of the chorus and will sing a solo.

Rev. Robert P. Shane, pastor announces the following program will be presented, with Mrs. H. S. Whipperman, directing: Prelude, Russel Beech; "Bless Be The Tie That Binds"-Audience; Invocation, Rev. Shane; Chorus, "On the Jericho Road" and "There Is a Fountain"; Duet, "His Love is Wonderful to Me." Chorus, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "Look Away to Heaven"; Quartette, "Is it Well With Your Soul?" Poems, O. P. Thomas; Chorus, "Dream Boat" and "Strew the Graves With Flowers"; Sermonette, Rev. Shane; Solo, John McNelly; Octette, "Only a Contrite Sinner"; Duet, By the Hoffman Sisters; Chorus, "Take Time to Be Holy" and "Day Is Dying In The West.

**Male Chorus Will Appear at Cross Creek in Church Organ Benefit
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1946 Edition**

The Men's Community club of Cross Creek will present the "Watermelon Minstrel" in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Friday evening, March 31 at 8 p. m. Proceeds from the minstrel show will be used to develop the Community Recreation Center in Cross Creek. The center is open each week day evening from 7 to 11 p. m., and there are games and entertainments for adults and children of all ages, such as ping pong, dart ball, etc.

Howard Dunbar, well known postal employee will serve as interlocutor for the show which is being directed by Mrs. Casey Rankin and Mrs. Ellis Zellars. Jane McCreery will be pianist.

Featured numbers on the program will be:

"Polly Wolly Doodle by the chorus and L. Rankin.

"Dark Town Strutters' Ball"-Girls' Quartet.

"April Showers"O. Jay Walker and chorus.

"Old Black Joe"-John Lee and chorus.

"Lil' Liza Jane"-Bill Farner and chorus.

Selection by male quartet.

"What Did Delaware?"-chorus

"Shortnin' Bread"-Pete Malone and chorus.

"Spike Jones' Specialty" Jack Angerman.

"Bee Song"-chorus

Selection by male quartet.

"Oh Susanna"-finale by entire chorus.

The cast for the show will include: Interlocutor-Howard Dunbar.

Endmen - Sam Findling Jay Walker, Lee Rankin, Bill Farner, Jim O'Donnell, Burns Lee.

Oddman-Don Townsend.

Chorus-Don Townsend, Bill Rankin, Mick Findling, Dick Lee, Pete Malone, Ellis Zellars, Maynard Rea, Fred Walker, Casey Rankin, Bob Collett, Harlon Bell and David Brown.

Pianist-Jane McCreery.

Girls' Quartet - Ruth Dunbar, Ruth Huber, Marilyn Smith and Martha June Zellars.



Pictured above are: Howard Dunbar, Interlocutor, 2nd row—Jay Walker, Jack Angerman (student pastor) and Bill Farner.

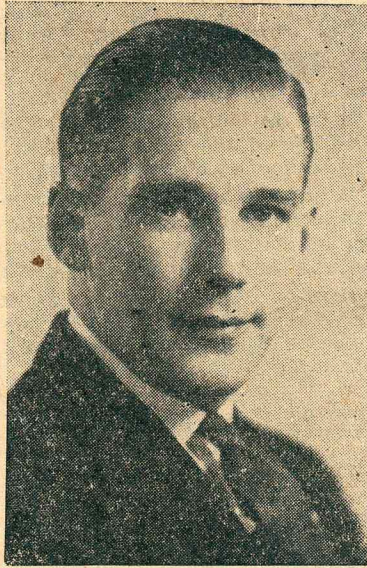
Rev. D. L. Say Called to Crosscreek

Crosscreek, March 27.—The Rev. D. L. Say, a member of the senior Class of the Western Theological seminary, has been extended and has accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate of the Crosscreek Presbyterian church. Mr. Say will take up his work immediately, preaching his first sermon as regular pastor of the congregation next Sabbath.

The call to the Rev. Mr. Say was extended by the congregation at a meeting held Sabbath. He was notified at once and immediately accepted. He has been filling the pulpit of the church frequently.

**Rev. D.L. Say Called to Cross Creek Presbyterian Church
The Burgettstown Call-March 29, 1917 Edition**

To be Ordained

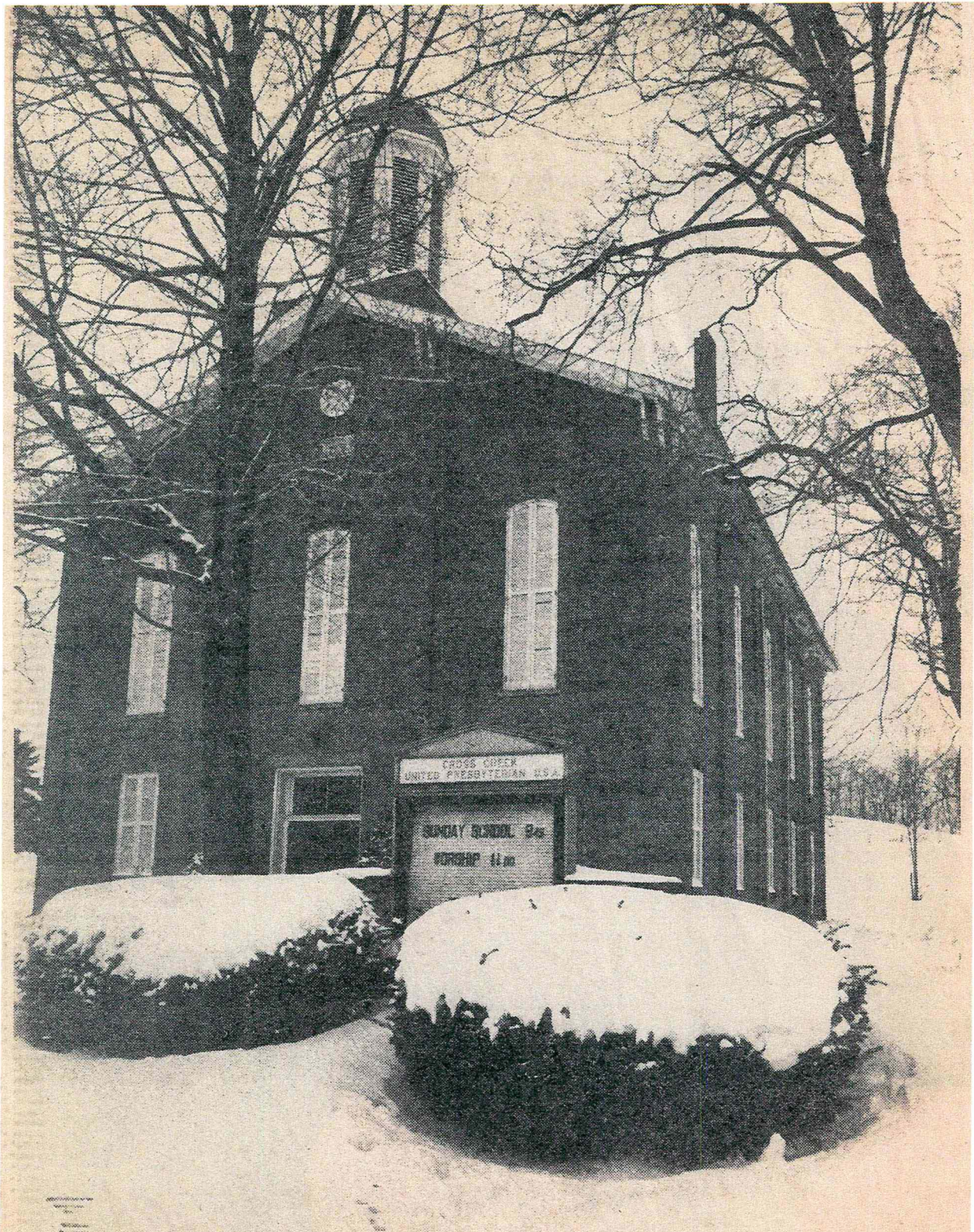


Robert Benjamin Shane, a graduate of Western Seminary will be ordained and installed as pastor of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church at an open meeting of Washington Presbytery in the Cross Creek church on Tuesday evening, May 29. Rev. and Mrs. Shane have already moved to Cross Creek and are occupying the parsonage.

Rev. Jacob C. Ruble will act as Moderator for the services and the program will be as follows; Prelude; call to worship and prayer of invocation; reading of scripture, Rev. C. S. Thomas; prayer of Intercession and Confession, Rev. Melvin L. Best; anthem, 'Praise Ye The Father', Choir; sermon, Rev. Paul F. Hudson; Service of Ordination, Presbytery; Prayer of Ordination, Rev. Ruble; Charge to the pastor, Rev. Samuel G. Neal; Charge to the congregation, Rev. Harry A. Rhodes; benediction Pastor and choral amen.

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Robert Benjamin Shane to be Ordained
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 24, 1945 Edition



Observer-Reporter / J. Charles Wilson

Sounds Of Silence

With the undisturbed snow on the grounds and shrubbery, one can almost hear the quiet that surrounds the Cross Creek United Presbyterian Church.

Cross Creek Church-Sounds of Silence
Observer-Reporter-Unknown Date

The Vance-Patterson Story

By Edna Foster Chambers

The Vances and the Pattersons are gone from the Cross Creek and Smith Township areas, and that is strange, for in the early years there were so many of them, Joseph Vance and William Patterson were among the earliest settlers. They were hardy Scotch-Irish Presbyterian who had come over the mountains to establish homes in the wilderness. Joseph Vance, his wife, and his father, Major William Vance came from Virginia about 1773 and settled on a tract in the present Smith Township, building a temporary cabin and very soon after that a fort known as "Vance's Fort." Major William being the older man at the time of emigration from Virginia, it fell to his son Joseph, a young man of about 23, to take the lead in clearing the land and building the necessary shelters. He and his wife became the parents of six children, three boys and three girls, of whom William, the oldest, born in 1775, will become the subject of this story.

William Patterson was born in Little Brittain, Lancaster County in 1733. His first wife, Rosanna Scott, bore five children before her death in 1769. In 1770 he married Elizabeth Brown, and they came to settle on Cross Creek in the present Cross Creek Township about 1779, following Patterson's service as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Ten children were born to the second marriage—some before they left Lancaster County and others after settling on Cross Creek. Their eighth child, Hannah, born on the Patterson farm in 1786, was later to become the second wife of William Vance and also the subject of our story. William Patterson and his son Thomas built the well known Patterson's Mill and in the year 1794 the family constructed a sturdy stone home which stood until a few years ago.

The principals in the following story are my great grandparents. It is a story I have heard all my life and is well documented in A.D. White's "History of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church," for that is indeed where it began. As a child attending the Cross Creek Church I asked my mother one day following communion service why an uncle did not take communion, to which she replied, "Some of the Vance men do not belong to the Church." Most likely the next question was "Why?" and it was then that I heard the story for the first time, But let us return to the beginning.

Following earlier services held at Vance's Fort the Cross Creek Church was formally organized in 1779, Joseph Vance becoming an elder a few years later. The Pattersons, who arrived about that time, also became members of

the Church. And it is not surprising that about 20 years later William Vance as a young man of 24 chose his wife a young women of the congregation, William Patterson's daughter Rachel, 18 at the time, and married her the day before Christmas 1799. They took up residence on the Vance tract, and the year 1817 when Rachel died, they had become the parents of nine children. It was the custom of the day when women often died young, for an unmarried sister of the deceased to attend to the motherless children, and so it happened that Hannah Patterson, Rachel's younger sister, came to live in the Vance household. She was about 31 at the time. About a year and a half after Rachel's death, William, who had apparently become enamored of Hannah, announced to the Church that he and Hannah wanted to be married. "Oh, no said the elders of Cross Creek Church, you cannot do that" and cited chapter and verse in the Book of Leviticus which they said forbad the union of a man and his dead wife's sister.

The rebuff was not taken kindly by William who was then a mature man of 43, had become a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1816, a counselor and advisor among his friends, and no doubt considered himself quite a local power. He was not persuaded by the Church fathers that his union was either illegal or against the rules of the Church, and he and Hannah were forthwith married "Brought the house down"- the house of Presbyterian doctrine upon the shoulders of William Vance. The session of the Church met and voted to excommunicate him, and so far as I know, his wife also. This so angered William that he had an appeal to the Synod and later to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church but was turned down all the way, because they upheld the local Church's decision. In later years, the ban against such a marriage was reversed, but not in William's lifetime. Even though William and Hannah continued to attend and contribute to the Church they were never again received into membership, and as a point of loyalty or perhaps obstinacy, some of the Vance men in succeeding generations did likewise-attended, contributed, but did not become members of the church.

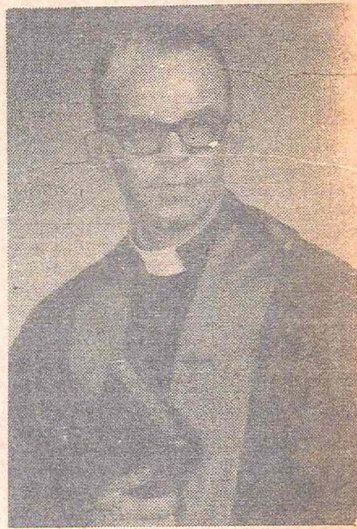
All this consternation did not keep William and Hannah from producing a second family of five children, of whom my grandfather, John Stockton Vance, was the fourth. The greatest furor centered in the Church itself, as families formed their own opinions of the ruling, and it made a very difficult the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas Marquis, a "home town boy" who with his wife, Jane, had been converted much earlier at a service in Vance's Fort. However, he survived it and in fact was a well known preacher popularly called "silver-tongued Marquis" because of his oratory.

And what did the Pattersons think of all this? They accepted the decision of the Church elders and refused to let daughter Hannah return to her former home. On a visit to Mary Patterson, the last of the Pattersons, at the homestead about 1955, she told me that Hannah's saddle was still hanging in the barn and that William Patterson had left Hannah out of his will but said if Hannah was ever in need the family was to help her. This, Mary said, was the family joke, for the Vances were much more affluent than the Pattersons.

And so ends the story of William and Hannah. Many of their descendants live in the area, but none, I believe bearing the surnames of Vance and Patterson. All the nine farms in the Vance name have been sold, and some of the following generations have scattered the length and breadth of the United States. The last of the direct descendants of William Patterson—two bachelors and three spinsters—ended with death of Mary Patterson and the homestead was sold. But it remained for the Pattersons to be true to their faith and their church to the end. The will of Mary Patterson contained a bequest of \$50,000 to the Cross Creek Church. This, I am sure, was money that had been saved through generations of the Pattersons, earned by hard work on their farm and at the Mill, it went at last to the church where they most likely would have wanted it to go. Some of this legacy was greatly needed at the time to put the interior and exterior on the church building (the fifth on the site) into its fine present condition and a visible tribute to the “Faith of the Fathers.”

Leaves is happy to share with you a true story of an episode that occurred in the ancestral history of the author, Edna Foster Chambers, of Zelenople, PA. Mrs. Chamber was born in Jefferson Township on the Lee farm, and moved with her family to Burgettstown at the age of ten. The story deals with prominent settlers of the Cross Creek area and reveals how one small event can change the course of life for succeeding generations.

*Shared with Fort Vance Historical Society
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Vance Family Association*



Rev. and Mrs. R.G. Lilley, of Eldersville, were honored with a farewell dinner and entertainment in the Eldersville church Sunday evening. They will leave for their new charge at Townville on Friday, after having served the Eldersville and Bethel churches for the past three years.

More than one hundred fifty members of the church and several guests gathered in Fellowship hall at 6 p.m. for the covered dish dinner of fried chicken, ham, and all the trimmings. Following the dinner, everyone retired to the sanctuary, where Woody Jackson was Master of Ceremonies for the program of music, readings, and songs.

Rev. and Mrs. Lilley were presented with gifts from both churches, and both spoke briefly. Rev. and Mrs. Homer Weaver, the incoming pastor and his wife, were introduced.

The program was opened with Prayer, by Ralph Ryan; Solo, "This Land Is Mine," by Junior Elich, accompanied by Melinda Rujak.

Bobby Kidd presented a comedy ventriloquist routine. Kathy Dreyer sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," accompanied by Mildred Jackson. Junior Elich and Melinda Rujak sang a duet, "Never Be Lonely," accompanied by Dorothy Butler. Melinda also played "Dear Heart," and "Unicorn," on the Melodica, accompanied by Dorothy Butler at the piano. Kathryn Slasor read an original poem, "The Preacher."

Dorothy Butler led in group singing of several "rounds." The program closed with prayer by Woody Jackson.

The committee responsible for the planning and preparation of food and for the program was comprised of Jeanne Stroud, Ilah McCaffery, Helen Martin, Fannie Campbell, Dorothy Petrel and Louise Karch. Volunteers who helped in waiting on tables included Mary Rujak, Bertha Wiegmann, Marjorie Cowden, Ellen Rose Robertson, Carmen Brown, Juanita Doak and Mary Stroud.

Hymn Sing Held At Francis Mine

Rev. Lee E. Speer conducted the Hymn Sing in the church at Francis Mine, Sunday, with eighty-five in attendance from ten neighboring churches. Rev. Speer is pastor of the church. Drexel Baker, of the Ebenezer Church of God, led the congregational singing.

Several special selections were enjoyed, from many of the churches represented. Miss June Campbell was pianist. Churches answering to a roll call of churches were: Avella FreeMethodist, Ebenezer Church of God, Canonsburg Nazarene, Atlasburg Nazarene, Bethel Methodist, Eldersville Methodist, West Middletown Christian, Tucker Methodist, Christian Church of North America, Burgettstown, and the host church.

The tenth and last in the current series of sings will be held next Sunday in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church, Independence. A planned program is being arranged by the Hymn Sing committee, Morris Knabenshue, Kathryn Slasor and June Campbell. It will consist of special selections most requested from the hymn sings of the past nine weeks. The sing will begin at 3 p. m.

**Hymn Sing Held at Francis Mine Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 24, 1965 Edition**



Eldersville Methodist Church and Graveyard

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

BANQUET AT ELDERSVILLE

Members of Circle No. 3 of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Eldersville Methodist church held a Mother and Daughter Banquet at the home of Miss Faye Findling. A three course dinner was served at 6 o'clock in honor of the mothers of the members of the society. The tables were attractively decorated with bouquets of spring flowers. Favors for the mothers were beautiful handkerchiefs and a bottle of perfume, and for the daughters baskets of candy mints. Following the dinner, an inspiring program was presented. Carmen Wiegmann, Faye Findling, Dolores Davis, Mary McCaffrey, Phyllis Irwin, Betty Price and Opal Ridgway each recited a poem in honor of their respective mothers. Mrs. Opal Ridgway, leader of the society, gave an original poem, dedicated to the daughters. Betty Price sang, "Mother." Group singing was also a feature of the program. The mothers responded with brief remarks in keeping with the occasion. The following members, their mothers and guests were present:

Audrey Irwin and mother, Mrs. Eva Irwin; Phyllis Irwin and guest, Mrs. Grady; Mary McCaffrey and Mother, Mrs. Illah McCaffrey; Idell Davidson and guest, Valjean Davidson; Betty Price and mother, Mrs. Frances Price; Mary Petrel and mother, Mrs. Petrel; Florence Noah and guest Mrs. Mazie Fulton; Irene Brown and mother, Mrs. Lenore Brown; Dorothy Haspel and guest, Mrs. Charles Beck; Carmen Wiegmann and mother, Mrs. Roxanna Wiegmann; Dolores Davis and mother, Mrs. Davis; Laverna Davis and guest, Mrs. Mabel Kidd; Anna Brown and guest, Mrs. Mildred Roberts; Lois Brown and guest, Mrs. Edna Pettibon; Evelyn Sullenberger and guest, Mrs. John Reardon; Faye Findling and mother, Mrs. Hallie Findling and Mrs. Opal Ridgway and mother.

ELDERSVILLE METHODIST

11 a.m. Morning worship
Mother's Day was observed with a special service. The oldest mother, Mrs. F. M. Barber of Hanlin Station, and the mother with the largest number of descendants present, Mrs. F. M. Butler, were presented with potted plants. The girls' choir under the direction of Mrs. Marion Butler sang an anthem in honor of Mother's Day. The service was planned by Circle 2 of the W.S.C.S.

New Minister Arrives At Eldersville

By Katherine Pyle

The Rev. Thomas A. Johnson has been appointed pastor of the Eldersville United Methodist Church by the Bishop of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference of United Methodist Churches.

Rev. Johnson and his wife, Jill, moved into the parsonage at Eldersville Dec. 28, and the new minister conducted his first service at the church Jan. 3.

Although Rev. Johnson is just beginning his career as a pastor, he has had a variety of education and experiences that should be of assistance to him in his ministry.

Born in Kane, Pa., the son of Arthur and Luella Johnson, Tom Johnson was brought up in the Lutheran faith. He attended public school in Kane and graduated from the high school there in 1969. After a year as a student at Penn State, he chose to enlist in the Navy, where he served six years, with 15 months' duty in the Middle East. He was on three Mediterranean cruises and several short cruises along the United States eastern coast. He was aboard the USS Canisteo and the USS LaSalle, and spent three years on the USS Forrestal.

Completing his naval career in 1976, Johnson enrolled in Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Pa., where he later was given an A.B. degree in religion in 1979. He graduated magna cum laude and received honors in religion.

In September of 1979, he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary in

Gettysburg, where he graduated in May of 1981 with a Master of Arts and Religion, a major in pastoral counseling and a minor in sociology.

For a year he worked as a security officer at Warren, Pa., and was also an instructor in security.

In October 1984, he became an E.M.T. at the hospital in Corry, Pa., and there met his future wife, the former Jill R. Sorenson.

On Easter Sunday of 1985, Johnson experienced a deep religious call to the ministry, which was later followed in September of 1985 by his entrance into Asbury Theological Seminary.

In February 1986, he and Jill, who had been working at the Red Bird Medical Center in Beverly, Ky., were married at Corry. She chose to attend Asbury Seminary as well, and both Rev. and Mrs. Johnson will graduate officially in May of this year.

Rev. Johnson will receive a Master of Divinity Degree. He will have a Master of Arts and Religion with a major in Christian education and a minor in evangelism.

In June of 1987, Rev. Johnson was ordained a deacon in the United Methodist Church at the annual conference.

Rev. Johnson enjoys outdoor sports such as hunting, fishing and hiking, and he likes to read. His wife, who has a B.S. degree in nursing from Robert Wesleyan College, Rochester, N.Y., hopes to do part-time nursing. She likes crafts and is interested in music, particularly piano and voice.

**Rev. Thomas A. Johnson-New Minister at Eldersville Methodist Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 20, 1988 Edition**



Eldersville United Methodist Church
Eldersville, PA



Eldersville United Methodist Church
Eldersville, PA

Rev. George L. Bowick To Leave McDonald



REV. GEORGE L. BOWICK

The Rev. George L. Bowick, who has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, McDonald, for the past eight years, has resigned to accept the pastorate at the Rodman Street Baptist Church, East Liberty, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Mr. Bowick will preach his farewell sermon at the 11:00 a.m. service this Sunday.

Following his graduation from high school in Orange, N. J., the Rev. Mr. Bowick received his college training at New York University and New York City College; his theological training at Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. He gained additional Bible study and research work at the Keystone School of the Bible, Pittsburgh, and the Moody Bible Institute, Denver, Colo. He served as supply chaplain while in the Army Air Force during World War II.

He is a member of the Pittsburgh branch and the National Council of Churches, a member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, and is affiliated with many other religious and civic organizations.

During the Rev. Mr. Bowick's pastorate in McDonald, many spiritual and physical improvements were made at the First Baptist Church. Among these was a complete renovation of the church building, including all new church furniture and lighting. He probably is best known for his work with the youth of the church and community. He established a weekday nursery-kindergarten school, a junior church, and a recreational program. The purchase of a church bus aided much in carrying out the activities of the young people.

Mrs. Bowick also played an active part in the promotion of the church program. She sang in the Silver Leaf and Missionary choirs, was a teacher in the Sunday School, and was director of the nursery-kindergarten.

The Rev. Mr. Bowick and family will move soon to Pittsburgh.

Rev. George L. Bowick to Leave McDonald
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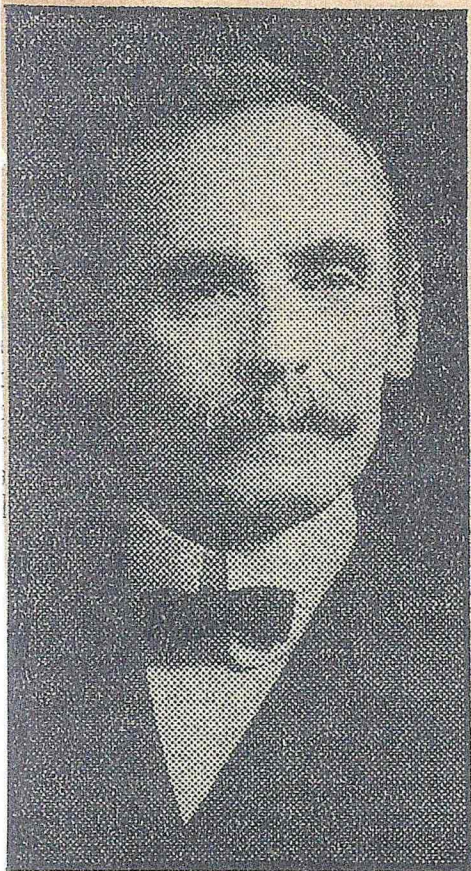
Charter Members of First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, PA
Also known as Hillcrest Church

Robert Patterson	Mary Ann Pyle
Mrs. Mary Patterson	Hettie Cheeks
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Margaret Riddle	Rebecca Thompson
Ann Covert	Mary Jane Scott
Thomas Thompson	Margaret Melvin
Mary Ann Boyd	John Lamb
William Melvin	Samuel Riddle Jr.
Elizabeth Melvin	John Melvin
Elizabeth Lamb	Jane Whittaker
Elizabeth Riddle	Elizabeth Reybuck
Mary Melvin	Joanna Stroud
John Reybuck	James Cunningham
James L. Patterson	John Fulton
Mary Farrer	John Moore
Elizabeth Cunningham	George Morris
Margaret Fulton	Jane Scott
Sarah Moore	Elizabeth Cheecks
Josiah Scott	Arthur Campbell
William Cheeks	Elizabeth Prouditt
Ann Crawford	Elizabeth Ghrist
Eliza Jane Campbell	Abigail Tennan
Ann Hays	Abigail Daughtery
Jane Stephenson	James Ewing
Alexander McCready	Hannah Bell
William Blair	James Work
Martha Ewing	Ann Sterrit

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

All Burgettstown Churches Join in Farewell Service of Rev. Dr. William M. Hays

Closes Long Pastorate



REV. DR. W. M. HAYS

Burgettstown pastor who retires after 50 years active service in the ministry, 25 of which were spent in the First Presbyterian church, Burgettstown.

Reception for Presbyterian Minister, Who Retires After 50 Years of Active Service, to Be Held Tomorrow Night.

IN THIS COUNTY 25 YEARS

Burgettstown, April 28.—Rev. William M. Hays, Ph. D., for the past 25 years pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this place, delivered his farewell sermon tonight. Rev. Mr. Hays retires after 50 years active service as a Presbyterian minister.

Rev. Dr. Hays spoke not only to his own congregation, but to one that was representative of the community in which he has labored for so many years, all other churches discontinuing services tonight so that their pastors and members could join in the final service conducted by Dr. Hays.

In his sermon Rev. Dr. Hays reviewed the history of the church and the community. His reminiscences were interesting and appealing to the congregation which filled the auditorium to capacity. He stressed the improvement in equipment and the growth in the size of his congregation as well as others in the district.

For his main theme, Dr. Hays stressed that the church was the foundation of our civilization, that it lived on after its leaders had performed their service.

One of the gripping moments of the service came when Dr. Hays expressed regret that he must sever relations with the church and the town. He will leave Burgettstown in the near future to take up his residence in Takoma Park, near Washington, D. C.

With services in other churches discontinued, an augmented choir was directed by Mrs. Dessie Scott, its singing being highly inspiring. Mrs. Wayne Culley and Mrs. Hope Raines sang solos.

Tuesday night a public reception will be held in the home of Dr. Hays in which the community as well as many members of the Washington presbytery will take part.

Annual Meeting
At 1st. Church

The annual meeting of the congregation of the First Presbyterian church will be held on Monday, April 5 at which time the appointment of the following officers for the ensuing year will be confirmed:

Organist, Celestine Stievenart;
Choir Leader, Miss Miriam Cassidy.
Music Committee, Mrs. John Palin,
David Haines and L. H. Leopold.
Treasurer of the Session, W. R. Allison.
Clerk of the Session, C. J. McFarland.

Superintendent of the Bible school,
Assistant T. C. Linn; Assistant, L. W. Coffey; Secretary, Katherine Stevenson; Assistant, Doris Ivery; Treasurer, Mrs. Bessie Scott; Assistant, J. P. Stevenson; Pianist, Mrs. John Culley; Assistant, Miss Louella Linn.

Superintendent of the Primary School, L. H. Leopold; Assistant, Ethel May Joyant; Pianist, Ruth Joyant; Assistant, Ruth Vegar; Secretary, Ruth Allison.

Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, Mrs. George Atherton.

Collectors, W. D. Wilson, Alvin White, Bert Scott, George Pyle, William Sausser and George McWhorter.
Session Records, R. J. Donaldson and W. R. Allison.

Trustees Records, L. H. Leopold and J. P. Stevenson.

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LADIES' CLASS DINNER ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Large Group of Members and Friends
Entertained With Banquet
and Special Program

The sixth anniversary of the Ladies' Bible Class of the First Presbyterian church was celebrated with a banquet and program of entertainment held in the church parlors on Thursday evening of last week. At the conclusion of the excellent dinner Mrs. Julia McMurray, president emerita of the organization, was accorded the honor of wielding the knife which cut the birthday cake. This time-honored custom was followed according to the traditions of the group. Mrs. S. W. Piersol, class president, was in charge of the dinner activities.

The banquet served by the ladies was something to rave over. It encompassed all things delicious from fruit cocktail to apple pie ala mode—and the "ala mode" part certainly was generous. Only a few of the guests had the presence of mind, or moral courage, to restrain their appetites, and in consequence many had to resort to "sody" later on in the night.

Brief remarks in tribute to the class and those who prepared the splendid dinner were voiced by the Rev. R. E. Carman, pastor of the church, and E. B. Maurey, editor of the Enterprise. Neither felt competent to do the situation justice because justice had been too well done the dinner. And most of the guests were too full or real good things to be very particular about what kind of speeches they heard, but the minister did make a really fine speech and was given vociferous applause.

Following the banquet the party adjourned to another room where the following program was given: Readings by Roslyn Carman, Laverne Stype and Catherine Stevenson; vocal solos by Mrs. Wayne Culley and Mr. Carman; duet by Mr. Carman and daughter Martha; guessing amount of money in the "birthday box." This contest was won by Paul Carman. His guess was \$23.15. The box contained \$23.00. Routine class business brought the function to a close.

**Ladies' Class Dinner Anniversary Event
Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 14, 1932**

**DEDICATED TO THE MEMBERS
OF THIS CHURCH WHO
SERVED THEIR COUNTRY**

World War I

William A. Bole
Raymond M. Coulter
Wayne M. Culley
Leonard L. Ewing
Mayhew Fulton
J. Elmer Gilbert
Roy Graden
Ralph Hixon
Stanley Hogue
J. Ralph Lee
W. Vance Lee
Thomas G. Linn
John Lynch
William W. Lyon
Harry Miller

S. Glenne Nicholls, Sr.
Walter Riggie
Thomas Robinson
M. Burt Scott
Burton Shirey
George Shirey
James Shirey
Harry Smith
Jay C. Stewart
Robert W. Stottlemeyer
Wade Stottlemeyer
Alvan J. White
Clement C. White
Hugh R. Wilson
James Woodrow
William Woodrow

World War II

James W. Addington
William E. Allison
William E. Andrews
George M. Atherton
Ray Bender
Robert B. Burns
William D. Craig
Eris J. Culley
Jules A. Darras, Jr.
Louis L. Darras, Jr.
Charles R. Davidson
Harry C. Dennis
Howard R. Dunbar
Frederick W. George
Richard C. George
A. Durwood Glessner
Irene Glessner
Thomas W. Goldsboro
Gerald B. Hays
Thomas J. Hitchcock
John E. Hughey
James R. Hughey
W.L. Jackson
Leroy Janz
John J. Kaiser
Thomas V. Lee
Frank Leopold

John C. Linn
Albert E. Luttrell
Dorothy F. Lynch
Raymond Lynch
W.J. Maggs
John Mechling
Archie J. McFarland
Carl E. McFarland
Joseph C. McKenzie
James E. McWhorter
S. Glenn Nicholls, Jr.
Clarence N. Power, Jr.
John V. Puckett
Robert M. Russell
William Sausser
Donald D. Saxton
Arthur R. Simpson
John P. Stevenson
Mildred Jean Stewart
James M. Stottlemeyer
Robert D. Stottlemeyer
Austin D. Studa
Donald S. Taylor
Edwin M. Taylor
Harold F. Taylor
James M. Westlake
Maurice L. Westlake

Presented by the Sabbath School
of the First Presbyterian Church.

Burgettstown, PA

1949

**DR. PROUDFIT TO RETIRE
FROM MINISTERIAL WORK**

The following article is taken from a Connellsville paper, and will be of interest to many Burgettstown district people:

Dr. J. L. Proudfit, pastor of the First Presbyterian church for more than a quarter of a century, yesterday asked the congregation to accept his resignation, effective on or about December 1.

The request came at the conclusion of the morning service.

Dr. Proudfit will attain the retirement age, 65 years, early in December, and will receive a pension after his retirement.

The congregation will act upon the resignation at a future meeting, and its action will be submitted to the Redstone Presbytery.

The resignation announcement said that the pastor "asks the congregation to unite with him in requesting the Redstone Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship."

For several years Dr. Proudfit has been serving under a severe handicap. A slight stroke caused a throat condition which hampered his speech. He continued his work, however, refusing to let poor health and the difficulty in speech keep him from the pulpit or other duties.

He has been minister in the Presbyterian church for 26 years, observing that anniversary last February. By the time the resignation becomes effective he will have completed nearly 27 years in the church.

During the pastorate of Dr. Proudfit the Presbyterian church built the present edifice. It was formerly located in West Crawford avenue, on the site now occupied by the Woolworth Building.

He is the oldest minister in Connellsville in point of service here, and is widely known in the Presbytery. His circle of friends extends far beyond the boundary of his own congregation.

**Dr. J.L. Proudfit to Retire from Ministerial Work
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 15, 1935 Edition**

**FINAL VESPER SERVICE
WILL BE HELD SUN. EVE.**

The eighth and last Community Vesper service of the current series will be held on the lawn of the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening, July 27 at 7:30 o'clock d.s.t. The services will be conducted by Rev. R. C. Sutton and the congregation of the First United Presbyterian church. Rev. Walter Ralston, pastor at West Middletown will be the guest preacher. If the weather is inclement, the service will be held indoors. The public is invited to attend.

**Final Vesper Service will be held Sunday Evening
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 24, 1941 Edition**

Missionary Society Holds Birthday Tea

Beautifully decorated tables for each month in the year were arranged for a birthday tea given by members of the missionary society of the First Presbyterian Church Wednesday afternoon, June 23, in the church annex.

Approximately 136 guests attended to enjoy a program and light refreshments. Numbers presented included two vocal solos by Mrs. Wayne Culley accompanied by Miss Celestine Stevenart, two piano solos by Avonelle Stevenson, a welcome by Mrs. George Atherton; two vocal solos by Mrs. Donald Malone, accompanied by Mrs. Gaylord Malone; a talk on missionary work in South America by Mrs. J. Herbert Cruickshank, and a talk by the president of the northern district of the Washington County missionary societies, Mrs. T. B. Brown.

Hostesses for each month were: January, Mrs. B. L. Hughey, Mrs. Tom Linn; February, Mrs. George Atherton, Mrs. A. C. Berry; March, Mrs. Lee Addington, Mrs. Alvin Fleming; April, Mrs. J. C. Ruble, Mrs. Anna Mary Puckett; May, Mrs. Florence Wagner, Mrs. Bertie Stevenson; June, Mrs. M. B. Scott, Mrs. E. F. Bywaters; July, Mrs. Dudley Wilson, Mrs. A. O. Hindman; August, Mrs. E. S. Bruce, Mrs. Lola Ackleson; September, Mrs. Vance Lee, Mrs. Hugh Hamill; October, Mrs. A. D. Bigger, Miss Celestine Stievenart; November, Mrs. George Pyle, Mrs. Edwin McBride; December, Mrs. Richard Donaldson, Mrs. Ralph Lee.

First Presbyterian Church holds Birthday Tea
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition

HUSBANDS ARE FETED BY BIBLE CLASS LADIES

Birthday Anniversary Celebrated by
Inviting Husbands to Dine
at Monthly Meeting

The husbands of members of the Ladies' Bible Class of the First Presbyterian church were guests of honor at a dinner given in the dining hall of the church on Thursday evening of last week. The occasion was of particular note as it marked an anniversary in the history of the organization, and a fine birthday cake, bearing five small candles, was a part, as well as an outstanding feature of an excellent luncheon provided through the usual "covered dish" channel.

The "anniversary" element has to do with the establishment five years ago of a sort of treasure chest called a birthday box. Each year the members of the class contribute pennies to the number of their respective ages.

This year the box contained about \$25, and as the class register is large it is noted that the ages are not great.

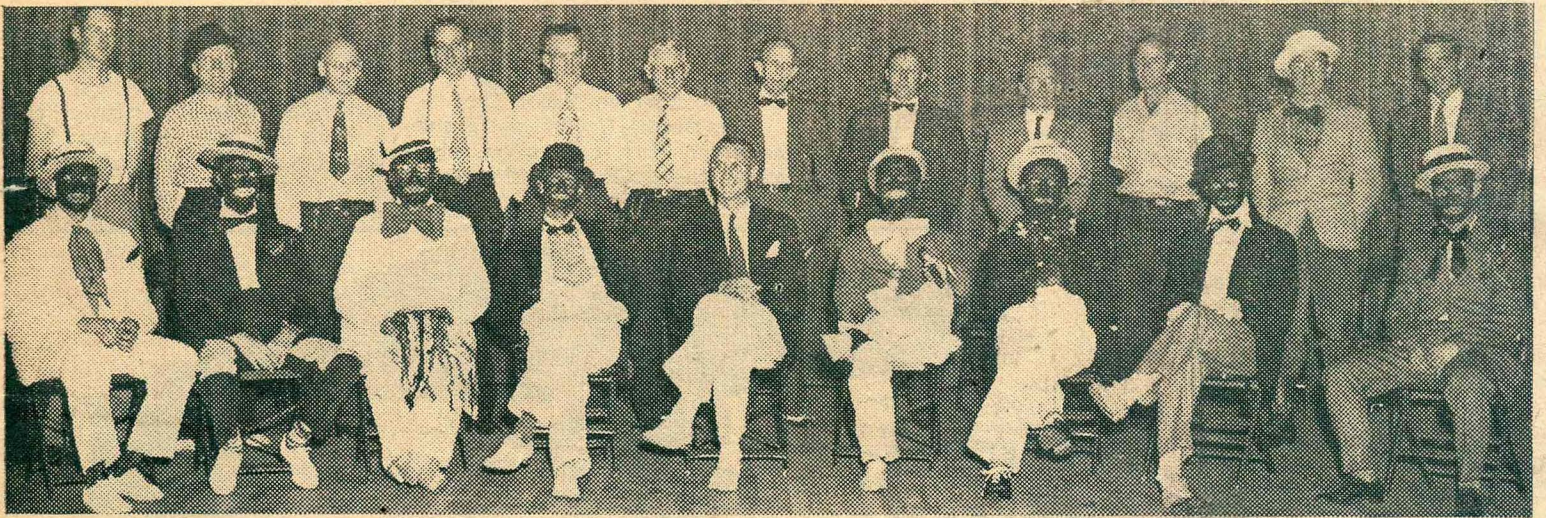
Mrs. Willa Lee, teacher of the class, delivered a brief address explaining the object of the gathering, following which a fine dinner was served to a large number of members and their husbands. The dinner hour was one of merrymaking, and provided opportunity for many families to become better acquainted.

After the dinner the business meeting of the class was held and a short program of entertainment given. In this event a guessing contest on the amount of money in the box was held. The amount was \$25.55, and this was guessed within five cents by Carl J. McFarland of Cherry Valley road. He was awarded the prize, a box of stationery.

Dorothy Allison sang "Long, Long Ago;" reading by Catherine Stevenson, "Twas You," and song, "Mighty Lak a Rose," by Roselyn Carman.

**Husbands are Feted by Ladies Bible Class
Burgettstown Enterprise- July 9, 1931 Edition**

'Men About Town' Make Merry At Minstrel Show Tonight and Friday At Union Auditorium



Pictured above are cast members and directors of the Minstrel show to be presented in Union high school auditorium Thursday and Friday evening at 8 p.m. The show is being presented by the Ladies' Aid of the First Presbyterian Church. Pictured in the front row, reading left to right are: Henry Quinet, Noel Freville, Anderson Carmichael, Asa McCoy, Bill Miller, Cliff Wade, George Bish, Sam Lescallette, and Harold Davidson.

In the back row, left to right are: Bob McGregor, Rev. Flurkey, T. C. Linn, Harry Scott, Cliff Carmichael, E. O. Myers, Gale Melvin, Bill Truax, J. E. Malley, Marion Butler, Gaylord Malone and Ed Wagner.

**"Men About Town" Make Merry at Minstrel Show
Tonight and Friday at Union Auditorium
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 26, 1946 Edition**

CHURCHES WILL UNIT TO OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY

The Protestant churches of Burgettstown and vicinity will unite in the observance of Good Friday this year with a three-hour Service to be held in the First Presbyterian church from 12 noon to 3 p. m. The service is being planned by the local ministerial association and will consist of music, meditations, prayer and scripture bringing to the thoughts of worshippers the events of the three hours of suffering of Jesus upon the Cross. Seven local ministers will speak during the course of the service upon the seven sayings of Jesus from the Cross. Further announcement of this service will be given later with the Easter announcements in this paper.



Rev. Wm. M. Hays, D. D.

Rev. Dr. Hays Retirement As Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church

A memorable event in the history of Burgettstown and its environs was the voluntary relinquishing of active ministerial duties --- together with the consequent severing of his pastoral relations with the First Presbyterian Congregation of Burgettstown, by the Rev. Dr. William M. Hays, thus rounding out a full half-century of consecutive and disinterested service in the Masters cause --- twenty-five years of which efficient service (as rendered in this place) --- culminating on last Sabbath evening (April 28) in the delivering of his farewell Address to his present charge, in the spacious First Church Auditorium, which was filled to overflowing with a kindly and sympathetic audience, composed, not only of members of his own flock, but by many from the various neighboring churches, who attended this service to attest their appreciation of Dr. Hays' earnest and efficient labors in behalf of the sobriety and well-being of the whole community.

A period of a Quarter-Century's duration, is a matter of some consequence --- a long time, in fact --- in the span of life of the average inhabitant of this mundane sphere! It even cuts a wide swath across the orbit of the octogenarian's days. Man appears; he multiplies; he scatters; he scatters off; and Alas! In many instances, and at any time whatsoever, during such period, he is liable to "pass on"! Yet notwithstanding Man's days are like unto the grass that "withers and decays," a goodly number of him, the elect of the race, it appears, are permitted to outlive the term,

long as it is, to rejoice together, and to congratulate each other that it is even a "good thing" to be alive much beyond the "middle age" of the human span of life.

This fact was highly exemplified on the occasion of the departure of Dr. Hays. During his long pastorate here, many of the "children of his fold" had grown up and gone off to other homes, in other spheres of human endeavor, in other communities, and under the guidance of other pastors. But the gathering at the First Church Auditorium on last Sabbath evening, to hear and witness Rev. Dr. Hays' Farewell discourse was more like a veritable Home-Coming Jubilation than that of the losing of a respected and beloved friend! For the "children of the First Church", who had "wandered off" to other fields were back again---some coming many miles and from other states---to meet with and to greet once more their beloved pastor and his faithful companion. And this not only as a token of respect; but especially to impart unto them the peace and joy of a knowledge of a Service well and nobly rendered (while in this field of their endeavor) to abide with them, and to remain a source of cheer and comfort throughout their declining years.

Rev. William M. Hays, D. D., a son of Captain George W. and Margaret Hays, was born in Middlesex Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, December 7th, 1852. About the close of the Civil War, his parents removed to the North Side, Pittsburgh --- then known as Allegheny City. Two other sons of this family entered the ministry: viz--Dr. Ken C. Hays,

D. William M. Hays Retirement as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church

"After Seventy-five Years" in Burgettstown

The First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, Pa., observed the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of its organization October 12th-19th, and on Sabbath morning, October 12th the pastor preached a historical sermon giving an outline of the work accomplished by the six pastors who served this church during its entire history.

In the evening the Rev. James A. Kelso, D.D., of the Western Theological Seminary spoke. On Monday evening, October 13th, Rev. James Hamilton, of Washington, Pa., and Rev. C. L. McKee, of Washington, Pa., were the speakers. Tuesday evening, October 14th, Doctor W. F. Silveus, of Duquesne, brought a message. On Wednesday evening congratulatory addresses were delivered by neighboring pastors. Thursday, October 16th, was "Home Coming Day."

A. C. Proudfit, an elder of this church, made an address of welcome and the Rev. Walter Kennedy spoke on the subject, "Early Impressions of a Christian, Religious Life," and were received.

During the afternoon session of Thursday addresses were made by Rev. Hugh Leith, D.D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Wilkinsburg.

Prof. Simon S. Baker, President of W. & J. College and Rev. Percy H. Gordon, D.D., of Salem, Ohio, also brought messages.

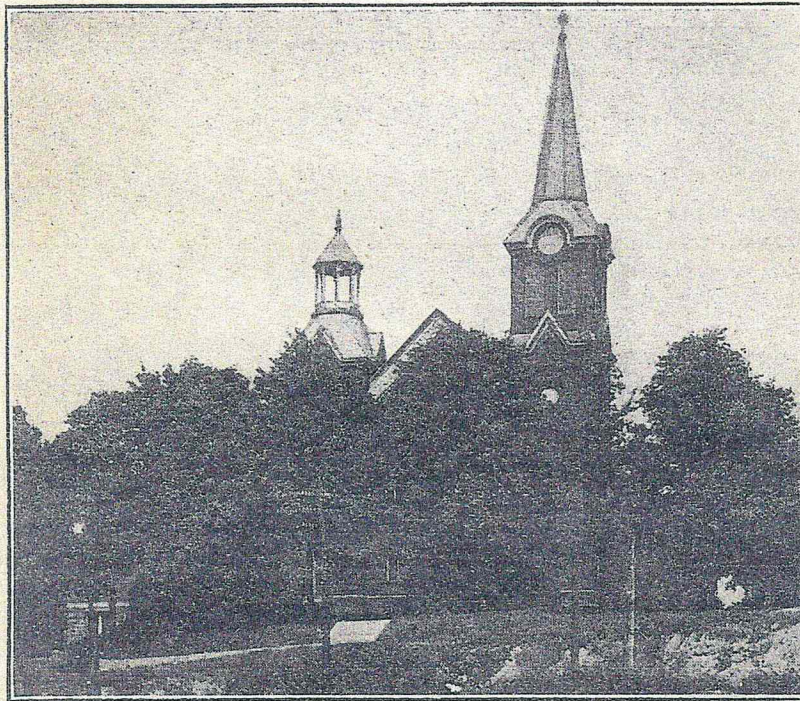
This church has had only six pastors in seventy-five years, including the present pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Hays, who has been in the field for more than twenty years.

The church has given eleven of its sons to



Rev. Wm. M. Hays

Wm. McE. Hays



Burgettstown Presbyterian Church

the gospel ministry. Rev. Samuel McFarland, D.D., who served as a missionary in Siam; Rev. John McFarland, who served as a missionary in Alaska; Rev. Zuchariah B. Taylor, Rev. John Proudfit of Connellsville, Pa., Rev. Hugh Leith, D.D. of Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Rev. Edwin C. Nesbit, of Springfield, Ohio; Rev. Walter Kennedy, of Templeton, Pa.; Rev. Oliver Stephenson, of Walnut, Iowa; Rev. J. Boyd, Stephenson, of St. Croix Falls, Wis.; Rev. A. B. Allison, of Tarentum, Pa., and Rev. James A. Cunningham, of Onondaga, New York.

The closing exercises of the anniversary celebration took place on Sabbath, October 19th, Rev. Joseph W. Dunbar, D.D.,

President of the Institute of Practical Arts, at Old Concord, Pa., was the speaker at the morning service. In the evening a sacred concert was given by a number of select singers, under the direction of Prof. Frank Lasher, of Oakdale, Pa.

The present officers of the church are: Session, A. C. Proudfit, W. E. McCurdy, John McCue, Charles Westlake, Charles A. Hamilton, W. B. Linn, Henry V. Shepler and Winfield Allison. Board of Trustees: Dr. G. A. Perkins, president; A. J. Cassidy, secretary; W. K. Bell, Winfield Allison, J. M. Pyle and Charles Westlake.

Roundup Class Picnic.

The Round Up Class of the First Presbyterian church held its annual picnic in the Boles grove, near Eldersville, on Thursday of last week. Thirty members of the class, with their families and a number of guests attended, a total of 100 being present. Out-of-town guests were the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Hays of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Alice Kline of Detroit. Tables were laden with the usual picnic collations in bounteous plenty. The evening was spent playing baseball and other games and races. Many prizes were awarded children in the sports events by the social committee in charge. The occasion was most enjoyable and marked another happy day in the history of the class.

**Round Up Class of the First Presbyterian Church has Picnic in Boles Grove
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 30, 1931 Edition**

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNIT CONVENES NEXT WEEK

County Sabbath School Association
Announces Program for
Meeting Here

The Washington County Sabbath School Association announces the program for the annual convention to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, Thursday and Friday June 18th and 19th. Have secured expert Sabbath School workers and ministers from Washington and Allegheny counties.

The first session convenes at 9 a. m. Thursday, and will be addressed by the Rev. W. Franklin Harkey of Houston, speaking on the theme of the convention, "Character Building in the Sabbath School." Mrs. J. M. Bailey of Avalon will also speak at the first session on the subject "Moulding Child Life."

The afternoon session will convene at 1:30 and will be addressed by the Rev. A. E. Driggers of Kittanning, who will speak on "The Background of Prohibition." The departmental conferences will begin at 3:15, and will be led by Mrs. J. M. Bailey of Avalon; Mrs. Guy Rex, Avalon; Miss Cora B. Dickey, Pittsburgh; J. Brad Craig, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. S. A. McCollum of McDonald. The evening session will be held at 7:30 and addressed by the Rev. J. Alvin Orr of Pittsburgh, using "The Jesus Way of Building Character" as his subject.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the session will have a general conference led by Dr. J. Kirkwood Craig. "Objectives in Christian Education" will be the topic for discussion.

The last session of the convention, Friday afternoon at 1:30, will be addressed by the Rev. Oliver H. Sisson of Wilkinsburg. His topic will be "Fashioning Youth."

The Rev. E. A. Cole of Washington will lead the song service at the beginning of each session. Rev. Dr. C. Wallace Petty, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pittsburgh will lead the Bible study at each session also.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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No further effort seems to have been made for many years towards the permanent establishment of a Presbyterian church in this immediate locality. In the year 1845 a Presbyterian church edifice was erected on the hill where the cemetery now is, in connection with the congregation of Florence, then under the pastorate of the Rev. Joel Stoneroad. Agreeable to a resolution of the citizens of Burgettstown and vicinity, an application was made to the presbytery of Washington at its meeting at the Forks of Wheeling on the first Tuesday of October, 1849 praying for an organization of a congregation at Burgettstown, which petition was not granted. A complaint against which action was taken by Robert Patterson and others to the synod of Wheeling, which met at Steubenville on the third Tuesday of October, 1849, at which time and place an order for organization was granted. The Rev. Joel Stoneroad was appointed by the presbytery of Washington to organize the congregation. Having assembled for that purpose on the 18th of October, 1849, an organization was effected by the reception of sixty members all of whom were members of the congregation of Cross Roads (Florence). The following were elected elders: Thomas Thompson, Robert Patterson, John S. Lamb, William Cunningham and John Moore. On the 4th of April, 1850, a call was extended to the Rev. James P. Fulton, of the presbytery of Ohio, which was accepted. The presbytery of Washington met at Burgettstown on the first of October, 1850, and on the next day the Rev. James P. Fulton was ordained and installed pastor of this congregation. He remained in charge until the spring of 1857, when he sent in his resignation, which was accepted.

The Rev. James T. Fredericks preached his first sermon at this place on the second Sabbath of February, 1858. On the 28th of April he received and accepted their call. He was ordained and installed on the 26th of October following, served some years. The first church edifice was enlarged in 1860, and again about 1868. In 1873 the present brick structure was erected, sixty by ninety, with a seating capacity of eight hundred, and at a cost of \$25,000.

A Sunday school was established before 1840, and the church was the outgrowth of it. Robert Patterson, an elder in the Cross Roads church, was for many years superintendent, and others were connected with him. D. M. Pry, elder in the Burgettstown church, was a very successful superintendent for ten or twelve years. J. L. Patterson presided over the school.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

First Presbyterian Church

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This Week in History

Events of the Long Ago From Enterprise Files and Other Sources

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Will Disposes of Estate.

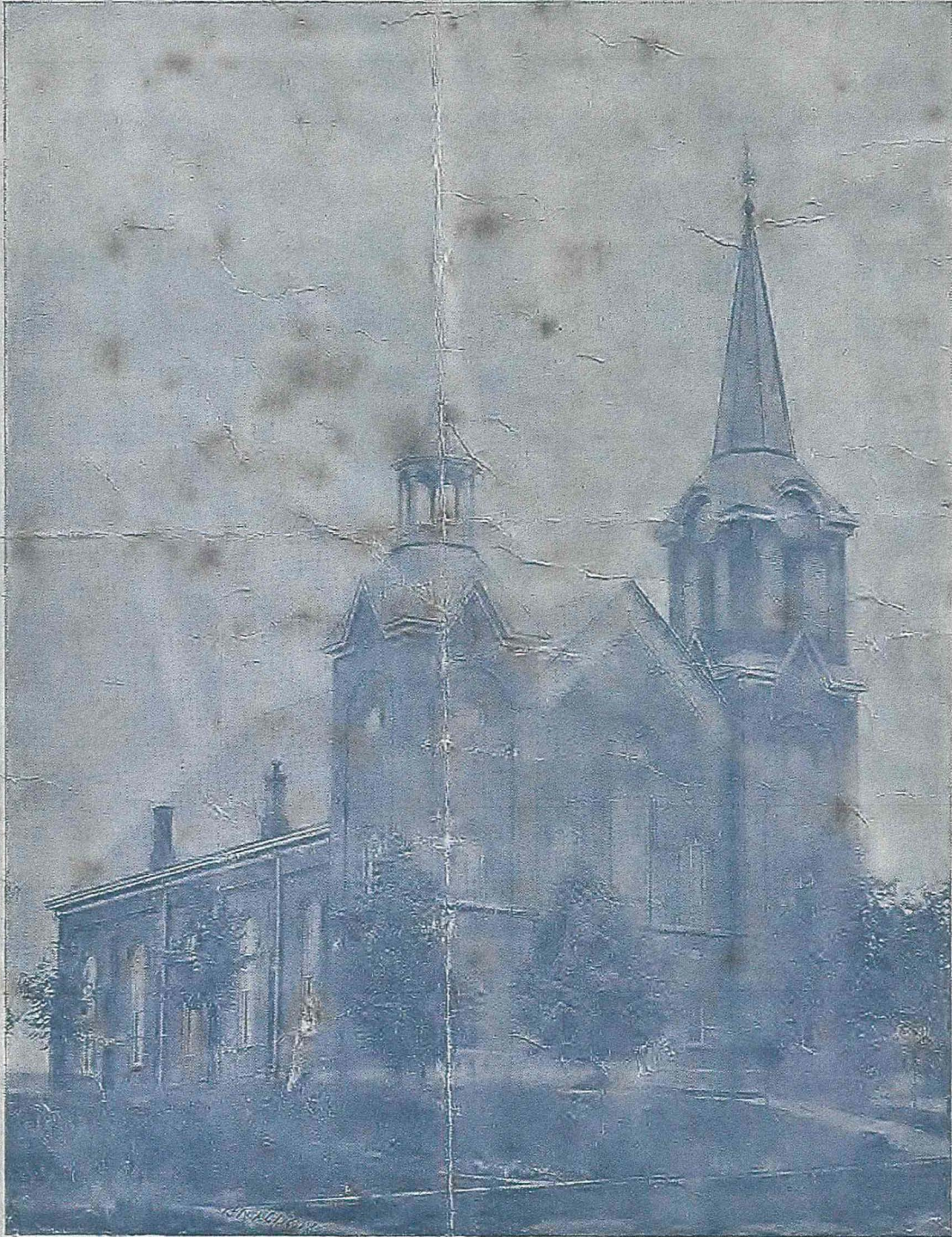
The First Presbyterian church of Burgettstown and the Women's Missionary Society of the church received bequests of \$500 each in the will of the late Ida A. Proudfit, who died May 2 leaving an estate estimated at \$9,500. The two \$500 funds are to be deposited on interest for a period of 10 years, at which time the cash will be turned over to the church and the society, the will stipulates. Other beneficiaries are two cousins, Dorothy Elizabeth Allison and Winfield R. Allison, of Burgettstown. Letters of administration were issued to Winfield R. Allison.

**Estate of Ida A. Proudfit
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 14, 1936**

INSTALLATION SERVICES

PREBYTERY OF WASHINGTON, PA.

The First Presbyterian Church OF BURGETTSTOWN.



REV. LEROY WELLS WARREN, Pastor-Elect.

Thursday Evening, May 15, 1902,
at 7:30 O'clock.

ORDER OF SERVICE.



Voluntary

Anthem - - - - - Choir

Invocation - - Rev. Raymond M. Huston
Acting Moderator of Washington Presbytery

Hymn 575 - - - - - Congregation

I love thy kingdom, Lord!
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.

I love thy church, O God!
Her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye,
And graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Sure as thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

Scripture Reading, - Rev. P. J. Cummings, D. D.

Solo	-	-	-	-	Miss Blanche Kerr
Sermon	-	-			Rev. James H. Snowden, D. D. Washington.
Hymn 324	-	-	-	-	Congregation
Constitutional Questions			-	-	Moderator
Charge to the Pastor			-		Rev. Joseph Speers Wheeling, W. Va.
Charge to the People			-	-	Rev. John J. Srodes Moundsville, W. Va.
Installation Prayer	-	-	-	-	Moderator
Hymn 603	-	-	-	-	Congregation

Go, labor on ; spend and be spent ;
 Thy joy to do the Father's will ;
 It is the way the Master went ;
 Should not the servant tread it still ?

Go, labor on ; 'tis not for naught ;
 Thine earthly loss is heavenly gain ;
 Men heed thee, love thee, praise thee not ;
 The Master praises—what are men ?

Toil on, and in thy toil rejoice ;
 For toil comes rest, for exile home ;
 Soon shalt thou hear the Bridegroom's voice,
 The midnight peal: "Behold, I come !"

Benediction	-	-	-	-	Pastor
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PASTOR:

REV. LEROY WELLS WARREN.

ELDERS:

J. L. PATTERSON.

A. M. ARMOR.

W. V. RIDDILE.

WILLIAM BRIMNER.

RICHARD HILL.

W. M. McMURRAY.

A. C. PROUDFIT.

TRUSTEES:

J. C. NESBIT.

T. V. LEE.

ALEXANDER SCOTT

W. W. PYLES.

STEWART LEWIS.

MATTHEW STEPHENSON.



**Tom Thumb Wedding-Hillcrest Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown, PA-June 14, 1894**

1. Grace Botkin 2. Mary Irving 3. Mattie Murphy 4. Julia Smith 5. Bill McClure 6. Gertie Rankin 7. Mary Farner 8. Buba Vance
 9. Mary Botkin 10. George Stievenhart 11. Zella Stievenhart 12. Anna McClure 13. Lillie Shaw 14. Beatrice Spencer 15. Amelia
 Cramer 16. Fanny Andrews 17. Margaret Brown, Flower Girl 18. Will Botkin, Attendant 19. Carl Finch, Attendant 20. Harold
 Simpson, Attendant 21. Earl Manson, Attendant 22. Clyde Casey, Rector 23. John Pyles, Groom 24. Ruth Cramer, Bride 25. Bessie
 McGregor, Maid of Honor 26. Bill Rankin, Attendant, 27. Jennie Pettibone, Attendant 28. Wilda Malone, Attendant 29. Bertha Boyd
 Attendant 30. Olive Smith, Flower Girl.

Proceeds \$131.20.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

AFTER
SEVENTY-FIVE
YEARS



1849 • OCTOBER • 1924

THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

AFTER SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS

A REVIEW of the occurrences which have taken place within the last seventy-five years only serves, in the present, to make us realize the extent of the heritage that has been made possible for us by the untiring efforts of those who have gone before.

When we make a survey of the conditions existing three-quarters of a century ago, with none of the conveniences and facilities, such as we have in modern times, and compare them with present day advantages, we are astounded at the achievements of our antecedents, the noble men and women who fought and won the battle of life, much as we have to do, and apparently with greater success.

If all the data pertaining to this church were at hand, and could be rightly tabulated, it might be clearly shown that the influence of this church, through its various organizations and agencies, has been a large factor in the development of Burgettstown, with its banks, schools, business houses and industries.

Much as we admire the faith of our fathers in undertaking big tasks for the kingdom of God, may they be only an earnest beginning of greater things to come; that the efforts of the present generation may be such as to inspire others in the future to turn in with the people of God and follow Jesus even unto the end.

This celebration is intended to punctuate an epochal period of time in the history of this church. Many startling incidents might be emphasized that have been worth while. The members of the present organization heartily wish that the last seventy-five years shall prove to be an outstanding prophecy, only to find its fulfillment in the hallowed experience and efficiency of the members of this church in time to come.



WILLIAM M. HAYS, *Pastor*

MEMBERS OF SESSION

A. C. PROUDFIT

CHARLES A. HAMILTON

W. E. McCURDY

W. B. LINN

JOHN McCUE

HENRY V. SHEPLER

CHARLES WESTLAKE

WINFIELD ALLISON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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A. J. CASSIDY, *Secretary*

W. K. BELL

J. M. PYLE

WINFIELD ALLISON

CHARLES WESTLAKE

*Some of the Laborers in
the Vineyard*



REV. JAMES P. FULTON



REV. JAMES T. FREDERICKS



REV. JOSEPH L. WEAVER

REV. W. M. HAYS

Program

SABBATH MORNING, OCTOBER 12th

A Historical Sketch of the Organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, Pa., from October 18, 1849, until October 18, 1924.

William M. Hays, Pastor.

SABBATH EVENING, OCTOBER 12th

The Eldership and its Lawful Place and Influence in the Church Organization.

*Rev. James A. Kelso, D.D.,
President Western Theological Seminary.*

MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 13th

A Statistical Report of the Ladies' Aid Society from the Date of its Organization Until the Present Time.

Mrs. Charles Culley.

An Address on the Work of the Ladies Aid to be given by

*Rev. James Hamilton,
Washington, Pa.*

The Sabbath School and the Place it has Filled in General and in This Church, in Particular, for the Past Seventy-five Years.

*Rev. C. L. McKee, S.C.,
Washington, Pa.*

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14th

The Weekly Prayer Meeting, and the Place it Occupies, and the Part it Takes in the Work of the Church.

*Rev. W. F. Silveus, D.D.,
Duquesne, Pa.*

A Report is to be made by a member of the Woman's Missionary Society. This report is to deal with statistics and facts from the time the Society was organized until the present.

Margaret White.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15th

Missions in the Home Field Seventy-five Years Ago Compared with Missionary Work being done in the Home Field at the Present Time.

*Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr, D.D.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Program

Greetings from Neighboring Pastors and Others—

Rev. G. M. Kerr, D.D.

Rev. J. V. Stevenson

Rev. James L. Thorne, Sr.

Rev. J. M. Leister

Rev. James L. Thorne, Jr.

Rev. D. B. Davidson

Rev. John R. Thomson

Rev. H. B. Hudnut

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCTOBER 16th

Greetings to the Members of the Church and Citizens of Burgettstown.

G. A. Perkins, M.D.

An Address of Welcome to persons who have come from a distance.

Mr. A. C. Proudfit.

Home Coming Day for all friends of this Church, especially the young men who went out from the mother church, going into the ministry. Subjects assigned to some of these ministers:

Impressions Received of the Men and Women who Composed the Membership of this Church During the Past Seventy-five Years.

*Rev. John L. Proudfit,
Connellsville, Pa.*

My Early Impressions of a Call to the Ministry, and Where Received.

*Rev. Hugh Leith,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.*

An Address by . . . *Prof. Simon S. Baker, President W. & J. College.*
Subject, Education.

The Elementary Parts of a Christian Education, and Where Received.

Rev. Edwin C. Nesbit.

Early Impressions of a Christian Religious Life, and Where Received.

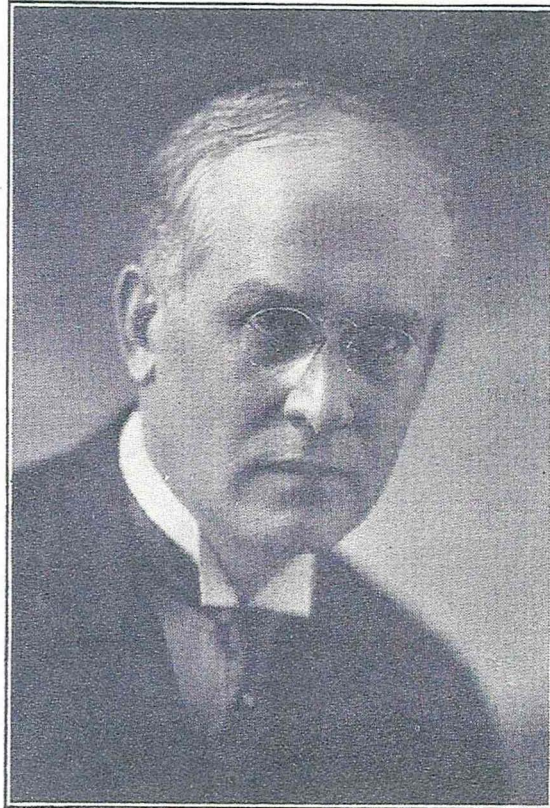
Rev. Walter Kennedy.

Address, Reminiscences of Years Gone By.

*Rev. Joseph L. Weaver, D.D.,
Rocky Ford, Colo.*

Program

The Elementary Parts of Christian Character



REV. PERCY H. GORDON,
*Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Salem, O.
Formerly of First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.*

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 16th.

Conditions and Conveniences of Worship Seventy-five Years Ago
Compared with Those of Modern Times.

*Rev. James P. Linn, D.D.,
Council Bluffs, Ia.*

The Place Occupied by the Presbyterian Church in the Christian
World.

*Rev. Percy H. Gordon, D.D.,
Salem, Ohio.*

Program

SABBATH MORNING, OCTOBER 19th.

Organ Prelude

Doxology

Invocation

Responsive Reading.....*Selection* 19:14

Hymn.....No. 304

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Hymn.....No. 301

Offering and Offertory Prayer

Anthem

Sermon by Rev. J. W. Dunbar, D.D.....
.....*Theme*—The Church of the Living God.

Prayer

Hymn.....No. 717

Benediction

Organ Postlude

SABBATH EVENING—7:30

Sacred Concert.....*Musical Director*, PROF. FRANK LASHER.

Program

Men who have gone into the ministry from the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, Pa.

REV. SAMUEL G. McFARLAND, D.D.

REV. JOHN W. McFARLAND

REV. EDWIN C. NESBIT

REV. ZACHARIA B. TAYLOR

REV. J. BOYD STEPHENSON

REV. JOHN L. PROUDFIT

REV. OLIVER W. STEPHENSON

REV. HUGH LEITH, D.D.

REV. WALTER KENNEDY

CHARTER MEMBERS

ROBERT PATTERSON

MARY ANN PYLES

MRS. MARY PATTERSON

HETTIE CHEEKS

MISS MARY PATTERSON

ANN HAYS

MARGARET RIDDILE

REBECCA THOMPSON

ANN COVERT

MARY JANE SCOTT

THOMAS THOMPSON

MARGARET MELVIN

MARY ANN BOYD

JOHN LAMB

WILLIAM MELVIN

SAMUEL RIDDILE, JR.

ELIZABETH MELVIN

JOHN MELVIN

ELIZABETH LAMB

JANE WHITTAKER

ELIZABETH RIDDILE

ELIZABETH REYBUCK

MARY MELVIN

JOANNA STROUD

JOHN REYBUCK

JAMES CUNNINGHAM

JAMES L. PATTERSON

JOHN FULTON

MARY FARRER

JOHN MOORE

ELIZABETH CUNNINGHAM

GEORGE MORRIS

MARGARET FULTON

JANE SCOTT

SARAH MOORE

ELIZABETH CHEEKS

JOSIAH SCOTT

ARTHUR CAMPBELL

WILLIAM CHEEKS

ELIZABETH PROUDFIT

ANN CRAWFORD

ELIZABETH GHRIST

ELIZA JANE CAMPBELL

ABIGAIL TENNAN

ANN HAYS

ABIGAIL DAUGHERTY

JANE STEPHENSON

JAMES EWING

ALEXANDER McCREADY

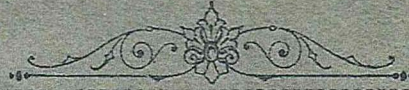
HANNAH BELL

WILLIAM BLAIR

JAMES WORK

MARTHA EWING

ANN STERRIT



Pastor's Bi-ennial.

First Presbyterian Church,

BURGETTSTOWN, PA.

REV. J. L. WEAVER, PASTOR.

APRIL 1ST, 1887--- APRIL 1ST, 1889.



To be Preserved for Reference.

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Members and Adherents of the
Burgettstown Presbyterian Church:

BRETHREN BELOVED:—"Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied." Like Paul in Rome, your pastor here has "Dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ," with fear and with trembling, with joy and with gladness, "No man forbidding him." Like Paul my aim has been to preach Christ and Him crucified; like Paul my endeavor has been not to shun to declare the whole counsel of God. If in the pressing home of any truth I have seemed to insist too strongly, or probe too deeply, or urge too pointedly, it was because I read in the Holy Book to preach the truth whether men will hear or whether they will forbear; also, "If the watchman see the sword, come and blow not the trumpet and the people be not warned, if the sword come and take any person from among them he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand."

These two years, being the first of the present pastorate, were first of all, on your part, a getting acquainted with the disposition and traits as a man, his methods as a pastor, and his manner and style as a preacher. On my part it was getting acquainted with the faces, names, dispositions, church relations and needs of the people. Has it not been a time of continually increasing confidence and affection, until we now feel about us the bonds that ought to bind pastor and people together? Does not the harmony and love existing between pastor and people, and among the people themselves, augur well for the future of the congregation? They have been two years of abundant fruitage—our number increasing from an actual membership of 260 to an actual membership of 380; our contributions

growing from \$1,600 to ~~\$2,200~~^{3,300}; every organization in the church adding to its roll and manifesting increased zeal.

The prayermeeting has been called the pulse of the church. The increased attendance, attention and activity surely then indicate that the health of our church is good.

If the prayermeeting be the pulse of the church, we will call the missionary effort the heart. From the growing interest shown in the numbers, contributions, desire for missionary knowledge and zeal in missionary work, especially of the women's, young ladies' and children's organizations, as well as the congregation in general, we infer that the heart of our church is sound. Among other signs of healthfulness we mention the Young Men's Prayermeeting and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, both of which are now promising much for the future of our church.

Perhaps as a church we have no greater reason for congratulation than the fact of our large, flourishing and church-feeding Sabbath School.

While the interest manifested in all the lines to which I have referred must have brought joy to all our hearts, there are yet a few matters which have been especially gratifying and encouraging to me. I mention among these the well-filled seats, close attention and cordial appreciation of all the preaching services.

Neither would I fail to record here my high appreciation of the friendly counsel, kindly suggestions and cordial sympathy I have uniformly received at the hands of my session; of the kindness and courtesy of the trustees, always shown, whether in social or business relations; of the many tokens of regard, respect and love bestowed by men, women and children—never an unfriendly look from any coming to my eyes, nor harsh words to my ears; no home in which I have entered

where the reception was not cordial, and no meeting by the way where the salute was not friendly. Can we not all exclaim with all our hearts, "Hitherto the Lord has helped us" and "Thank God and take courage."

With our large membership, with our organizations for all kinds of work, with the spirit of unity that seems to prevail and with a great field for labor before us, what wait we for but the outpouring of the Holy Ghost when we may do a work for the Lord in comparison with which that of the past two years shall be almost as nothing.

So let us begin this third year of our pastorate determined that with God's grace we will increase our numbers, our contributions, our zeal and our faith. This can only be done by each and every individual doing her or his part.

Is there a person in our church to whom you have not given the right hand of fellowship? Welcome that one now. Is there a sinner to whom you have not done your duty in the past? Perform that duty now. Is there a cause to which you have not contributed as liberally as you might? Make that contribution now. Is there some society in the church to which you have neither given your sympathy or presence? Withhold these things no longer; the cause is the Lord's and you are his servants.

A word to those who have not enrolled themselves as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. For two years you have heard the word preached but have not heeded the call. I beseech you let not two years more, nay two weeks more, pass by until you have accepted Jesus as your savior and enrolled yourself as a member of His church. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel."

Let us all, then, by deeper devotion, fuller consecration and more earnest effort, make our individual and con-

gregational influence felt for good, and good only, and good continually.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Sincerely and Affectionately Your Friend and Pastor,

J. L. WEAVER.

HISTORY.

In the year 1848 a Presbyterian Church was erected in the village of Burgettstown, and in connection with the congregation of Cross Roads at Florence, enjoyed the services of Rev. Joel Stoneroad.

In accordance with a resolution of the citizens of Burgettstown and vicinity, an application for an organization was made to the Presbytery of Washington at its meeting at the Forks of Wheeling on the first Tuesday of October, 1849. The Presbytery refused to grant an organization. The petition was carried to the Synod of Wheeling in session at Steubenville two weeks later, at which time an organization was granted. Rev. Joel Stoneroad was appointed by the Presbytery of Washington to organize said congregation.

The organization was effected October 18, 1849, under the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown. Following are some of the names of the charter members: Robt. Patterson, Mary Patterson, Samuel Riddle, Sr., Margaret Riddle, Mary McFarland, Ann Cavert, Ann Hays, Thomas Thompson, Rebecca Thompson, Mary Ann Boyd, Mary Jane Scott, Wm. Melvin, Margaret Melvin, Elizabeth Melvin, Miss Mary Patterson, John Lamb, Elizabeth Lamb, Samuel Riddle, Jr., Elizabeth Riddle, John Melvin, Jane Whittaker, John Raybuch, James L. Patterson, James Cunningham, Josiah Scott, Ann Crawford, Elizabeth Proudfit, Wm. Blair, Ann Stewart, Jane Stevenson.

October 26, 1849, the following persons were elected to the office of ruling elder: Thomas Thompson, Robt. Patterson and John S. Lamb (previously ordained), also Wm. Cunningham and John Moore, who were ordained the last Sabbath of March, 1850.

On the 4th of April, 1850, an unanimous call was extended to Mr. Jas. P. Fulton, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Ohio.

Mr. Fulton was ordained and installed Oct., 1850. His pastorate continued till the Spring of 1857. A call was made for James T. Fredericks, April 21st, 1858, which was accepted, and Mr. Fredericks was ordained and installed Oct. 26, 1858. He served as pastor until his death, August, 1885. The present Pastor, Rev. J. L. Weaver, began his labors here April 1st, 1887.

ELDERSHIP.

Following are the names of those who have served the congregation as Elders:

Robt. Patterson, John S. Lamb, Thomas Thompson, John Moore, Wm. Cunningham, Samuel P. Riddle, Josiah Scott, W. W. VanEman, John S. Farrar, John L. Proudfit, Finley Scott, Jr., *James L. Patterson, A. E. Walker, Dr. W. V. Riddle, W. V. McFarland, *D. M. Pry, *John L. Rankin, *Dr. L. C. Botkin, *W. M. McElhany, *G. M. Miller, *A. G. Lee.

Those marked () constitute the present session.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION, APRIL, 1888, TO APRIL, 1889.

Pastor.—Rev. J. L. Weaver.

Elders.—James L. Patterson, D. M. Pry, John L. Rankin, Wm. M. McElhany, L. C. Botkin, G. M. Miller, A. G. Lee.

Clerk of Session.—Dr. L. C. Botkin.

Treasurer of Session.—A. G. Lee.

Trustees.—John Cunningham, Wm. Proudfit, Wm. Brimmer, J. P. Kelso,

Secretary and Treasurer; Ray Armour, President; W. K. Lyle.

Treasurer of Congregation.—J. P. Kelso.

Congregational Clerk.—G. M. Miller.

Choir.—A. G. Lee, leader; Maggie McCurdy and Annie Vance, organists; Belle McCurdy, Mrs. Hartford, Leila McCabe, Clara Scott, Ada Hoffman, Sadie Stephenson, Mary Lee, Maggie McGregor, Lizzie Nicholls, J. H. Cramer, J. R. Armor, W. R. Simpson, A. C. Proudfit, Wm. Blair, Matthew Scott, Samuel McFarland.

Ushers.—Harry Vance, John Proudfit, Wm. Andrews, David Fredericks, Aaron Lyle, Holland Scott.

Sexton.—Mr. Andrew H. Smith.

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.—Mrs. J. L. Weaver, Pres.; Mrs. Joseph Armstrong, Mrs. G. M. Miller, Vice Pres.; Mrs. W. K. Lyle, Recording Sec.; Miss Mary Patterson, Cor. Sec.; Miss Jane Ghrist, Treas.

Young Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society.—Miss Leila McCabe, Pres.; Miss Belle McCurdy, Vice Pres.; Miss Hattie Culley, Sec.; Miss Maggie McCurdy, Treas.

Golden Chain Band.—J. L. Weaver, Leader; Miss Kate Perrine, Pres.; Miss Stella Hartford, Vice Pres.; Miss Ella McCurdy, Sec.; Miss Janie Carnahan, Treas.

Ten Per Cent. Band.—Miss Mattie Ghrist, Miss Cynthia Russell, Leaders.

Lend-a-Hand Band.—W. H. Hill, Pres.; J. L. Proudfit, Vice Pres.; W. D. McCabe, Sec.; W. R. Andrews, Treas.

Y. P. S. C. E.—J. L. Proudfit, Pres.; W. C. Boyd, Vice Pres.; W. H. Hill, Sec.; Executive Committee, J. L. Weaver, J. L. Proudfit, W. C. Boyd, Maggie McCurdy, Ella McCurdy, W. H. Hill, Aaron Lyle; Prayermeeting Committee, W. H. Hill, W. R. Andrews, Mary Lee, Lizzie Nicholls, Ella Berryhill; Lookout Committee, Maggie McCurdy, Belle Harper, Daisy McCabe, Allie Vance, John Proudfit; Social Commit-

tee, Bert McFarland, Mary Rice, Annie Rankin, J. L. Melvin, Lizzie Ghrist; Visiting Committee, Aaron Lyle, Kate Perrine, Laura Nicholls, Frank Stevenson, Josie Lyle; Music and Temperance Committee, Maggie McCurdy, Belle McCurdy, George Carnahan, Verne Forsyth, Stella Hartford; Flower Committee, Ella McCurdy, Stella Nicholls, Jane Carnahan, Annie Reed, Edith Fulton.

Remember Our Object: To promote an earnest Christian life among its members; to increase their mutual acquaintance, and to make them more useful in the service of God.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Officers.—Dr. J. C. Nesbit, Supt.; Frank Brimmer, Ass't Supt.; George Stroud, Sec'y; Fred Patterson, Treas.

Teachers.—J. L. Patterson, Mrs. Sarah Patterson, W. M. McMurray, Mrs. Hattie Archer, J. H. Harper, Dr. W. V. Riddile, Joseph Armstrong, Mrs. N. J. Armstrong, Richard Hill, Dr. L. C. Botkin, G. M. Miller, Miss Cynthia Russell, Miss M. A. Ghrist, Mrs. A. M. Miller, A. G. Lee, Mrs. Flora G. Weaver, Miss M. E. Ghrist, Miss Mary Patterson, Miss Annie Vance, Miss Lizzie Leopold, Mrs. J. A. Lyle, Mrs. Kate E. Thompson.

ORDER OF SERVICES.

Sabbath Services.—11:30 A. M. and 7:00 P. M.

Sabbath School.—10:10 A. M.

Mid-week Prayermeeting.—Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.

Cottage Prayermeeting.—Friday, 7:00 P. M.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Thursday, 7:00 P. M.

Young Men's Prayermeeting.—Sabbath, 6:15 P. M.

Communion.—On or near first Sabbaths of January, April, July and October.

Session Meeting.—First Monday of each month, 2:00 P. M.

Women's Home and Foreign Mission-

ary Society.—Last Thursday of each month, 2:00 P. M.

Young Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society.—Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 P. M.

Golden Chain Band.—Last Saturday of each month, 2:00 P. M.

PASTOR'S SUMMARY.

Sermons preached from April 1st, 1887, to April 1st, 1889, 175; sermons in congregation by other ministers, 45; pastoral calls, 500; communions held, 8; admitted to the church on profession, 80; admitted on certificate, 75; adults baptized, 14; children baptized, 37; marriage ceremonies performed, 12; funerals attended, 20.

SABBATH SCHOOL SUMMARY.

Number of officers, 4; teachers, 22; scholars enrolled, 345; largest attendance in one day, 259; average, about 210; total money raised in school, \$283.70.

MARRIED.

"Let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

April 11, 1887, E. L. Brady, of Washington, Pa., and Mellie R. Perrine, of Burgettstown.

June 15, 1887, Frank Amos, Columbus, Ohio, and Mary V. Fisher, Morristown, Ohio.

June 16, 1887, W. C. Campbell, Hickory, Pa., and Clara Caldwell, Burgettstown.

July 4, 1887, W. E. Polen, Dennison, O., and Lottie Nicholls, Burgettstown, Pa.

Jan. 18, 1888, M. W. Scott and S. L. Dornan, both of Burgettstown, Pa.

Feb. 8, 1888, J. W. Brian and Hester Stewart, both of Hanlin Station, Pa.

March 14, 1888, J. A. Campbell, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. Mary E. Smith, of Burgettstown.

August 29, 1888, J. A. McKeown, Claysville, Pa., and Ethilind Brimmer, Burgettstown, Pa.

Oct. 4, 1888, S. W. Davis and Amanda Brown, both of Burgettstown, Pa.

Oct. 18, 1888, Dr. J. Z. McBride and Mary McGregor, both of Burgettstown, Pa.

Oct. 30, 1888, J. C. White and Margaret Johnson, both of Burgettstown, Pa.

Jan. 2, 1889, J. M. Russell and Mary Proudfit, both of Burgettstown, Pa.

March 27, 1889, J. G. Shane and Jennie E. Henwood, both of Burgettstown, Pa.

MEMBERS DISMISSED.

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Aug. 1888, J. M. Russell and Mrs. Russell, to Bellaire, Ohio; Magdaline Langangham, to Candor; Mrs. Emily H. Vance, to Cross Creek, Pa.; Mrs. S. E. McQuistin, to Centreville, Pa.; Mrs. Mellie Brady, to Washington, Pa.; Sept., 1888, Mrs. Ethilind McKeown, to U. P. church, Claysville; Oct. 29, 1888, Mr. Cornelius Noah, Mrs. Barbara J. Noah, James Noah, to Hazelwood, Pa.; B. S. Fenimore, Lizzie H. Fenimore, to Jewett, O.; Mrs. Lottie Polen, to Station B, Ohio; Miss Maggie Pyles, to —————; James Dunbar, Margaret Dunbar, Mary E. Dunbar, Thomas Dunbar, to Candor, Pa.; June, 1888, Mrs. Ella P. Boyd, to Steubenville, O.; Oct. 5, 1888, Mrs. Mary Atkinson, 6th Pittsburgh; Nov. 9, 1888, Mrs. W. E. Fisher, to Columbus, Ohio; Jan. 5, 1889, M. R. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Harper Allen, to Washington, Pa.; March 4, 1889, W. G. Scott, to Wellsville, Ohio.; Mrs. Mary Pyles to McDonald, Pa.

THE DEPARTED.

"If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

MCELHANY:—May 4, 1887, William M. McElhany, aged 13 months, 6 days.

"Lord, God, the Spirit! purify
My thoughts, bind fast my life to thee;
So shall I meet my babe on high,
Though he may not return to me."

BRADLEY.—May 19, 1887, Dr. T. W. Bradley, in the 75th year of his age.

One who knew him well has written this of him: "Dr. Bradley was one of our very best citizens and his character was above reproach. Plain and unassuming in dress and manner, he yet possessed all those finer feelings and tastes and graces of mind which constitute the man, the christian and the true gentleman; and these, coupled with his social nature and more than ordinary intelligence, made him a delightful companion. He was generous and benevolent, and there are many in the community to-day who can testify to his kindness of heart and sympathetic nature. In his deeds of charity he was not ostentatious, but liberally obeyed the scriptural injunction, 'Give not alms to be seen of men.' "

CRAWFORD.—July 3, 1887, Mrs. Ann Maria Crawford, in the 81st year of her age.

Mrs. Crawford was one of the charter members of our church. She was permitted to live to see this "planting of the Lord" grow to be a large and strong tree; but the reaper, Death, with relentless sickle, is ever busy here and there cutting down by times the old and the young, the great and the small. When little more than four score this "mother in Israel" came in his path and fell asleep in Jesus.

"Of all the thoughts of God that are
Born inward unto souls afar,
Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if that any is
For gift of Grace surpassing this—
'He giveth his beloved sleep.' "

RANKIN.—July 17, 1887, James Rankin, in the 77th year of his age.

After a long life, 28 years of which he held the office of ruling elder in the Presbyterian church of Prospect, Mr. Rankin's supply of strength was cut off and now the place that so long knew him shall know him nomore for ever. His friends, while sad because of

the parting, sorrow not as those who have no hope.

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me."

SMITH.—September 3, 1887, John M. Smith, in the 74th year of his age.

John M. Smith was born August 12, 1814, near Paris, Pa., and died near McDonald, Pa., September 3, 1887. The deceased lived in Burgettstown some eight years. During his sojourn here, (about 1883) he united with the Presbyterian church under the ministration of the late Rev. J. T. Fredericks. He lived an exemplary life until death. He was much loved by all who knew him, being very quiet and affable in his way and manner of life. He was a kind and loving husband and father. In early life he married Miss Sarah Worstle, of Carroll county, Ohio, who, with six children, mourn his loss. Mrs. Henry Leopold, of this place, is a daughter.

W. M.

BELL.—October 5, 1887, Pearl Gertrude, aged 1 year; September 19, 1888, infant daughter; children of Harry and Amanda Bell.

"Oh, not in cruelty, not in wrath,
The Reaper came that day;
'Twas an angel visited the green earth
And took the flowers away."

PROUDFIT.—March 13th, 1888, Wm. R. Proudfit, in the 21st year of his age.

The community's estimate of the modest manner, pure, pious life, active Christian efforts and noble, stimulating example of "Willie" Proudfit can neither be increased nor diminished by many words. His works do follow him, though so early in life—

"He heard a voice we did not hear,
Which said he must not stay;
He saw a hand we did not see,
Which beckoned him away."

At his funeral the pastor was assisted by Rev. W. D. Irons, who for 3 years was Willie's teacher.

SMITH. —April 7, 1888, Nora M. Smith,

aged 3 years, 7 months and 27 days.

"A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled;
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in His wisdom has recalled
The boon His love has given;
And though the body moulders here,
The soul is safe in heaven."

BUCHANAN.—April, 1888, Mrs. Margaret J. Buchanan, in the 53d year of her age.

"A mother's love! How sweet the name!
The holiest, purest, tenderest flame
That kindles from above.
Within a heart of earthly mould,
As much of heaven as heart can hold,
Nor through eternity grows cold—
That is a mother's love."

"We miss thee from our home, dear mother,
We miss thee from thy place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast,
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care;
Our home is dark without thee—
We miss thee everywhere."

GHRIST.—July, 1888, Mrs. Rachel Ghrist, in the 76th year of her age.

"Patience in suffering" was perhaps never more clearly shown than by Mrs. Ghrist during the last years of her life. Her cheerfulness in time of health was a matter of remark. When her body was drawn and bent and partly paralyzed, cheerfulness was not yet a stranger. Her strong faith and earnest desire, if it was the Lord's will, "to depart and be with Christ," which she regarded as "far better," was at last rewarded by a home where she realized that "her light affliction, which is but for a moment," had worked for her a "far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

"Though painful at present,
'Twill cease before long,
And then, Oh! how pleasant
The conquerer's song."

RUSSELL.—August 4, 1888, Mrs. Mary Ann Vincent Russell.

Mrs. Russell was a daughter of Jos. Vincent, a licentiate of the Presbytery of Ohio. Early in life she united with

the church of Mt. Prospect. Shortly afterwards the family removed to Florence, Pa., and her membership was transferred to the church of Cross Roads. After her marriage to the late John S. Russell, Esq., she became a member of the church of Raccoon. For 33 years she continued in the fellowship of that church, but since the death of her husband, for the last two years, she was a member at Burgettstown.

She knew the Christian's secret of a happy and useful life. She came of a family that love their own people. With a natural affection, strong and tender, her kindred, to however remote a degree, were made dear to her heart. This enlarged the number of those with whom she rejoiced when they rejoiced and wept when they did weep. While quite young she became a teacher in the public schools, and continued in that work 19 years. As a teacher she so won her pupils that to the end of life they cherished her friendship. She was an elder's wife 22 years. As such she was a model. Kind and prudent, able and willing to teach a class in the Sabbath School, or preside in the meetings of the Women's Missionary Society. Always and everywhere her adorning was "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which, in the sight of God is of great price." She will be remembered with honor and affection by kindred, by pupils, and by those whose hearts were bound to hers by ties of Christian love.

G. M. K.

BOYD.—Aug. 17, 1888, Robert Earl Boyd, aged 2 years.

"Another hand is beckoning us,
Another call is given;
And glows once more with angel steps
The path which reaches heaven."

SMITH.—Sept. 5th, 1888, Andrew F. Smith, in the 77th year of his age. He who for so many years called the people to the sanctuary; he who tolled the funeral knell of so many who went be-

fore, was reported as ill, and then, the "sexton is dead." And the places in the community, and the place in the church, that so long knew him shall know him no more forever. We are not without hope that he was called to a service in that sanctuary where it is never said, "He is growing too old."

COWAN.—Nov. 6, 1888, Mrs. Cowan, aged about 65 years.

After a long life of hard toil, some joy, and much sorrow, Mrs. Cowan came to her last brief illness. The latter part of her life, at least, seemed to be marked by that simple, childlike faith that should characterize the professing Christian. Those who mourn her loss, therefore, have the hope that she was called to that home where all is joy, and sorrow is unknown.

WHITAKER.—Nov. 8th, 1888, Mrs. Jane Moore Whitaker, in the 76th year of her age.

Jane Moore, relict of Deacon Whitaker, was born in Washington Co., Pa., June, 1812. For more than 60 years Mrs. Whitaker was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, uniting in early life with the church at Cross Creek. After her marriage she united with the church at Cross Roads (Florence), then living in Hanover township. Her husband removing in 1848 to his farm near Burgettstown (now a part of the borough), she became one of the charter members of this church. She had been a widow for 13 years. Of seven children, six have gone before, leaving one daughter, Martha, wife of G. M. Tenan, Esq., to mourn her loss, but not as one without hope.

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JOHNSTON.—Alvan D., son of Mrs. Alice J. Johnston, Dec. 6, 1888, in his 11th year.

"Thou touchest us lightly, O God, in our grief!
But how rough is thy touch in our prosperous
hours;
All was bright, but thou camest, so dreadful and
brief,

way. Those who unite with the Presbyterian Church should be in general sympathy with the doctrine and order, but of candidates for admission only a profession of acceptance and belief of gospel truth is required. Anyone who heartily accepts the Bible as the word of God, and who could subscribe to the "Apostle's Creed?" would meet the requirements as to this point. The church is meant to be the home of plain people whose advantages have been meagre, as well as of accomplished scholars, and while knowledge is to be prized and sought, examination in formal theology is not exacted of candidates for admission to the church. The church is meant to be a school, and those who know the rudiments of religion, and desire to be learners at the feet of Jesus, are made welcome.

Chief stress is laid upon religious experience, the experimental knowledge of Christ. There should be a work of grace in the heart, renewal of the corrupt nature by the holy spirit, a sense of sin and repentance on account of it, a cordial looking into Christ and acceptance of Him as the divine Redeemer, and a settled determination to serve and follow him. Some think they should wait until they can bring great stores of knowledge, others until they have made themselves good. This is a mistake. This is to forget the very nature and object of the church, and to try to bring to it just what it is designed to give. The church is a nursery and a school for all sincere disciples of Christ, though in knowledge and attainments they be but as tender plants or as young children. To several of those whom our Lord called into the apostleship he said simply, "Follow me." Are you willing and wishing to do the same? Then the church, with its blessed privileges, is for you. He calls to himself all who "labor and are heavy laden." Does this language describe the feeling of your heart? Then by all means go to him and ac-

cept his offered rest. If you fail to do so you grieve the heart of the loving Jesus and wrong your own soul.

Some persons are possessed of a nervous dread of "coming before Session" with a view to their admission to fellowship with the church. This is needless and should be dismissed. As doorkeepers in the house of God, the pastor and elders are set, not to deter or perplex, but to encourage and welcome all sincere applicants for recognition as disciples of the meek and lowly Jesus. All the questions ordinarily asked are such as come easy to all those who draw their answers from a genuine religious experience. Do you accept the Bible as the Word of God? Does your knowledge of your own breast confirm what it teaches in regard to the sinfulness of men? What is sin? Have you felt yourself a sinner in God's sight and in need of his pardoning mercy? What is repentance? Have you with penitent heart confessed your sin to God and asked his forgiveness? Do you now declare your determination to renounce the devil and all his works? What is faith in Christ? Do you cordially accept Christ as offered in the Gospel and rest alone in him for salvation? Do you acknowledge Christ as Master, engaging, so far as you may have strength, to follow him and keep his commandments? Will you use diligently the means of grace, and submit yourself in the Lord to the proper oversight and discipline of the church? Really, the one condition of membership in the Christian church is *faith in the Lord Jesus Christ*, and whoever can sincerely and satisfactorily answer the above questions can confidently meet any session in the land, and ought to make public profession of faith without delay.—REV. D. H. SLOAN, D. D.

DISCIPLINE.

Discipline in the church is one of the many things oftentimes misunderstood

Like a thunderbolt falling in gardens of flowers.
 Yet, oh! for that voice which is thrilling through
 heaven!
 One moment my ears with its music to slake!
 Oh, no! not for worlds would I have him re-
 given!
 Yet I long to have back what I would not retake.

SCOTT.—March 7th, 1889, Finley
 Scott, in the 32d year of his age.

"Leaves have their time to fall,
 And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath;
 And stars to set; but all—
 Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

In the suddenness with which this
 one's mind was darkened, and there-
 fore the lack of death-bed warning to
 him, in a special manner causes us to
 rejoice that early in life he accepted
 that Savior who makes "light to shine
 in darkness." Let it be to us a voice
 saying, "Be ye also ready." Let that
 readiness be our chief thought.

"Nothing is worth a thought beneath.
 But how we may escape that death
 That never, never dies;
 How make our own election sure,
 And when we fail on earth secure
 A mansion in the skies."

CAMPBELL.—March 25th, 1889, John
 Campbell, in the 74th year of his age.

For several weeks it was evident
 that of Mr. Campbell it would soon be
 said, "He is dead." Though many
 years had been his and much religious
 instruction had been received by him,
 yet one week before death he had not
 made a profession of faith in Christ;
 but as he neared the Jordan he felt the
 need of a sustaining arm. None offer-
 ed save Jesus; he accepted just before it
 was too late. The session met in his
 sick room, heard his profession and his
 request to be admitted into the church.
 He was there baptized, and a little
 group of elders and friends joined with
 him in partaking of the emblems of
 the broken body and shed blood of
 Christ.

"Are we not tending upward, too,
 As fast as time can move?
 Nor should we wish the hours more slow,
 To keep us from our love."

PERIODICALS.

The country is flooded with cheap,
 trashy, poisonous literature. If care
 is not taken, it will find its way into
 Christian homes and weaken the minds,
 poison the hearts and corrupt the lives
 of those children which have been ded-
 icated to the Lord. Young people will
 have something to read besides the
 text-books used in our schools, or the
 Bible. In order to meet this require-
 ment and to stimulate the study of the
 scriptures, every household should re-
 ceive weekly one or more religious pa-
 pers. In this particular our church
 has made most encouraging advance-
 ment during the past year, until now
 the following periodicals come into our
 families:

WEEKLY.—*Presbyterian Banner*, 30
 copies; *Herald and Presbyter*, 20; *Inter-
 interior*, 2; *New York Observer*, 3; *Christian
 Statesman*, 1; *Sunday School Times*, 12;
Golden Rule, 1.

MONTHLY.—*National Presbyterian*,
 11; *Church at Home and Abroad*, 24;
Woman's Work for Woman, 22; *Home
 Mission Monthly*, 24; *Children's Work
 for Children*, 64.

The Sabbath School has distributed
 semi-monthly, *Forward*, 100 copies;
 monthly, *Sabbath School Visitor*, 100;
Temperance Banner, 100; *Westminster
 Teacher*, 18; weekly, *Sunbeam*, 50 cop-
 ies, charts, 3; map, 1.

The receiving and reading of these
 is as the scattering of much good seed.
 Let such seed be sown in every house-
 hold represented in our church, and
 under the blessing of God the harvest
 will be abundant.

JOINING THE CHURCH.

Making a public profession of faith
 in the Lord Jesus Christ and thus com-
 ing into union and fellowship with his
 people is a step so important that no
 one should take it rashly or indifferently.
 The heart's firm choice of Christ
 and his service should always lead the

and unappreciated. Doubtless it is sometimes misused, but a more common fault on the part of those in authority is neglect of discipline. When the latter is the case, greater or less injury is done to the people of God, since godly persons may be deterred from uniting with the church because of its impurity. Therefore, when discipline is neglected great harm is wrought, and great blame attaches to those who rule in the house of God. It is written "but now I have written unto you, not to keep company; if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner, with such an one, no, not to eat."

Suppose, then, discipline were wholly neglected, what can the pious do but "Come out of her, my people, that be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues" For the sake of the church discipline is necessary and enjoined by the "Word." Lest injury be thereby done to the one sinning, discipline should not be neglected. Few things would tend more to confirm him in his carelessness, self-deception and sin, than by the church taking no note of it; while an orderly, meek, solemn and impartial exercise of discipline might, most probably would, bring the offender to see his sin, and humble, reclaim and edify him, and the church would exclaim in the words of the apostle: "Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." From Dr. F. Robertson and others we learn that the history of church discipline has been that the *neglect* rather than the exercise of it hardens the sinner. As one has well said, "If in his pride and obstinacy the one sinning disregarded the advantages which flow from it, when received in the right spirit, the rulers of the church are not to be deterred from their duty any more than

the minister of the gospel from preaching, because many are hardened by it and their guilt and danger increased."

Members of session, then exercise scriptural discipline, orderly, meekly, solemnly and impartially. Offender, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first work." Let pastor and people seek to restore such an one to our fellowship and communion.

THANKS.

For increase of salary, April, 1888.

For the vacations granted.

For the hearty co-operation in all the work.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

Notify your pastor of any sickness in your family.

Do not fault him for not calling until you are sure he has been notified.

Where there is not sickness do not expect him more than once a year.

Tell him of places where a little attention is needed.

Encourage him and others by regular attendance upon every public service.

In presenting children for baptism, do not forget to send a card with the child's name, date of birth and names of parents.

Welcome newcomers to our church. Introduce them to others and make them feel it is their church home.

Read carefully the cards or pamphlets that may be handed you as you pass from the church. They contain information concerning the church of Christ.

NEEDED.

Fifty (50) or more Presbyterian Hymnals marked "Property of Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown, Pa.," placed in the seats of our church for the use of those who do not have

hymn books of their own.

More young men to attend the Young Men's Prayermeeting.

The unsightly, dangerous steps taken from in front of the church and a nicely graded walk made from the boardwalk to the church door.

More of our members to attend the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Meetings.

A chapel in which to hold prayer-meetings, etc., etc.

More men and boys to contribute to the salary of Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, D. D., in India.

More of our people to subscribe for and read our church papers and magazines.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

Our beautified house of worship.

Our increased membership.

Our growing liberality.

The large number of church papers and magazines taken by our people.

The prospect of soon being out of debt.

Large attendance at preaching services, mid-week prayermeetings, Y. P. S. C. E. meetings and missionary meetings.

The adoption of the envelope system for collecting salary.

The promptness with which the pastor has received his salary.

The good condition of our Treasury.

The training in giving to the Lord received by the children in the Sabbath School.

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For him I have always had the highest regard. To him I went for aid when I determined to publish this account of our church. I not only followed his plan in general, but finding his Scripture quotations relating to marriage, members dismissed, etc., so apt, and his article on "Joining the Church" so good, I requote and publish them.

Valuable suggestions were also received from the cultured and popular pastor of Central Church, Cincinnati, the Rev. J. J. Frances, D. D., whose friendship I knew—for he always had a kind word for the boys—and whose preaching I enjoyed when he was the honored pastor at Freeport, Pa.

Also aid, in preparing obituary notices, from our local historian, Wm. Melvin.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

CORRECTED APRIL 1, 1889.

Corrections to this roll should be forwarded immediately to the pastor.

- 1 Andrews, Amanda B.
- 2 Abell, Lucinda.
- 3 Abell, Mrs. Mary C.
- 4 Abell, Callie.
- 5 Allen, Edward.
- 6 Anderson, Mrs. Kate.
- 7 Armor, J. Ray.
- 8 Allender, Mrs. Melissa F.
- 9 Archer, Wm. Lee.
- 10 Archer, Mrs. Hattie L.
- 11 Archer, Hattie B.
- 12 Archer, Sudie.
- 13 Armstrong, Joseph.
- 14 Armstrong, Mrs. A. J.
- 15 Aiken, Mrs. Lulu.
- 16 Andrews, William.
- 17 Abell, Mrs. Elizabeth J.
- 18 Anderson, Fessie.
- 19 Botkin, Dr. L. C.
- 20 Botkin, Mrs. Annie C.
- 21 Bradley, Mrs. Elizabeth J.
- 22 Berryhill, Alexander.
- 23 Berryhill, Mrs. Catharine A.
- 24 Berryhill, Ella.
- 25 Brimmer, William.

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| 27 | Brimner, Mrs. Susan. | 77 | Fredericks, Mrs. Mary. |
| 28 | Brimner, Thomas. | 78 | Fredericks, W. James. |
| 29 | Brimner, Frank. | 79 | Fredericks, David. |
| 30 | Blair, William. | 80 | Fredericks, John, Sr. |
| 31 | Blair, Mrs. Asenath A. | 81 | Fredericks, Mrs. Lydia. |
| 32 | Boyd, Mrs. Cora. | 82 | Fulton, John J. |
| 33 | Boyd, Mrs. Hannah J. | 83 | Fulton, Mrs. Margaret. |
| 34 | Buchanan, Laura B. | 84 | Fulton, William S. |
| 35 | Beal, Wm. S. | 85 | Fulton, Mrs. Mary E. |
| 36 | Beal, Mrs. Jennie A. | 86 | Fulton, Mrs. Belle. |
| 37 | Brockman, Harry E. | 87 | Farner, James M. |
| 38 | Byers, Amanda. | 88 | Farner, Mrs. Owella M. |
| 39 | Bilderback, Andrew B. | 89 | Forsyth, Wm. C. |
| 40 | Bilderback, Mrs. Amanda. | 90 | Forsyth, Mrs. Margaret. |
| 41 | Boyd, Wm. C. | 91 | Forsyth, Thomas. |
| 42 | Bingham, Mary A. | 92 | Falconer, Mrs. Julia A. |
| 43 | Boyd, Thomas J. | 93 | Ghrist, Jane. |
| 44 | Boyd, Mrs. Maggie J. | 94 | Ghrist, Sarah M. |
| 45 | Bryan, Hester A. S. | 95 | Ghrist, Mattie A. |
| 46 | Bell, Amanda M. | 96 | Ghrist, Lizzie M. |
| 47 | Cunningham, John B. | 97 | Green, Mrs. Mary A. |
| 48 | Cunningham, Mrs. Samantha S. | 98 | Gilbert, Mrs. Hattie R. |
| 49 | Cunningham, Dakin W. | 99 | Garrison, Mrs. Mary. |
| 50 | Cunningham, James A. | 100 | Garrison, Mrs. Bertha. |
| 51 | Cochran, Samuel L. | 101 | Gillespie, Mrs. Henrietta. |
| 52 | Cochran, Mrs. Margaret B. | 102 | Gillespie, Ada. |
| 53 | Cochran, Mrs. Agnes M. | 103 | Gillespie, Eva. |
| 54 | Culley, Mrs. Ellen. | 104 | Garrison, Mrs. Anna L. |
| 55 | Curry, Oliver S. | 105 | Harper, J. H. |
| 56 | Curry, Mrs. Sarah L. | 106 | Harper, Mrs. Mary A. |
| 57 | Curry, Mrs. Agnes. J. | 107 | Harper, Belle. |
| 58 | Crider, Mrs. Melinda. | 108 | Hill, Richard. |
| 59 | Campbell, Mrs. Clara. | 109 | Hill, Mrs. Sarah E. |
| 60 | Cole, Mrs. | 110 | Hill, Nannie N. |
| 61 | Cavert, Mrs. Mary. | 111 | Hill, William H. |
| 62 | Carnahan, Georgia. | 112 | Hays, Alexander. |
| 63 | Christy, Mrs. M. O. | 113 | Hays, Lizzie. |
| 64 | Caldwell, Levi. | 114 | Hays, Ella J. |
| 65 | Caldwell, Sarah E. | 115 | Hartford, Alex. |
| 66 | Campbell, Mrs. M. E. | 116 | Hartford, Mrs. Hannah. |
| 67 | Dunbar, Mrs. Rebecca V. | 117 | Hartford, Stella B. |
| 68 | Dunbar, Mary. | 118 | Hemphill, John. |
| 69 | Dornan, William. | 119 | Hemphill, Mrs. Margaret. |
| 70 | Dornan, Mrs. Permillia T. | 120 | Hays, Mrs. Mary A. |
| 71 | Dornan, Elizabeth. | 121 | Hoffman, Daniel. |
| 72 | Elliott, Albert. | 122 | Hoffman, Ada. |
| 73 | Elliott, Mrs. Kate M. | 123 | Hartford, Mrs. Sarah J. |
| 74 | Enoch, Mrs. Mattie. | 124 | Irvine, Lida. |
| 75 | Elder, C. M. | 125 | Irving, Mrs. Mellie G. |

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| 126 | Johnston, Sarah. | 176 | Mayo, Frank, Jr. |
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| 128 | Kelso, James P. | 178 | McGregor, Mrs. S. G. |
| 129 | Kelso, Mrs. Belle M. | 179 | McBride, Mrs. Mary M. |
| 130 | Kennedy, Mrs. Mary. | 180 | McGregor, Maggie. |
| 131 | Lee, Albert G. | 181 | McClure, Alex. C. |
| 132 | Lee, Mrs. Annie B. | 182 | McClure, Mrs. Nancy C. |
| 133 | Lee, Albert B. | 183 | McFadyean, Mrs. Matilda C. |
| 134 | Lee, Mrs. Pauline B. | 184 | McNary, Joseph R. |
| 135 | Lee, Nannie H. | 185 | McNary, Mrs. Kate W. |
| 136 | Lowry, Mrs. Susan. | 186 | Morgan, Samuel. |
| 137 | Lyle, Wm. K. | 187 | McCombs, Mrs. Jennie. |
| 138 | Lyle, Mrs. Jane A. | 188 | McFadyean, Mrs. Elva. |
| 139 | Lyle, Agnes. | 189 | McFarland, John A. |
| 140 | Lyle, Aaron. | 190 | McFarland, Sarah A. |
| 141 | Lyle, Hattie S. | 191 | Martin, W. J. |
| 142 | Leith, James. | 192 | Martin, Mrs. W. J. |
| 143 | Leith, Mrs. Mary. | 193 | Martin, Mary. |
| 144 | Leith, Hugh. | 194 | McCurdy, Ella P. |
| 145 | Leopold, Elizabeth. | 195 | McNary, Mrs. Margretta. |
| 146 | Leopold, Mrs. Maria C. | 196 | Manson, Lizzie H. |
| 147 | Link, Mrs. Rachel. | 197 | Marquis, Mrs. Clara A. |
| 148 | Lee, Mary. | 198 | Miller, Mrs. Anna M. |
| 149 | Miller, George M. | 199 | Moore, Mrs. Lizzie H. |
| 150 | Miller, Mrs. A. Manilla. | 200 | McCurdy, William L. |
| 151 | McElhany, Wm. Marshall. | 201 | Nesbit, Dr. J. C. |
| 152 | McElhany, Mrs. Rachel M. | 202 | Nesbit, Mrs. Annie. |
| 153 | McElhany, Joseph F. | 203 | Neil, Mrs. Jennie H. |
| 154 | McElhany, Mrs. Margaret. | 204 | Neil, Nina B. |
| 155 | McCurdy, Maggie. | 205 | Neal, Mrs. Rebecca. |
| 156 | McCurdy, Belle. | 206 | Nicholls, John K. |
| 157 | McFarland, Samuel T. | 207 | Nicholls, Mrs. Jane E. |
| 158 | McFarland, Mrs. Dora T. | 208 | Nicholls, Lizzie. |
| 159 | McFarland, Mary. | 209 | Nicholls, Edith. |
| 160 | McFarland, Sarah B. | 210 | Nicholls, Laura H. |
| 161 | McCabe, Mrs. Lottie P. | 211 | Nicholls, Stella P. |
| 162 | McCabe, Leila C. | 212 | Nye, Thomas. |
| 163 | McCabe, Daisy E. | 213 | Nye, Mrs. Carrie. |
| 164 | McCabe, Wm. D. | 214 | Patterson, James L. |
| 165 | McMurray, Henry B. | 215 | Patterson, Mrs. Sarah. |
| 166 | McMurray, Mrs. Annie C. | 216 | Patterson, Mary L. |
| 167 | McMurray, W. Martin. | 217 | Patterson, Ada J. |
| 168 | McMurray, Mrs. M. Julia. | 218 | Patterson, Bessie. |
| 169 | Moore, Mrs. Margaret. | 219 | Patterson, Annie. |
| 170 | Moore, John. | 220 | Patterson, J. Frederick. |
| 171 | McBride, Mrs. Mary. | 221 | Patterson, Mrs. Ossie M. |
| 172 | McCarrell, Louise. | 222 | Pyles, John. |
| 173 | McCarrell, Lizzie A. | 223 | Pyles, Rachel A. |
| 174 | Mayo, Frank. | 224 | Pyles, Joshua. |
| 175 | Mayo, Mrs. Margaret J. | 225 | Pyles, Mrs. Mary A. |

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| 226 | Pyles, Wm. Albert. | 276 | Rankin, Mrs. Martha. |
| 227 | Pyles, Mrs. Martha J. | 277 | Rankin, Jane. |
| 228 | Pyles, Harry M. | 278 | Russell, S. Miller. |
| 229 | Pyles, Mrs. Louisa. | 279 | Russell, Mrs. Mary P. |
| 230 | Pyles, Mrs. M. E. | 280 | Russell, Cynthia. |
| 231 | Proudfit, William. | 281 | Russell, Agnes C. |
| 232 | Proudfit, Mrs. Kate. | 282 | Russell, Ellen E. |
| 233 | Proudfit, John. | 283 | Russell, Mrs. Mattie. |
| 234 | Proudfit, A. C. | 284 | Russell, M. M. |
| 235 | Proudfit, Mrs. Rowvena. | 285 | Riddile, John. |
| 236 | Proudfit, Samuel R. | 286 | Riddile, Mrs. Rebecca. |
| 237 | Proudfit, Kate B. | 287 | Riddile, Annie. |
| 238 | Proudfit, Mrs. Nancy D. | 288 | Riddile, Dr. W. V. |
| 239 | Perrine, Mrs. Martha A. | 289 | Riddile, Mrs. Emma R. |
| 240 | Perrine, Rena V. | 290 | Riddile, Mamie J. |
| 241 | Perrine, Kate S. | 291 | Riddile, Samuel P. |
| 242 | Perrine, Oliver. | 292 | Riddile, Lizzie M. |
| 243 | Perrine, Mrs. Jennie. | 293 | Riddile, Sue M. |
| 244 | Perrine, Joseph. | 294 | Riddile, Ella S. |
| 245 | Perrine, Mrs. Ellen. | 295 | Riddile, Edward P. |
| 246 | Pennington, Frank M. | 296 | Rice, Mary P. |
| 247 | Pennington, Mrs. Mary. | 297 | Rice, Bertha. |
| 248 | Pettibone, Mrs. Cornelia. | 298 | Reed, William T. |
| 249 | Porter, Emma. | 299 | Reed, Mrs. Margaret M. |
| 250 | Pry, David M. | 300 | Reed, Anna L. |
| 251 | Pry, Mrs. Mary L. | 301 | Reed, Thomas. |
| 252 | Pry, Nora L. | 302 | Reed, Mrs. Jane. |
| 253 | Pry, Jennie O. | 303 | Reed, Ella. |
| 254 | Pry, Mrs. Sarah. | 304 | Ritchie, Mrs. Israel. |
| 255 | Powelson, John. | 305 | Ross, John. |
| 256 | Powelson, Mrs. Janet. | 306 | Ross, Mrs. Martha. |
| 257 | Pate, Emma O. | 307 | Ross, Minerva. |
| 258 | Proctor, Lizzie J. | 308 | Robb, Mrs. Mary. |
| 259 | Proctor, Mrs. Johnson. | 309 | Shipley, Tolbert. |
| 260 | Peters, Eva E. | 310 | Shipley, Mrs. Ellen. |
| 261 | Peters, Mary A. | 311 | Shipley, Annie D. |
| 262 | Peters, Mrs. Martha E. | 312 | Shipley, Lilburn. |
| 263 | Patterson, Ada. | 313 | Shipley, Mrs. Minnie J. |
| 264 | Patterson, Margaret. | 314 | Shipley, Rachel A. |
| 265 | Rankin, J. L. | 315 | Stewart, James. |
| 266 | Rankin, Mrs. Elizabeth. | 316 | Stewart, Mrs. Susanna. |
| 267 | Rankin, Joseph J. | 317 | Stewart, Ida May. |
| 268 | Rankin, Mrs. Maggie. | 318 | Stewart, Robert A. |
| 269 | Rankin, Ida M. | 319 | Stewart, John F. |
| 270 | Rankin, Mary L. | 320 | Stewart, Mrs. Sarah. |
| 271 | Rankin, Elgie A. | 321 | Stewart, Mrs. Jeanette. |
| 272 | Rankin, Allie B. | 322 | Stuart, Mrs. Allie J. |
| 273 | Rankin, Artie L. | 323 | Stroud, Mrs. Joanna. |
| 274 | Rankin, James F. | 324 | Stroud, George S. |
| 275 | Rankin, Mrs. Mary A. | 325 | Smith, Mrs. Mary. |

326 Smith, Mrs. Ollie C.
 327 Smith, Mrs. Sarah J.
 328 Smith, Nannie M.
 329 Smith, Nettie.
 330 Spencer, Mrs. Margaret H.
 331 Spencer, Cornelia.
 332 Stephenson, R. T. C.
 333 Stephenson, Mrs. Charlotte W.
 334 Stephenson, Sadie.
 335 Stephenson, Mrs. Harriet M.
 336 Stephenson, Mrs. Sarah E.
 337 Scott, Matthew W.
 338 Scott, Mrs. Lizzie D.
 339 Scott, John.
 340 Scott, Mrs. M. A.
 341 Scott, Finley, Sr.
 342 Scott, Mrs. Teressa.
 343 Scott, Clara A.
 344 Scott, Belle T.
 345 Scott, Laura A.
 346 Scott, Annie E.
 347 Scott, May.
 348 Scott, Mrs. Annetta.
 349 Scott, Mrs. Alice.
 350 Scott, Lizzie.
 351 Simpson, William R.
 352 Simpson, Mrs. Mary B.
 353 Shields, Mrs. Sarah.
 354 Sharp, Lizzie.
 355 Studa, Mrs. Emma C.
 356 Searight, James.
 357 Searight, Mrs. Nancy.
 358 Thompson, Robert H.
 359 Thompson, Mrs. Kate E.
 360 Tucker, Mrs. Jane.
 361 Taylor, Mrs. Susan.
 362 Vance, John.
 363 Vance, Mrs. Mary.
 364 Vance, Mrs. Mary J.
 365 Vance, Harry G.
 366 Vance, Terrissa N.
 367 Vance, Mrs. Alice M.
 368 Vance, Anna M.
 369 Vance, Mary A.
 370 VanEman, Jennie.
 371 Westlake, Mrs. Louisa.
 372 Walker, Mrs. Eliza.
 373 Walker, Jane.
 374 Woodrow, Mrs. Melissa.
 375 Weaver, Mrs. Flora G.

376 Watt, Stephen S.
 377 Watt, Mrs. Isabella.
 378 Watt, Flora E.
 379 Watt, Ada B.
 380 Watt, Luella.
 381 Wise, T. H. A.
 382 White, John C.
 383 White, Mrs. Margaret.

BAPTIZED MEMBERS

OVER 12 YEARS OF AGE.

The letter (a.) after names indicates adults.

Abell, Everett L.
 Abell, Anna P.
 Boyd, Laurence P. (a.)
 Boyd, John G. (a.)
 Bilderback, Wm. T. (a.)
 Bilderback, Thomas O. (a.)
 Bilderback, Gabriel E. (a.)
 Beall, Kate.
 Beall, John H.
 Blair, Wm. C. (a.)
 Blair, David M. (a.)
 Blair, Andrew T. (a.)
 Blair, George M. (a.)
 Blair, Frank S. (a.)
 Blair, Bernard V. (a.)
 Buchanan, John E. (a.)
 Bilderback, Harry J.
 Crider, Anna B.
 Curry, Mary W.
 Cole, Eveline M.
 Campbell, John L. (a.)
 Dunbar, Wm. V. (a.)
 Dunbar, James G. (a.)
 Elder, John C.
 Elder, Wm. W.
 Fulton, David R. (a.)
 Fulton, Charles W. (a.)
 Fulton, Edwin F. (a.)
 Falconer, Isabella L.
 Fredericks, John. (a.)
 Gregory, Fannie W.
 Gillespie, James.
 Gillespie, William M.
 Gillespie, John O. G.
 Hill, John L.
 Hartford, John F.

Irving, Rebecca.
 Irving, Henry.
 Irving, Ira H. (a.)
 Irving, Charles.
 Johnson, Thomas.
 Johnson, Wm. C.
 Johnson, John S.
 Kennedy, Mary J. (a.)
 Kennedy, James H. (a.)
 Lee, Robert M.
 Lyle, Wilford C.
 Miller, Mrs. B. C. (Fulton). (a.)
 McNary, Frank B.
 McNary, Wm. A.
 McElhany, Geo. A. (a.)
 McCabe, Edwin P. (a.)
 Moore, Joseph L. (a.)
 Moore, Samuel D. (a.)
 Marquis, Amber G. (a.)
 Marquis, Mary L. (a.)
 Marquis, Anna B.
 Marquis, Orrin K.
 Marquis, Clara.
 Mayo, Margaret L.
 Mayo, Charles L.
 Mayo, Mary.
 McCombs, Samuel.
 McCombs, Henry L.
 McGregor, Henry H.
 McNary, Bessie J.
 McFarland, Tillie J.
 McFarland, Robert E.
 McFarland, John K. (a.)
 Morgan, Isaac. (a.)
 Neil, J. G. (a.)
 Neil, Jennie M.
 Neal, McG.
 Neal, Mary.
 Nicholls, Thomas F. (a.)
 Nicholls, Samuel M. (a.)
 Nicholls, A. May.
 Pry, Mary G.
 Pry, Edward B.
 Pettibone, Laura L.
 Pettibone, Sarah C.
 Russell, Thomas M. (a.)
 Russell, Wm. A. (a.)
 Russell, Benton H. (a.)
 Rankin, Orion P. (a.)
 Rankin, Ruby R.

Riddile, Samuel. (a.)
 Riddile, Patterson. (a.)
 Reed, Samuel M.
 Rankin, Maggie L.
 Riddile, Alberta.
 Riddile, Samuel (a.)
 Riddile, Fred. C.
 Riddile, Harry S. B.
 Shields, Mary E. (a.)
 Stevenson, Robt. P. (a.)
 Stevenson, Edmund J. R. (a.)
 Stevenson, Thomas W. B. (a.)
 Shipley, John B. (a.)
 Spencer, Thomas W.
 Spencer, Rosalie W.
 Stewart, Dora B.
 Stewart, James D.
 Scott, Francis L. (a.)
 Scott, Thomas F. (a.)
 Scott, John E.
 Scott, Bessie Belle.
 Scott, Tillie M.
 Scott, Andrew H. (a.)
 Scott, John A. (a.)
 Scott, Finley I.
 Scott, Samuel M.
 Scott, Lola M. M.
 Searight, Ella. (a.)
 Searight, Anna. (a.)
 Searight, Nettie P.
 Searight, Jennie O.
 Smith, William F.
 Stephenson, Harry H. (a.)
 Stephenson, John R. (a.)
 Stephenson, C. Belle.
 Stephenson, William T.
 Stephenson, Robert B.
 Stephenson, Albert C.
 Stephenson, Grace.
 Stewart, Elizabeth. (a.)
 Vance, Charles M. (a.)
 Vance, Margaret B.
 Vance, Allison M.

BAPTIZED MEMBERS.

UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE.

Abell, Edward A.
 Abell, Bertha M.
 Aiken, Flora May.

Aiken, J. Roy.
Boyd, Ora.
Boyd, Thomas Guy.
Boyd, Percy Andrew.
Boyd, Viola B.
Bilderback, Joshua P.
Beall, Samuel C.
Beall, Charles F.
Beall, Ira F.
Botkin, Mary C.
Botkin, Grace J.
Curry, Ethel W.
Curry, Margretta.
Curry, Bertha.
Curry, Louella.
Curry, Gladys M.
Elliott, Chalmers.
Elliott, Alice.
Elliott, Robbie M.
Farner, Walter C.
Farner, Mary J.
Farner, Joseph V.
Farner, James W.
Farner, Charles H.
Fulton, Edith M.
Falconer, John B. L.
Falconer, Belle.
Fredericks, Jas. O.
Fredericks, Edward.
Garrison, Thomas D.
Gilbert, John W.
Green, John S.
Green, Walter Bradley.
Green, Tommie L.
Hill, Susan Clara.
Hays, Ernest B.
Hays, George P.
Hays, Wylie.
Irving, Elizabeth.
Irving, Flora.
Irving, Mary Isabel.
Irving, Martha Mabel.
Irving, Ira.
Kelso, Frank.
Lee, Albert Graham.
Lee, Anna L.
Lee, Wm. B.
Lee, Lillie, L.
Lee, Lida M.
Lee, Arthur A.

Lee, Jonathan.
Leith, George.
Leith, Mary J.
Leith, Eliza M.
Lyle, Jeanette.
McMurray, Jennie M.
McMurray, Lee W.
McMurray, Henry H.
McMurray, Nellie.
McMurray, William M.
McNary, Ella W.
McNary, J. Vance.
McNary, S. Georgie.
McNary, Kate G.
McNary, Ethel R.
McClure, Frankie M.
McClure Anna L.
McClure, Iona B.
Marquis, Margaret A.
Marquis, Jeanette G.
Marquis, Ella A.
Marquis, Elsie M.
Marquis, William A.
McElhany, Jennie M.
McElhany, Tillie M.
Moore, Maggie L.
Moore, Nannie.
McCabe, Hettie. J.
Miller, S. Edna.
Mayo, Sarah E.
Mayo, Martha B.
McFarland, Samuel A.
McFarland, Bertha C.
Neil, Mamie E.
Neil, Eugene M.
Nesbit, Edwin C.
Nesbit, Wm. Bradley.
Nye, James F.
Nye, Mary M.
Perrine, Florence L.
Perrine, Joseph W.
Perrine, Henry W.
Perrine, Avery C.
Perrine, Ida May.
Proudfit, William R.
Pyles, Annie E.
Pyles, John D.
Pettibone, Effie L.
Pettibone, Lewis L.
Pettibone, Jane A.

Pyles, Robert H.
Pyles, Mary L.
Pyles, Ada B.
Rankin, Wm. Lyle.
Rankin, Mary G.
Rankin, Nora B.
Reed, Nellie F.
Reed, Blanche.
Reed, Georgie.
Reed, Mary.
Reed, Gertrude.
Simpson, Ira R.
Stuart, Mary P.
Stuart, Callie W.
Spencer, Beatrice.
Spencer, John J.
Spencer, Margaret L.
Scott, Cassie E.
Scott, Josiah G.
Scott, Ethel G.

Scott, Gracie D.
Scott, E. Edna.
Scott, Charles L.
Scott, Pet E.
Scott, Jennie B.
Studa, Francis H.
Studa, Margaret.
Studa, Clara.
Stephenson, Robt. O.
Stephenson, James B.
Stephenson, Oliver.
Stephenson, Stella.
Taylor, Dallie O.
Vance, Lebrita F.
Vance, George.
Woodrow, Leona.
Woodrow, Wm. O.
Woodrow, N. Lizzie.
Weaver, Mary M.
Westlake, Charles L.



ANNUAL STATEMENT

—OF—

Congregational and Benevolent Contributions,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1889.

Report of J. P. Kelso, Treasurer.

DEBTOR.

To Balance.....	\$ 143 24
To Pew Rent.....	1,582 90
To Am't received from Ladies, to be used in Repairing the Church.....	164 17
	<u>\$1,890 31</u>

CREDITOR.

By Pastor's Salary.....	\$1,200 00
By Sexton's Salary.....	128 22
By Coal Bill.....	31 00
By Frescoing and Scaffolding.....	195 00
By Lumber for Scaffolding.....	26 02
By Repairs to Roof, Windows, New Doors, New Register, Painting, Plastering, Cleaning Church and Bronzing Chandeliers.....	107 71
By Am't paid for use of Hall.....	5 00
By Am't paid for Crash for Aisle.....	16 78
By Balance, April 1, 1889.....	180 58
	<u>\$1,890 81</u>

Report of J. P. Kelso, Treasurer of Building Committee.

DEBTOR.

To Balance.....	\$263 73
To Collections for Church Debt.....	190 64
To Am't received from Sabbath School.....	47 81
	<u>\$502 18</u>

CREDITOR

By Interest paid on Church Debt.....	\$329 00
By Balance, April 1, 1889.....	173 18
	<u>\$502 18</u>

CHURCH DEBT.

\$3,600—interest paid to January 20, 1889, bearing 4 per cent.
 1,000—interest paid to April 7, 1889, bearing 5 per cent.
 500—interest paid to March 5 1888, bearing 5 per cent.
 500—interest paid to July 5, 1888, bearing 6 per cent.

\$5,600

Report of A. G. Lee, Treasurer of Session.

To Cash received from Collections for the Church Boards.....	\$155 16	
Centenary Relief Fund.....	5 25	
Special Collections.....	52 75	
Special Collections for Rev. J. C. R. Ewing's Salary.....	56 00	
		\$269 16
To Cash for Publications and Sabbath School Work.....	\$ 8 00	
Church Erection.....	10 24	
Home Missions.....	17 63	
Ministerial Relief.....	28 00	
Education.....	13 39	
Foreign Missions.....	31 86	
Freedmen.....	17 42	
Colleges and Academies.....	14 57	
Sustentation.....	14 05	
Centenary Relief Fund per Mrs. Martha Rankin.....	\$1 00	
Centenary Relief Fund per Mrs. Julia McMurray.....	1 25	
Centenary Relief Fund per James Farner and Wife.....	3 00	
	5 25	
Special for Dr. Vincent's Church, Superior, Neb.....	28 75	
Special for Bulgarian Student Popoff.....	24 00	
For Missions, Special to Rev. J. C. R. Ewing's Salary.....	56 00	
		\$269 16
To Cash from Collections for Assembly and Contingent Fund,	\$119 26	
		\$119 26
By Cash paid for Communion Bread for Year.....	\$ 4 00	
Communion Wine for Year.....	9 00	
General Assembly Fund.....	30 00	
Expense of Delegates to Presbytery.....	10 40	
Aid for Society of Christian Endeavor.....	3 50	
Stationery.....	50	
Church Registry Book.....	3 00	
Blank Certificates.....	1 00	
Aid for Church at Cimarron, Kansas.....	1 00	
		\$ 62 40
		\$ 56 86
Total Collections for Year.....	\$388 42	
Total Disbursement.....	331 56	
		\$56 86

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Miss Jane Ghrist, Treasurer.

HOME MISSIONS.

One Box sent to Rev. Sprowls, Missionary, Plainville, Kas.....	\$ 75 00
General Funds, (Mrs. Thompson).....	35 00
One Quilt on Hands, Value.....	2 00
Balance in Treasury.....	19 21
	\$131 21

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Mrs. Marsh, Syria.....	\$ 55 50
Medical Missions.....	19 00
Thank Offering.....	13 00
Rev. Wallace, New Mexico.....	5 55
Christmas Offering.....	8 62
Balance in Treasury.....	12
	\$101 79

Young Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Miss Maggie McCurdy, Treas.

Medical Missions.....	\$ 16 65
Foreign Missions.....	11 00
Freedmen	5 50
Home (local).....	17 54
	\$ 50 69

Golden Chain Band, Miss Jane Carnahan, Treasurer.

Foreign Missions, Support of Mrs. Marsh, Syria.....	\$ 30 00
Home Missions.....	1 00
Medical Missions.....	4 00
	\$ 35 00

Report of J. Fred Patterson, Sabbath School Treasurer.

DEBTOR.

To total amount of Collections taken in Sabbath School during the year for all purposes..... \$289 55

CREDITOR.

By Balance (overdrawn).....	\$ 2 43
By Am't paid to Church Debt.....	47 81
By Am't paid to Board of Freedmen.....	15 53
By Am't paid to Board Aid S. & C.....	16 85
By Am't paid Board of Ministerial Relief.....	10 78
By Am't paid Board of Foreign Missions.....	25 90
By Am't paid Board of Home Missions.....	34 72
By Am't paid Board of Publication & S. S. Work.....	18 06
By Am't paid out for School, for—	
Catechisms.....	2 60
Westminster Question Books.....	2 72
Temperance Banner.....	6 00
1 Teacher.....	05
4 Quarterlies.....	17
50 copies Sunbeam.....	10 00
100 copies Visitor, monthly.....	10 00
100 copies Forward, semi-monthly, 3 quarters.....	22 50
150 copies Primer Lesson Leaves.....	1 87
625 copies Lesson Leaves.....	6 78
9 Bible Lesson Pictures.....	11 25
Messenger and Express.....	50
Map and Frame.....	10 40
1 Account Book.....	25
Miscellaneous Bills.....	1 34
Balance.....	31 04
	\$289 55

SUMMARY.

Congregational Income.....	\$1,890 31
Congregational Income for Church Debt.....	502 18
Home Missions.....	231 85
Foreign Missions.....	261 55
Medical Missions.....	39 65

Sustentation.....	1 05
Church Erection.....	10 24
Board of Education.....	13 39
Ministerial Relief Fund.....	38 78
Freedmen.....	38 45
Board of Publication and S. S. Work.....	26 06
Aid for Schools and Colleges.....	31 42
Centenary Fund.....	5 25
Aid for Society of Christian Endeavor.....	3 50
Support of Sabbath School.....	119 90
General Assembly, Presbyterial and Sessional.....	57 90
Bal. in Treasury of Session, for distribution.....	56 86

\$3,341 34





**Sunday School Class of the First Presbyterian, also known as Hillcrest Church
October 10, 1933-Main Street, Burgettstown, PA**

Row 1, L-R: Mrs. Morrow, Mildred Proudfit, Roseanna Carmen, Mrs. Piersol, Mrs. Julia McMurray, Mrs. Willa Lee, Mrs. Frank Wray, Mrs. Thomas Nichols, Mrs. Ida Proudfit, Mrs. Florence Wagner, and Mrs. Ferguson.

Row 2, L-R: Mrs. Gleasner, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Bessie Scott, Mrs. Ackleson, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. _____.

Row 3, L-R: Mrs. Berry, _____, _____, and Mrs. Scott.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



First Presbyterian Church

Chartered in 1849 as the Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown
The original brick church measured 60 x 90 feet and cost about \$20,000.
The Sanctuary dedicated in 1874.

Later known as the Hillcrest Presbyterian Church.
Located on the corner of Main Street and Hillcrest Avenue, Burgettstown, PA.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Hillcrest Church, before the addition

**VACATION CHURCH
SCHOOL TO CLOSE
WITH DISPLAY, JULY 9**

The Community Vacation church school held in Burgettstown recent weeks has been a great success with 162 children enrolled as follows: Kindergarten 28, Primary 72, Junior 50 and Intermediate 12. On Friday night July 9th, at 7:30 P. M. a closing program will be given in the First United Presbyterian church. This program will consist of demonstration of work done in each department. In the Sunday School room there will be an exhibition of projects made in the school which will be worth seeing. The Council of Christian Education is well pleased with the Vacation School and expresses appreciation to the following people who have contributed to the success of the school. Twenty-nine people have worked in the Vacation School: Rev. Sutton, Rev. Flurkey, Mrs. Howard Dunbar, Miss Betty Hamill, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Betty Hamilton, Miss Betty Certich, Miss Janice Linn, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Buckwalter, Mrs. Grimes, Miss Anna Ahlborn, Miss Audrey Robinson, Miss Mary L. Robinson, Miss McKenzie, Miss Ruth Joynt, Mrs. Helen Jackson, Miss Dorothy Lynch, Miss Betty Cowden, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Flurkey, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Warren Tone, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Delanne, Mrs. J. R. Culley, Mrs. Wilbert Welch, Miss Esther Welch, Miss Lois Reed. Parents and public are invited to attend the inspiring service on Friday night. An offering will be taken to help defray the expenses of the Vacation School.

Rev. R. C. Sutton Accepts Call in Wheeling Presbytery After 23 Years In Local Church

Rev. R. C. Sutton announced to the congregation of the First United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 8, that he plans to petition the Chartiers Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Burgettstown Church in order that he may accept a call to the Wheeling Presbytery. The united charge of the First Church of Bellaire, Belmont and McMahan's Creek has been extended to him by the Wheeling Presbytery. The local church will meet on Sunday, August 22 after the morning service to act on the request.

Rev. Sutton came to Burgettstown in 1925 and has occupied the pulpit of the First United Presbyterian Church for the past 23 years. He was ordained in 1925, with his father-in-law, the late Rev. Paul J. Slonaker, Ph. D., delivering the address.

Rev. Sutton attended the Metho-



dist Ridge grade school, St. Clairsville high school, Bellaire high school and Wooster high school in Wooster, Ohio. He attended Wooster College and taught in the public schools of Holmes and Wayne counties for three years. He served in the Field Artillery in World War I and was discharged in 1918. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wooster College in 1922. Later attending the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and during his first year received the Purdy scholarship, given to six students receiving the highest grades in their class. He also received the John F. Miller prize in Philosophy and the Bachelor of Theology in 1925 from the Seminary. In 1931 he received his Master of Theology degree from the same institution.

When Rev. Sutton came to Burgettstown in 1925 he married Frances Slonaker, daughter of the late Rev. Paul J. Slonaker, Ph. D., and Mrs. Ida McKinney Slonaker.

They have two sons, Richard, a Sophomore in Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio and David a student in the eighth grade.

During Rev. Sutton's pastorate here a Moller Organ and chimies have been installed, a furnace installed, the building re-wired and new lighting fixtures installed; the floor of the sanctuary covered with carpet, the interior redecorated twice, kitchen modernized and shubbery planted around the church. The latest improvement has been the installation of modern stained glass windows.

Six hundred twenty-seven have been united with the church and one hundred fifty-eight children and eighty-one adults baptized during his pastorate. He has performed ninety-seven marriages, and conducted ninety-two funerals within the membership of the church; and one hundred sixty-one funerals for those outside of the membership.

An outstanding work of the church has been in the Beginners and Primary Departments of the Bible school. Mrs. Sutton began twenty-years ago with less than half a dozen children and within a short time ago these numbered seventy-five.

During the war Rev. and Mrs. Sutton kept in close contact with one hundred and fifty boys and helped them to learn of other service men and news from home. They did this through a quarterly news letter, and had scores of letters from the boys telling how much the letters meant to them.

It was with a heavy heart that Rev. and Mrs. Sutton made their announcement to the congregation, and the sorrowful people who filed out of church that morning told the pastor in their own ways, better than cold statistics would, that his years of service would never be forgotten.

Rev. Sutton will preach his final sermon to the congregation August 29. The Suttons expect to move to the Manse on Belmont Ridge, west of Bellaire about September 8, and begin their work there September 12.

SEVEN DISTRICT MINISTERS TO CONDUCT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Seven Community ministers will participate in the Three Hour Service in the First United Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, April 7 from 12 o'clock noon to three p. m. The Burgettstown District churches are uniting this week for pre-Easter services. There has been no official announcement of business houses closing for this service, as has been the custom in past years, but members of the Clergy are desirous that the Merchants of the district permit their employes to attend all or part of the three hour service. Rev. W. J. McCashin, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church will conduct a three hour service from 12 to 3 in Lourdes church on Good Friday, in accordance with his usual custom.

Protestant churches will unite for Preparatory service in the 1st Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at which time Rev. Jadob Ruble will speak. On Thursday evening a Union Communion service will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian church and Rev. Van Inwegan will speak.

The program for the three-hour service at the First United Presbyterian church will be as follows:

12 m.-"Betrayed and Seized in the Garden," Rev. R. C. Sutton.

12:25 p. m.-"Tried and Condemned-In the House of Caiaphas," Rev. W. H. Flurkey.

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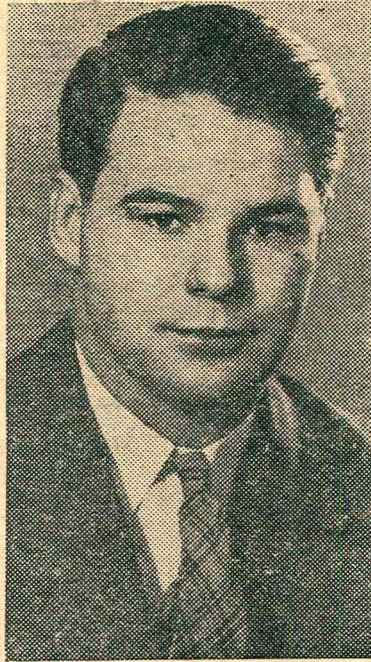
About ninety men gathered about the long tables in the First United Presbyterian Church last Thursday evening to enjoy an excellent dinner served by the women of that church and to hear a message by Dr. Joseph S. Maxwell of Fairmont, W. Va. The men came from about nine churches in Burgettstown, Langeloth, Florence, Robinson, Midway, and Hickory, and the dinner was under the auspices of the Laymen's Missionary Movement and planned by the Rev. R. C. Sutton, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church. Mr. Thomas Trimmer, assisted by Mrs. Trimmer at the piano, directed a men's chorus in the singing of two numbers, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and "Dear Land of Home."

Dr. Maxwell, now an eye specialist in Fairmont, served for fourteen years as a medical missionary of the United Presbyterian Church in the Sudan and Ethiopia, leaving the latter land in 1933 before its conquest by Italy. He addressed the men on the theme, "The Gold of Sheba" and told of his medical treks into that part of Ethiopia which in ancient times furnished gold for King Solomon and still is producing the precious metal, samples of which he exhibited. He recalled the Bible reference to the gifts which the Queen of Sheba brought when she came to see the glory of Solomon: gold and spices and precious stones. He explained the value and significance of these presents, the fine gold signifying character, the spices or incense denoting prayer, and the precious stones speaking of healing powers which primitive peoples attribute to them. Out of a rich missionary experience he told many stories of the achievements of the gospel work in discovering the fine gold hidden in heathen hearts in dark Africa. Those who heard him were given a new appreciation of the work of Christian missionaries among primitive peoples and will long remember this missionary doctor's interesting message.

90 Men Attend Fellowship Meet
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 29, 1940 Edition

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. Richard C. Sutton, pastor
Sunday School ----- 9:45 A.M.
Superintendent, Harold Malone
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 A.M.
Junior Missionary ----- 6:45 P.M.
Superintendents, Mrs. J. R. Culley
and Mrs. Earl Lawson
Young People's Society -- 6:45 P.M.
o'clock.
President, Ruth Ternyson
Evening Worship ----- 7:30 P.M.
The Spring meeting of Presbytery
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CHURCHES UNITE FOR REVIVAL MEETINGS



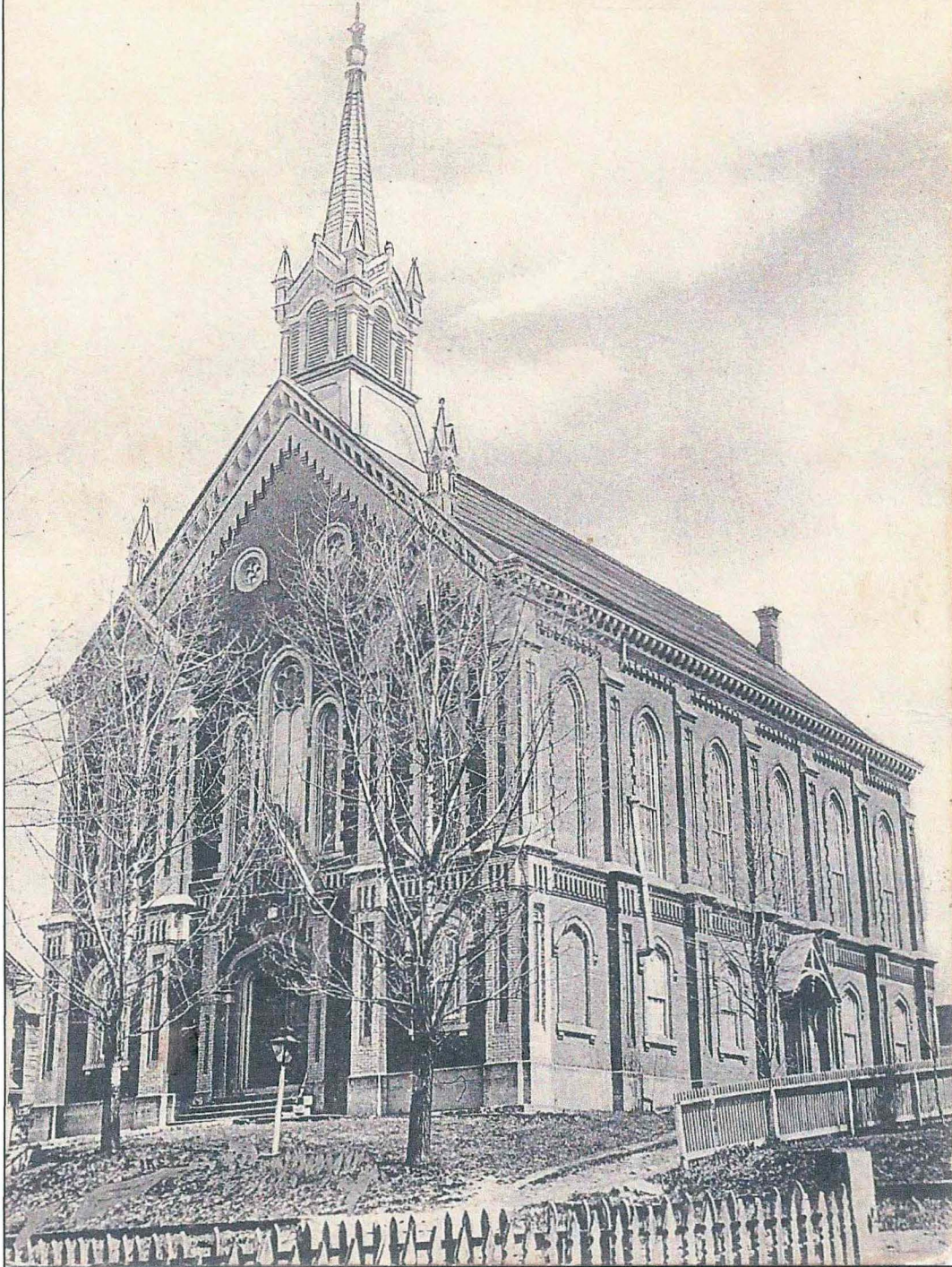
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First U. P. Church, Burgettstown, Pa.



**First United Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown, Pa.**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

First United Presbyterians Hold Special Prayer Service For Men And Women In The Armed Forces

A special prayer service was held in the First United Presbyterian church on Sunday evening to remember men and women from the congregation serving in the armed forces of the United States. Excerpts from letters were read. The honor roll of this church contains the following names:

GOLD STARS: Edward Bish, George Loraski, Clyde Bigger, Mark Yaksic.

Edmund Longevitch	Raymond Malone	William Palin
Nick Klimenko	Lester Malone	James Tennyson
George Thomassy	Curtiss King	James Bole
Wesley Keyson	Frank Longevitch	Jack Rowland
Raymond Riddile	John Palin	Robert Cowden
James Turner	William Scott	Duane Reed
Francis Reed	Stanley Stucoski	Robert Fliton
Michael Yaksic	Clifford Richey	Nick Yaksic
Henry Longevitch	Donald Proudfit	Saturno Prendes
William Weaver	John Cunningham	Warren Malone
Donald Malone	Alexander Kiss	William Sztukowski
Paul Smiley	Nicholas Tony	George Yaksic
Lee Robinson	Raymond Loraski	Ann Smith
Andrew Ralston	Mary Vukas	Lois Reed
William Proudfit	John Kluchanovich	Angelo Abate
Reamond Smiley	John Turner	Wayne Cowden
Gaylord Malone	Robert Froats	Edward Ralston
John Wargo	Theodore Nicksick	Robert Robertson
Steve Vukas	Morris Blaine	Thomas Tony
Milan Tomich	John Longevitch	J. Denny Scott
George Dickson	Charles Kopolovich	Lee Martin
Clarence Wolfe	Clair Axtell	Louis Pascoe
Severio Godish	Marshall Simmons	James Hulick
Arnold Whiteman	Joseph Kuhns	Dale Kuhns
Thomas Crumpton	Quinten Cunningham	Owen Charlier
William Donati	Lee Reynolds	George Reynolds
Rennison Malone	Allen Malone	Henry Longstreath
Robert Jeffers	Oscar Jeffers	Ernest Doboski
Gilbert Taucher	Michael Nixon	Ellis McWilliams
Ida Wargo	Joseph Cook	Joseph Pascoe
Charles Macks	Montgomery Popovich	William Meade
Sam Sansone	John Turkily, Jr.	Michael Mergen
Luke Pascoe	Frank Rozmus	William H. Miller
Hugh Hitchcock	Carl Clovis	Raymond Romanetti
Chester Melton	Delbert Clair	Wilbur Smith
David Dunlevey	Melvin Hulick	Jay T. Davis
Steve Tomich	Jay Denny	William Craig
Robert Crumpton	George Rumbaugh	Edward Murphy
James Donati	William Finney	

**First United Presbyterians Hold Special Prayer Service
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First United Presbyterian

10 a.m. Bible school; 11 a.m. morning worship, "Pentecost and the Holy Spirit"; 6:30 p.m. Pioneers; 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, Session meeting; 8 p.m. Wednesday evening, Bible Study and Prayer Service; 8 p.m. Thursday evening, May 13, Young Women's Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Baur Russell. Miss Blanche Newcomer will be the leader.

Fourteen children received the Sacrament of Baptism Sunday morning. They were Joseph Dominick Rene Abate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Abate, Richard Max Boyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boyle; Jamie, Pattie and Betty Canning, children of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Canning; Kenneth Edward Cowden son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cowden; Cheryl Louise Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cunningham; Craig Dale Cuervo, son of Mrs. Lois Reed Cuervo; Vaughn William Finney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Finney; Kathryn Arlene Kiffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle W. Kiffer; Alex John Kopolovich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kopolovich; Alan Lee Latella, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Latella; Joanne Love Smiley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smiley and Robert Park Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Scott.

The Happy Sunday School class taught by Mrs. Denny Scott held a quarterly social and dinner at the church Monday evening.

Six stained glass windows have been replaced in the church

No Services at Burgettstown U. P.

There will be no services in the First United Presbyterian church until August 31, when Rev. M. B. Maxwell of Buffalo, will preach. During vacation period the church auditorium will be redecorated and a new rug laid. Rev. and Mrs. Richard C. Sutton and sons, Richard and David, are vacationing at Niagara Falls, Canada, Michigan, and Winona Lake, Ind., Bible Conference.

**No Services at Burgettstown U.P. Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition**

Y. M. C. A. for Burgettstown

The men's organization, which was recently organized with R. C. Cassidy president, T. H. Huber and J. M. Pyle vice-presidents and C. A. Hamilton and L. M. Davies secretaries, held their first meeting in the First United Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A short song service was held, with H. M. Roy leader and H. K. Brumbaugh organist, after which prayers were offered by Rev. G. R. Steele, T. H. Huber and C. A. Hamilton. President Cassidy then called upon Rev. R. H. McCartney to outline the purposes and work of the organization. Mr. McCartney stated that the work, as he saw it, was to converse the energy gathered in the recent evangelistic campaign. He pointed to the attendance at all the morning preaching services, and to the lack of profanity on our streets, as some of the great results of the meetings. The thing for the men to do was to try to maintain this high order of things. It will be so easy for some to slip back into their old ways; the men should stand as a body against the devil and his wiles and help the weak brother. Mr. McCartney then suggested that one of the best things the men could do was to organize a Y. M. C. A., where the young people could go for reading and recreation instead of loafing on the streets. The suggestion was heartily received and everyone called upon expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the movement. Dr. S. L. McCullough, of Crafton, was present and spoke of the great change he had noted in Burgettstown as a result of the meetings. He said that he knew of no better way to conserve these results than by establishing a Y. M. C. A., and stated that if the project was taken up and the men showed that they meant business he would contribute \$300 to the fund. He also stated that there was no reason why Burgettstown should not have a Carnegie free library, and he believed they could get it. Revs. G. R. Steele and G. W. Snodgrass and Prof. G. R. Norris expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the Y. M. C. A., as did practically every business man present.

On motion a committee, consisting of Rev. R. H. McCartney, J. P. Linn and W. G. Cramer, was named

to confer with the state authorities in regard to an organization. This committee has arranged to have a well-known Y. M. C. A. worker address the men of Burgettstown in a meeting to be held in Westminister Presbyterian church' next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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First United Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 12, 1945 Edition

SEVEN DISTRICT MINISTERS TO CONDUCT GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Seven Community ministers will participate in the Three Hour Service in the First United Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, April 7 from 12 o'clock noon to three p. m. The Burgettstown District churches are uniting this week for pre-Easter services. There has been no official announcement of business houses closing for this service, as has been the custom in past years, but members of the Clergy are desirous that the Merchants of the district permit their employes to attend all or part of the three hour service. Rev. W. J. McCashin, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church will conduct a three hour service from 12 to 3 in Lourdes church on Good Friday, in accordance with his usual custom.

Protestant churches will unite for Preparatory service in the 1st Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at which time Rev. Jadob Ruble will speak. On Thursday evening a Union Communion service will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian church and Rev. Van Inwegan will speak.

The program for the three-hour service at the First United Presbyterian church will be as follows:

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Seven Ministers to Conduct Good Friday Services
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 6, 1944 Edition

Suttons Honored By U. P. Congregation

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Sutton and family were honor guests at a farewell social given by members of the United Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. Over 200 members and their families were present. The evening's program consisted of several musical numbers and a reading by Mrs. Gladys McCormick. The double duet including Mrs. Edward Welsh, Miss Phyllis Evans, Lois Cuervo and Mrs. Gaylord Malone, sang "Green Cathedral" and "Home". A trio, composed of Phyllis Evans, Mrs. Gaylord Malone and Rev. Leslie VanInwegen sang "Cleanse Me". The last stanza included farewell words to the Suttons. Mrs. Earl Lawson sang "Bless This House".

Harold Malone served as master of ceremonies. Rev. Leslie VanInwegen and Rev. R. M. McCracken of Langeloth made appropriate remarks.

A purse of \$650 was presented to the Suttons by the congregation. Other special gifts were given by various organizations and included a quilt from the Ladies Aid, lace table cloth from the primary department, mirror from the J.O.Y. class and choir, one half dozen percale sheets and pillow slips from the Slovan mission, and a shirt and tie for Rev. Sutton from the Brownlee class. The Suttons have also received a number of personal gifts.

Refreshments were served with the honor guests seated at a table with elders of the church and their wives. The group included Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Russell, Harold Malone and his mother, Mrs. Mollie Malone, Clarence Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McKinney, Joseph M. McClurg and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Cowden.

Pictures of the choir and session were taken during the evening.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Events of the Long Ago From
Enterprise Files and
Other Sources

FIRST U. P. CHURCH

The congregation now known as the United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, belonged originally to the Associate Presbyterian branch of that church. It is now impossible to fix the date of its organization, if indeed it was ever formally organized. But it first appears as a congregation about the year 1800, at which time it was supplied with preaching, in connection with the congregation of Hickory, by the Associate presbytery of Chartiers. The Rev. Dr. William C. Brownlee took charge of it in connection with Hickory about the year 1800. This pastorate continued about three and one-half years, when he left for Philadelphia, and afterwards removed to New York, where he united with the Dutch Reformed church. The next pastor was Rev. Alexander Donnan, from Ireland, who had charge of it in connection with the congregation of Hickory at a salary of \$500 from June 1, 1818, to June 6, 1840. He relinquished at that time the charge of Burgettstown to give his whole time to Hickory. The congregation continued without a pastor until 1845, when the Rev. Robert J. Hammond, who had been settled in Albany, N. Y. became their pastor, at a salary of \$350, which was afterwards increased to \$400. He resigned and was released in the year 1857. The Rev. S. H. Graham, the next pastor, commenced his labors among them in April, 1862, and was ordained and installed their pastor August 12th of that year. In 1868, Mr. Graham accepted a call from a congregation in New York and was released. In the same year the Rev. John Hood accepted their call and became their pastor. The pastorate continued until April, 1878, when he resigned and was released. The Rev. D. W. Carson was installed in October, 1878.

The first elders whose names appear on the roll of the session (though without record of the time of their election or installation) are John Coventry, William Bailey, from York county, Pa., Joseph Philles, William Donaldson from Ireland, Nathan Porter, William Smith, James Brown, James Leech and James Keys. In 1819, John McBurney, A. Hunter and Robert Harvey were ordained as elders. In 1837, Joseph McNary, William Wilson, Samuel Livingston and Joshua Pyles. In 1839, William Galbraith, Sr., William Caldwell and James McCalmont. In 1851, Samuel B. Shillito and John Ferguson. In 1863, Robert Scott and James McNary, who were received from the congregation of Mount Vernon at its dissolution, were chosen and installed, together with John Keys, William Witherspoon, M. R. Welsh and W. R. Galbraith, who were also ordained at the same time.

The earliest roll of members extant though it is without date, numbered sixty-two members, with the following family names: Andrews, Brown, Cavert, Coventry, Donaldson, Ferguson, Keys, Leech, Nelson, Philles and Smith. The roll of members in 1876 numbered two hundred and twenty. In consequence of some difficulties in which the congregation became involved through a heavy debt contracted in building a new house of worship, quite a number of members left about that time. These difficulties were also the occasion of the resignation and release of Mr. Hood in 1878. The first house of worship, like that of all the churches in the same region at that time, was a cabin of unhewed logs seated with slabs. During the summer season the congregation usually worshiped in the open air, a wooden tent serving as a pulpit for the minister. On the 13th of October, 1826, Robert Coventry, Robert Tenan and Thomas Philles, trustees of Associate congregation of Burgettstown, purchased one acre and one hundred and twelve perches of land of James Miller, it being the ground on which the church was erected. In 1845, the date of Mr. Hammond's settlement, a neat and substantial frame building 54x44 feet and 16 feet in height, was erected at a cost of \$1040 in money, besides the lumber from the old building. This building was located about half a mile east of the village. In 1873 the present house was erected, at a cost of about \$27,000.

First U. P. Church

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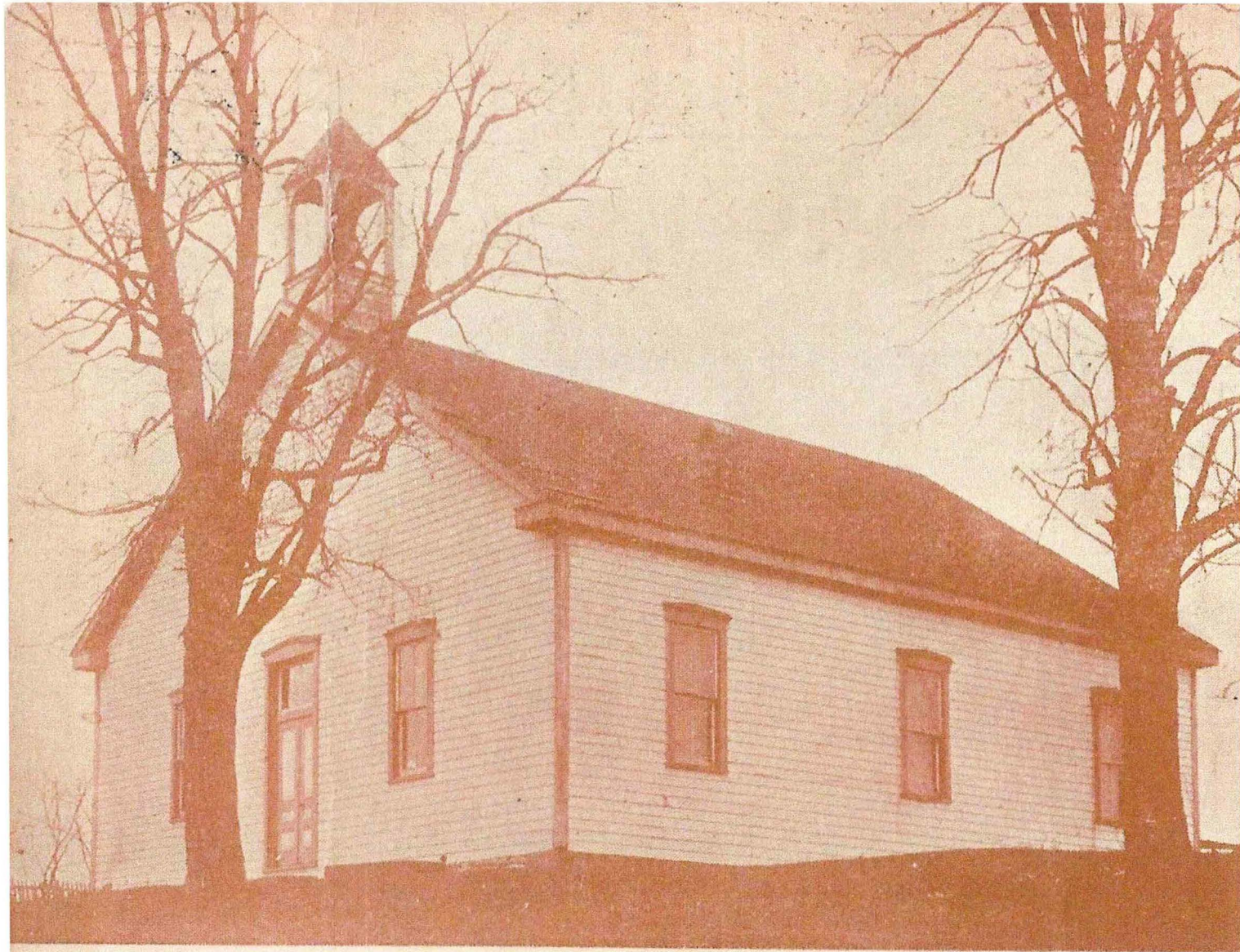


First United Presbyterian Church
Tom Thumb Wedding-1927 or 1928
Guy Russell, First row, last on right
Courtesy of Dolly and Guy Russell



FLORENCE, PA.—M. E. Church.

**Florence Methodist Episcopal Church
Florence, PA**



FLORENCE, PA.—M. E. Church.

**Florence Methodist Church
Florence, PA**



Florence Church-1995

FLORENCE

Twenty-eight new members were taken in at the Presbyterian church here last Sunday, due to the Peacock meetings. A congregational meeting was held after the services and a committee, consisting of H.W. Scott, D. M. McConnell, E. O. Fullerton and Ernest Munger, was appointed to confer with a committee from Frankfort Presbyterian church in regard to uniting the two congregations. Another meeting will be held next Sunday after services, at which the committee will report.

**Florence Presbyterian Church
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition**

Cassidy Attends Synod Of Trinity

Executors and lay people of the Presbyterian Church attended the 271st annual meeting of the Presbyterian Synod of the Trinity at Wilson College, Chambersburg, May 31 to June 3.

Robert C. Cassidy of the Florence Presbyterian Church was among the 160 commissioners from 16 of the presbyteries representing 1,396 Presbyterian congregations in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the Upper Ohio Valley with a communicant membership of 382,827.

Meeting under the theme "Celebrate The Journey," the regional church governing body marked the 200th anniversary of its parent denomination, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

During its four-day meeting, the synod considered and acted on reports from its various units, ranging from its mission outreach through its presbyteries and ongoing programs in evangelism and church growth, to concerns for economic and racial justice within its bounds and globally.

On the agenda was a resolution strongly opposing racism in both the church and society and which called on making the elimination of racism the synod's number one priority during the period from 1988 to the year 2000. Also to be considered was a proposal supporting Federal legislation sanctioning South Africa.

An opening service of Holy Communion was conducted by the Rev. Susan E. Vande Kappelle, outgoing moderator of the synod.

Daily worship services were led by the Rev. F. Morgan Roberts, pastor of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pttsburgh. Dr. Roberts is a noted preacher and an advocate on behalf of disabled and mentally handicapped persons, and of troubled youths in the Pittsburgh area.

**Robert C. Cassidy Attends Synod of Trinity
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 8, 1988 Edition**

Florence Presbyterian celebrates 200th

By Melanie R. Mars, Staff Writer

FLORENCE — During the 1700s a group of stout-hearted men and women traveled westward and forged a life for themselves out of the wilderness that they cleared.

In those harsh times, those that settled in the northwest section of Washington County, which was at the time of section of Virginia, met on Sundays in a log structure near the crossroads of the Pittsburgh and Washington roads. They met to pray together after working all week in the fertile fields. While the men and women worshipped inside, two or three of the men stood guard against the Indians.

Next weekend, the members of the Florence Presbyterian Church will celebrate the church's 200th anniversary of the church with a three-day celebration.

From the small congregation have come lawyers, teachers and ministers. One of the congregation's members, Dr. Ross Stevenson followed Woodrow Wilson as President of Princeton University.

The first official minister of the church was the illustrious Reverend Elisha MacCurdy who came to Florence Presbyterian Church in 1799. For the preceding 12 years, the church had no settled minister.

The log meeting house where MacCurdy preached was situated near the highest point of elevation in Washington County so that members could watch for Indians, who were not on good terms with the settlers.

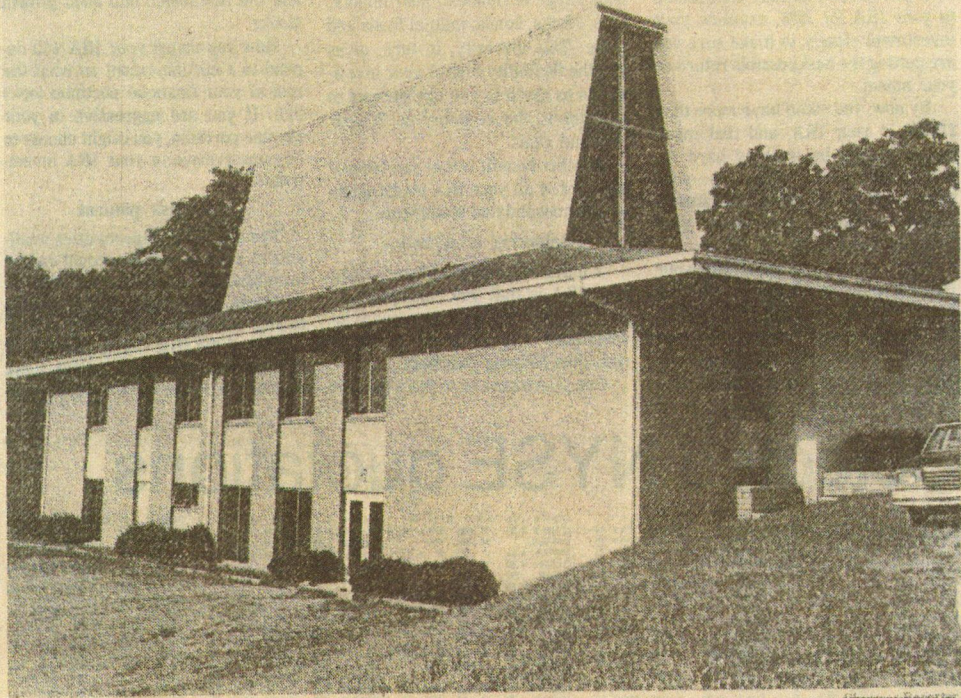
On a clear day, one can see the smokestacks in Shippingport in Beaver County from where the original church was located.

Before coming to Florence, MacCurdy was licensed to preach at the Upper Buffalo church. MacCurdy was born Oct. 15, 1763, in Carlisle. He was the third of 12 children born to John and Mary Fox MacCurdy.

With the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and the misfortune of his father, who had lost all of his worldly goods, MacCurdy took on the work of helping to support his family.

He had salvaged his father's team of horses and wagon and was determined to return the family to a respectable financial situation. He began his own freight route to the east coast transporting goods and groceries. In eighteen months, he had earned enough to buy a farm from which the family was able to support itself.

At the age of 33, MacCurdy, who was studying to become a preacher, mar-



The Florence Presbyterian Church as it looks today.

ried Sarah Briceland, whose father, Thomas, was formerly of Carlisle.

It was early in his ministry at Florence, then called Crossroads, that the famous revival season reached its peak. The pious and curious would gather in Florence from miles around to hear MacCurdy preach at sessions that would last weeks at a time.

His place in history as one of the great revivalists in the ministry began when he refused to say a blessing at a funeral where those gathered had been drinking whiskey.

It had been the custom in the early 1800s to drink whiskey at funerals. MacCurdy was an unwavering enemy of the intoxicating drink. The following Sunday, he gave a fiery sermon entitled "Whiskey at a Funeral."

He was also successful in abolishing the serving of spirits at meetings of the Presbytery.

MacCurdy is buried in the small cemetery across from the Florence Presbyterian Church. In addition, there are 14 men who served in the Revolutionary War and one man who served in the Civil War.

Plaques were obtained from the Veterans Administration to replace the fading limestone tombstone markers of the graves. On Saturday, Aug. 2, the Burgettstown Veterans of Foreign Wars along with church members will hold a rededication service.

The service will begin at 10 a.m. in the church, which will be followed by a tour of the Florence Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. A.D. White, a local historian, and Agnes Kreutzberg of Cleveland, Ohio, who has written a book on the cemetery, will be in attendance.

On Friday, Aug. 1, the Weirton Steel Men's Chorus will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the church. The three-day celebration will wind down with a service at 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, when the Rev. Wallace Rummel, a former minister of the church, will speak. The Rev. Clarejean Haury, the current minister and first woman minister, will conduct the service. A dinner will follow the service.

Reservations for the dinner may

be made by contacting Edith Cassidy.

The physical appearance of the church has changed through its 200 year history from the first tent erected to the present brick structure.

The first meeting house of the congregation had no windows or doors. It was lighted from the roof and was entered by an underground passage because of the ever-present hazard of hostile Indians.

The present church building, which is located across the street from the original location of the church, was built in 1964 after a fire destroyed the 118-year-old building in February 1963.

The red-brick building, which was built in 1845, was gutted by fire on a below 0 degree Fahrenheit winter night, according to Paul Blaine and Thomas Moore, members of the church.

Only three walls were left standing. In addition to the carefully handmade red bricks, the building had beautiful, blue stained glass windows.

After the shock of the fire began to settle, the 162-member congregation began to think of money-making projects to rebuild the church.

They struck upon the idea of selling the remaining bricks of the church after Thomas E. Millsop, chairman of National Steel Corpora-

tion purchased 3,200 bricks.

The bricks, which were handmade by members of the congregation with materials in the Florence area and left in the sun to bake, were transported to Lexington, Ky., where they were used to build a patio for George Humphrey, Secretary of the Treasury during the Eisenhower administration.

The congregation's determination to rebuild after the fire of 1963 was summed up by Blaine at the time.

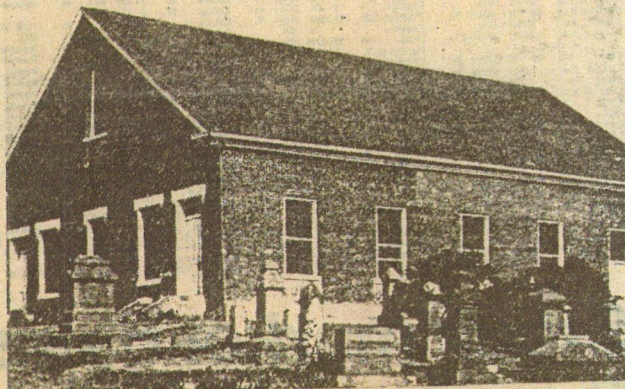
He said, "The remark was made, after our recent loss by fire, that now the church was gone and there was nothing left. How false this was. True, we lost a historic building. But the ideals for which the church stands are never lost... Although small in number our church accepts the same challenge that existed in Florence 200 years ago. We will rebuild our church."

The first service was held on Easter, April 18, 1965, in the new church building.

Although the congregation has not grown in numbers, it has grown through community outreach programs such as its annual Halloween party for the community; the clothes closet, which provides free used clothing to those in need, and its support of the Burgettstown Area Food Pantry.



The Rev. Elisha MacCurdy



Built in 1845, this structure was destroyed by fire in 1963.

Florence Presbyterian celebrates 200th
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Completion Date Set For Early 1965

As part of the morning worship service at the Florence Presbyterian Church, a groundbreaking ceremony was held, signifying the beginning of a project that will reach full realization early in 1965.

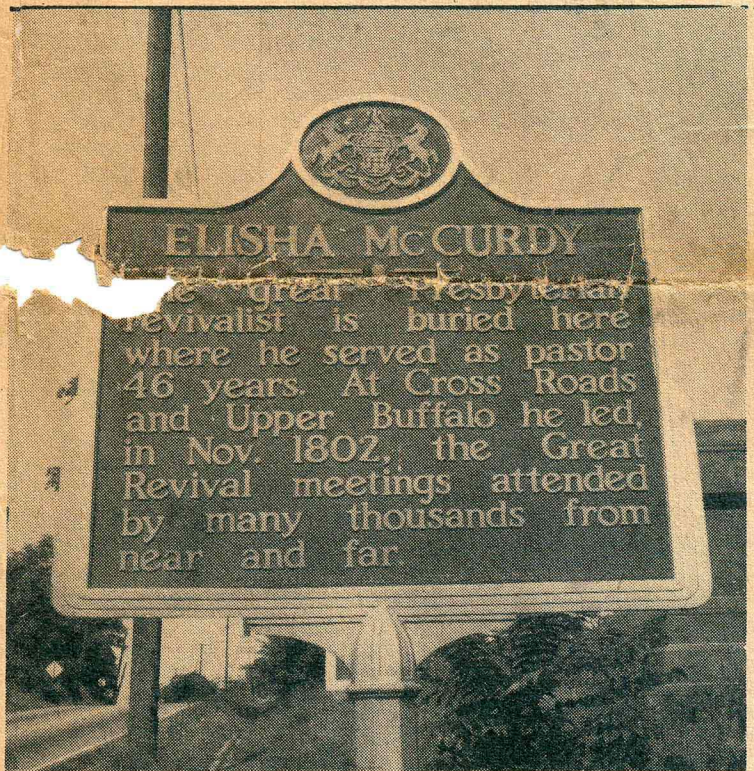
A new Florence Church, replacing that which was destroyed by fire in February in 1963, will soon go into construction. Estimated at a cost of \$88,339 the church will be under the general construction contract of Sidney DeVos, of McDonald, with Raymond Hodge, of Florence, as the electrical contractor. Leonard Mankowski will be the architect.

Excavation, under the supervision of David B. Miller, of Florence, will begin this week.

The new church will be located across Route 22 from the ruins of the old building, and will be adjacent to the parsonage.

Rev. David L. Hare, pastor of the Robinson United Presbyterian Church, has served as stated supply pastor of the congregation since November of last year, when the Rev. David Foresman accepted a new call.

Church services, following the fire, were held in the Hanover Township school, and then were transferred to the manse.



This sign dedicated to Elisha McCurdy, a former pastor of the Florence Presbyterian Church, can be found along Route 22 near the church.

A Prayer For The Church

"O God, Creator of heaven and earth, who hast called us together into the fellowship of Thy Church, we praise thee for thy great goodness. Continue thy favor upon this congregation of thy people into whose hearts thou hast placed the desire to erect a temple to thy glory. Bless and prosper the building of this church. Grant the protection of thy constant care that not one of those who labor upon it shall suffer injury during its construction. Give thy people here a new sense of commitment that they may come together for worship and nurture and go forth as Witnesses of the Redeeming Power of thy Son to all the children of men beginning here and to the uttermost parts of the earth. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

**Florence Presbyterian Church
Completion Date Set for Early 1965
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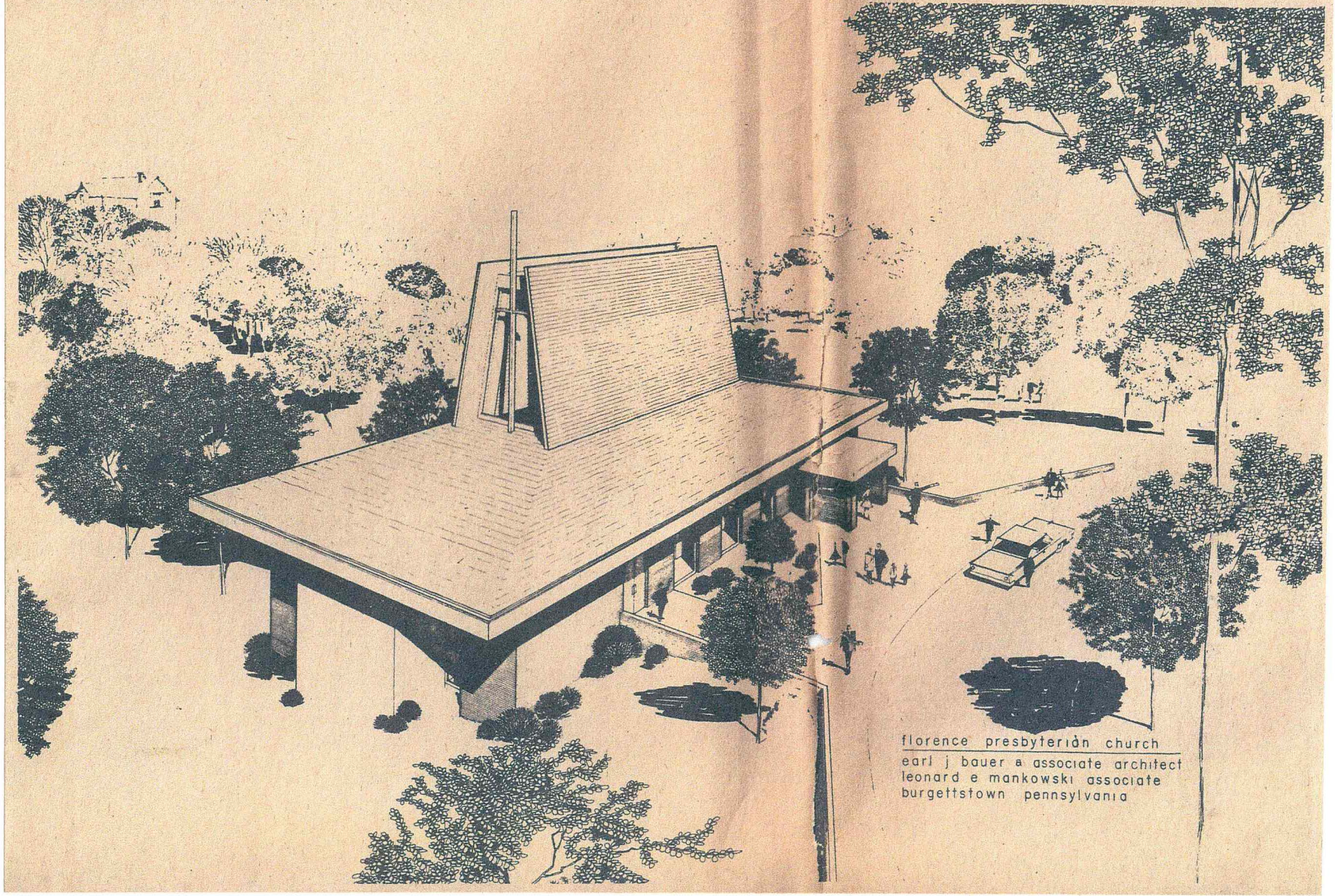


**Florence Church
Destroyed by Fire-February 1963**



**Florence Presbyterian Church
Burned-February 1963**

Ground Broken Sunday, for Construction of New Florence Church



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Taking part in the groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday morning at the Florence Presbyterian Church were the following:

Dr. William C. Swartz, General Presbyter of the Washington Presbytery, who served as a semi-official representative of the Presbytery; Paul Blaine, an Elder of the church, and chairman of the finance committee; Rev. David L. Hare, stated supply pastor of the church; Mrs. Howard Kraft, one of the congregation's oldest members; and Thomas Moore, a church Elder, and chairman of the building committee.

CHURCH NEWS

The Florence Presbyterian Church held a successful shower for the church kitchen on April 25. A family dinner was served. Entertainment was provided by Matthew and Amy Lintz and Janie Gabler, who performed a skit, and by Sean Lintz, who played the trumpet, accompanied on the piano by his grandmother, Betty Lintz. Everyone joined in a sing-along and the playing of several games.

Florence Church Bicentennial cookbooks can be ordered by contacting Sarah Morris at 729-3508. The Bicentennial committee is planning a flea market in June. At a recent meeting of the Ladies' Day Out Group, the women decided to sell greeting cards and Christian books. Lois Pavlik, Margaret McCutcheon and Mona McCutcheon are in charge.

**Florence Presbyterian Church holds shower for Church Kitchen
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1986 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

FLORENCE CHURCH HAS HOMECOMING

Full Day of Unusual Gatherings Marks Yesterday in Celebration of 150th Anniversary of Church.

ORIGINAL SITE IS VISITED

FLORENCE, Aug. 13. — Today, "Homecoming Day," was a big day in the 150-year celebration of the Florence Presbyterian Church.

The day began with a homecoming meeting in the church in the morning, at which a homecoming organization was formed. D. C. Fulton was elected president; Miss Elizabeth Potts, George Saxton, E. O. Fullerton and W. C. Culley were named vice presidents; Mildred Jackson and Clara Reed Craft, secretaries; Roy Peterson, treasurer, and Mary McCarrell, assistant treasurer.

The pastor, the Rev. R. L. Biddle, D. D., presided at the meeting, at which the address of welcome was given by John Virtue. W. L. Moore, of McDonald, made a fitting response. An original poem, "Homecoming Day," was read by its author, Mrs. Marguerite Park Biggs.

Letters of greetings were read from the moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. Henry Masters, of Philadelphia; the moderator of the Pennsylvania State Synod, Dr. J. C. Mackie, of Philadelphia, and from the moderator of the Washington Presbytery, the Rev. George S. Maxwell, of Waynesburg.

Greetings were read from sons of the church who are in the ministry, and a list of such sons of the church was read, with 24 names. Of these, David F. Graham and Wilson Montgomery Stitt made addresses, and there were letters from others. Another who spoke was George W. Fulton, a mission-

ary home from Japan. Mrs. Elizabeth Potts of Burgettstown, spoke of the missionary life of the church, and told of the reception accorded the Rev. Mr. Fulton when he arrived there in 1889.

Dr. W. E. Slemmons, of Washington, and the Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, of Cross Creek, brought greetings from the Washington Presbytery.

Early in the afternoon a pilgrimage, with 30 cars, was made to the site of the original church at Kings Creek, three miles from Florence. Here the group visited the old burying ground and held a service, with songs and a prayer and an address by "Squire" T. W. McDonald, who lives nearby.

After the service a reminiscent program was held in the church, with many former members and friends of the church telling of the experiences of former years.

A unique feature was an antique display, with a wide variety of articles, some of them more than 200 years old. There were old Bibles and books, old papers, spinning wheels, old bedspreads, linen woven a century ago by women of the community, and many other interesting articles.

A picnic dinner was another fine feature, with the large crowd gathered in groups under the shade trees about the church. There were many family circles, with visiting friends as guests.

Tonight was Neighborhood Night. A male choir organized for the occasion by members of the congregation furnished splendid music, as did an orchestra formed of young folks of Florence and Burgettstown.

Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, of Burgettstown, a sister of Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, and a daughter of the Florence manse, spoke, giving many reminiscences. Her talk was exceedingly interesting and much enjoyed. Mrs. Marguerite Park Biggs gave another reading. Graham S. Campbell, of the church at McDonald, brought greetings from that congregation.

Friday night will be Evangelistic Night, with a message by the Rev. J. V. Stevenson, of Raccoon. The sermon will be preparatory to the communion service which will be held Sunday at 11 o'clock.

**Florence Presbyterian Church has Homecoming
August 13, 1936**

Impressive Roster.

The list of clergyman who have entered the ministry from early connection with the Florence Presbyterian church in the past 150 years forms an impressive roster. The complete list follows: Francis McFarland, Ezekiel Glasgow, Robert Fulton, John Kerr, Samuel Fulton, J. C. Caldwell, Jesse Bruce, John McFarland, J. M. Fulton, Thomas J. Stevenson, William P. Fulton, Wylie E. Saxton, George A. Duncan, G. W. Potter, George W. Fulton, William Vincent, J. Ross Stevenson, W. F. Plummer, Harry P. Stevenson, James P. Linn, E. A. Culley, David S. Graham, John Wiley Fulton, W. Montgomery Stitt. Of this number two have gone as missionaries, G. W. Fulton and John McFarland. Two have been elected moderator of the General Assembly, Francis McFarland, 1856, and J. Ross Stevenson, 1915.

Impressive Roster

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**ANNIVERSARY SERVICES
AT FLORENCE CHURCH**

In an extended program of services in connection with the celebration of the 145th anniversary of the formation of the Florence Presbyterian church congregation at Florence, a preparatory sermon will be delivered in the church tomorrow (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock by the Rev. Harry M. Peterson of Eldersville.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated and there will be a reception of members. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the anniversary sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Edward Culley of Pittsburgh. A cordial invitation is extended all people of the surrounding community to attend these services.

The ministerial association of the district will have a part in the exercises attending the anniversary proceedings of this old church organization. The following are the officers of this association: Rev. Wilson Stitt, Ph. D., Florence, president; Rev. Paul Hazlett, Avella, secretary-treasurer.

CHURCH HISTORY WELL PRESENTED

Large Crowd Attends Service
as Part of 150-Year Cele-
bration at Florence—Pil-
grimage on Thursday.

TONIGHT IS MEN'S NIGHT

FLORENCE, Aug. 11.—An audience much larger than expected tonight attended the Historical Night program held in connection with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Florence Presbyterian Church. They heard the Rev. E. B. Welch, of Coraopolis, church historian, in a masterly discussion of the beginnings of Presbyterianism in this region.

The Rev. Mr. Welch discussed to some extent the lives of the Rev. Elisha McCurdy, founder of the Florence congregation, and the Rev. John McMillan and their influence on Western Pennsylvania. He also spoke of Philip Jackson, the "praying elder," and discussed the origin of the Florence church.

A great-granddaughter of the "praying elder" was in the congregation tonight. She is Miss Elizabeth Jackson, of Florence, a member of the present congregation.

The speaker also discussed the history of Presbyterianism in the United States.

The Rev. J. V. Stevenson, of Bulger, participated in the devotions tonight, and the Rev. J. M. Leister, of Burnham, a former pastor of the church, offered the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The Rev. Mr. Leister and the Rev. J. Wilson Stitt, of Rogersville, also a former local pastor, will speak at the Men's Night program tomorrow night, and other former pastors who can not be present will be represented by letters. A male choir and male quartet will sing.

A fine day is expected Thursday, when a pilgrimage will be made to the site of the original church at King's Creek, where a service will be held in the abandoned graveyard; a homecoming service will be held at 10 o'clock in the church, and Neighborhood Night will be the evening feature.

Florence Presbyterian Church Men's Night
August 11, 1936



Florence Presbyterian Church
Church was destroyed by a fire-February 1963



Observer-Reporter

Preparing for quilt show

The women of Florence Presbyterian Church have been busy quilting for the church's annual quilt and craft show, to be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church on old Route 22 in Florence. Standing, from left, Lois Browning, Mildred Robert and Grace Cassidy display one of the quilts that will be for sale while five other women finish another quilt. In addition to the quilts, various crafts and baked goods will be for sale. All proceeds benefit the church. Anyone wishing to show quilts may bring the items to the church at 9 a.m. Saturday.

**Florence Presbyterian Church-Preparing for Quilt Show
Observer-Reporter-September 25, 1987 Edition**

Church School At Florence

Florence Presbyterian Church will conduct its Daily Vacation Bible School Monday through Thursday, for two weeks, beginning June 14. Mrs. Carolyn Miller is director, with Ruth Moore as assistant. Pianist will be Mrs. Grace Cassidy.

Teachers are, Nursery, - Donna Noble and Delores Dimmack; Kindergarten, Ruth Hodge and Mrs. Patterson; Primary, Lois Browning and Stella Pulice; Juniors, Alice Linn and Geraldine Starkey.

Girls helping with the recreation will be Peggy McCutcheon, Ruth Moore, Toni Pulice, Donna McCombs, Delores Duni and Linda Hodge.

**Florence Presbyterian Church-Vacation Bible School to Begin
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition**



Florence Presbyterian Church
Church was destroyed by a fire-February 1963
Fort Vance Historical Society



Florence Presbyterian Church-1930's
Fort Vance Historical Society

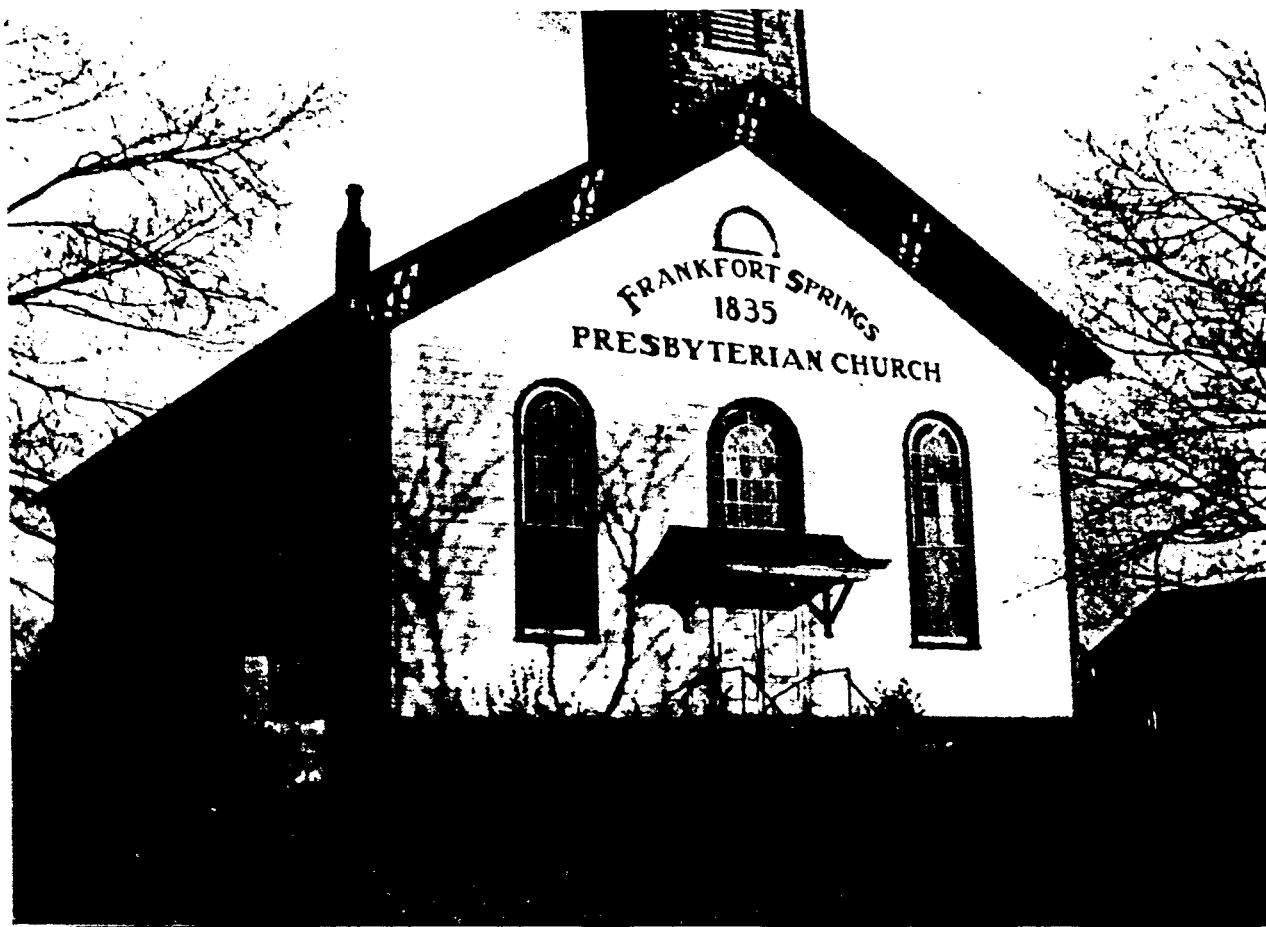
Hymn Sing Held At Francis Mine

Rev. Lee E. Speer conducted the Hymn Sing in the church at Francis Mine, Sunday, with eighty-five in attendance from ten neighboring churches. Rev. Speer is pastor of the church. Drexel Baker, of the Ebenezer Church of God, led the congregational singing.

Several special selections were enjoyed, from many of the churches represented. Miss June Campbell was pianist. Churches answering to a roll call of churches were: Avella Free Methodist, Ebenezer Church of God, Canonsburg Nazarene, Atlasburg Nazarene, Bethel Methodist, Eldersville Methodist, West Middletown Christian, Tucker Methodist, Christian Church of North America, Burgettstown, and the host church.

The tenth and last in the current series of sings will be held next Sunday in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church, Independence. A planned program is being arranged by the Hymn Sing committee, Morris Knabenshue, Kathryn Slasor and June Campbell. It will consist of special selections most requested from the hymn sings of the past nine weeks. The sing will begin at 3 p. m.

**Hymn Sing Held at Francis Mine Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 24, 1965 Edition**



Frankfort Springs Presbyterian Church

In the center of Frankfort Springs, at one time stood a frame house of worship, the Presbyterian Church. It was organized around 1834, with the help of Rev. Elisha McCurdy, well known pioneer preacher of the day. The church had its roots in Florence. The building shown in this picture carries the date, 1835.

In 1958, two denominations merged to become the United Presbyterian Church of USA. This national merger became one congregation in 1966. Both buildings were used on a rotating basis until 1968. At that time it was decided to use only one building, the brick church at the north end of town. The frame church was demolished, with only the graveyard remaining at the site.

Combined Missionary Meeting-Held at home of Campbell and Minnie Tarr, early 1930's



Frankfort United Presbyterian, Frankfort Presbyterian, and Kings Creek United Presbyterian Church

**Combined missionary meeting of
Frankfort United Presbyterian Church, Frankfort Presbyterian Church,
and Kings Creek United Presbyterian Church
Meeting held in the home of Campbell and Minnie Tarr in the early 1930's.**

Back Row: Mable Ervin-Kings Creek, Agnes Ramsey-Kings Creek, Mrs. Herron-Visitor (Mother of Anna Aten), Alva Wilcox- Visitor (Florence Presbyterian), Margaret Richmond-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Lena Savage-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Mrs. Bublett-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Mrs. Lee Devitt- Frankfort United, Hazel Lance-Frankfort Presbyterian, Mrs. Annetta Aten- Frankfort Presbyterian.

Next Row: Mrs. Mary Campbell- Frankfort United Presbyterian, Mrs. Nancy Lyons-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Mrs. Freshwater-Kings Creek, Mary Gilliland- Frankfort Presbyterian, Margaret Aten-Visitor (Florence Presbyterian), Mrs. Savage-Frankfort United Presbyterian.

Bottom Row: Mrs. C. J. Tarr-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Mrs. A. M. Lance-Frankfort Presbyterian, Nellie Simpson-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Jane Savage-Frankfort United Presbyterian, Josephine Tarr-Frankfort United Presbyterian. Hilda Tarr.

This information was written on the back of Josephine Savage Tarr's photo.



Frankfort Springs United Presbyterian, Frankfort Presbyterian and King's Creek United Presbyterian

FRANKFORT U. P. CHURCH TO MARK 150TH YEAR

Frankfort Springs will celebrate its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary on Sunday, August 18 at 2:30 o'clock a. s. t. A program is being arranged by Student Pastor W. D. Dodds to properly observe the anniversary of the founding of the congregation in the year 1790.

Dr. D. D. Dodds, father of the pastor will be the speaker. Friends and former members of the congregation are invited to attend.

The Sunbeam Class met at the Church on Thursday afternoon. The teacher Mable Armour assisted the girls with some handiwork. The hostesses, Misses Leola Ramsey, Hollis Swingle and Edith Patton served sandwiches, doughnuts and lemonade.

John and Harry Spence of Aliquippa visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Spence on Sunday.

H. C. Campbell has returned from the Sewickley Hospital much improved.

Rev. Frank Ramsey and son Wilson of Tarentum visited in the Irwin Ramsey home on Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Leggo of Philadelphia is visiting in the home of her brother Edgar Armour of near Mudocksville.

Captain and Mrs. A. C. Bullock and sons Frank and Richard spent the week end motoring through Virginia and Maryland via the Skyline Drive and the Caverns.

Imogene and Helen Reed spent Saturday afternoon in East Liverpool, O.

**Frankfort United Presbyterian Church
Marks 150th Year
Burgettstown Enterprise- August 8, 1940 Edition**

FRANKFORT U.P. CHURCH

The Junior High Youth Fellowship meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. at the church. The Prayer and Bible Study Group has begun the study and discussion of the Lord's Supper. Meetings are held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays with Student Pastor Westfall.

The Junior High Youth Group prepared and served a Sweetheart's Dinner on Valentine's Day at the church. A choice of lasagna or baked chicken was offered to the 13 couples who attended and the eight take-out orders. Debbie McMillan, Michelle DiBacco and Vicki Stiteler greeted the guests as they arrived. Serving as waitresses and waiters were Sherry Linger, Susan Growden, Wendy Patterson, Lisa Kehm, Dana Windsheimer, P. J. D'Arcangelo, Richard Mitchell and Mike Cohan. Babysitting was provided by Kelly Mitchell, Cheryl Kerfoot and Rainie D'Arcangelo. The youths were assisted in the meal preparations by their leaders, Sherry and Ken Mercer and Tom Westfall, and by Eleanor Kirsch, Pam Westfall, Debbie Simpson, Darlene Souchak, Kay Kehm, Shirley Smitsky and Tiny Kerfoot. The youths are now planning a yard sale to be held at the church on April 20.

A reception was held after church services on Feb. 24 to welcome new church members, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne S. Hyatt and children, Wayne Allen, Karen and Melinda.

Student Pastor Tom Westfall completed his theological education at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Feb. 28.

The Frankfort United Presbyterian Church Children's Hour Program ended for the summer vacation after the session on May 14. The children have been learning about the Bible through puppet plays and from Mr. Carbuncle, a puppet who teaches them the weekly Bible verse. Puppet programs have also been presented on safety and nutrition. The children have learned new songs and games in the Children's Hour this year.

The Youth Group of the Frankfort U.P. Church joined with the youth from Service Presbyterian Church to go roller skating on April 13 at the Melody lanes. On April 19, they were invited to a 50's-60's dance at the Frankfort Grange Hall, sponsored by the Tucker United Methodist Church.

The pastor nominating committee members — Betty Patterson, Chris Kelly, Kenneth Mercer, Barry Lewis, Debbie McMillan, Ben Windsheimer and Gladys Martin — met with Jean Henderson of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry on April 3. The session met on April 8 and made plans for the Vacation Bible School. The Willing Workers held a spring luncheon on April 18.

**Frankfort United Presbyterian Church Children's Hour Program
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1986 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

A WARM WELCOME
AWAITS YOU AT THE
HANOVER BAPTIST
CHAPEL
MEETING EVERY SUNDAY
AT THE
Frankfort Springs Grange
Rt. 18
Sunday School - 10:00
Worship - 11:00
Evening Service - 7:30

STRAWBERRY
Festival & Bazaar

Hillcrest Presby. Church
Burgettstown, Pa.

TUESDAY JUNE 15th
Serving 1 p. m. to 8 p. m.
Adults 75c Children 35c
*Tickets on Sale At Peaches
News Stand*

Hillcrest Church-Strawberry Festival and Bazaar
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition

Hillcrest Women's Association Meets

The Womens Association of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church held its meeting Thursday, September 10 in Fellowship Hall of the church at 6:30. Members of Circles 2 and 5 were the hostesses for the evening.

Miss Gloria Bond led the devotions, after which the business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Raymond Caldwell. The first topic of business was the call for donations for the Presbyterian Home in Washington which is to be taken there September 24. Mrs. Glenn Stottlemeyer is in charge. It was also announced that the Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church would be host for the Washington Presbytery to be held in November and the assistance of the Womens Association was requested.

It was also decided that instead of a fall dinner, a basket would be sent house to house among the members of the church.

The election of the Executive Board for 1965 was held, with representatives of the Session counting the votes.

Those who were elected to the Executive Board, and will be installed in the December Womens' Association Meeting were: President, Mrs. Lois Wagner; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Betty Grimes; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Marion Holt; Secretary, Mrs. June Stevenson; Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Shirley Marcucci; Financial secretary, Mrs. Grace Allison and Treasurer, Mrs. Lucille Welch.

Following the business meeting, Miss Katherine Pyle showed slides and gave a talk of the many interesting places that she had seen in her trip to Ireland this past summer.

Hillcrest United Presbyterian Church Burgettstown, PA

During a period of about fifteen years from 1828-1830 petitions had gone up to Washington Presbytery praying for the organization of a Presbyterian Congregation in the town of Burgettstown; but they refused mainly on account of the opposition of Rev. John Stockton, D.D., pastor of the Cross Creek Congregation, who claimed that Burgettstown was in the bounds of his congregation and that it never would be self-supporting. (1)

A Presbyterian Sunday School had been in existence since 1833 and the first Church was the outgrowth of it. In 1845, a Presbyterian Church was built inside the Cemetery lot on the hill up East Pittsburgh Street, where the old cemetery is located. It was 52 x 45 ft. in size and cost approximately \$1, 300.

In connection with the congregation of Cross Roads (Florence) a part of the services of Rev. Joel Stonerod were enjoyed here as the people of Presbyterian faith of this community were members of the Cross Roads Church.

An application was again made to the Presbytery of Washington praying for the organization of a Congregation. After considerable difficulty, the organization was granted and the Rev. Joel Stonerod was appointed by Presbytery to organize the Burgettstown congregation. The date was October 18, 1849. Certificates of dismissal were given to sixty (60) members from Florence to attach themselves to the new congregation. In 1851, a petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County signed by eight prominent Presbyterian citizens, was presented saying they were desirous of acquiring the power and immunities of a Corporation in law under the name and style of Burgettstown Presbyterian Church. On February 22, 1854, the Court declared the charter be recorded in the Recorder's Office.

On April 4, 1850, a call was extended to Rev. James P. Fulton. On October 2, 1850, he was ordained and installed. He served until April, 1957. The pulpit remained vacant until a call was accepted by the Rev. James Turner Fredericks on April 21, 1858. He was installed October 26, 1858. During his ministry, which lasted 28 years, 816 names were added to the membership. The greatest number of members at one time was 445. The frame church was enlarged in 1860 and again in 1868. A larger building was evidently needed.

The present church was constructed by builder Wesley Smith on land owned and sold to the church by Rev. and Mrs. Fredericks for \$1,243.75.

The building of red brick, half Goth is in architectural style, measured 60 x 90 ft. and cost about \$20,000. On either side of the large front entrance of that day is the date 1874. Pews in the early days faced Highland Avenue end of the building and seated 700 or 800 people. Two long aisles led to the pulpit.

About 1900, a new pipe organ was purchased and the Auditorium remodeled. Two front entrances were constructed and the old balcony gave way to an arch for the pipe organ and choir, the entire congregation right about faced and turned its face towards the west. At the same time a vestibule was constructed at the rear of the church.

The bell in this church is said to have been cast in Philadelphia and to weigh 1,065 pounds. It was presented to the church by Dr. William Bradley in memory of his son William, who was killed in the Civil War.

In 1875, after the completion of the church, the old frame church on the hill was bodily into Burgettstown and relocated on Main Street where the Mary Ann Theater was later built. *(Note: The theater was torn down in the early 1970's to make way for the John L. Brunner Memorial By-Pass. The theater was located near the north end of the by-pass.)* It was used as an Auditorium or Town Hall. It was made unfit for use by the Flood of 1912. In my younger days, the old hall was used for school events such as literary contests, plays, dances etc. It was used by other groups as well.

In 1914, when I graduated from High School, our Commencement Exercises were held in the Sanctuary of this church.

Prepared by church member Lucille Culley Welch.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

World War II Veterans

From the Honor Roll in Hillcrest Presbyterian Church-Burgettstown, PA

James W. Addington

Willard E. Allison

William F. Andrews

George M. Atheron

Ray Bender

Robert B. Burns

William D. Craig

Eris J. Culley

Harry C. Dennis

Howard R. Dunbar

Frederick W. George

Richard C. George

A. Durward Glessner

Irene Glessner

Thomas W. Goldsboro

Gerald B. Hays

Thomas J. Hitchcock

John E. Hughey

W.L. Jackson

Leroy Janz

John J. Kaiser

Thomas V. Lee

John C. Linn

Albert E. Luttrell

Dorothy F. Lynch

Raymond Lynch

W.J. Maggs

John Mechling

Archie McFarland

S. Glenne Nichols

Clarence N. Power Jr.

John V. Puckett

Robert M. Russell

William Sauser

Donald D. Saxton

Arthur Simpson

John P. Stevenson

Mildred Jean Stewart

James M. Stottlemeyer

Robert D. Stottlemeyer

Austin Studa

Donald S. Taylor

Harold F. Taylor

James M. Westlake

Maurice L. Westlake

Langeloth Church Asks Contributions To Clear Mortgage

Miss Virgie Dold, treasurer of the Building Fund of the Langeloth United Presbyterian Community church is receiving contributions from members and friends of the congregation for a special campaign this month to raise \$300 to apply on the church debt. September 15 has been set as the deadline for making the payment to the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian church.

The Langeloth church, with real estate property valued at 45,000 is carrying a debt of \$1800. By a re-financing plan entered into with the Board of American Missions in 1938, when the church property was jeopardized by a threatened foreclosure of the mortgage, this debt is being cancelled at the rate of \$300 per year. The Board of American Missions made the congregation a gift of \$1800, and re-financed the balance of \$1800, interest free, to be paid off in six years.

LANGELOTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bible School ----- 10 a. m.
Morning Worship ----- 11 a. m.
Sermon by Rev. Wm. M. Lorimer of
Washington Pa.

The Langeloth Bible School enjoyed a basket picnic at Wells Farm, near Colliers, W. Va., last Wednesday, July 30. About 45 attended.

Rev. H. S. Giffen expects to attend the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association's leadership camp (Camp Kanestake) near State College, Pa., August 10 to 16. He will be accompanied by Rev. J. C. Stormont of Venetia, Pa., and Miss Luella Felch of Burgettstown.

Plans for morning services during the rest of August are as follows:

August 10—Rev. W. M. Lorimer.

August 17—Rev. H. S. Giffen.

August 24—No preaching service.

August 31—Rev. George U. Martin of Detroit.

The Community Workers class have planned an outing at Rock Springs Park, Chester, W. Va., on Wednesday of this week.

Tent Church (near Colliers, W. Va.), will have its 11th annual Homecoming Day on Sabbath afternoon, August 31., with Rev. George U. Martin as the preacher. The service will begin at 2 p. m., d. s. t.

25th Anniversary Planned For Langeloth Church Pastor



REV. THOME

Dr. James L. Thome, pastor of the Langeloth Community Church, is observing the 50th anniversary of his ordination as a minister of the gospel.

On Wednesday, August 18, in the Langeloth Church at 7 p.m., the congregation is having a program and buffet lunch to honor Dr. Thome. 1965

The son of the Rev. J. L. Thome, former minister of Burgettstown, he attended public schools in Sardis, Westmoreland County; Washington and Jefferson Academy, Washington and Jefferson College and Monmouth College, Illinois.

He received his A. B. degree from Monmouth in 1911, was graduated from Pittsburgh Seminary in 1915 and was ordained on June 7, 1915. In 1933, he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Monmouth College.

During his college days he also was a reporter on three newspapers, the Monmouth Review, the Pittsburgh Press and the Pittsburgh Post.

His pastorates have included Clinton, Burgettstown, Oxford, Ohio, Cross Roads and Langeloth.

He was Moderator and Superintendent of Missions in Frankfort Presbytery, in Chartiers Presbytery twice and in First Ohio Presbytery. He was Moderator of the Second Synod of the United Presbyterian Church.

He also wrote "Sermonettes" and "Lesson Lights" for Bible Teacher, which replaced "Nails To Drive Home," written for many years by Dr. T. H. McMichael, of Monmouth College.

**FAREWELL DINNER
FOR REV. McCracken**

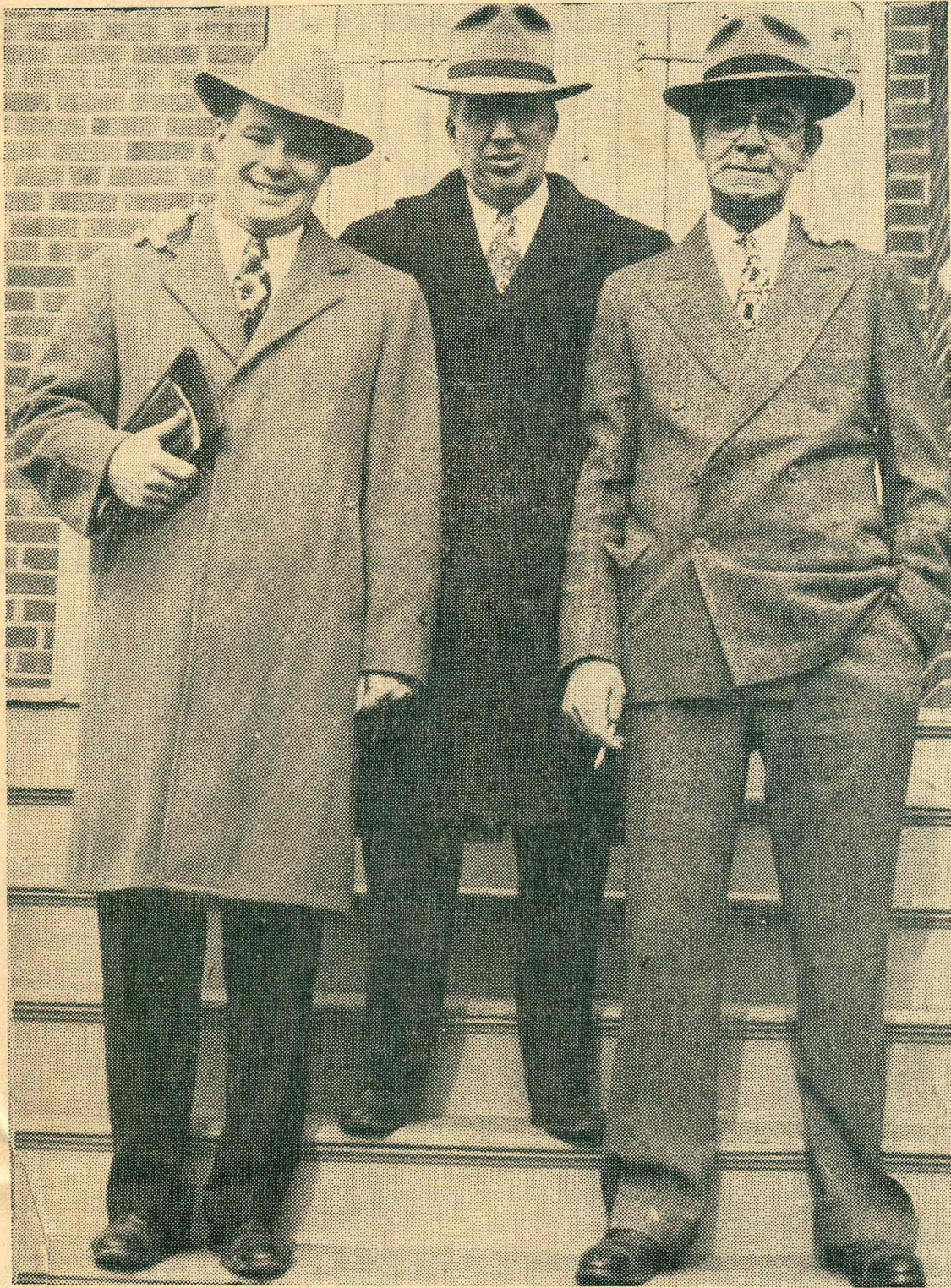
Rev. R. M. McCracken was guest of honor at a farewell dinner given for him by his friends and church members of the Langeloth Community church on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. Master of ceremonies was Phil Scott of Midway who later presented Rev. McCracken with an Elgin wrist watch as a gift from his friends. Each dinner table was centered with a vase of fall flowers and chrysanthemums. Eighty guests and friends were present.

Rev. McCracken retired, presented his last sermon Sunday, Oct. 29 and expects to move this week to Glen Willard where he will reside with his brother-in-law, Harry Turner.

Father and Son Banquet.

Nearly a hundred men and boys attended the fourth annual Father and Son banquet at Langeloth Church on Friday evening, John Steel, new president of the Men's Bible Class presided. The principal address was made by the Rev. Chas. Stunkard of Hickory. His address was entertaining and inspiring. R. E. Bucknam spoke for the fathers present and Clarence Patterson responded for the sons. Brief remarks were contributed by D. C. Wray, M. F. Warner and C. A. Hamilton. The musical part of the program was very fine, with vocal solos by Anderson Carmichael, violin solo by Sam Durst, and banjo and guitar numbers by Ralph Dold. That classic, "A Du Schone Schnitzelbank" was given an enthusiastic response when rendered by Messrs. Lukjohn, Dold, Durst, Nice and Willhoyte. The dinner was a wonderful affair of chicken and biscuits and things, served by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church. Mrs. Chas. Mester was chairman of the dinner committee.

EVANGELISTS POSE WITH F. H. ILLIG



The above picture of Rev. Robinson, Rev. Luther and the late Fred H. Illig was taken by Francis Buxton of Langeloth, on the steps of the Langeloth church, Sunday morning, December 2, just after the morning service. The evangelists were guests in the Illig home during their visit here.

Evangelists Pose with Fred H. Illig
The Burgettstown Enterprise-December 13, 1945 Edition

THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

Added to our historical sites in town, besides the school and the American Zinc Company, is the Langeloth Community Church. It, too, has much meaning behind it.

The first organized Christian work in this community was conducted by the Rev. C. L. McKee, of Washington, who was a representative of the American Sunday School Union. A Sabbath School was organized, the first meetings held in the old Langeloth Post Office. At the completion of Langeloth Center (School), which was for school and community purposes, the meetings, with the exception of meeting in the moving picture theater for a time, were then held at the school.

In 1915, Rev. G. W. Snodgrass was appointed as a Home Missionary by Washington and Frankfort Presbyteries to this section of the country to supervise the work. His term expired in the spring of 1917.

At this time, it was decided to call to enter services. Support was received from the Missionary Societies of the First Presbyterian, Westminster and the First and Second United Presbyterian Churches of Burgettstown, and the Young Peoples Christian Union of the Frankfort United Presbyterian Church.

In January of 1918, by appointment of the Women's Board of the United Presbyterian Church and under the supervision of the First U. P. Church of Burgettstown, Grace Welch Lieske was placed as a regular worker at Langeloth and Eastonville, which is now Slovan. At that time, there was no one in charge of the Langeloth Sabbath School, so Grace became superintendent.

Through visitation and the hearty cooperation of the people interested, things began to revive and preaching services were held frequently by different ministers. A Christian Endeavor Society was organized, and through this organization, funds were raised to have regular preaching services. In the fall of 1919, the services of Paul Miller, a senior at Pittsburgh Seminary, were secured until the following May. Under his ministry a temporary organization was formed - Mr. C. D. Patterson, president of the Christian Endeavor Society, presided. The official board that was elected included Albert Detweiler, J. S. Palin, F. F. Fuqua, E. C. McClelland, C. D. Patterson, B. F. Ashe, Mabel Hazlett and Grace Welch.

During the summer and fall of 1920, preaching services were conducted by Rev. D. L. Say, of Cross Creek.

In the spring of 1921 they saw the need of outside support for the permanent establishment of the church. It was voted by the organization to apply through Chartiers Presbytery to the Home Missions Board of the United Presbyterian Church for aid. The application was received. The Home Board immediately sent a representative, Rev. J. A. Alexander, Superintendent of Missions in the Pittsburgh Synod. With the cooperation of Rev. James L. Thome, who was then Superintendent of Missions in the Presbytery, arrangements were made for regular services, the Home Board paying \$10 each Sabbath and the congregation paying \$10. In July and August, the services of Rev. J. R. Lissenmyer, of West End Church, Pittsburgh, were secured. He held a week of evangelistic services at the local ball field. At the close of these meetings, on September 18, 1921, by appointment, the people assembled in the moving picture theater where they held services. A Communion service was held with a provisional session officiating. They were S. C. Malone, Dr. W. E. Dickson and Mr. Fairmen, of Burgettstown. An organization was effected with 38 members enrolled. The following trustees were elected: H. H. Dold, J.

W. Parham, O. A. Sanders, R. E. Bucknam, A. E. Hall, C. D. Patterson and J. H. Durst.

During the remainder of 1921 and part of 1922, Rev. Charles Vaughn and other Seminary students preached. Rev. George Krupp was sent here and remained until October of 1923.

On November 20, 1922, a Women's Missionary and Aid Society was formed by Miss Kate Hill, field secretary for the Women's Board. Mrs. R. E. Bucknam was elected president. The Missionary Society was to be held the first Thursday of the month and the Aid Society to be held the third Thursday of the month.

It was voted by the women's organization to deposit all money made in a savings account with the Washington National Bank of Burgettstown to be used as the church furniture fund for the new church, which seemed then to be a great way off. When it came time to use the money, the fund had reached \$1100.

In June of 1923, Rev. T. A. Gibson, of Parnassus, and Dr. R. W. Nairn, of Midway, conducted a series of evangelistic services. A grant of \$5000 was asked by Presbytery of the Board of Church Election, which was given. Not having a regular pastor made the project move slowly up until May of 1924. At this time, Rev. George U. Martin was appointed to the field and was joined in a few weeks by his wife.

The next step in the building program was to call a meeting of the Board of Trustees. A total of almost \$5000 was received through pledges and donations.

Ground was broken on July 15, 1926, and the laying of the cornerstone took place on August 29, 1926. On April 23, 1927, the church was opened. The total cost was approximately \$36,000.

At the congregational meeting held in March of 1927, N. T. Dodds, U. H. Duke, H. B. Purdy, Mrs. A. E. Hall and Miss Grace Welch were elected trustees. It was voted to incorporate under the name of the Langeloth Community Church, United Presbyterian. The charter was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on May 25, 1927.



Langeloth Community Church-May 1955

Front Row, L-R: George Dold, Jerry Bailey, Allen Lee Davis, Anita Reynolds, Patty Muniz, June Lee Martinez, Alice Jean Alvarez, Ardie Gay Davis, Charlotte Boller, Judy Kuzior, Hazel Hall.
Second Row, L-R: Dr. Thome, Charles Winders, Charles Abate Jr., Charles Caleffie, Lawrence Davis, Bill Buxton, Phoebe Suica, Carol Jean Gonzalez, Alice Marie Brunner, Dolores Vega, Jayne Lea Bable, Patricia Engle, Ruth Ann Mc Bee.

Pastor Submits Resignation.

The resignation of the Rev. George Urquart Martin, for a long term of years pastor of the Community church at Langeloth, was submitted to the Session of Chartiers Presbytery held in the Peters Creek church at McMurray last week. The Langeloth pulpit will be declared vacant on April 28th, the Rev. Mr. Martin having accepted a call to the pastorate of the First United Presbyterian church at Detroit, Mich. The Rev. Mr. Martin has become a very impressive part of community life in and about Langeloth and Burgettstown and his leaving is viewed with deepest regret by members of his congregation and many friends around a wide area of the local countryside.

**Langeloth Pastor Submits Resignation
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 17, 1935 Edition**



This is the Langeloth Community Church. Standing in the front is a group of children, after its opening.

**Langeloth Community Church Program Soon After 1927 Opening
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 31, 1982 Edition**

Service in Spanish.

The service conducted in the Spanish language at the Langeloth church on Sunday evening was well attended and very interesting. Edward A. Odell, Director of the Department of the West Indies of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, led the service and spoke informally. Mr. Odell speaks Spanish fluently, having been pastor of a church in Havana for a number of years. The other speakers were the Rev. Francisco Quinones, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Santurce, Porto Rico; and the Rev. Ricardo Jorge, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Union De Reyes, Cuba. Hymnals had been secured from the Spanish Evangelical Church, New York, and the music was supplied by the speakers and a choir of girls.



LANGELOTH CENTER

Langeloth Community Church Sunday School
Fort Vance Historical Society

Anniversary is Marked At Long Run Church

Sesqui-Centennial of Old Redstone
Presbytery is Observed at
Church Near Latrobe

Much interest has been manifested by people of the local community in the observance of the 150th anniversary of Old Redstone Presbytery, held last Monday at Long Run Church, near Latrobe. "Old Redstone" is outstanding as the first religious organization established in this immediate locality.

On September 19 and 20, 1781, four daring young ministers met in the Pigeon Creek Church, and organized the first Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, west of the Allegheny mountains.

They were the Rev. James Powers, who had been engaged in preaching and in organizing churches on the eastern side of the Monongahela river along the base of the Chestnut Ridge mountains; the Rev. John Mc-Millan, who had organized the Pigeon Creek and Chartiers churches in Washington county; the Rev. Thaddeus Dodd who had organized the Upper and Lower Ten Mile churches, at Prosperity and Amity, and the Rev. Joseph Smith, who was pastor of the church at Buffalo Village.

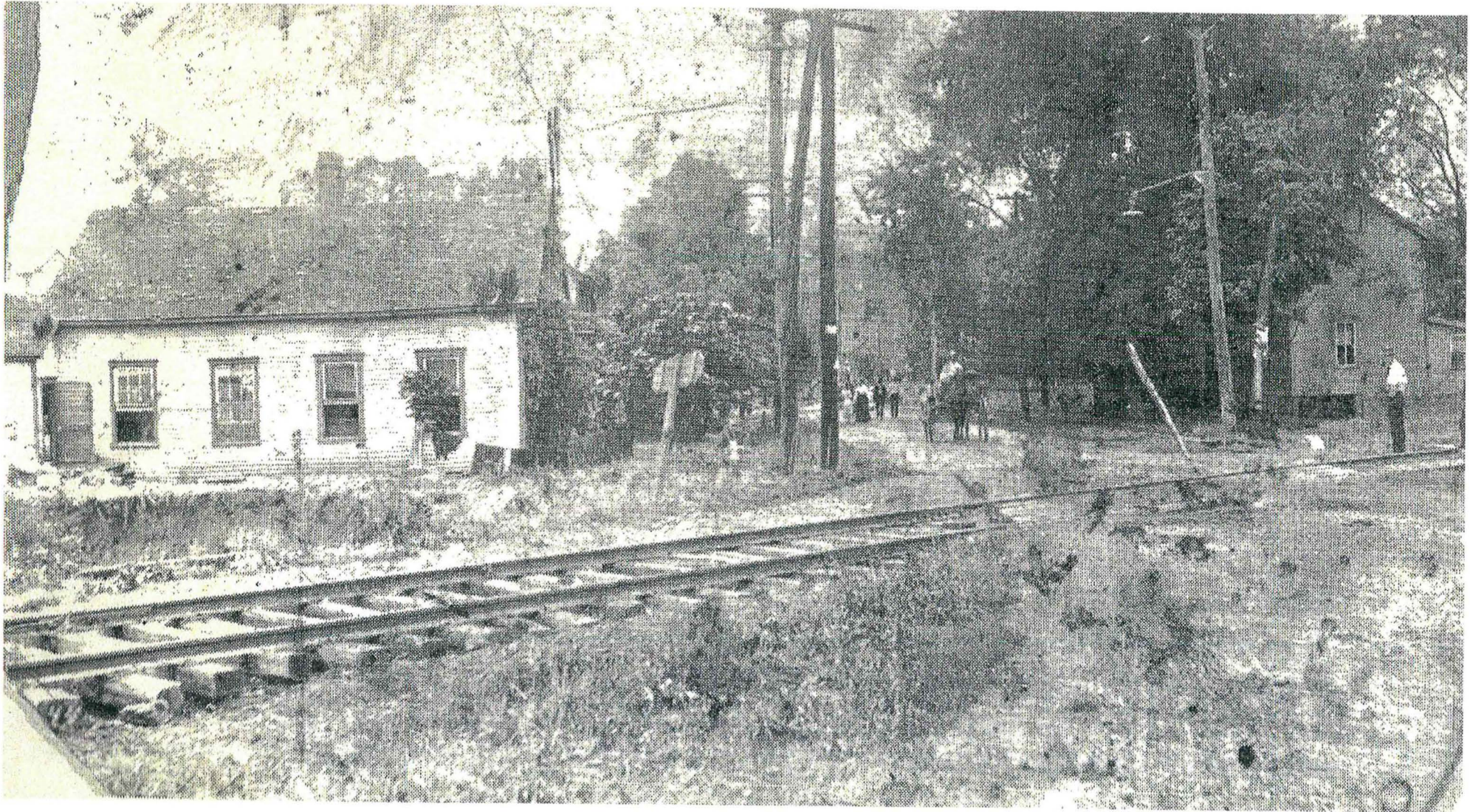
This new Presbytery was authorized by the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, and was bounded on the east by the Allegheny mountains, on the south by Virginia on the north by Lake Erie and on the west by the setting sun.

The larger part of this territory at that time was "terra incognita" to the new settlers of the Continent.

**Anniversary is Marked at Long Run Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 24, 1931 Edition**

New Pastor Installed.

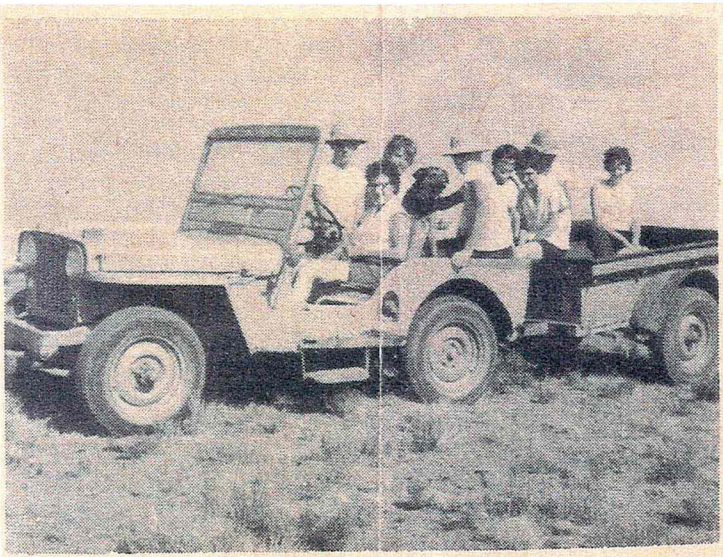
The Rev. Robert J. Topping was installed last Friday night as pastor of the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church at Independence, in a service that was well attended. Following the services the congregation tendered a reception to the new pastor and his family, who have recently moved there from Sawndale, W. Va.. The Rev. Paul Hazlett, of the Avella church, presided at the session and proposed the constitutional questions. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Donald M. Grant, D. D., of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian church. The new pastor received the charge from the Rev. G. W. Pollock, D. D., former assistant pastor of the Second Church in Washington, and the Rev. James Hamilton, home missions superintendent of the Washington Presbytery, charged the congregation.



Methodist Episcopal Church
Center Avenue Railroad Tracks Crossing Main Street, Burgettstown, PA
Family Dollar's current location

Concert at Mill Creek.

The senior vested choir of the Woodlawn Presbyterian church of Aliquippa, of which the Rev. Frank C. Ramsey is the pastor, will give a sacred concert in Mill Creek Presbyterian Church Friday evening, June 26th at 8 o'clock Standard time. The program will consist of solos, duets, ensembles, readings and instrumental numbers. The Woodlawn choir is one of the largest chorus groups of the county. Mrs. D. W. Whitehill is directress and Mrs. S. C. Moore accompanist.



“Off to Work” seems to be the order of the day, as the Jeep load of young folks embark on one of many adventures in the Navaho country. This photo was snapped by Rev. David Wallace, as his group left the former cattle-barn,

which had been converted into a dormitory, in which they made their headquarters. Following morning devotions, the young folks loaded up the Jeep, and began their day’s work among the Indians.



This photo shows the group at work painting the fence around the Navaho cemetery. Previous to the painting project, they had rebuilt and repaired the fence. Because of the existing Navaho superstitions concerning death and burial, they refuse to enter the cemetery, much less maintain it. The nearby Mission is informed of any death among the Indians, and it is left in the hands of the Missionaries to bury the remains. The group here is giving the fence

a coat of paint the approximate beige shade of the nearby desert, in order to camouflage it into natural surroundings. The fence had been painted a conspicuous white previously.

Following the painting project, the group planted shrubs and bushes in front of the fence, to further conceal any thoughts from the minds of the Indians, that evil spirits might lurk in the plot of land that is a burial ground for their dead.

The Washington Presbytery sponsored Summer Work Service Projects. came to a close this past week with the arrival home from the Southwest of the summer’s most extensive project.

Senior Highs participating in the Southwest Project were: Sue Campbell, Central Presbyterian Church, Washington; Betty Jane Gildow, Upper Ten Mile Presbyterian Church, Prosperity; Peggy McCreight, Second U. P. Church, Washington; Karen Pierrard, Center U.P. Church, Midway; Steve Post, Church of the Covenant, Washington; David Ross, Grove U.P. Church, West Middletown; Tim Wilson, Fairview Presbyterian Church, Thomas. Adult Advisors for the project were Rev. David Wallace, Grove U.P. Church, West Middletown, and Marion Henderson, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

The purpose of the Southwest Project was to serve, visit, and study the Church’s work in that area with emphasis on the Navajo Reservation. The first major stop on the month-long trip was a visit at the First Presbyterian Church and Neighborhood House in Kansas City, Missouri, to study their Inner-City Work.

The group attended Church School and Church conducted by the National Council of Churches Park Ministry at Mesa Verde National Park in Southern Colorado.

At the Presbyterian mission, Ganado, Arizona, the group spent two weeks completing their work project consisting of painting, roofing, and general repair work on the Mission Campus. During the stay they had opportunity to study Christianity in Action through the Ministry, Teaching, Healing, and Community Services rendered at the Mission, under the direction of Dr. Joseph A. Poncel. Several Mission Out-posts were visited also.

On the return trip the group endured a hail and rain storm during their nine mile hike into the Grand Canyon, and had a chance to test their stamina during a dust, wind, and rain storm in Monument Valley. The group spent several days and nights camping in the Rockies, and visited the Campus of Sterling College, a Presbyterian College in Central Kansas.

Four such projects were sponsored by Washington Presbytery this year. In addition to the Southwest Project, groups from this area went to Camp Bohotam in up-state New York, Pittsburgh for Bible School and Street Recreation on the North Side; and Detroit to a Neighborhood House for Inner-City maintenance.

Area Churches Participate in Summer Program

Burgottstown Enterprise - August 2, 1962 Edition

HOME COMING SERVICE AT PROSPECT CHURCH

Langeloth Pastor Preaches Sermon
at Mt. Prospect Church
This Evening

Plans for a Homecoming Day are being made by the Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church at Thomas, of which the Rev. H. Glenn Stephens is pastor. Next Sunday, will be known as Homecoming Day, when all former members and friends of the congregation are invited to return and attend the services, which will be marked by special features.

Communion will be observed at the morning worship period, and at the evening hour, the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. John S. Stoner, of Los Angeles, California, a former pastor of the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Stoner and family are spending their vacation with Pennsylvania friends.

Preparatory services to communion will be held in the church on Thursday and Friday nights, the sermon on Thursday evening to be delivered by the Rev. George U. Martin, of Langeloth, and the speaker on Friday night will be the Rev. Dr. H. Ross Hume of the Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

Many persons of Burgettstown and vicinity are planning to attend the Homecoming services at the old church and meet the Rev. Mr. Stoner who is well known throughout the local territory. The church is located near the forks of the road, at the Hickory intersection of route 18.

INSTALL NEW MINISTER IN CHURCH AT HICKORY

The Rev. C. S. Thomas is Formally
Ordained as Minister of
Mt. Prospect Church

On Friday evening of last week the Rev. C. S. Thomas was ordained and formally installed as pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory. For the occasion an adjourned meeting of the Washington Presbytery was held in the Hickory church. An audience of about 300 persons was present to witness the ceremonies.

The Rev. O. S. Fowler, moderator of the Presbytery, presided; the Rev. C. L. McKee, stated clerk, acted as secretary. The invocation was voiced by the Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, pastor of Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. Dr. J. B. Miller of Old Concord asked the customary questions and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. William Owen of Greensburg.

Following the ordination prayer, by the Rev. P. H. Hazlett, of Avella, there was the laying on of hands by the ministers present, including the Rev. Mr. Owen and the Rev. Charles Stunkard, of the Hickory United Presbyterian Church, who were elected corresponding members of the Presbytery that they might assist in the ceremony.

The Rev. G. N. Monroe, of West Alexander, charged the pastor, in a series of common sense suggestions. The congregation was charged by the Rev. J. S. Morledge, of the Third Presbyterian Church, Washington, who addressed his former congregation and spoke of their faithfulness in past years. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Mr. Thomas.

At the conclusion of the ceremonial the newly-installed pastor and his wife were tendered an informal reception by the members of the congregation, who offered felicitations and a cordial welcome.

**Rev. C. S. Thomas is Ordained Minister of Mt. Prospect Church
Burgettstown Enterprise- April 2, 1931**



Our Lady of Lourdes-1958 Interior View

Fort Vance Historical Society



Father DePaul Ripko, speaker. Father Boslet seated.



**Jack Brunner, speaker. Father Boslet, seated
Father Boslet served Our Lady of Lourdes 1953-1971**

Father John R. Boslet's Farewell Dinner-1971

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Eighteen visiting Priests assisted at the solemn closing exercises of the Forty Hours' Devotion in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, Monday night. These devotions, commemorating the forty hours our Lord's sacred body lay in the tomb after His crucifixion, opened the preceding Saturday morning and continued throughout Sunday and Monday. On Sunday night, the sermon was delivered by the Rev. Vincent Leonard of Woodville and on Monday night by the Rev. George Haber of St. Catherine's church, Beechview. Other Priests assisting during these three days were Rev. Joseph A. Burgoon, McDonald, Rev. Daniel P. Murphy, Weirton, W. Va., Rev. Martin Egan, Follansbee, W. Va.; Rev. H. J. Gilbert, Superintendent of St. Paul's Orphan Asylum; Rev. Joseph A. Lowrey, Carnegie; Rev. John P. O'Reilly, Noblestown; Rev. Leo Pastorius, Cecil; Rev. Aloysius Jurgutis and Rev. John McKenna, Bridgeville; Rev. Leonard Sculley, Washington; Rev. Philip Moore, McKees Rocks; Rev. Edward Zauber, Aliquippa; Rev. Thomas Dunn Uniontown; Rev. Francis Marin, St. Richard's; Rev. Vincent Rieland, St. Raphael's church; John Fennell, Most Blessed Sacrament church; Rev. John R. McKayney, S. John the Evangelist and Rev. Michael Costello, Chaplain St. Joseph's hospital, all of Pittsburgh. The boys and girls of the parochial school marched in solemn procession and carrying freshly cut flowers formed a triumphal arch through which the Blessed Sacrament was carried.

58 TAKE FIRST COMMUNION AT CATHOLIC MASS

At the nine-thirty Mass last Sunday in Our Lady of Lourdes church a class of twenty-two girls and twenty-six boys received their first Holy Communion. This class had been under daily instruction each morning for the preceding six weeks. In the sermon for the occasion, Rev. W. J. McCashin stressed the seriousness of the duty of parents to instruct their children not only by word but still more by example. "The father or mother who tells the child to go to church on Sunday and then remains away from church himself is teaching the child to serve God by his words and at the same time by his action, teaches the child to ignore God. The faithful father and mother will not be content to send their child to Divine Service but will accompany the child and by their example impress this duty of Divine Worship on the childish mind during its impressionable years," he said.

The following children comprised the class: Vera Boni, Mary Fabian, Pauline Fabian, Mary Spenkar, Mary Ann Gavatora, Frances Dvorsak, Adeline Perko, Josephine Borio, Theresa Zablocka, Loretto Murne, Celestine Mundin, Mary Strojan, Irene Oldak, Dolores Laplacz, Mary Foradora, Elizabeth Pauchnik, Gloria Gomez, Carmina Ramirez, Anna Raffa, Anna Mis, Violet Wisnoski, Angelina Martinez, Rose Pascarella, Mary Rita Jakima, Josephine Obozek, Mildred Zakuliec, Martha Rae McFarland, Anna Jean McFarland, Dorothy Mae McFarland, Clara Mazugosky, Katherine Welsh, Anna Marie Bender, Joseph Gavatora, Edward Klemencich, John Marcucci, Angelo Tunno, Carl McChancey, Ray McChancey, Jay Smith, Frank Sperando, Joe Orłowski, Joe Perko, John Fidoresin, Nadeline Lattella, John Lanchek, Augustine Mundin, John Murin, Thomas Domin, Mike Harvey, Charles Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Steve Fuller, William Wisnoski, Joe Smigelski, Frank Ruzkowski, David Chelinski, Edward Chelinski and George Pushkarich.

Pete McMahon Winner Of Basketball Award



Wins Foul Shot Title In Tourney

Pete McMahon, right, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. McMahon, of Shady ave., Burgettstown, poses with John J. Wright, Bishop of Pittsburgh, after winning a basketball foul-shooting title in a holiday tournament at Lawrenceville.

A member of Our Lady of Lourdes basketball team, Pete has been a star with the local quintet all

season.

In the 52-team St. Mary's Invitational tourney, Pete stepped to the free-throw ten times and swished the nets on nine occasions. He was then given five bonus throws, and hit on four of them.

McMahon, in the final round, hit on seven of ten free throws and three of five bonus shots to win his trophy.

The old gent in the middle of the picture just happened to be around when this photograph was taken.

Bingula's General Store
Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marko Bingula, 1905-1969



Built in 1905.



Side door view and upstairs where Catholic Church services were held.

**Bingula's General Store
Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marko Bingula**



Front view of the store coming up Erie Mine Road.



Entrance to store with double doors.

**Bingula's General Store
Operated by Mr. and Mrs. Marko Bingula, 1905-1969**



Upstairs of the building was the scene of many weddings and dances.



January 1973, building was torn down and the lumber was used to make a hunting camp.

BISHOP BOYLE AND CLERGYMEN ATTEND CONFIRMATION SERVICE

In a church filled to capacity and before an altar banked with flowers the Most Reverend H. C. Boyle, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh last Friday at eleven o'clock conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on a class composed of one hundred eighty-five children and some sixty adults, the class representing eleven different nationalities. Many more adults were prevented from attending due to the mines working at that hour. Services began promptly at eleven with the Rev. Father Paul E. Campbell, former Diocesan Superintendent of Parish Schools and now Pastor of St. Lawrence Church, E. E. Pittsburgh, preaching an instructive and appropriate sermon on the dignity and effects of the Sacrament. At the conclusion of the sermon, Bishop Boyle attended by twelve visiting Priests and the local Pastor, Rev. Father W. J. McCashin entered the church in solemn procession while the male choir sang the hymn "Ecce Sacerdos Magnus" and then the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" (Come O Creator Spirit Blest). The following Priests assisted the Bishop: Very Rev. M. J. Hughes, and his assistant Rev. Leonard Sculley of Immaculate Conception Church, Washington, Rev. Joseph A. Burgoon, St. Alphonsus Church, McDonald, Rev. Charles M. Keane, St. Patrick Church, Noblestown, Rev. Frederick J. Mansmann, St. Michael Church, Avella, Very Rev. Philip Moore, St. Francis de Sales Church, McKees Rocks, Rev. Francis J. Bailey, assistant to Father Campbell at St.

Lawrence Church, Pittsburgh, Rev. Joseph Lowney, St. Luke Church, Carnegie, Rev. Vincent Leonard, Chaplain Allegheny County Home, Woodville, and Reverend Daniel P. Murphy and Rev. James Tierney of St. Paul's Church.

At the conclusion of the hymn the Bishop extended his hands over those to be confirmed and prayed that they might receive the Holy Ghost with His seven gifts and as the class approached in groups of two attended by individual sponsors, they knelt before the Bishop who anointed the forehead of each with the oil of Holy Chrism and signed them with the sign of the cross and then gave to each candidate a slight blow on the cheek. The symbolism in the anointing and signing with the cross is that, no being enlisted as a soldier in the army of Christ the person confirmed must as a loyal soldier carry the cross, the standard of his leader constantly before his eyes throughout life and as a true soldier will follow their leader and the flag of his country through hardship and struggle. So too must the true soldier of Christ be faithful and loyal to his Divine Leader and His standard of battle—the cross unto the very death.

The slight blow on the cheek likewise reminds the candidate that he must now be ready as a good soldier to endure any hardship or persecution in the cause of His Savior. After bestowing his Apostolic blessing upon those assembled the Bishop in unison with the class recited the Apostles Creed, the Our Father and the Hail Mary and the services concluded with solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the singing of the "Te Deum" (Holy God We Praise Thy Name) by the entire class. The Sacrament was first conferred on that first Pentecost Sunday which the christian church commemorates this coming Sunday when the Holy Ghost came down upon the Apostles assembled in the small room in Jerusalem in fear and trembling—sheep without a shepherd after the crucifixion and subsequent Ascension into Heaven of their Shepherd. While gathered there came a noise as of the rustling of the leaves by the gentle zephyrs of the wind in spring time and there appeared parted tongues as it were of fire and set upon each one of them. It was the fulfillment of the promise made to them by their Leader before His Ascension into Heaven—"I will not leave you orphans.

Children of Confirmation Class:—

Elsie Ferbezar, Elizabeth Kuritz, Margaret Sage, Frances Senshur, Jean Marmegin, Adele Vittori, Mary Vittori, Katherine Taucher, Elma Zuccaro, Helen Zuccaro, Frances Gavatorta, Dolores McChancey, Lena Colpo, Emma del Tozzotto, Leona Zilka, Betty Schneider, Alberta Bernola, Rita Panconi, Mary Rose Williams, Pauline Gavatorta, Margaret Gruber, Louise Hribar, Dorothy Hribar, Mary Enace, Rose Tunno, Betty Rinehart, Katherine McGraw, Geraldine Evantz, Mary Boni, Anna Castner.

Rita Castner, Laraine Smith, Martha DeLuca, Margaret Richards, Louise Gruber, Anna Gavatorta, Lena Massocco, Helen Pushcar, Anna Baloga, Margaret Baloga, Josephine Krmel, Louise Skof, Wilma Buritz, Josephine Goldbach, Margaret Snincak, Sophie Piekasz, Bernita Sperando, Leona Kubovik, Dorothy Hobrat, Helen Stayminger, Dorothy Macek, Mary Macek, Bertha Janiga, Katherine Matesic, Matilda Pencak, Irene Jadrick, Violet Durinza, Katherine Durinza, Cecilia Dvorsak, Margaret McGraw, Mary Modick.

Mary McGivern, Mary Dettori, Betty Waldl, Veronica Wos, Wardie Joseph, Mary Oldak, Argentine Oldak, Nellie Oldak, Rose Mary Nicola, Anna Loncek, Dorothy Loncek, Anna Evansky, Anna Mae Bodnar, Bertha Bialoskoski, Lois Garies, Stella Lasobek, Loraine Romanoski, Charlotte Houghton, Marie Pauchnik, Mary Smigelskis, Jean Harpula, Stella Raffa, Helen Raffa, Dolores Ramirez, Audrey Russell, Mary Virginia Russell, Jean Russell, Mary Nairn, Anna Ruth Nairn, Helen Kopacz.

Viola Ceresa, Josephine Montequin, Dorothy Clark, Theresa Sejda, Rose Lesko, Eleanor Yario, Lillian Roberts, Dorothy Lovin, Mary Mika, Mary Predetto, Lucille Fuller, Edna Smith, Vanda Sultie, Bertha Zdbef, Alma Sherosky, Stella Sabat, Frances Puskarich, Katherine Puskarish, Betty Puskarich, Anna Lukatich, Mildred Lukatich, Mildred Bertovich, Mary Chelinsky, Stella Mazegoski, Barbara Zunich, Katherine Predetto, Laverne Lovin, Bruna Rossi, Argentine Giacomelli, Margaret Secehn, Clara Bruno.

Mary Revay, Frances Revay, Virginia Pompe, Margaret Pompe, Mary Monasterio, Paula Gavatorta, Jean Gavatorta, Elizabeth Zabrutka, Mary Urbanik, Lola Montequin, Pacita Montequin, Mae Gonzales, Mary Latzo, Lillian Fiorelli, Agnes Sarish, Aldia Gavazzi.

Confirmation Class (Boys):

Thomas McGraw, Patrick McGraw, Joseph Goldbach, Kenneth Capozzali, William Castellino, Andrew Baloga, Geno Boni, Sam DeLuca, John Muscaro, Jake Schneider, August Bernola, Alphonse Tunno, Richard Rinehart, Frank Certich, Andrew Reese, Charles Smith, Ignatius Panzica, Aldo Lemme, James Gavatorta, George McChancey, James Taverne, Eugene Povero, Edward Gruber, Robert Lawrence, Anthony Ripko, Frank Dettori, Antony Rivetti, Vincent Rivetti, James Guadagnina, Raymond Pencak, Edward Dugas.

William Dugas, George Majernik, Frank Astorino, Robert McGraw, Joseph Testa, Albert Sperando, John Golonka, Adilio Stura, Stephan Baloga, John Cheslik, George Konshis, John Gareis, Charles Quader, Alex Novitski, Henry McManus, Christopher Ramirez, Richard Ramirez, Joseph Revay, George Revay, Edward Revay, Angelo Montquin, Joseph Sejda, Harry Diamond, John Harpula, George Lesko, Adam Sarish, Ben Rusciollelli, Frank Pascale, Mike Pascale, Joseph Pascale.

George Giacomina, Harry Walkura, Frank Roberts, Joseph Lovin, Robert Curtis, Natch Smith, Arthur Roberts, Steve Mazegoski, Edward Mazegoski, Charles Pushkarish, Bradley Yanni, Frank Sechen, George Abate, Octo Gavazzi, Frank Stayminger, Joseph Montquin, Dominic Cody, Deno Giacomelli, William Steckler, Anthony Bernola, Joseph Opalka, Clifford McKee, Andrew Churpak, Louis Lovin, Joseph Urbanik, Marino Iafolla.

BISHOP BOYLE TO OFFICIATE AT CONFIRMATION

The Most Reverent H. C. Boyle, Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese will pay his first visit to Burgettstown in four years on Friday morning, when 300 children and adults will present themselves for confirmation in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church. A number of visiting Clergy will assist Bishop Boyle and resident pastor, Rev. Father W. J. McCashin with the services, including Rev. Father Paul E. Campbell, former superintendent of Diocesan and Parish schools and now of the St. Lawrence Parish, Pittsburgh, who will deliver the sermon to the class.

Appropriate music will be furnished by the Men's choir, under the direction of Caesar Grocci.

The class will be composed of about 100 adults and 200 children who have reached the age of twelve years, since last Confirmation, four years ago. Girls in the class will wear white dresses and veils, to receive confirmation of baptismal vows made by their sponsors by the laying on of the hands of their Bishop.

**Bishop Boyle to Officiate at Confirmation
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Blessed Mother Is Crowned Sunday At Lourdes Church

The annual ceremony of the crowning of the Blessed Mother as May Queen took place in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30. In connection with this ceremony new members were received into the Young Ladies' Sodality.

Preceding the service, the Sodality marched as a group in solemn procession down the main aisle of the church. As the girls separated on each side of the aisle, candidates for admission filed between into their proper places. The girls formed a triumphal arch of honor with spring flowers beneath which the May Queen Vera Martin and her attendants marched to the main altar where the crown was blessed by Father W. J. McCashin and placed upon the statue of the Blessed Mother by the Queen.

In the name of all present, Miss Martin recited the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Mother. The group sang hymns appropriate for the occasion. Charlotte Pintar accompanied at the organ.

Miss Ann Plaza, Prefect of the Sodality presented the following candidates to Father McCashin, Spiritual director, as approved for membership into the Sodality: Thelma Gareis, Mary Foradori, Enace Raggi, Eileen Harshall, Basilides Mendez, Jean Gavatorra, Josephine Borio, Vera Boni, Elizabeth Pauchnik, Jennie Salvadori, Stella Oldak, Zelinda Tucci, Mary Ann Gavatorra, Anna May Kuritz, Celeste Mondin, Patricia Dinnen, Anna Pradette, Ilda Zamberlan, Elizabeth Castner, Gloria Gomez, and Rose Pasquale.

The sermon for the occasion on the Dignity of the Blessed Virgin was delivered by Rev. Father Raymond Buechel of St. Bede's Parish, Pittsburgh.

The Solemn Benediction was given by Rev. Father Francis Wivell of Avella assisted by Rev. Father Vincent Leonard of Woodville and Father Buechel.

The ceremonies closed with the singing of "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" by the entire congregation. The following promoters of the Sodality acted as attendants: Betty Bebo, Dorothy Machek, Christine Mendez, Ann Gavatorra, Ann McGraw, Irvine Gusteau, Lillie Fiorelli, Lucille Panzica, Deflores Sedlar, Amalia Sciamanna.

Blessed Mother is Crowned at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
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BOYS' CHOIR TO SING XMAS MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH



From left to right. Front row — Joseph Haba, Rudolph Lounder, Gerald Tenaglia, George Hvizdosh, Anthony Campos, Stephen Shearson, Daniel Bonner, Francis McChancy.
Second row — Joseph Vajentic, Albert Shearson, James Williams, Richard Zelenko, Robert Lawrence, Charles Duffey, Andrew Sedlak, Andrew Haba
Third row — James Bober, Louis Dugas, Emre Sedlak Frank Brager, Ray McChancy, Daniel Capozzoli, Michael Bihume.

Boys' Choir to Sing Christmas Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 27, 1945 Edition



L-R: Frank Krynak, Manuel Martinez, Alfred Christy, Father John R. Boslet, Vance Farulli, and Joseph Durko.

Break Ground for Parochial Playground
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1954 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

BREAK GROUND FOR PAROCHIAL PLAYGROUND



Ground breaking for the new \$5,000 playground to be built at the rear of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church took place Friday morning. Pictured are members of the committee: left to right-Frank Kranak; Manuel Martinez, chairman; Alfred Christy, K. of C. Grand Knight; pastor Rev. John R. Boslet; Vance Farulli and Joseph Durko. Establishing a playground in that location is a project of the Knights of Columbus, assisted by four organizations in the church including: Holy Name Society, Young Ladies Sodality, Christian Mothers and Catholic Daughters of America. Funds were solicited from parishioners of the church and another fund raising project will be sponsored in the near future. Acting as advisors for the excavating are: Alex Paris, Irvin Miller, James D Whalen and Frank Klein. Anyone desiring ground for use as fill, from the excavating, should contact the chairman, Manuel Martinez by telephoning 5111.

Break Ground for Parochial Playground
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CATHOLIC MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Raymond Adams, John Alagna, William D. Allison, Dominic Astorina, Frank Astorina.

George Badanich, Jr., Steve Barish, Andrew Bayus, Jr., Andrew Bebo, John Benn, Michael Benn, Stephen Benn, Anthony Bernola, Edelo Bernola, Elmo Bernola, Evo Bertini, Bruno Bialoskoski, Leo Bialoskoski, Sigmund Bialoskoski, Gus Bingel, Louis Bingel, Michael Bingel.

John Bittner, Joseph Bittner, Joseph Blair, Andrew Blehi, *John Blehi, Dominic Bongiorno, Edward Bongiorno, Betty Bozic, Leonard Brosky, Henry Bruno, Raymond Buno, Secondo Bruno, John Budash, Walter Budash.

Albert Cappozzoli, Michael, W. Castellino, *William J. Castner, Frank Certich, Anthony Chastulik, George Chastulik, Robert Chastulik, Rudolph Chastulik, Louis Chatter, Avonear Christ, Andrew Churpak, John Churpak, Dominic Cipranic, Louis Cipranic, Ralph Ciabattari, Dominic Cody, George Colpo, John Conjeski.

Frank D'Ettori, Angelo DeLuca, Sam DeLuca, Carl DeSantis, Harry Diamond, *Patrick Diamond, Jr., William Diamond, Anthony DiBacco, Frank Dominsky, Ignatz Dominski, Jr., John Dominski.

Alphonse Douch, Peter Douch, *Victor Douch, Albert Dugas, George Dugas, Louis Dugas, William Dugas, John Dvorsak.

John Eannace, Alex Evanosky, Thomas Evanosky, John Evantz, Regis Evantz.

Louis Ferbezzar, Clara Fiazza, Frank Fiazza, Ralph Fiorelli, Albert Fowler.

Steve Gambetta, Gertrude Gareis, John Gareis, James Gavatorra, Jr., Otto Gavazzi, John Gelester, Peter Gibson, Andrew Giffort, Severio Godish, Joseph Goldbach, Jr., Edward Golonka, John Golonka, Joseph Golonka, Walter Golonka, Joseph Grabski, Thomas Grennel, Jr., Caesar Grosse, Sigmund Grzelak*, James Guiddy, Joseph Guiddy, Salvador Guiddy.

John Haba, Natch Haberek, Jr., Alex Hallahan, John Hallahan, Nicholas Hallahan, John Harpula, George Harris, Jr., John Harris, Michael Harris, Kenneth Howard, William Howard, Thomas Hucik, Joseph Invernezzi.

Edward Jackson, Patrick Jackson, Tony Janulewicz, John Jeffrey, Paul Jeffrey.

Julius Kaminski, Walter Kaminski, Vincent Katouch, Virginia Katouch, Marko Kirin, Matthew Klemencich, Martin Klemencich, Chester Kopacz, Joseph Kopacz, Leo Kopacz, Thaddeus Kopacz, Paul Kosak, Andrew Koval, Emil Kowalski, Chester Kowalski.

Frank Kranak, John Kranak, Michael Kranak, Charles Kresock, Elmer Krmel, Carl Kubas, Steve Kubas, Joseph Kubovic, Anthony Kucich, Joseph Kucich, David Kuritz, Steve Kuritz, Jr., John Kuzyck.

Jennie Lanczak, Joseph Lanczak, Alex Lasobek, Walter Lasobek, Andrew Latzo, John Latzo, Stephen Latzo, Andrew Laurich, Frank Laurich, Jr., Robert Lawrence, *Albano Lemmi, Aldo Lemmi, George Lesko, Anthony Longo, Charles Lonski, Edward Lonski, Frank Lonski, Henry Lonski, Edward Lounder, Emil Lounder, John Lovin, *Louis Lovin, Edward Lukon, William T. Lydon.

Charles Mader, George Majernik, Joe Majernik, Chester Malek, Al Marucci, Raphael Marmagin, Constantine Martinez, *Joseph A. Martinez, Manuel Martinez, Ferdinand Massoco, George Matalik, Charles Matalik, John Matesic, Edward Meagher, Eugene Mika, John Mika, Stanley Mika.

Anna Miletich, Betty Lou Modic, Richard Monasterio, Angel Montequin, Manuel Montequin, Alex Mroczkoski, Mitchell Mroczkoski, George Murray, Joseph Murray.

Paul McChancey, Jr., Thomas McGinn, Joseph McGivern, Patrick McGraw, Jr., Peter McGraw, Robert McGraw, *Peter McMahon, Jr.

Attilio Napolitano, *Bennie Navage, Frank Nemeth, Jr., John Nemeth, George Nicola, William Nicola, Joseph Novak, Walter Novak, Alex Novitzki, Marshall Nunéz.

Lawrence O'Hara, Anthony Olonik, Charles Olonik, *John Olonik, Stanley Olonik, Walter Olonik, John Ostop, Jr., John Ossko, Walter Ozimek.

Adolph Panconi, Mike Pasquale, Frank Pasquale, Thomas Pauchnik, Henry Pavan, *Andrew Pescko, Mike Pescko, Paul Pescko, John Pcolinski, Mike Pcolinski, Paul Pcolinski, Eugene Petrucci.

Andrew Petrus, Andy Pichorar, Casimir Piekasz, Paul Piekasz, John Pompe, John Porchiran, Joe Porchiran, Lloyd Prado, Patsy Provenson, John Pushcar, Jr., Anthony Pusateri, Joseph Pusateri.

Anthony Quader, Charles Quader.

John Raffa, Eugene Raggi, Joseph Rago, Anthony Ramirez, Christopher Ramirez, Joseph Ramirez, Ralph Ramirez, Richard Ramirez, Joseph Rash, Jr., Andrew Reese, Edward Reese, Jr., Bernard Repole, George Revay, Joseph Revay, Mike Revay, John Revay.

Lorraine Rinehart, Richard Rinehart, Anthony Rivetti, Arthur Roberts, Joe Roberts, William Roman, John Romeo, Ernest Rotta, Frank Rozmus, Stanley Rozmus, Ben Rusefiellli.

Frank Sachen, William Sachen, Carmen Sansone, Adam Sarish, Joseph Sarish, Stephen Sarish, Joseph Sarnicki, George Saska, Harry Saska, John Saska, Jr., *Michael Saska, Edward Sauser, Edward Sciamanna, Joseph Seyda.

John Shubejeski, Andrew Shubel, Frank Shubel, Frank Sherosky, Joseph Skof, John Skryp, Julius Slopek, Steve Slopek, *Andrew Snincak, John Snincak, Joseph Snincak, Albert Sprando, Bernice Sprando, Eugene Sprando, Sam Sprando, Paul Steckler.

Andrew Steiminger, Lawrence Steiminger, Alex Stetar, Edward Settar, Ludwig Stetar, George Stevenson, George Strongoski, John Strongoski, Attilio Stura, John Suder, Charles Sugick, *Frank Sugick, George Sugick, Ignatz Sultie, Leon Surba, Steve Surba, Jr.

Louis Täuchler, Raymond Taylor, Joseph Testa, Michale Tintor, James Taverne, Alphonse Tunno, David Tunno.

Joseph Urbanik, Dominic Vajentic, Jr., Jesse Venegos, Michael Vernillo, John Vernillo.

Chester Warchol, John Warchol, Joseph Warchol, Angelo Williams, Ernest Williams, Michael Williams, Edward Wonsiewicz, Stanley Wonsiewicz, Joseph Woinar, Walter Woinar, Joseph Wos, Jr., Walter Wysocki, Joseph Wvtko.

Bradley Yanni, Albert Yesko, Michael Yesko.

Michale Zablocki, Stanley Zdybicki, Joe Zdybicki, Jr., Stanley Zupan.

Left since Dedication:

Anthony Homitz, Clair Martin, Thomas McGraw.

Killed or Missing in Action:

John Blehi, Sigmund Grzelak, Albano Lemmi, Patrick Diamond, Jr., William J. Castner, Louis Lovin, Bennie Navage, Victor Douch, Joseph Ant. Martinez, Peter J. McMahon, Jr., John Olonik, Andrew Pescko, Michael Saska, Harry Saska, Andrew Snincak, Frank Sugick, Natch Hoberek, Jr.

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MANY ATTEND CATHOLIC SILVER ANNIVERSARY

An occasion for pleasant remembrance was the Silver Jubilee celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic parish, which ended last Wednesday evening with a fine banquet served by the ladies of the church to over 200 guests. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated in silver trim, with bouquets of season's flowers at each table. The occasion also marked the birthday of the Rev. W. J. McCashin, Jubilarian, and in honor of the event, a huge three tiered birthday cake centered the speaker's table. Guests at the banquet were each served a piece of the birthday cake.

The banquet resolved itself into a stirring testimonial to the founder of the parish, Rev. McCashin. Speakers commended him for his fine work as both a spiritual and civic leader and pointed with pride to his achievement the founding of Lourdes parish and the building of one of the finest church buildings in the Community.

Rev. McCashin was presented with a beautiful leather bound autograph book by members of the Mystical Rose Society.

A. H. Kunkei was chairman of the Jubilee celebration program which began with Solemn High Mass at 11:00 a.m., and continued throughout the day ending with the banquet in the evening.

Out of town guests who came to congratulate Father McCashin were:

A. L. McCashin, F. J. McCashin, Charles Spence, Miss Mary Wilma Spence, Frank Keane, Miss Alice O'Connor, Miss Mary Friel, Misses Clair and Gertrude Dixon, all of Connellsville, Misses Wilha Falkenhagen, Isabelle Brennan, Ella Ryan, Caroline Moll, Mrs. Margaret O'Brien, Mrs. Helen Cobbett, of Pittsburgh, Mr. and Mrs. James Lingan and Miss Mary Cain, McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Nicholson and Mrs. Brown of Littsburgh, and Mrs. Loretto Marmagin and Mrs. Louise Loumont of Youngstown, Ohio.

Priests: Revs. Joseph A. Burgoon, McDonald, Rev. Daniel P. Murphy, Wierton, Rev. Vincent Leonard, Woodville, Very Rev. Martin Hughes and Rev. Leonard Sculley, Washington, Rev. Charles M. Keane and Rev. Ralph L. Hayes, McKeesport, Rev. Joseph Lowney, Carnegie, Rev. George Haber, Rev. J. Dudley Nee, Rev. James Davin, Rev. Vincent Reiland, Rev. Daniel Lawless, Rev. William Buechel and Rev. James Hanlon, Pittsburgh, Rev. Edward Zauner, Aliquirpa, Very Rev. Philip A. Moore, McKees Rocks, Rev. Thomas Dunn, Uniontown, Rev. Francis Shields, Braddock and the Rev. P. J. Danay, San Antonio, Texas.

Many Attend Catholic Silver Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 7, 1941 Edition

Founder Observes 25th Anniversary



REV. WILLIAM J. McCASHIN

In the Silver Jubilee Historical Edition of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic parish, members pay the following tribute to the man who has been the guiding spirit and a veritable 'Father' to the flock during the twenty-five years of its existence:

OUR PASTOR

"It is only with the approach of some eventful milestone that matters of importance are brought to our attention and we come to recognize the results of his untiring efforts.

The members of the Parish, on the occasion of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Church, find themselves reminiscing over the achievements accomplished and due entirely to the careful planning and untiring efforts of our Pastor and we suddenly realize that much has been accomplished from a very modest and humble beginning.

Father McCashin was born at Connellsville, Pa., and pursued his studies for the priesthood at St. Vincent's Seminary near Latrobe, Pa. He was ordained for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pa., by the late Bishop Canevin, June 25, 1915, and was stationed for a short time at McDonald, Pa., with instructions to organize a Catholic church in Burgettstown. It was a very difficult task and many hardships were encountered but the young pastor set to work with the energy and enthusiasm for which he has since become well known. The newly formed parish presented many serious problems, but all these were solved by his resourcefulness, self-sacrifice and persistent labor. To the grave responsibility of uniting the people by the common bonds of religion, languages and customs, was added the tremendous financial burden and the building of a new church. His was an uphill duty and his achievements are due to his upholding the principles of right and wrong.

It is well known that children have been his special concern, and the fruits of his efforts are clearly shown by his accomplishments with the younger members of the parish. Working zealously and untiringly, he has thoroughly planted the seed of religion in the children. The spiritual welfare of the members of the Parish was his constant concern, and the present strong position of Our Lady of Lourdes church in the Community is due solely to the unflagging zeal and effort of Father McCashin. It is partial evidence of his record of achievement, for over twenty-five years of his Priesthood were spent in laboring among the people of Our Lady of Lourdes church.

We know and appreciate your hard work in the parish, and pray, "God Bless you, Father McCashin."

today.

11. Our Forty Hours' date has been changed from June 28th to May 20th each year.

12. All Masses that I have received and that are still unseid will be turned over to Father Boslet.

13. According to another new regulation by Bishop Dearden, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given to all children completing the Fourth Grade in the Parochial School, instead of only to those 12 years of age and over as heretofore.

14. Please do not be guided by what you have read in the secular papers about the mitigating of the Fast for Holy Communion. It does not apply until promulgated by our own Bishop.

15. During the course of the years, the remark has often been made, "What is Father doing with all the money he takes in?" On this, my last report to you, I beg to submit the following financial standing of our Parish. I have been gathering this money throughout the years in the hope that when we had enough, we could go through with the building of a new Rectory and a new Church, without running into any great amount of debt. Like Moses, who led the Israelites to the promised land and then could not enter, so I feel I have led you to the promised land of great developments in this parish, but in God's Will, I cannot carry through these developments. The following will, I hope, give you some idea of how Our Lady of Lourdes Parish stands financially. The year 1952 witnessed the largest amount of receipts in the history of the Parish. For this, I am deeply grateful and ask God to bless your generosity.

RECEIPTS:

Checking Balance January 1, 1952	\$29,353.85
Sunday Offertory Collection	14,677.95
Second collections on Sunday	971.99
Monthly Collections	4,750.75
Collections at Devotions (Mission)	1,392.93
School Collections-Tuitions, etc.	2,640.55
Relig. Articles, Votive Candles	530.35
Cemetery (Net)	1,848.95
Miscellaneous	67.55
Diocesan & Foreign Collections	3,614.74
Net Income-Rent on Church Property	1,072.75
Entertainments	4,345.89
Donations and Bequests	2,712.50
Sale of Christmas Cards (2 years)	1,231.30
Coal, Easter, Summer & Xmas Coll.	4,357.10
Accumulated interest on Savings Acct.	3,561.67
TOTAL	\$77,130.52

EXPENSES:

Salaries - Pastor, Assistants, Sisters, Housekeeper, Janitor, Organist, Choir Books, Taxes, Insurance, Light, Heat, Water, Telephone, School Repairs, and other ordinary expenses:	\$9,371.84
Diocesan & Foreign Expenses	3,614.74
Decorating Church	2,861.25
Total	\$15,847.83
Added to Reserve Fund during year	\$33,161.37
Checking Balance January 1, 1953	\$28,121.32
TOTAL	\$77,130.52

Our Reserve Fund is as follows:

Mellon Bank - Burgettstown, Pa.	\$5,927.96
Union Trust - Pittsburgh, Pa.	5,707.94
Peoples First Nat'l - Pittsburgh, Pa.	5,590.11
Farmers' Deposit - Pittsburgh, Pa.	5,595.13
Dollar Savings Bank - Pittsburgh, Pa.	3,802.80
Government Bonds, Series F, 12 years maturity, exclusive of interest	163,540.00
Total Reserve Fund	\$190,163.94
Checking Account	28,121.32
Savings for New Buses	8,574.50

Total Cash on hand, January 1, 1953 \$226,859.76

nice cemetery, 83 acres of land extending from the end of Center Avenue to our new cemetery. Eighty building lots are laid out and recorded on this plot, which, should anything develop in the vicinity, can be a source of great income to the Church. I trust this financial report meets with your approval and that none will question as to just where their contributions have gone. As to the Spiritual development of the Parish, I leave that in the hands of God, who will judge me on that, rather than the financial development. Personally, I feel Our Lady of Lourdes is the best Spiritually developed Parish that I know, due to your wonderful reception of the Sacraments and attending Holy Mass. I can ask no greater favor than that you remember me when receiving the Sacraments and attending Holy Mass. I would like to say "Good-bye" to all of you from the Altar from which I have addressed you throughout the years. I fear, however, after my experience of last Sunday, that it is not going to be possible for me to do so. My labor amongst you during the Thirty Seven and a Half Years has been one of love. The work has been hard at times, but I tried to do the best I could. I know I have been on the strict side and have endeavored as your first Pastor to set-up and maintain the highest possible norm of Catholicity. In doing this, I have stepped on the toes of many, but I hope you believe me when I say that any refusals of permission or refusing to grant favors has hurt me as badly as it may have hurt you. My closest friends are the ones that have suffered most, lest I be accused of playing favorites. I have tried to submerge self and personal popularity to the greater common good of the Church and the Parish. Any disagreements we may have had are all forgotten by me and I trust that you in your charity will likewise forget them. We should be thankful to Bishop Dearden for sending a Priest of the type of Father Boslet to be your new Pastor. Could I have chosen my successor myself, I could not have picked anyone to whom I would rather turn over the Pastorate of Our Lady of Lourdes. Next Thursday, I go to new fields of labor. It will not be Our Lady of Lourdes but in gratitude to her for what she has done for our Parish, I shall endeavor to cultivate a special devotion to her wherever I may be. This is my Swan-Song. I had thought I would never have to render it, but am resigned. You have been most kind in your expressions of sorrow at my leaving, but I can assure you that your sorrow is not one bit less than what I feel. Please pray for me and I shall never forget you. My body may be elsewhere, but my heart is always in Burgettstown. I am deeply grateful to those good men and women not of our Faith who have been so kind and considerate to me throughout the years. May God bless and be good to them. Some may consider this as the ravings of a sentimentalist - that is not so. I love Burgettstown, and I love all the members of Our Lady of Lourdes. The children especially, I regret to leave - no better children can be found anywhere. And now, Good-bye and God Bless you all.

Your Pastor and Friend,

Father McCashin



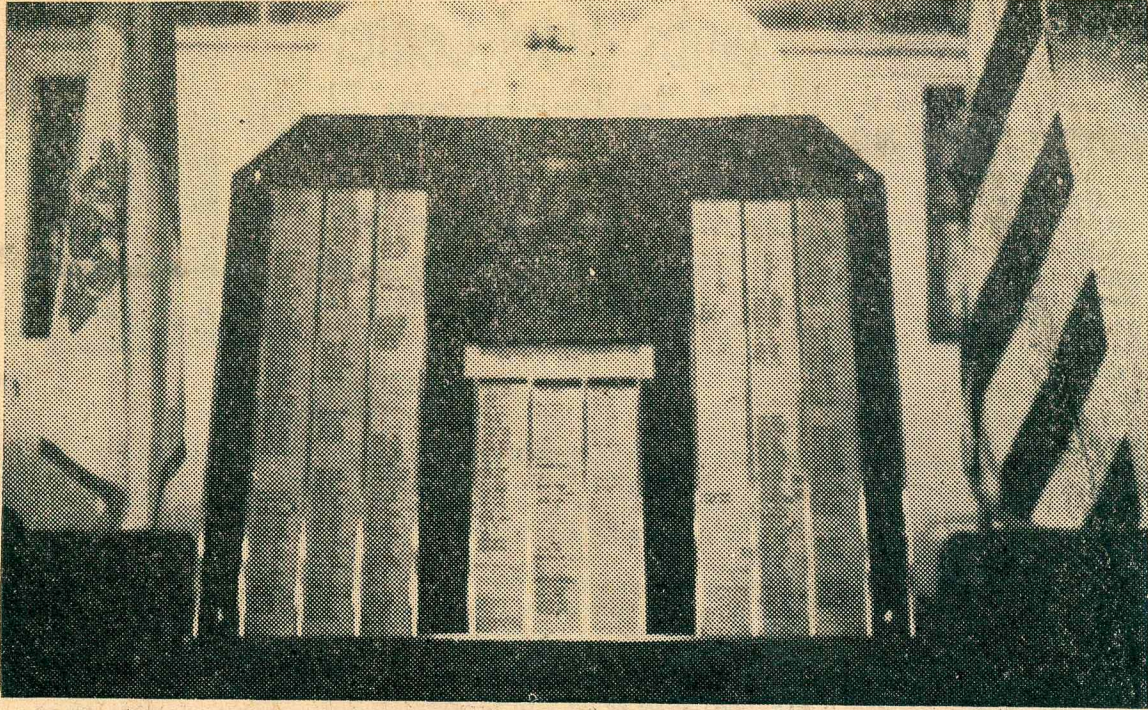
**Our Lady of Lourdes-Church Rectory
Unknown Date-Burgettstown, PA**

**LIGHTNING STRIKES
CATHOLIC CHURCH STACK
DAMAGE IS \$500.00**

Lightning struck the rear smoke stack at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, during a severe electrical storm on Tuesday, July 29, and caused damage estimated at \$500.00. Bricks and stone coping were hurled about the premises by the force of the shock and the parish ladies, who were engaged in preparing for the Silver Jubilee Banquet were considerably shaken and frightened, although no one was injured. It was believed for a time that all the dishes had been shattered, fortunately however, breakage was light, and no one was injured enabling them to proceed with plans for the festival.

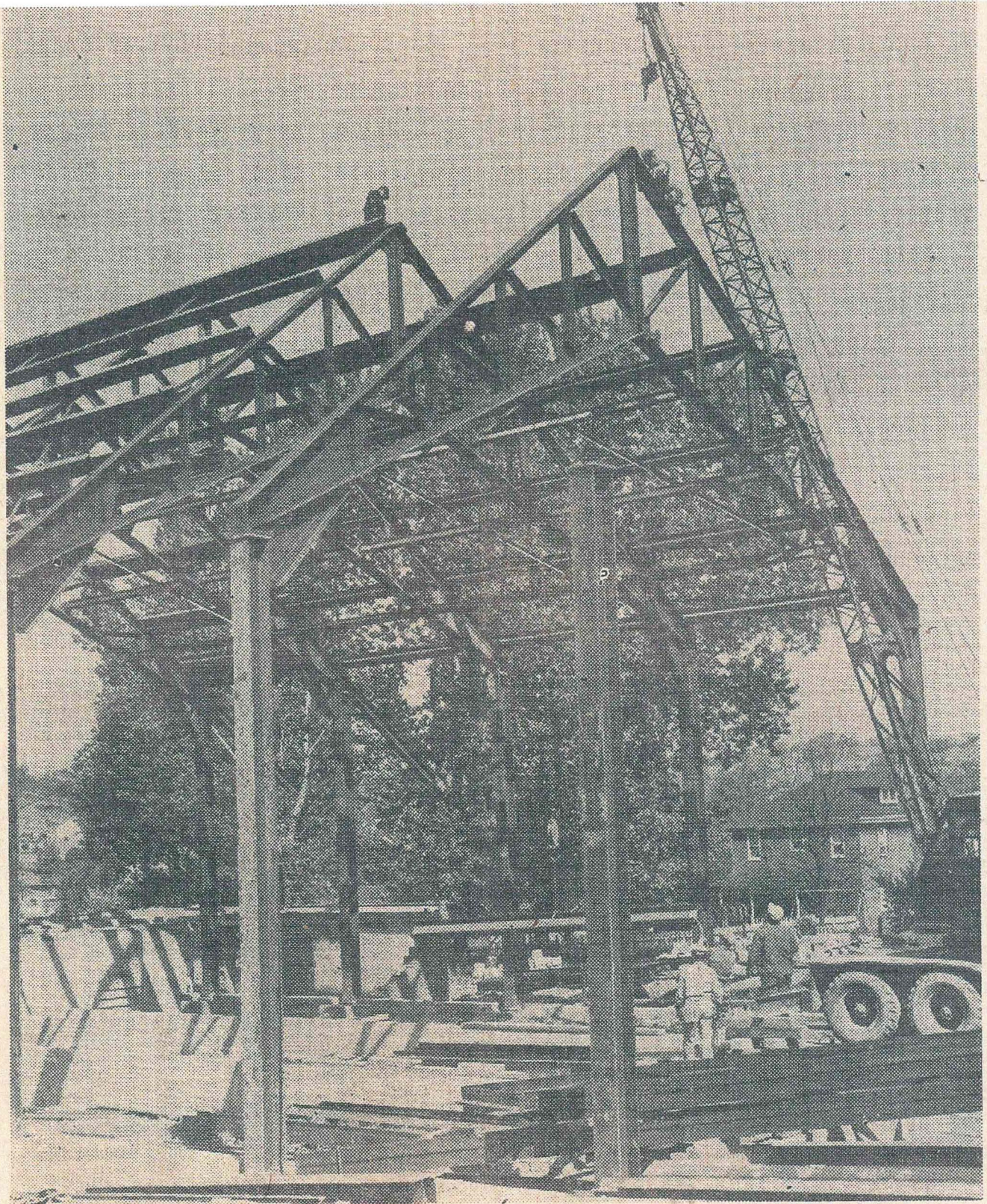
**Lighting Strike Catholic Church Stack, Damage is \$500
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 7, 1941 Edition**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Dedicates An Honor Roll



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church dedicated an honor roll containing 360 names of men and women in service on Sunday afternoon, February 11. Seventeen of these boys are killed or missing in action. The honor roll was blessed by Father W. J. McCashin, pastor of the church. As each gold star mother or wife's name was called a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers was presented to her by a little girl dressed in white and wearing a sash and head ribbon of red, white and blue. The sermon was delivered by Father Paul Coyle of St. Bernard's Mt. Lebanon. Other priests assisting were: Rev. James Davin, St. Paul's Orphanage; Rev. Leo Pastorius, St. Mary's, Cecil; Rev. Frank Wivell, St. Michael's, Avella; and Rev. Vincent Leonard, Allegheny County Home, Woodville, Penna.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Dedicates an Honor Roll
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 1, 1945 Edition**



The Enterprise photographer was present to film the final erecting of 110 tons of steel in the new Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, as shown above.

Rev. John Boslet, priest of the parish says the corner stone will be laid early in August and that he expects the new church edifice which will seat 600 persons to be completed about October 1, 1956.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church-Erecting 110 Tons of Steel
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 7, 1956 Edition**



Father William J. McCashin was honored at a testimonial banquet on Monday, January 19, 1963, with more than 300 colleagues and townspeople gathering to pay tribute to a man who had served 37 years as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church.

On Thursday of the same week, Father McCashin left Burgettstown to take up the duties of his appointment as priest in charge of St. Philip's Church, Crafton.

Pictured above are some of the principals in a program which was featured by Father McCashin's reviewing the highlights of his journey through the years in the service of his church and this community.

The formal program started the evening's ceremonies after the guests had partaken of a delicious dinner cooked and served by the women of the parish. Steve Dugas welcomed the guests and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul E. Campbell, of St. Lawrence O'Toole church,

Pittsburgh, was the toastmaster.

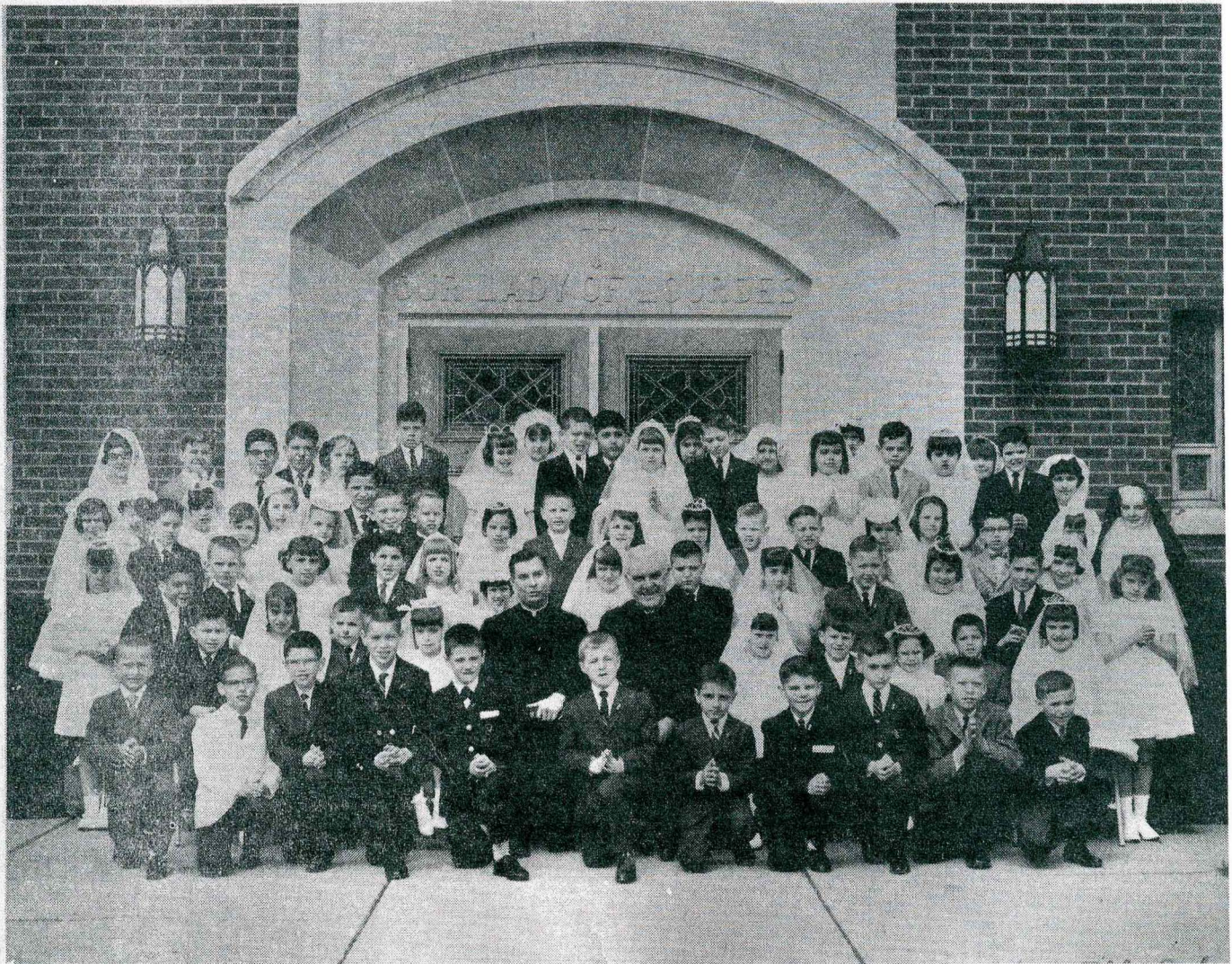
Friends told the McCashin story in a series of testimonials as follows: "Priest," Rt. Rev. Msgr. Vincent Leonard, Chancellor of Pittsburgh Diocese; "Pastor," Joseph Vajentic; "Neighbor," Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel P. Murphy, St. Paul's church, Weirton, West Virginia; "The Man," Attorney I. C. Bloom, Washington; "Community Worker," Rev. Jacob C. Ruble, First Presbyterian church, Burgettstown; and "County Colleague," Honorable Roy I. Carson, Judge of Common Pleas Court, Washington.

Impromptu talks from the floor were made by John Scott, Gus Barbush, Burgess Robert Canning, Ralph Lee, Robert Stottlemeyer, Mrs. Lukon of Cherry Valley and Miss Ella Ligan, of Burgettstown, R.D.2. Miss Ligan, First Prefect of the Sodality, presented Father McCashin with a gift from the Sodality.

The evening closed with the song, "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

**Father William J. McCashin Honored at Testimonial Banquet
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 28, 1963 Edition**

First Holy Communion Held In Two Catholic Churches



72 In Our Lady Of Lourdes Class

On Saturday, May 14, seventy-two children received their First Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The children in the Communion Class are:

Covaçonga Alvarez, Susan Alvarez, John Baloga, Ralph Boff, John Carter, Amy Bertolotti, Tammie Castellino, Nancy Chastulik, Deborah Chilensky, John Comis, Mona Allen, Edward Dugas, Mark Dugas, Carrie DiBacco, Judith Dumbovich, Carl Filipponi, Brenda Englert, Mary Ann Engler, John Keating.

Janet Howard, Michelle Kucher, Joseph Guiddy, Stacy G., Judith Ho-

lawnson, Paul Lukon, Ros-He Matesic, Timothy McKee, Patrick Kearney, Charles Hughes, Mark Pasquale, Michael Pasquale, Donna Muller, Michael Roberts, William Reese, Douglas Tunno, John Tunno.

Martin Santek, Susan Resnik, Susan Serish, Anastasia Serish, Judith Spiotto, Gregory Tenaglia, Bernadette Toth, Donna Cikovic, James Thornburg, Nicholas Tkalcevic, Andrew Toth, Rosemary Valenti, Roger Froats, Philip Anile, Paula Vladich, Crystal Vitagliano, Colleen Walpert, Lou Walpert, John Grecco.

Joseph Yamber, Teresa Petrus, Jonathan Nesbit, Edward Shiel, John Petrus, John Stunda, Catherine Traud, Sheila Golonka, Yolanda Bovalina, Anthony Bologna, John Yaco and



**Ground Breaking Ceremony Held for Our Lady of Lourdes Church-December 18, 1955
Father Fabian and Father Boslet officiating**



Ground Breaking of Our Lady of Lourdes

Ground was broken for the erection of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, South Main Street, Burgettstown, on December 18, 1955.

Burgettstown Enterprise-Bi-Centennial Edition-June 30, 1976

Fort Vance Historical Society

Fifty-two Take First Communion At Catholic Service

Sunday morning at the ninety-third Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes Church fifty-two children from the Parochial school received their first Holy Communion. During the Mass the Boys, Choir, with Charlotte Pintar at the organ, sang appropriate hymns. In his sermon for the occasion Father McCashin stressed the duties and obligations of parents to lead their children not by words alone but by the still greater influence of good example in accompanying their children to Divine Services and the reception of the Sacraments.

At the conclusion of the Mass the children renewed their Baptismal vows and were invested with the Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

The following children comprised the class: Jerome Adams, Robert Bodnar, Thomas Couch, Andrew Bianchini, Ruben Campos, John Colpo, John Danek, Joseph Dominski, James Durko, Robert Dvorsak, Nick Ianetti, Ronald Krecoszowski, John Maroni, William Martin, Fernando Mendez, John McKee, James Nordo, James Metalik, William Ozimek, John Pasquale, Harry Roman, Charles Scruppi, Eric Tomaseski, Thomas Vajentic, William Whalen, Mary Ann Bokoski, Frederica Bruno, Judith Bober, Lois Cieslak, Diana Cipranic, Rebecca Christy, Winifred Daley, Geraldine Dalfol, Carolyn Davis, Mary DeSantis, Darlene Filipponi, Janice Filipponi, Justine Filipponi, Kathleen Flanagan, Sandra Goleski, Barbara Careis, Elizabeth Hucik, Patricia Iско, Mary Muscaro, Geraldine Fazerin, Anita Rometti, Marie Slarupa, Marcia Rodriguez, Patricia Sanderak, Margaret Toth, Joan Vajentic, Barbara Zelenko.

**INSTALL NEW BELL
AT OUR LADY OF
LOURDES CHURCH**

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church, this week, are making a canvass to secure the remaining amount necessary to pay for a new 1,000 pound church bell, which is to be installed in the church before Easter. A fund to buy the bell was started by members 15 years ago and just recently, due to an awakened interest and the need for a more adequate bell, additional contributions have been made so that the committee felt justified in ordering the bell, the approximate cost being \$1,000.

The bell, installed in the belfry will be electrically operated from the sacristy and will contain an electric tolter and an electric swinger.

Rev. Father W. J. McCashin announces the usual observance of Holy Week for his Communicants. There will be a Procession and High Mass sung on Holy Thursday, March 21, a Holy Service from 7 to 8 on Thursday evening and All Night Adoration for the men of the church.

On Good Friday, March 22, members of this parish will participate in a Processional and Mass at nine o'clock, followed by Adoration of the Cross.

May Queen Crowning At Lourdes Church

The Rev. Ray Buechel of St. Bede's Church, Pittsburgh will be the speaker at the First Communion and Mass to be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30 o'clock.

Miss Vera Martin, Secretary of the Sodality will be crowned May Queen at traditional crowning ceremonies and the Sodality reception in the church on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. A rehearsal of the pageant will be held on Friday evening.

**Vera Martin-May Queen Crowning at Our Lady of Lourdes
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition**

**MYSTICAL ROSE SOCIETY
PRESENTS GOLD VASES**

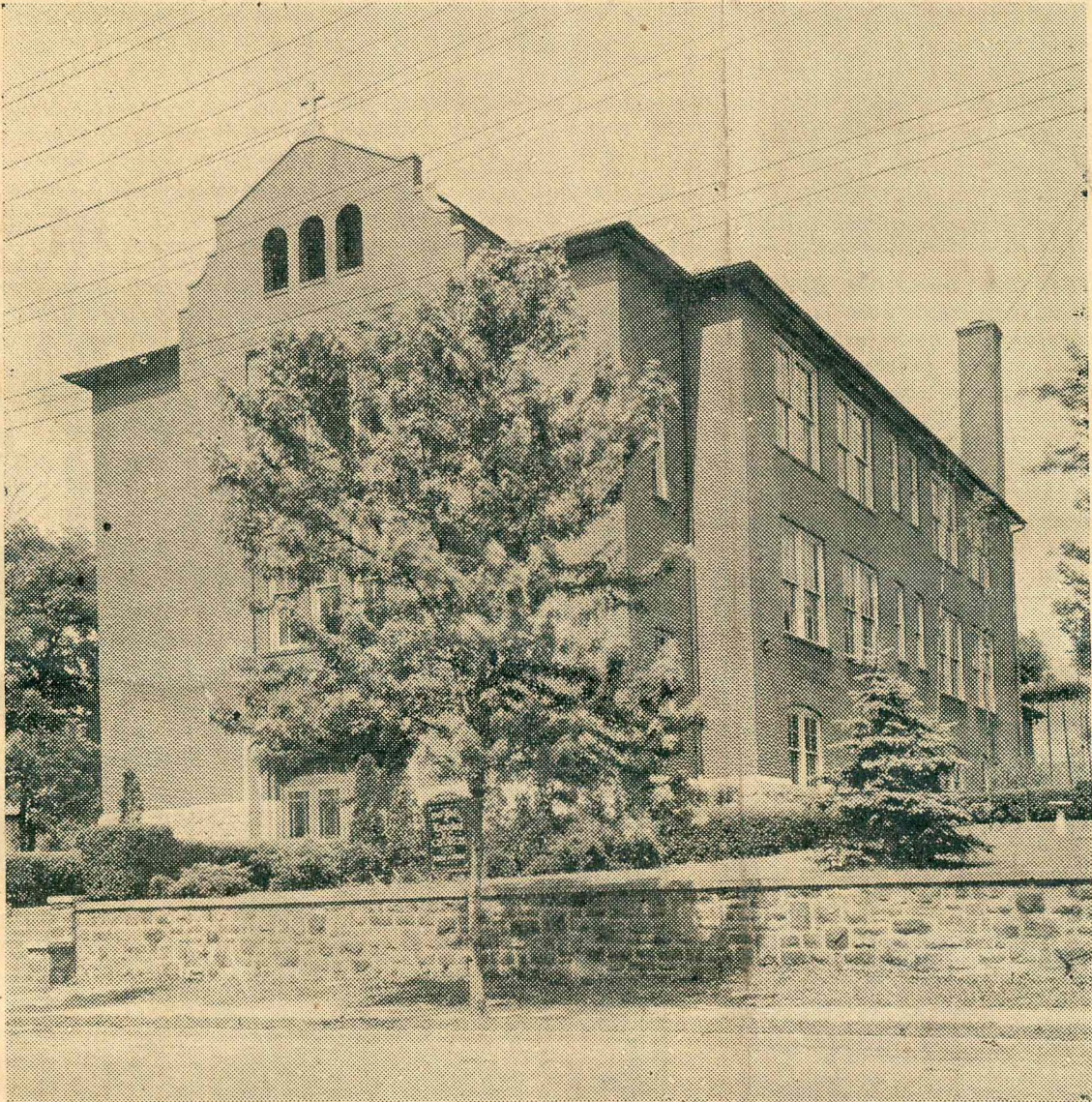
The sanctuary of the church has been covered with a beautiful new green carpet which adds greatly to its appearance. Six pairs of gold vases, the gift of the Mystical Rose Society, adorn the altar at all services.

MISS NELL CHRISTY
TO BE CROWNED MAY
QUEEN BY SODALITY

Miss Nell Christy of Raceoon will be crowned May Queen at the Annual Ceremony of the Young Ladies' Sodality of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Twenty new members will be welcomed into the Sodality. Rev. Vincent Leonard, Chaplain of the Allegheny County Home at Woodville, will deliver the sermon.

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Lourdes Parish Celebrates Silver Jubilee



Wednesday, July 30, will go down for the Rev. W. J. McCashin as a memorable one in his career of Christian Service. It marked a day of devotion and celebration by the members of his parish, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church for the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of his entry into the ministry and the founding of the local church by him.

The observance began with Solemn High Mass at 11 a.m., celebrated by Rev. McCashin and assisted by visiting clergymen and ended with a banquet in the parish hall at 7:30 p.m. The banquet was attended by members of the parish and local business and professional men and women.

Welcome to the visitors was extended by A. H. Kunkel, general chairman for the Jubilee celebration, who also made the presentation of a Printed Souvenir Edition of the History of the Parish commemorating the Silver Anniversary. Banquet speakers were Rev. Joseph A. Burgoon of McDonald; F. H. Illig, General Superintendent of the American Zinc and Chemical Co.; Rev. Daniel A. Lawless of Pittsburgh; Attorney George I. Bloom of Washington; Rev. Daniel P. Murphy of Weirton; and Honorable J. Boyd Crumrine, Judge of the Orphans Court of Washington County. Rev. William J. McCashin made the response and expressed the gratitude of his parish for the interest and response of the Community to the occasion.

Lourdes Parish Celebrates Silver Jubilee
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 31, 1941 Edition

PARISH ENTERTAINS 92 PRIESTS AT 25th. ANNIVERSARY BANQUET FOR REV. WILLIAM J. McCASHIN

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church celebrated the twenty fifth anniversary of the ordination of their Priest, the Rev. Father W. J. McCashin in appropriate manner on Tuesday, July 16. The Parish entertained 140 guests, including 92 Priests from Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and personal friends and members of Rev. McCashin's immediate family.

Father McCashin celebrated Solemn High Mass at 10 a. m. in his church. He was assisted by Rev. D. P. Murphy of St. Paul's church, Weirton as Deacon; Rev. Paul E. Campbell of St. Lawrence church, Pittsburgh as sub-deacon; and Rev. Joseph W. Lowney of St. Luke's church, Carnegie as Master of Ceremonies. Rev. James A. Wallace Reeves, P.H.D., D.D. President of Seton Hill College, Greensburg delivered the sermon. The male chorus, directed by Caesar Grosse at the organ, sang the Mass. The church was filled to overflowing with friends and members of the parish.

At 12 o'clock noon the guests were invited into the parish dining room for a banquet. The room was beautifully decorated with the season's flowers and the tables were attractively set for 140 guests, centered with vases of roses. Rev. Paul E. Campbell presided as toastmaster. He called upon the following Priests, who responded with interesting talks:

Rev. J. J. Brennon of St. Luke's church, Carnegie, who has been a member of the Priesthood for 52 years and in former years was in charge of this district.

Rev. James A. Burgoon of St. Alphens church of McDonald.

Rev. H. J. Gilbert, superintendent of St. Paul's Orphanage of Idlewood, and a classmate at college of the Honor Guest.

Rev. McCashin responded with grateful appreciation for the recognition bestowed upon him for his many years of service in the church and in the Burgettstown Parish.

Members of the Young Ladies Sodality made arrangements for the dinner and served the tables. Domenick Petrucci, a member of the Parish presided as Chef over the meal.

Father McCashin was presented with a substantial purse of money, the gift of members of the parish and his friends.

**Parish Entertains 92 Priests at 25th Anniversary Banquet
for Rev. William J. McCashin
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 18, 1940 Edition**

CATHOLICS PLAN 25th ANNIVERSARY FOR JULY 30TH

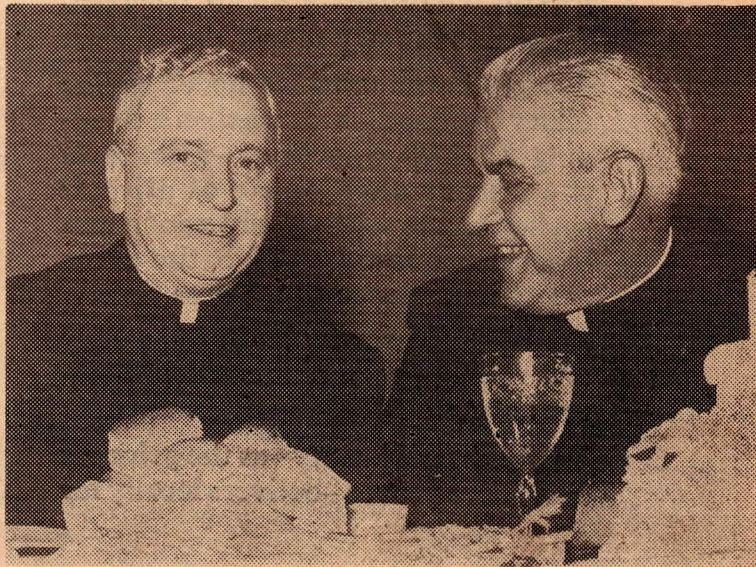
Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church will join with their pastor, Rev. W. J. McCashin on Wednesday, July 30, in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the local church. A. H. Kunkel has been appointed general chairman on arrangements and Dominik Petrucci has been named chef in charge of a banquet to be held at 6:30 in the evening in the parish hall. The committee on solicitation includes Mrs. Dushan Nicksick and Miss Stella Stear for Burgettstown; Mrs. Margaret Latella and Miss Mary Dugas for Slovan and Mrs. Sara Ozimek for Langoth.

Rev. McCashin, first and only pastor of the local Catholic congregation began his ministry at McDonald in July, 1915, and on May 8, 1916 came to live in Burgettstown. He organized parishes at Bulger and Raccoon which grew rapidly and were soon joined with the Cherry Valley parish. First services for the local congregation were held at Valek's Hall, Erie Mine, until December, 1918, when the present edifice was dedicated.

Members of the congregation are entering enthusiastically with their pastor into preparations for the gala event. They plan to issue a souvenir book, containing the history of the congregation, from the pen of Rev. McCashin, and also pictures of interest, depicting its growth during the years.

Announcement of further plans and the complete program will be made at a later date.

REV. BOSLET HONORED ON SILVER JUBILEE



Silver Jubilee celebrant Rev. Fr. John R. Boslet is pictured above (right) conversing with guest speaker Rev. Michael J. Conroy at the banquet held in his honor last Thursday evening in the Knights of Columbus hall. Attending the anniversary banquet were 165 persons including members of the parish, guest priests and the honor guest's brother, Paul Boslet. The pastor of Our Lordes church since January, 1952, was honored with many gifts from societies of the church and members of the parish. Father Boslet was ordained in 1930.

Rev. Boslet Honored on Silver Jubilee
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 23, 1955 Edition

To Honor Rev. Boslet On Silver Jubilee Anniversary June 16

Plans are being made to honor Father John R. Boslet, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes R.C. church, on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Father Boslet was ordained June 10, 1930 at Catholic University in Washington, D. C.

A committee comprised of members of the Christian Mothers' Society, Young Ladies Sodality, Holy Name Society, Burgettstown Council Knights of Columbus and Court Burgettstown of the Catholic Daughters of America, is making arrangements to celebrate the event with a dinner to be held Thursday, June 16, in the Knights of Columbus hall.

The Christian Mothers Society has charge of ticket sales for the dinner. Anyone desiring to attend may contact the following in various localities: Slovan, Mrs. Leona Abate; Plum Run Road, Mrs. Mary Taucher; Atlasburg, Mrs. Geneva Casey; South Burgettstown, Mrs. Pearl Stetar; Erie Mine, Mrs. Hilda Gavazzi; Fifth Ward, Mrs. Nora Bottigle; Harmon Creek, Mrs. Pauline Meneely; Granish Hill, Mrs. Hilda Kranak; Francis Mine, Mrs. Ilde Kreczock; Eldersville, Mrs. Mary Sugick; Cherry Valley, Mrs. Vera Scruppi; Langeloth, Mrs. Ann Yazevac; Center avenue, Mrs. Dena Maroni; Downtown Burgettstown, Mrs. Helen Marmagin.

**To Honor Rev. Boslet on Silver Jubilee Anniversary June 16
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1955 Edition**

St. Vincent's College To Confer Honorary Degree On Rev. W. J. McCashin, Sunday

SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

Latrobe, Pa.—Seventy-five seniors of St. Vincent College will receive degrees at the 101st annual commencement in the College Stadium Sunday afternoon, May 30, with the Rt. Rev. Alfred Koch, S.T.D., president of St. Vincent, presiding.

Four honorary doctorates will be awarded during the ceremonies to William Mercer Lennox of Philadelphia; Rev. William J. McCashin of Burgettstown; Dr. Vincent J. Mulvehill of Carrolltown; and Rev. Gerard A. Bridge, for 41 years alumni secretary of St. Vincent.

The principal speaker of the afternoon will be Mr. Lennox, who is the Graduate Manager of Athletics at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the past deputy grand knight of the Pennsylvania Knights of Columbus, and acting head of the Malvern Retreat House, Philadelphia, the largest retreat house in the world.

Father McCashin is the founder and pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Burgettstown. He is the president of the Catholic Welfare Society of Washington County and is prominent in the activities of the community.

**PARISH WILL
OBSERVE SILVER
JUBILEE, JULY 30**

Members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the church and the pastorate of the Rev. W. J. McCashin, with formal ceremonies on Wednesday, July 30. The Silver Jubilee will begin with a solemn high mass at 11 a.m., with Rev. McCashin as the celebrant. He will be assisted by Rev. Joseph A. Burgoon of McDonald as Deacon, Rev. Daniel T. Murphy of Weirton, W. Va., as sub-deacon and the Rev. Vincent Leonard, chaplain at the Allegheny County home at Woodville, as Master of Ceremonies. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Paul E. Campbell, L. D. and Litt D, pastor of the St. Lawrence church of Pittsburgh.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock, a Testimonial Banquet will be served in the parish hall. Townspeople are invited to join with Lourdes Parish in celebration of the happy occasion and Rev. McCashin announces that reservations for the banquet may be made by calling the Parish, until Friday, July 25. Several noted speakers both from the laity and the priesthood will be heard at the banquet.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will Observe Silver Jubilee, July 30
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 24, 1941 Edition

**Young Ladies Sodality
To Sponsor Card Party
Tuesday, October 28**

The Young Ladies Sodality of Our Lady of Lourdes Church with Ann Plaza as chairman, will sponsor a card party on Tuesday evening, October 28, at 8:30 p. m. in the Catholic School hall. There will be a lunch and prizes will be awarded. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The committee for the affair is as follows: Dolores Sedlar, Bertha Zdib, Josephine Colpo, Mary Eannace, Emma Del Tozzotto, Rose Marie Rago, Ann McGraw, Marie Durizzi, Audrey Russell, Julia Rodriguez, Betty Yanovich, Mary Grubor, Charlotte Pintar, Stella Polinski, Betty Bego, Irene Yadrick, Dorothy Machak, and Pauline Sedlak.

**Young Ladies Sodality to Sponsor Card Party
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 23, 1947 Edition**

**Family Record
of
Capt. Richard Owings
and
Rachel Beale Owings
Married 1698-1701**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

The Genealogy of the Wells family is traced back to the Vaux or DeValibus family of Normandy in France to the year 794, being more than 1000 years. The name has been changed by transformation of language or Parliamentary action many times, but its meaning remains the same. Thus Vaux means Spring or Wells, which was followed by Valibus and DeValibus before the Norman conquest, and De Welles-- Welles-- Wells since the Norman conquest.

The name was founded in England after the conquest by Harold de Vaux, a near relation of William the Conqueror, and his three sons, Barons Hubert, Ranulph (?) and Robert, who were all surnamed de Valibus. The descent is through the younger son, Robert, whose grandson William had four sons, Robert de Dalston, Baron Adam and William de Welles of Lincolnshire 1194, and Oliver de Vallibus, Prior of Pentney Abbey.

Adam de Welles died s. p. and his brother William thus became founder of long line of noblemen of Lincolnshire, Eng. (see Dugdales Standard work on the Baronage of England.)

Among the many distinguished lineal descendants of the Vaux family are Bishop Hugo de Welles who presented the Magna Charta to His Majesty King John who signed it at Runnymede near Windsor, England A. D. June 15, 1215 (pg. 88), Simon de Welles (Archdeacon) was in Palestine in 1191 (Richard Couer de Lion) and had a special grant of arms by the king. Tasso mentions him as one of the most distinguished of the Crusaders.

Among other nations are found others of the family as follows:

Antonia de Vaux	Queen of Sicily
Isabella de Vaux	" of Naples
Cecelia de Vaux	Countess of Savoy
Sibella de Vaux	Princess of Piedmont
Marie de Vaux	Dauphiness of Vienna
Isabella de Vaux	Despatiss of Servia

(^aHistory of the Wells Family by Albert Wells^a)

Fine plates depict in colors the "ARMS" of the family, 1191 and 1299; also the signing of King John in 1215 and delivery of the royal Magna Charta to Bishop Hugo de Welles, at Gannymeds; also the exterior and interior of the Cathedral of Lincoln where Hugo de Welles was bishop; also the bishopric seals of both brothers in colors.

Albert Wells^a

Arthur R. Wells
Box F, Newark N.J.

Nivian Beall, the first settler of this surname to live in Maryland was a Scotchman, who became the owner of large tracts of land in Southern Maryland, (four thousand acres). On one of these tracts, namely, "Rock of Dumbarten", Georgetown, D. C. was founded, as attested by tablet on a memorial erected on this ground, and by land records.

Nivian Beall, Lieutenant of Lord Baltimore vessel, the Royal Charles, was advanced to Major, to Colonel and to Commander in Chief of the Maryland Militia; was a member of the house of Burgesses from Prince George's County, and the recipient of an Act of gratitude passed by the Maryland assembly in 1699. The archives of the State contain many items in reference to Colonel Nivian Beall and he is listed by the genealogists of the Maryland Historical Society as one of the foremost men among the early settlers of the Old Line State (Maryland). He was born in Largo, Fifeshire, Scotland in 1625. His will is dated January 15, 1717, and was probated the following February the 28th day. Prior to leaving his native heath, Nivian Beall held a commission in the Royal Army raised to resist the Cromwellian uprising in Great Britain at the Battle of Dunbar, September 3, 1650, he was taken prisoner and sentenced to five years servitude. With one hundred and fifty other Scotchmen he was sent to the Island of Barbadoes. About two years later he appeared in the Maryland Colony. In the Land Office, Annapolis (1658) there is a record of this Nivian Beall making a land transfer in Calvert County; on October 31, 1668. He is referred to in the Archive and other records as Lieutenant Nivian Beall; in 1678 he was commissioned Lieutenant of Lord Baltimore vessel, the Royal Charles; in 1684 he served as a deputy surveyer of Charles County; in 1688 was appointed Chief Military Officer of Calvert County; in 1689 Major of Calvert County Militia; in 1692, high Sheriff of Calvert County, and on July 30, 1694, was commissioned by the assembly, Colonel of the Colonial Militia.

In 1697, Colonel Nivian Beall served on a Commission of the assembly to treat with the Indians; from 1679 to 1701, he served as a member of the assembly, and in 1699 was subject of an "Act of Gratitude" passed by the general assembly, in recognition of his distinguished services in the campaign against the Indians. Colonel Beall's defeat of the Susquehanna tribe gained for him wide renown as an Indian fighter. Numerous existing official papers written by him and on file in the State Archives reveal that he was a man of broad experience, fine mental capacity, undoubted integrity, staunch moral courage and of good education. His signature is bold and free, apparently significant of an alert mind and ready hand.

Colonel Beall was not active as a military man only. In 1690, a party of two hundred Presbyterian immigrants from Scotland entered Maryland under his supervision. He located them along the Potomac and named the settlement "New Scotland". The pastor of this flock was Rev. Nathaniel Taylor. There is recorded at Upper Marlborough a deed of gift from Colonel Beall to this Pastor of a tract in that district upon which to build a Church. In 1707, Colonel Beall presented to this Church a costly Communion Set of Silver, a part of which is still preserved, now at Hyattsville. Colonel Beall died 1717 and was buried on his plantation "The Rock of Dunbarton" at a point now comprehended with Gay Street in Georgetown. Many years later when his body was removed, his skeleton was found perfect and measured six feet and seven inches. The hair had grown long and retained its youthful ruddy hue.

Colonel Nivian Beall married about 1670, Ruth Moore, daughter of Richard and Jane Moore, Barrister of St. Mary's County, Maryland. They had issue, twelve children.

Colonel Nivian Beall, father of Rachel Beall, wife of Captain Richard Owings. Richard Owings married Rachel Beall; Joshua Owings married Mary Cocke.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
CAPT. RICHARD OWINGS
AND
RACHEL BEALE OWINGS
MARRIED
1698
1701

Richard Owings Born, 16 --
 Rachel Beall " 1676

Died
 "

Married April 4, 1698 ?

Children	: Births	: Marriages	: Deaths
Samuel Owings	: April 1, 1702	: Urath Randall	: 1775
	:	: Jan. 1, 1729	:
*Joshua	:	: Mary Cockey ?	:
	:	: March 9, 1735	:
Richard	:	:	:
Henry	:	: Helen --	:

FAMILY RECORD
OF
JOSHUA OWINGS
AND
MARY COCKEY OWINGS
MARRIED
1735 ?

Joshua Owings, Born Balt. Co. Md. 1704
 Mary Cockey ? " " Dec. 10, 1716

Died

Married 1735 ? March 9, 1735

Children	: Births	: Marriages	: Deaths
John Cockey Owings	: Jan. 11, 1736	:	:
Richard	: Nov. 13, 1738	:	:
Joshua	: Mar. 22, 1740	:	:
Edward	: Nov. 1, 1743	:	:
*Michal	: Feb. 12, 1745	: ^X Charles Wells	:
	:	: Dec. 27, 1764	: May 17, 1783
Marcella	: July 11, 1748	: Thomas Worthington	:

Note: History St. Thomas Parish
 Pauls register Vol. 1, Page 155

JOSHUA OWINGS

Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen, I, Joshua Owings, late of Baltimore County and State of Maryland, but now of Ann Arundel County in the same State, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be to God for the same— do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following— that is to say—

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my son Joshua Owings and his heirs One Hundred Pounds in good and lawful gold and silver current money of this State, which said sum of One Hundred Pounds is to come out of the conditioned money expressed in a bond to be paid to me by my two sons, John Cockey Owings and Edward Owings of Baltimore County bearing date on the sixth day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, for the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-Nine Pounds common current money with legal interest thereon.—

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Shipley now wife of Talbot Shipley of Ann Arundel Co. and State of Maryland aforesaid, all the rest and residue of the money both principal and interest expressed to be paid to me in the said bond by my two sons John Cockey and Edward Owings as expressed above, after the said sum of One Hundred Pounds current money in gold and silver is paid to my said son Joshua Owings.

ITEM. It is my will and desire that my executrix hereinafter mentioned shall sell and dispose of my negro man named Walton (now hired to Cornelius Howard of Baltimore Co.) for the sum of Fifty Pounds lawful current money to some person in the neighborhood where the said Walton's wife may reside at the time of sale; and it is my further will and desire that the said negro man Walton shall not be sold to, or obliged to go to any person as a master against his will, for it is my meaning and intent to let him have the choice of a master that is as near and convenient to where his (the said Walton's) wife may reside as possible may be.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Rachel Shipley, now the wife of Talbot Shipley, all and every part of the money that may arise or proceed from the sale of the said negro man Walton.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Rachel Shipley, wife of Talbot Shipley all the rest and residue of my estate both goods and chattels of what kind or nature soever to her and her heirs forever; and I also confirm unto her and her heirs forever all the above gifts or bequests.

It is my will and desire that my estate be not brought to any appraisement, and that there be no letters Testamentary or of Administration taken out for my estate.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my said daughter Rachel Shipley sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking

all former wills by me made.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this second day of May in the year of Our Lord Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six. (1786)

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared by the above named Joshua Owings to be his Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator— the words "my seal" being first interlined,

Dean Shipley

his
Joshua X Fisher
mark

Reuben Meriweather

Ann Arundel Co. Sct
May 9, 1787

Then came Dean Shipley and Joshua Fisher two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the Testator Joshua Owings sign and seal this will, and that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament; that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and that they, together with Reuben Meriweather respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other.

Sworn before

Thomas Gassaway
Ann Arundel County

T.H.H. No. 2 folio 19
One of the Will record books kept
in the Register of Wills office
for Ann Arundel Co. Md.

May 2, 1786.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
WILLIAM COCKEY
AND
SARAH COCKEY
MARRIED
1674

"William and Sarah Cockey of Cuckold Point, Devonshire, England, migrated to America and settled near the Patapska River in 1679. William Cockey took up extensive tracts of land on the Magotley River in Baltimore County North Side of Jones Falls."

Copied from History of St. Thomas Parish
Page 150 Baltimore, Md.

William Cockey, Born 1638
 Sarah _____

Died, May 17, 1698

Married 1674

Children	: Births	: Marriages	: Deaths
Thomas Cockey	: 1676	: Mrs. Elizabeth Moss	:
Elizabeth Cockey	: 1678	: Col. Wm. Hammond	:
Mary "	: 1681	:	:
* John "	: Aug. 15, 1683	: Elizabeth Slade : Jan. 17, 1714	: Aug. 1746
Capt. Edward	: 1685	: Mrs. Harris	: 1750
Anne	: 1686	:	:
Joshua	:	:	:
Sarah	: 1689	:	:
Richard	: 1691	: Elizabeth --	:

FAMILY RECORD

OF

JOHN COCKEY

AND

ELIZABETH SLADE

MARRIED

JANUARY 17, 1714

His tomb is inscribed, "In memory of John Cockey, son of William the immigrant aged 65 years. Died August 15, 1746".

"Elizabeth Baker, wife of Rev. Charles Baker and formerly wife of John Cockey, aged 95, died August 5, 1780."

(These graves in Baltimore in St. Thomas)

These stones are now in St. Thomas' Church Yard "The original burying ground of the Cockey family is located on land owned in 1738 by John Cockey, son of William the immigrant and now belonging to the Browns of Brooklynwood. In Green Spring Valley at the top of the hill. Originally it was surrounded by a brick wall, these bricks have been stolen and carried away." John Cockey is buried here..

John Cockey was one of the Justices of Baltimore County 1726 - 1727 and other dates. Was also one of the commissioners appointed in 1732 to lay off ten acres east of the falls (Jones Falls) as an addition to Baltimore City."

Copied from "Historic Grans of Maryland" Page 140-141

John Cockey Born 1681
 Elizabeth Slade " 1685

Died Aug. 15, 1746
 Died Aug. 5, 1780

Married, January 17, 1714

Children	: Births	: Marriages	: Deaths
Susannah	: Nov. 2, 1714	: Thomas Gist : July 2, 1735	: :
*Mary	: Dec. 10, 1716	: Joshua Owings : March 9, 1735	: :
William	: Feb. 20, 1718	: Constant Ashman : Aug. 9, 1742	: :
Sarah	: Feb. 26, 1721	: Robert Boon : Dec. 16, 1746	: :
Thomas	: Dec. 13, 1724	: Prudence Gill : May 15, 1755	: :
Joshua	: Mar. 12, 1726	: Clara Dye : Aug. 27, 1755	: :
John	: May 18, 1729		: : : 1746
Edward	: Dec. 20, 1731	: Eleanor Pindall : June 19, 1753	: :
Peter	: March 11, 1743		: : :

FAMILY RECORD
OF
HENRY BUTLER
AND
SUSANHA BUTLER
MARRIED

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Henry Butler Born Died
 Susanha Butler "

Married

Children	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Henry)	:	:	:
Elizabeth)	twins June 14, 1715	---	:
:	:	:Aquilla Gilbert	:
:	:	: Jan. 17, 1749	:
:	:	:	:
Susanha Butler	: 13 Day 7fr 1717	:Peter Bond	:
:	:	: Aug. 1, 1735	:
:	:	:	:
Youroth Butler	: 13 Day Aug. 1719	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
Sophia Butler	: 4 Day Oct. 1721	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
Amon Butler	: 2 Day July 1723	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
* Temperance Butler:	June 17, 1726	:Benjamine Wells	:
:	:	: 1743	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
Absalom Butler	: Jan. 8, 1728	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:

FAMILY RECORD
OF
BENJAMIN WELLS
AND
TEMPERANCE BUTLER WELLS
MARRIED
1743.

Benjamin Wells, Born Balt. Co. Md. 1724 Died
 Temperance Butler June 17, 1726 " Feb. 19, 1800
 Married 1743

Children	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Benjamin Wells			
x * Charles Wells	Apr. 6, 1745	Michal Owings Dec. 27, 1764	Apr. 16, 1815
Absalom		Michal Wells	
William		Catron Selmon & Marget Ankrom	
Amon			
Caleb		Mary Adams	
Sarah		— Walters	
Nicholas		Providence Talbot	JDH
John			

Jacob's History of Brook Co. W. Va. says that Benjamin Wells took out a patent for land in Brook (then Yocoghney Co. Va.) in the year 1787.

This announcement in the "Maryland Journal" and "Baltimore Advertiser" July 23, 1782.

"To be sold at public vendue at the Coffee House in Baltimore Town on the 17th August next on an extensive credit— The Plantation whereon the subscriber now lives containing about Seven Hundred Acres of land. It is very fertile and has on it a large quantity of meadow now in grass; also a large orchard of the very best of fruit. Every improvement necessary for farming. Any person inclinable to purchase will find the subscriber on the premises who will show the land, as also stock of all kinds which he will sell at a moderate price.

Benjamin Wells."

BENJAMIN WELLS
Last Will and Testament

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Wells of Ohio Co, & Commonwealth of Virginia, being weak in body but of sound and perfect memory (thanks be to God for the same) revoking all others, do make, constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following: That is to say--

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Wells of Baltimore Town all my land in Baltimore County, State of Maryland; and also all that is due to me from the estate of Charles Ridgley, son of John; and every other estate that I may have in possession or reversion in the said County or State; with the proviso that he pay all my debts in said County of Baltimore and State of Maryland; to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Amon Wells all the tract or parcel of land that I purchased of Israel Cox in this County. I likewise give to my son Amon Wells Thirty Acres of land to be laid off out of the tract of land on which I now live; to be laid off convenient to and adjoining the tract of land aforesaid; to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my said son Amon all that Israel Cox is indebted to me by mortgage notes and accounts, all my interest in the said debts. I also give and bequeath to said son Amon Twenty Pounds current money of Pennsylvania; to him his heirs and assigns.

I give and bequeath to my son Caleb Wells the remaining part of the tract of land on which I now live with the proviso that my loving wife Temperance Wells is not to be interrupted or molested in the full and quiet possession of the said land during her life; and then to my said son Caleb Wells, his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Sarah Wells, daughter of Nicholas Wells, two negro girls (to wit) Sall and Peg, and one feather bed and furniture, and two Cows and Calves; to her her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Temperance Talbot two negroes (to wit) Helen and Peter and one Feather Bed and Furniture to her and her heirs and assigns.

And it is my further will and meaning that if either or these my said granddaughters should die leaving no heirs of their body the other shall have and enjoy the whole of what is left to them in this my last will; and if they should both die not having any heir as above; that then the negroes above given shall be considered as my estate and be equally divided among my children.

And it is my will and desire that after my death seven of my negroes shall be sold at public sale (to wit) Charles, Lucy, Abigail, Charles son of Charles, Cat, Fanny, Pole; and it is my will and desire that the interest of the money arising from the sale of said slaves be the property of my loving wife Temperance Wells and the principal to be divided among my children

and it is my further will and desire that my loving wife Temperance shall at her own discretion sell what part of the stock she sees cause and receive the interest of the money arising from such sale to her own proper use, and the principal after her death divided as above.

I give and bequeath to my loving wife Temperance on negro man named Jack, and after her death it is my will and desire that the said negro Jack be emancipated and set free.

I likewise give and bequeath to my said wife the following negroes (to wit) Bashar, Abraham, Cloe and Rachel during her life, and then after her death to be sold. And in case any of the said negroes should become troublesome or misbehave, it is my will and desire that my said wife shall at her own discretion sell them and enjoy the interest of the money arising from such sale as her own property; and the principal after her death be divided among my children as my estate.

And my further will and desire is that after the death of my loving wife Temperance Wells, that then the residue of my estate that is not here given and legaced away; that is to say-- the principal monies arising from the sales directed above, and every other property that shall be to divide at the time of my wife's death, be equally among children as follows to wit-- Charles Wells, Absalom Wells, William Wells, Amon Wells, Caleb Wells and Sarah Walters, or their heirs, after my just debts are paid. And I appoint my son Charles Wells and my loving wife Temperance Wells executor and executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said Benjamin Wells have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of November in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Four

Signed and sealed in the presence of us)
George Hammond)
Samuel Adams)
William Adams)

Benjamin Wells.

November 26, 1794.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
CHARLES WELLS
AND
MICHAL OWINGS WELLS
MARRIED
1764.

Charles Wells-- Born Balt. Co. Md. --Apr. 6, 1745. Died Apr. 16, 1815
 Michal Owings-- " " " Feb. 12, 1745. " May 17, 1783
 Married-- Dec. 27, 1764.

Elizabeth Prather, Born Frederick Co. Md. July 1, 1765--Died Apr. 20, 1845
 Married July 24, 1784.

Children	Birth	Marriage	Death
Rebecca Wells	: Oct. 19, 1765	: --- Miller	: Aug. 28, 1794
Joshua	: Nov. 7, 1767	: Nancy ---	: Feb. 19, 1800
Temperance	: Sept. 1, 1769	: Richard Talbot	: Sept. 23, 1830
		: Jan. 20, 1790	Buried at Metamorass, Ohio
Benedict	: July 19, 1771	: Elizabeth Magruder	:
Absalom	: Oct. 3, 1774	: Helen Owings,	: Apr. 9, 1874
		: b. Dec. 3, 1778	
		: Married January 28, 1798	
* Mary	: Sept. 16, 1776	: x Asa Owings b.	: Aug. 19, 1849
		: Apr. 22, 1766	
		: Married Sept. 28, 1794	
Elizabeth	: Apr. 27, 1779	: --- Weakley	:
Ephraim	: Apr. 28, 1781		: Oct. 24, 1804
Michal	: Apr. 15, 1783	: --- McGuire	: June 6, 1802
Children to the second wife			
Charles P. Wells	: May 30, 1785	: Rachel McMechen	: May 3, 1856
		: Jan. 9, 1808	
Nicholas	: Feb. 20, 1787	: Rachel Whitten	:
		: Jan. 7, 1810	
Ruth	: Mar. 30, 1788	: Abraham Birckhead	: Aug. 10, 1865
		: Oct. 23, 1814	
Perigrine	: Oct. 18, 1789	: Elizabeth and next	: May 15, 1868
		: Mary Briarly	
Nacky	: Oct. 12, 1792	: Died at 11 years	: May 19, 1803
Sarah	: Feb. 20, 1794	: John McCoy Apr. 1817-M.	: Dec. 14, 1887
Delilah	: June 16, 1795	: Robert Grier or	: Jan. 25, 1869
		: William	
Eli	: May 14, 1797	: Nancy Neff	: Apr. 28, 1854
Twenty	: Nov. 23, 1798	: A helpless child	: Sept. 22, 1816
Katy Adams	: Oct. 6, 1800	: Joshua Russell	: Sept. 12, 1824
Betty Prather	: Sept. 28, 1802	: William Russell	: Aug. 24, 1873
-		: June 17, 1819	

Children of Joshua : Charles Wells : June 11, 1793 : Died 1824
 : Elizabeth Wells: Dec. 20, 1794

REVOLUTIONARY SERVICES OF JUSTICE CHARLES WELLS FROM 1778--1788.

Original Records preserved at Wheeling Court House. W.Va.

Ohio County Court held at Black's Cabin near present site of Wheeling, W. Va. previous to Court Sessions of May, 1778 (date not affixed)

"Ordered that the following gentlemen be recommended to His Excellency the Governor, in the Honorable Council, as proper persons to be added to*"Commission of the Peace" for the County: Edward Robinson, George McCullough, CHARLES WELLS, James Gillispey," (and others)

Ohio County Virginia, May 1778.

"At a Court continued by adjournment - present, Silas Hedges, Zackariah Spring, John Williamson, David Sharp--these gentlemen, a Commission of the Peace, directed David Shepherd, Solomon Hedge, Silas Hedge, David Rogers, Jos. Dodridge, Charles Wells and James Gill, the preceding named therein took their oaths as Justices of the Peace and took their seats accordingly."

Charles Wells was a Justice for Ohio Co. Virginia May 1778--1788

Charles Wells was a delegate to Virginia Assembly 1792--1798

Charles Wells served four terms in Congress between 1789--1810

This data is collected from Wheeling Court Records, Richmond Library Records, and Newton's History of the Pan Handle.

*The "Commission of the Peace" was composed of the County Justices who formed the early Courts, and during the Revolution were responsible to the Governor for the nominations of Captains and Lieutenants to command the County Militia.

"The Navigator"

Containing directions for navigating the Monongahela, Allegheny, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

By Zadak Cramer

Tenth Edition, printed 1818 by Cramer & Spear, Pittsburg. 1st Edition 1801.

"Here resides Mr. Charles Wells, Sr., about half way down the reach and between No. 25 and 26.

After a youthful and vigorous life spent in toil, dangers and fatigues incident to a new frontier country, to which Mr. Wells moved in 1776, while yet a boy, he has seated himself here on a fine farm, having a beautiful view of the Ohio, and where he enjoys all that plentitude and happiness, with his numerous family which ought to be enjoyed by every man in the happy decline of life when these blessings have been obtained by virtue and industry.

Indeed the serenity and sage life physiognomy of Mr. Wells, justify the conclusion that his wealth and happiness rests on no other foundation. 'Blessed are the fruits of a virtuous life—blessed he who holdeth out to the end, and soberly enjoyeth, in his old age, the good things procured by youthful labors.'

Mr. Wells has a fine garden in which is recognized the monthly strawberry, of which I ate excellent fruit in October."

As well as in the "Navigator" the following is recorded in "History of West Virginia 1923, page 220" Vol. I.

"Concerning a resident on the present site of Sistersville a Pittsburger wrote as follows:

'Mr. Charles Wells, Sr., resident on the Ohio fifty miles below Wheeling related to me while at his home in October 1812, the following circumstances: that he had two wives (the last of which still lives and is a hale, smart, young looking woman) and twenty-two children, sixteen of whom are living, healthy, and many of them married and have already pretty large families; that a tenant of his, a Mr. Scott, a Marylander, is also the father of twenty-two, the last being still an infant, and its mother a lively and gay Irish woman, being Scott's second wife; that a Mr. Gordon, an American German, formerly a neighbor of Mr. Wells, now residing on Little Muskingum, state of Ohio, has by two wives twenty-eight children. Thus these three worthy families have had born to them seventy-two children, a number unexampled perhaps in any other part of the world.

Mr. Wells is sixty-eight years of age and truly a hale, healthy looking man, and it is not uncommon for him to ride to Wheeling, a distance of fifty miles in a day, and last year he says he rode to his brother's, twelve miles above Wheeling, and got there by sundown."

CHARLES WELLS
Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen, I Charles Wells of Tyler County in the State of Virginia----

Do hereby make this my Last Will and Testament in form an manner following to wit---

After my decease and the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, I do desire as followeth---

Item 1st. To my beloved wife Elizabeth Wells I give and bequeath all my personal estate of what nature or kind soever and wherever situated or found to be at her disposal so long as she continues my widow, leaving the same to be at her death divided among the children of her own body by me in such time and manner as she may judge most conducive to her interest and their happiness, it being incumbent on her therewith to take due care of my daughter Twenty Wells, it being a helpless child.

I do also leave to my said wife Elizabeth the Mansion House in which we now live with the farm thereto annexed (to wit) Beginning at the mouth of Whittens Run, thence with the wagon road leading to the Jug Handle Mill to the upper corner of the Tanyard lot, thence with the Run to the back line, thence with the lines of the Survey that includes said farm to the beginning; with all the singular the appurtenance thereunto belonging; with the rents, issues, and profits therof, during her continuance of widowhood as aforesaid---

Item 2nd To my son Charles P. Wells he being already provided for, it is my will that he have nothing more of my estate either real or personal, except whatever after my decease my said wife may gratuitously give him out of the part above intrusted to her disposal.

Item 3rd. To my son Nicholas Wells, he being already provided for, it is my will that he have nothing more of my estate either real or personal except whatever after my decease my said wife may gratuitously give him of the part intrusted to her disposal.

Item 4th. To my son Peregrine Wells I bequeath the two Tracts of Land I purchased from John and Ezekiel Clemens lying on the Long Reach; one adjoining the lands of William Johnson and Thomas Cochran, and the other the Lands of William Johnson and others, said to contain in all Six Hundred and Twenty-eight acres: to the said Peregrine Wells and his heirs or his assigns forever.

Item 5th To my son Eli Wells I give and bequeath my Mansion House and Farm upon which I now live and with which I have endowed my well beloved wife Elizabeth during her continuing my widow, to be after her decease or intermarriage, the sole property of my said son Eli: also that certain tract or parcel of land lying in the Ohio River and in the aforesaid County of Tyler, and known by and distinguished by the name of Prusleys Island; and supposed to contain Thirty Acres; to the said Eli Wells and his heirs or assigns forever---

WILL OF CHARLES WELLS

Item 6th. To my grandson Charles Wells, son of my son Joshua Wells deceased, I give and bequeath all that tract of land upon which Nancy Wells, widow of my said son Joshua formerly did live: said to contain Two Hundred Acres; to the said Charles Wells and his heirs or assigns forever; on his paying his sister Eliza Wells Five Hundred Dollars. And should the said Charles die without an heir; then and in that case the land to be divided equally among my first wife's children, namely--Rebecca Miller, Benedick Wells, Temperance Talbot, Absalom Wells, Mary Owings and Elizabeth Weakley: to them and their heirs forever; by their paying the above named Eliza Wells, daughter of the said Joshua Wells deceased, Five Hundred Dollars.

Item 7th. To my daughter Elizabeth Weakley I do bequeath Three Hundred Dollars to be paid by my executors hereinafter to be named.

Item 8th. To my daughter Ruth Burkhead I give and bequeath One Thousand Acres of Land on Sugartree Creek, a branch of Middle Island Creek, adjoining land of Benjamin Lawrence, Richard Owens and others, beginning at a Sugar Tree in the forks of said Creek; and Two Hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors hereafter to be named; to be hers and her heirs or assigns forever---

Item 9th. To my daughter Sarah Wells I give and bequeath a part of the tract of land I purchased from James Caldwell; beginning at the mouth of Whittens Run and running with the wagon road now leading to the Jug Handle Mill to the upper end of the Tanyard Lot, thence up the Run to the back line, thence with said line so far that a due west line come to the corner of the fence as it now stands that divides Simon Seamons and Lemual Scott lots; thence with the meanders of said fence to the River bank; thence with said river bank to the place of beginning be the same more or less; to her and her heirs and assigns forever. Also one half of a Tract of Land I located the 9th of May last in Ohio County Land Office, adjoining lands of the heirs of John Williamson deceased; containing Four Hundred Acres; to her and her heirs or assigns forever----

Item 10th. To my daughter Delilah Wells I give and bequeath all the residue or upper part of the aforesaid Tract of Land purchased from James Caldwell whereon Samuel Scott now lives: also the one half of the aforesaid Tract I located the 9th of May last; to be divided by a straight line from the River bank between her and her sister Sarah, and her to have the lower part adjoining her other land. The two Tracts to be hers and her heirs or assigns forever---

Item 11th. To my daughter Katie Adams Wells I give and bequeath all that Tract of Land I purchased from John Rolf, adjoining land of Joshua Howard, Thomas Jones and others, said to contain Five Hundred and Sixty-five Acres more or less; also Five Hundred Dollars to be paid by my executors, to her and her heirs and assigns forever---

Item 12th. To my daughter Betsy Prather Wells I give and bequeath all that Tract of Land I purchased from Jeremiah Clemons adjoining Lands of Nicholas Wells and Thomas Cochran, said to contain Three Hundred and Fourteen Acres; to her and her heirs and assigns forever---

LAST WILL OF CHARLES WELLS

Items 13th. To my granddaughter Ruth Wells, daughter Ruth Wells, daughter of Nicholas and Rachel Wells I will and bequeath that she have at the time of her marrying or attaining the age of twenty-one years, One Horse and Saddle to be valued to One Hundred Dollars; and One Hundred Dollars in cash to be paid by my executors—

Item 14th To my Executors of this my Last Will and Testament hereafter to be named, I will and bequeath One Hundred Dollars to each of them—

Item 15th To my children of my first wife hereafter to be named (to wit) Rebecca Miller, Temperance Talbot, Benedick Wells, Absalom Wells and Mary Owings, I consider that they have already received an equivalent portion of my estate either real or personal—

Item 16th. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Charles P. Wells and Nicholas Wells my sole executors of this my last will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke and disannul all others by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of December Eighteen Hundred and Fourteen. (1814)

Charles Wells (xxx)

Witnessed by

John Whitten)
George Sturgeon)
Jerh Williams)

Recorded in Tyler Co. Court
May term 1815

Sale Bill of the personal
Estate of Charles Wells, deceased.

List of property sold by Charles P. and Nicholas Wells, Execs.
of the Estate of Charles Wells Decd. 1st Sept. 1815.

1 Shot Gun sold Philander P. Stewart.....	\$ 3.62
1 Axe sold Philander B. Stewart.....	.60
1 Axe sold Francis Thomas.....	.90
1 Plough sold Francis Thomas.....	6.35
1 Axe sold Francis Thomas.....	.50
1 Axe sold David Williamson.....	.57
1 Lott of iron sold David Williamson.....	2.36
1 Oven and lid sold Charles Wells.....	2.00
1 Negro named Peter sold Charles P. Wells.....	500.00
1 Sugar Kettle sold William Wells.....	2.57
1 Lot Pewter sold William Wells.....	11.50
1 Sugar Kettle sold Nicholas Wells.....	2.00
1 Spinning Wheel sold William Dyson.....	1.30
1 Sprinning Wheel sold Thomas Gregg.....	1.50
1 Spinning Wheel sold Daniel Main.....	1.25
1 Check Reel sold Daniel Price.....	1.15
1 Large Wheel sold John Wells.....	2.50
1 Large Wheel sold Richard Talbot.....	1.01
1 Cutting Box sold to Richard Talbot.....	3.01
1 Copper Still sold Richard Talbot.....	70.00
1 Steer sold Richard Talbot.....	29.30
1 Cart and Geers sold Thomas Runnolds.....	12.06
1 Flax Brake sold Thomas Runnolds.....	.50
1 Shovel Mole sold Ralph Smith.....	.50
9 Sickles sold Ralph Smith.....	9.65
1 Steer sold Ralph Smith.....	21.25
1 Lott Iron sold Aron Lewis.....	3.76
1 Feather Bed sold Emanuel Hoover.....	29.75

2 Sheep sold Thomas Evans.....	\$ 7.25
2 Sheep sold Nathan Cooper.....	7.80
2 Sheep sold Nathan Cooper.....	7.00
2 Sheep sold David Evans.....	6.30
2 Sheep sold Benjamin James.....	4.50
2 Sheep sold Richard Cain.....	5.50
1 Cow sold Richard Cain.....	25.00
1 Cow sold Holderman Johnson.....	25.25
1 Cow sold Amos Verguson.....	26.172
1 Steer sold John Buckhan.....	18.00
1 Revised Code sold A. Samuels.....	3.122
1 Bureau sold Robert Gorrell.....	<u>21.00</u>

Amt. \$871.76

Tyler Co. November Court 1821 This sale bill was presented in Court
and ordered to be recorded.

A copy Teste A. S. Birckhead C.T.C.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
ASA OWINGS
AND
MARY WELLS OWINGS
MARRIED
1794

Asa Owings came from Baltimore, Md., in the fall of 1795. He stopped with William Griffith for some time to look for an improved farm, but not finding one to suit, he desired to return east to spend the winter. He has with him several thousand dollars in gold and silver which he did not want to take back as he expected to return in the spring and buy land. He and Griffith buried this money deep in the ground under the hearth in Griffith's cabin where it lay until return in May. He then purchased a tract of land south of Harmon's Creek on the hill.

He married in 1797 Mary Wells, daughter of Charles Wells near Buffalo Creek, Brooke Co., W. Va. (This Charles Wells later moved to Tyler Co. and founded Sistersville. Most of the family are buried there.) Asa Owings and his wife Mary Wells Owings lived on this farm during their life time. They raised a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters. The youngest child, Rebecca, married Nathaniel Wells of Middle Ferry.

Asa Owings died about 1819 and Mrs. Owings raised her family and saw them all married and settled in life.

Mary Wells Owings died August 19, 1849, aged 72 years eleven months and three days. Her youngest son Charles Wells Owings now owns and occupies the old homestead.

Asa Owings—Born— Balt. Co. Md. April 22, 1766

Died May 19, 1820

Mary Wells - " Brooke Co. W. Va. September 16, 1776

" . Aug. 19, 1849

Married — Sept, 28, 1794

Children-	: Birth	: Marriage	: Death
Amelia Owings	: July 29, 1796	: Wm. Atkinson	: Sept. 13, 1869
John	: Nov. 1, 1798	: -----	: July 5, 1825
Ephraim	: Jan. 6, 1801	: Blanch Swearingen	: July 12, 1884
Absalom W.	: June 16, 1803	: -----	: July 9, 1876
Michael	: Aug. 19, 1805	: -----	: April 12, 1825
Katharine	: Sept. 11, 1807	: Thomas Donovan	: Aug. 29, 1852
Asa	: Dec. 29, 1809	: Ruth Donovan	: July 25, 1887
Charles Wells	: Nov. 23, 1812	: Honor Wheeler	: April 8, 1894
Mary Owings	: April 2, 1816	: John Elson	: Nov. 1, 1892
*Rebecca	: July 2, 1818	: Nathaniel Wells	: Feb. 1899
	: -----	: June 30, 1842	: -----

FAMILY RECORD

OF

JAMES WELLS

AND

HONOR WELLS

MARRIED

James Wells, Born, Maryland, 1700-1710
 Honor Wells, " " " "

Died Brook Co. W.Va., 1804
 " " " " 1796

Married ---

Children	: Births	: Marriages	: Deaths
Nancy Wells	: - 1740	: -- Livingston	:
*Richard Wells	: Oct. 25, 1742	: Editha Cole	: Sept. 24, 1831
	:	: -- 1776	:

James and Honor Wells came from Maryland in the year 1790 to spend their declining years with their son Richard whose wife had died leaving him with two children,--Jesse and Jamima. They are both buried on the farm of their son Richard in Brook Co., W. Va., about five miles from Wellsburg.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
RICHARD WELLS
AND
EDITHA COLE WELLS.
MARRIED
1776

Richard Wells, Born, Balt. Co. Md. -- Oct. 25, 1742
 Editha Cole " Bedford Co. -- July 17, 1740

Died Sept. 24, 1831
 " Feb. 10, 1783

Married 1776

Children	:	Births	:	Marriages	:	Deaths
*	:		:		:	
Jesse Wells	:	Jan. 3, 1779	:	Susan Davis	:	March 21, 1841
	:		:	Sept. 4, 1800	:	
Jenima	:	June 25, 1780	:	Never married	:	Aug. 6, 1860

INDENTURE FOR AN EMIGRANT SOLD TO PAY HIS PASSAGE MONEY.

Witnesseth that John Peterson of the County of Bedford and province of Pennsylvania, yeman, of his own free and voluntary will, for the consideration of the sum of Seven Pounds, sixteen shillings and seven pence lawful money of Pennsylvania, and for other good causes, he the said John Patterson hath bound and put himself, and by these presents doth bind and put himself servent to Richard Wells of the county afs'd, to serve him, his Executors, Administrators and assigns, from the Day of the Date hereof, for and during the full term of one year and six months thence next ensuing, During all which Term the said Servant, said Richard Wells, his executors, Administrators and assigns faithfully shall serve and that honestly and obediently in all Things as a good and dutiful Servant ought to do. And the said Richard Wells, his Executors, Administrators and assigns, during the said Term shall find and provide for the said Servant, sufficient Meat, Drink, Washing and Lodging.

And for the Performance hereof both the said Parties bind themselves firmly to each other by these Presents. IN WITNESS whereof they have hereunto interchangeably set their Hands and Seals.

Dated the thirteenth Day of March, Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

Done before me
George Woods, J. P.

John his
 X Peterson
 mark

March 13, 1773

A copy of above in "Newton's History of the Panhandle."

BILL OF SALE OF A NEGRO WOMAN. 1800

Know all men by these presents that I, Samuel Wheeler of Broo Co. in the commonwealth of Virginia, for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-five Dollars and seventy six cents to me in hand paid by Richard Wells of the County and commonwealth aforesaid, before the sealing and delivering of the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Richard Wells, his heirs and assigns, and certain Negro Woman named DINAH, the said negro woman being about nineteen years of age.

To have and to hold the said negro woman and her offspring, to the said Richard Wells, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Richard Wells, his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Samuel Wheeler doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said Richard Wells, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, that he, the said Samuel Wheeler, his heirs executors, administrators and assigns, the said negro woman named Dinah, shall and will warrant to be a slave for life, and warrant and defend the said negro woman to the said Richard Wells, his heirs, and against the claims of the said Samuel Wheeler, and all other person and persons whatsoever by these presents.

In witness whereof the said Samuel Wheeler hath hereunto set his hand and seal, this third day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of

James Wallace
Josias Reeves

Samuel Wheeler (seal)

Be it remembered that on the third day of May in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred in the presence of us—of services was given of the within named negro woman to the said Richard Wells by the said Samuel Wheeler giving to the said Richard Wells, the actual possession of the within named negro woman.

Witness

Josias Reeves

her

Elizabeth X Reeves

mark

her

Mary O Pley

mark

Brooke Co. June Term 1800

The within bill of sale was acknowledged in Court and ordered to be recorded.

Recorded in Book B, page 207

Teste

William B. Herren per

John Connell, C.B.C.

RICHARD WELLS
Last Will & Testament

In the name of God Amen, I Richard Wells of Brook County and the state of Virginia being aged and weak in body but of sound mind and memory, I do this third day of December in the year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Twenty Eight make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth, to wit:--

First, I make and bequeath to my son Jesse Wells that part of my tract of land whereon he, Jesse, now lives, bounded as followeth viz:-- beginning in the State line at a notched hickory, thence a westerly course to a double locust marked as the lines come to and go from said locust, thence westerly to a locust post planted in the lane notched as aforesaid; thence running northerly to a Red Oak standing outside of the cleared land. Said Red Oak is notched as the line comes to and goes from said Oak. Thence a westerly course to a marked White Oak in a straight line from said Red Oak to a line between John Hindman and myself. Thus divided after my decease to be the property of my son Jesse Wells his heirs and assigns forever.

The remaining part of my tract of land whereon I now live after my decease I make and bequeath to my daughter Jamima Wells, her heirs and assigns forever.

And further, as to my tract of land called the Narrows, with the Ferry thereon I bequeath to Jesse and Jamima in manner and form following---

That is to say the same is not to be sold during the lifetime of them both, but to be rented and the rent to be equally divided as the same may become due; and in case of the death of either, then and in that case the survivor to inherit the whole for their only proper use forever.

And further I will and bequeath to my son Jesse Wells One Hundred and Fifty Dollars after my decease. And further I leave my three negroes--Daniel, Dinah and Elijah to be free at my decease.

And further I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Jamima Wells the whole of my personal estate not otherwise disposed of.

And lastly I make, ordain, constitute and appoint my well beloved daughter Jamima Wells the whole and sole executrix of this my Last Will and Testament,-- to pay my just debts and collect my dues, and that no security be required of her.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and year first above written.

Richard Wells

Witnesses: Dec. 3, 1828

Absalom Wells)
John Hindman)

Recorded Brook Co., W. Va.
October 31, 1831

"There was another Richard Wells fort about six miles north west of these in West Virginia a short distance from the Penna. line. In a letter from Gov. Marshall to Gen. Irvine. He says, 'Tomorrow I intend marching whatever men may rendezvous in this quarter to Richard Wells Fort, which is within five miles of Mingo Bottom'"

In the year 1782.

Ohio County Records in Wellsburg Court House, W. Va.

" In 1787 Richard Wells buys from Benjamin Johnston for forty pounds (40) current money, the hillside— beginning upper end of Mingo Bottom (on W. Va. side of the Ohio River) — to 56 poles below mouth of Harmon's Creek, — containing by estimate 217 acres. Purchase price about \$200.00. The original deed is in my possession—KWN.

ORDER FOR RICHARD WELLS, ESQ.

Order of Court 1790 - exempting negro from tax

"At a Court held for Ohio County on Monday .. the 5th day of April, 1790 orders that Richard Wells, Esq. be exempted in futer from paying county levy for a negro woman named, Shinnit, the property of (?) Wells."

A copy

Moses Chaplsmith

FAMILY RECORD
OF
WILLIAM DAVIS
AND
CATHARINE GRIFFIN DAVIS
MARRIED
1777

William Davis Born Baltimore Co. Md. (Welsh) Died Holliday's Cove, W. Va.
 Catherine Griffen Davis " " " " " " W. Va.

Married Baltimore 1777

Children	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Joshua Davis	1778	Isabel Logan 1800	1842
*Susannah	Feb. 6, 1781	Jesse Wells Sept. 4, 1800	June 24, 1864
Nathaniel	1783	Sarah Graham 1810	
Honora	1785	Thomas Graham	
Jemima	1778	Col. Wm. Croghan 1805	

William Davis and Catherine Griffin Davis were married in the year 1777. The parents of both were Welsh.

A few years after their marriage (probably between 1785 and 1790) they emigrated from Baltimore Co., Md., to Ft. Edgington, Va., now called Holliday's Cove, W. Va.

They suffered many hardships. The Indians drove them from their homes with other settlers and burned their Cabins. They were frequently forced to take refuge in the Fort.

William Davis died some years after they came to Virginia leaving Catherine to struggle alone with her family." Mrs. Herron.

.....
 An incident is told of Joshua the eldest son:—

Among a number of other quite interesting incidents of early times in Brooke Co. and on the opposite side of the Ohio related at the pioneer association at Steubenville, was one narrated by Col. Nathaniel Wells, of Joshua Davis, which is illustrative of the perils of those times which so sorely "tried mens' souls."

In those early days all the salt produced by the settlers in this vicinity was transported from Baltimore on horseback, and in return for it the people dug up in the forests here large quantities of ginseng, for which at that time there was a great demand in the markets of Baltimore.

At the time in which this incident happened there were no settlers on the Ohio side of the river, but when there were no rumors of Indians about, those on the Virginia side were frequently in the habit of crossing over from the settlement at the fort to gather "sang root" as it was then popularly called, on the hills where Steubenville now stands. At the time of the following occurrence, Joshua Davis of whom many of the old citizens have heard, and who was then a young man, in company with a number of others, had crossed in canoes and proceeded to a little clearing upon what is now known as the John Bustard farm, for the purpose of laying in a supply of this marketable vegetable.

The manner of digging it was by sharpening a long stick with which the root was pried up from the native earth-- this was afterward dried and made ready for market. The party had all entered the clearing except young Davis and an old man named Anderson. The man was kneeling on the ground busy at his work, while Davis was standing by sharpening his stick, when suddenly a wild whoop was uttered and two rifle shots rang out. The old man fell a corpse, but Davis was untouched. The savages not seeing the remainder of the party they made for their canoes and hurried across the river to report the tidings to the settlers at the Fort--- reporting that both Anderson and Davis were killed. This was incorrect. At the fall of Anderson, Davis realizing the situation and being fleet of foot, darted into the forest in a southerly direction with the band of screeching bloodthirsty demons after him, their terrific yells rending the forest. He led them down the river hoping to save his companions by misleading the howling heathen who were on his track. He finally out distanced them and reaching the river near the present site of Mingo, swam across.

His friends were shortly after greatly astonished to see him bound into the cabin with his knife still open in one hand, and the stick he had been whittling in the other, both of which in his terrible race for life, and his long dive through the river, he had never dropped from his hands."

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This Joshua Davis was a brother of Susan Davis who married Jesse Wells in 1800 they were the parents of Col. Nathaniel Wells.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
JESSE WELLS
AND
SUSAN DAVIS WELLS
MARRIED
1800

Jesse Wells, Born Bedford Co., Pa. Jan. 3, 1779 Died March 21, 1841
 Susan Davis, " Balt. Co. Md. Feb. 6, 1781 " June 24, 1864

Married Sept. 4, 1800 by Phillip Doddridge

Children	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Nancy Wells	: Sept. 4, 1801	: John Hamilton : April 9, 1821	: July 3, 1864
James	: May 16, 1803	: Margaret Crall	: March 4, 1860
Richard	: Jan. 3, 1805	: Died at 8 yrs.	: Dec. 9, 1813
Editha	: May 4, 1807	: John Wright	: Aug. 19, 1866
*Nathaniel	: June 19, 1809	: Mary Atkinson : Feb. 28, 1836	: 1884
		: Rebecca Owings : June 30, 1847	

JESSE WELLS
Last Will & Testament

In the name of God, I, Jesse Wells considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of a sound mind and memory,— blessed be Almighty God for the same—do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:—that is to say—

First, I give and bequeath unto my wife Susan Wells one third of the plantation on which I now reside; and one third of all the household property or personal effects. In addition, thereto, I will and bequeath unto her my horse "Creation". I further leave it optional with my wife whether she remain in the Mansion House, or consent to the sale of the farm and hold one third of the purchase money during her natural life time.

I further will and bequeath my wife the rent of the farm (during the life of my son James) for her maintenance. During said time in case farm should be sold I will and bequeath an equal divide of two thirds of the purchase money and also two thirds of my personal property (except such as I have reserved) to each of my four children—Nancy Hamilton, James Wells, Nathaniel Wells and Edie Wright.

And in case said farm is not sold and equally divided;— of the two thirds of the rent of, or the proceeds of said farm, I reserve as much of the real estate money, or personal, or both as the case may be, as will pay my just debts and funeral expenses.

My son Nathaniel's claim of Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars and Thirty One cents I acknowledge as just, and it shall draw interest coming from the date of this instrument of writing.

In case said farm be sold or otherwise as the legatees may determine, I enjoin most sacredly that the burying ground of my Father and family be reserved in said sale; and in addition thereto that special care be taken of the same by whomsoever shall be renter or purchaser of said farm.

And I hereby appoint James Wells and Nathaniel Wells, my sons, executors of this my Last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty-first day of January in the year of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Forty One. (Jan. 31, 1841.)

Jesse Wells.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Jesse Wells to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses.

David Pierce)
David Gardner)
Henry Hamilton)

And I Jesse Wells on the day and year above specified do will and bequeath to my granddaughter Susana Wright One Hundred Dollars in case she conducts herself in a becoming manner so that her grandmother is satisfied she deserves the same. Said hundred dollars to be given to her when she arrives at the age of twenty one years; with lawful interest from the date of this will.

Signed and sealed as above

FAMILY RECORD
OF
NATHANIEL DAVIS WELLS
AND
REBECCA OWINGS WELLS
MARRIED
1842

Nathaniel Wells—Born, Brook Co, W. Va.—June 19, 1809 Died Nov. 9, 1884
 Mary Atkinson " " " W. Va. 1816 " Aug. 18, 1840

Married Feb. 28, 1836

Rebecca Owings — Born W. Va. July 2, 1818 Died Jan. 4, 1899
 Married June 30, 1842

Children	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Lewis Wells	: June 13, 1840	: Rose born Oct. 1844: : Rose McCord : Jan. 29, 1863	: Apr. 21, 1915 : Rose—Feb. 26, 1928
Children to the second wife			
Edwin Wells	: June 13, 1843	: never married	: Nov. 2, 1863
George	: April 1, 1845	: never married	: Oct. 1, 1862
Mary	: Nov. 24, 1847	: Richard Mahan : May 14, 1868	: Oct. 7, 1911
*Ephraim	: Jan. 8, 1849	: Mary Cowans : June 23, 1873	: Jan. 24, 1924 : Mary —Nov. 11, 1922
Katharine	: Jan. 22, 1851	: died while small	
Talbot	: June 18, 1855	: Jennie Bustle	: Nov. 1925
Alice	: Dec. 11, 1857	: Jim Mann : July 18, 1875	
William	: June 29, 1861	: Eva Durbin	

AN ANCIENT SEFULCHER.

"In the summer of 1834, one Samuel Cummings an enterprising stone mason of Steubenville, Ohio, one day crossed the river to prospect along the ledge of rocks that line the hills along the Virginia side for a suitable place to quarry stone. In looking about he discovered a massive rock that in some previous age of the world had fallen from the over hanging cliffs above. While making an examination with a view to quarrying it he discovered an ancient stone wall built around one side of it, but almost hidden from view by the accumulation of the rubbish of ages. Curiosity led him to throw this wall down, when an opening appeared in the rock that disclosed a large cavern or vault scooped out of the under side of the rock which contained a large number of human skeletons packed together in perfect regularity. The number estimated at seventy five or one hundred.

At the time of this discovery, the owner of the land— Col. Nathaniel Wells— lived several miles distant and did not hear of it for some days. In the meantime, in the absence of any one with authority to protect the place, visitors thronged to it by the hundreds, each one carrying away prominent portions of these remains till they were all scattered as it were to the winds. Thus were the remains of the pre-historic dead, dragged from the long repose of ages and ruthlessly destroyed to gratify the idle curiosity of the ignorant and thoughtless. Had these remains been permitted to remain undisturbed for the inspection of the Archeologist and scientist, they might have added something to our small stock of knowledge of a people that have long since disappeared and left but little of their history behind.

Mr. Wells sadly regrets that he knew nothing of the transaction until too late, for he would have protected the sepulcher by an iron door and lock for the inspection of men of science.

This vault is located on the Virginia side of the Ohio River nearly opposite South street, Steubenville, about one hundred rods below Mr. Wells ferry landing, and a few feet east of the Pittsburgh Wheeling and Kentucky Railroad.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE THREE STEUBENVILLE

FERRYS:

With rates of toll Annexed.

For every 4 Horse Wagon	35 cts. each way.
For every 3 Horse Wagon	30 cts. each way.
For every 2 Horse Wagon	25 cts. each way.
For every 1 Horse Wagon, Cart or Express	20 cts. each way.
For every 2 Horse Pleasure Carriage	30 cts. each way.
For every 1 Horse Pleasure Carriage	25 cts. each way.
For every Horse and Rider	10 cts. each way.
For every Horse and Rider to Market, 15 cts. for the round trip, or for single trip	10 cts.
For all Foot Passengers, each way,	5 cts. a head.
For all Neat Cattle	5 cts. a head.
For all Hogs,	2 cts. a head.
For Sheep,	1 ct. a head.
For droves of Horses,	5 cts. a head.

No Market Wagon allowed to carry more than two Passengers besides the Driver, and they must belong to the same family owning the Wagon.

All persons going to Church on the Sabbath are required to be at the Ferry Boat, at or before the ringing of the Church bells, and to return as soon as Church is out. A failure on the part of any one will subject them to pay the above rates of toll stated.

The above arrangement to take effect August 9.

CRAWFORD & TURNER, Upper Ferry,
WINTERINGER & WELLS, Middle Ferry,
BERNARD WINTERINGER, Lower Ferry.

Steubenville, August 3, 1858

NATHANIEL WELLS: R. R. INTERESTS.

In 1847, a petition was presented to the Virginia Legislature for the right of way to build a Railroad from the Ohio River opposite Steubenville across the Pan Handle of Virginia to the Pennsylvania State line, to fill a gap then existing in the present P.C. and St. L. Ry. line. The petitioners' prayer was not granted. A similar petition was presented to each succeeding Legislature until 1852 with the same result. Further efforts in that direction seeming useless, Messrs. Jesse Edgington and Col. Nathaniel Wells, two energetic, enterprising citizens, in 1853 undertook to build it as a private enterprise, and to that end bought from the landowners along the line of the road one hundred feet of land the entire width of the Pan-Handle - seven miles - and received a title in fee simple for it. The contract for building the road was given to John W. Geary in June, 1853. Mr. Geary subsequently was appointed governor of the territory of Kansas and was afterwards elected governor of Pennsylvania.

On the fourth day of July, 1854, the first train ran over the road from the Ohio to the Pennsylvania State line, where a grand celebration and a public dinner was held.

Edgington and Wells were bitterly opposed by the Virginia authorities. In the fall of 1853 the Governor directed the Attorney General to file in the Ohio County Circuit Court a bill for an injunction enjoining them against further prosecution of the work of constructing the road. The defendants promptly met the issue. The State failed to appear, and the case was dismissed. Immediately thereafter, however, the Prosecuting Attorney of Brooke County commenced another suit in the Circuit Court there charging the defendants with a conspiracy against the laws of the State. The case was promptly met again and after able argument was decided against the State. Not satisfied yet, the enemies of the Road succeeded in getting a bill introduced into the Legislature of Virginia in the session of 1853-54 declaring it a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment in the penitentiary for any person or persons without a grant of way by the Legislature to build a railroad within the limits of the state. Messrs. Edgington and Wells promptly repaired to Richmond and the result was, the bill failed to pass. They ran a passenger car daily each way for a period of six months, when they discontinued their trains and the road remained idle.

This Road later became a part of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railway (Pan Handle)

From "History of the Panhandle."

FAMILY RECORD
OF
EPHRAIM T. WELLS
AND
MARY COWANS WELLS
MARRIED
1873

Ephraim T. Wells, Born, Middle Ferry, W. Va. Jan. 8, 1849--Died, Jan. 24, 1924

Mary B. Cowans " Bethany, W. Va. June 27, 1854-----" Nov. 11, 1922

Married June 23, 1873

Children	: Births	: Marriages	: Deaths
Katharine Cowan Wells	: June 20, 1874	: William H. Netting	: Sept. 19, 1937
	: :	: Sept. 2, 1895	: Wm, Easter, 1935
Leonard Nathaniel Davis "	: June 14, 1876	: Lida Carr	: :
	: :	: June 8, 1902	: :
Anna Pearl Wells	: Dec. 8, 1882	: Graham Bright	: Feb. 29, 1932
	: :	: April 10, 1906	: :
Mildred Ena Olive Wells	: May 12, 1894	: Frank B. Olander	: :
	: :	: May 29, 1920	: :

Laura Menter-- Born March 5, 1866

Died March, 1927

Married---

Eliazer Davies, Born 1869

Died 1940

Steubenville, Ohio.
January 4, 1923.

The following resolutions are presented by the
Loyal Women's Bible Class of the First Christian Church
of Steubenville, Ohio.

Be it Resolved:

First - That we extend to the family of
our late friend and sister, Mrs. E.T. Wells, our sincere
sympathy and that we pray God's blessing upon all who have had
great sorrow because of her death.

Second - That we give expression to our feeling
of gratitude as a class for the splendid friendship, fine
Christian spirit and loyal service always manifested by
Mrs. Wells as a member of the class.

Third - That we express herein our own deep
sense of loss and sorrow at her going.

Fourth - That we state as our sincere belief
that both the church and the community have lost in Mrs. Wells
a great moral and spiritual power.

Fifth - That we the Loyal Women's Bible Class
determine to profit by her fine Christian example and to
so labor for the Lord that to some extent at least her place
shall be filled by us.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Committee.

Mrs. Olo M. Gribben
Mrs. A. J. Barber
Mrs. D. Rosselli

Obituary of Mrs. E. T. Wells

Mrs. Mary Cowans Wells, beloved wife of E. T. Wells, of this city entered into rest peacefully at the home of her son, Reverend L. Nathaniel D. Wells, in Akron, on Saturday evening, November 11, 1922, at 10:30 o'clock, after a month's illness. Mrs. Wells' sudden illness came as a tragedy after a most wonderful service at the First Christian Church at Akron, where her son has been the beloved pastor for a number of years. (Her son had been called to the East Dallas Christian Church in Dallas, Texas.)

It was at the close of her son's farewell service at the High Street Church, Akron, Ohio, that she was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while greeting a young man who had just been ordained for the ministry. She lived in a semi-conscious condition for four weeks, when she gently fell asleep to waken in eternity.

Mrs. Wells was a daughter of John and Jane Mann Cowans, and was born in Bethany, West Virginia, June 27, 1854. Her father having lost his life in the Civil War, she came to Steubenville and made her home with an aunt, Mrs. William Harding on North Third Street. She married E. T. Wells on June 23, 1873, and they contemplated celebrating their golden wedding anniversary in 1923. Mrs. Wells was well and favorably known in the city, a devoted wife and mother, an earnest and faithful worker in the W.C.T.U., a member of the C.W.B.M. of the First Christian Church of Steubenville, Ohio, and one of the most active members of this denomination, and active in the missions of the church and especially helpful to the mission at Tokyo, Japan. She was pleasing in appearance, with a charming personality, and the beauty of her Christian spirit shown all along the pathway of life, and her presence will not only be missed in the home circle, but in the sanctuary which she served with Christian grace and faithfulness. She is gone, but her good works do follow her, and many hearts have been uplifted and many sorrows lightened by her gentle ministrations.

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband and the following children: Kate, wife of W.H. Netting, Bethany, W. Va.; Reverend L. Nathaniel D. Wells of Akron Ohio, who has just been called to the First Christian Church at Dallas Texas, to succeed Rev. Slater, a former minister of Steubenville, Ohio; Pearl, wife of Graham Bright, and Mildred, wife of Frank B. Olander, the latter two of Wilkinsburg, Pa. Also twelve grandchildren and one great grandson (Bob Bullard) and one adopted daughter, Mrs. Laura Menter Davies, of Washington Street, Steubenville. She leaves one sister, Mrs. A. J. Mercer of Kearney, Neb. who is at the bereaved home. A remarkable feature of the family is that during these fifty years of companionship of Mr. and Mrs. Wells, they have never had a break in their family circle of children with their husbands, wives and children in an unbroken family until this time when the beloved mother and grandmother has entered into rest.

A short funeral service was held at the parsonage in Akron, Sunday afternoon, Rev. George Darsey officiating. The cortege arrived in Steubenville at 7:18 P. M. Monday evening, and was driven to the family residence, 533 North Fifth Street, where children and friends are assembled. She was buried in the Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

OBITUARY OF EPHRAIM T. WELLS

E. T. Wells, aged 75, one of the best known residents of Steubenville, Ohio, and a member of one of the oldest families of this vicinity, passed away at his home 533 N. Fifth Street, at 8:15 this morning, January 24, 1924.

The deceased was born January 8, 1849, on a farm in Brooke Co. near what is now known as East Steubenville. He was a son of the late Hon. Nathaniel and Rebecca Wells. Nathaniel Wells, his father, was a member of the Virginia state legislature before the state was divided into Virginia and West Virginia. He was prominent in Virginia politics and was widely known for his work in the legislature.

Mr. Wells lived on the farm where he was born, engaging in agriculture, until 1884. At that time, he came to this city and has lived here ever since. On June 23, 1873, he married Mary E. Cowan, of Bethany. They would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last June, but Mrs. Wells passed away a few months before.

After he came to Steubenville, Mr. Wells became engaged in the grocery business. He owned two grocery stores which he kept for years. After selling his two business establishments several years ago, he became affiliated with the Pitcairn Products Co., of Newark, N. J., becoming a salesman for this company.

He was the agent in the Steubenville district for this company, having his headquarters in an office in the rear of his home. He sold these products throughout this district.

He was a devout member of the Christian church and was an officer in the church. Mr. Wells was active in all the affairs of the church and was a devout Christian. While in business and as a salesman in his later years, Mr. Wells had a reputation for honest and square dealing. He had a likable personality and during his many years in this city built up a circle of countless friends who today were grieved to learn of his death.

He is survived by the following children, Mrs. Katharine Netting, 533 North Fifth Street; Dr. L. N. D. Wells, pastor of the East Dallas Christian church, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Pearl Wells Bright, Wilkinsburg, Pa. and Mrs. Mildred Wells Olander, also of Wilkinsburg.

One brother, Todd R. Wells, of Oklahoma City, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Mann, of Columbus, also survive.

WELLS FUNERAL.

Funeral services of E. T. Wells were held this afternoon at 2:30 from the late home, 533 North Fifth Street. Rev. Johnson of the First Christian Church had charge of the services and the church choir furnished the music. Pall bearers were F. B. Olander, Fred Helfer, Fred Mahan, Todd Bullard, Foster Walker and Graham Bright. Interment was in Union cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

WILL

IN THE NAME OF THE BENEVOLENT FATHER OF ALL:

I, Ephraim T. Wells, of the City of Steubenville, Jefferson County, Ohio, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

ITEM FIRST:

It is my will that all of my just debts and expenses shall be paid as soon as practicable after my decease.

ITEM SECOND:

I will and bequeath to my daughter, Katharine Netting, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and my folding bed in front room and dresser in the room now occupied by me.

ITEM THIRD:

I will and bequeath to my son, Rev. L. N. D. Wells, of Dallas, Texas, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars. I also will and bequeath to my said son, Rev. L.N.D. Wells, my two pieced quilts and any books in my lebrary he may want, excepting the set of books called "The History of Our Country".

Item Fourth:

I will and bequeath to my daughter, Pearl Wells Bright, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars; also my bookcase with desk attached and the set of books called "The History of Our Country".

ITEM FIFTH:

I will and bequeath to my daughter, Mildred Wells Olander, the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and my kitchen cabinet, table and table linens.

ITEM SIX:

I will and bequeath to Mrs. Laura Davies the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars and my phonograph with the records belonging thereto.

ITEM SEVENTH:

All the residue of my household goods, including silverware, pictures, etc., I will and bequeath to my son, Rev. L.N.D. Wells, my daughters, Katharine Netting, Pearl Wells Bright, Mildred Wells Olander, and Laura Davies, share and share alike, so far as they may choose the same, and any portion or part of my household goods they may not desire to have, the same shall be sold and reduced to money to be applied in the payment of the legacies herein mentioned.

ITEM EIGHTH:

I will and bequeath to The First Christian Church of Steubenville, Ohio, known in the Year Books as the Deciples of Christ, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150) Dollars, to be used for the building fund of said church.

ITEM NINTH:

I will and bequeath to The Womens Christian Temperance Union of Steubenville, Ohio, the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars.

ITEM TENTH:

I will and bequeath to The Womens Misionary Society, Number One, of The First Christian Church of Steubenville, Ohio, the sum of Fifty (\$50) Dollars.

ITEM ELEVENTH:

I will and bequeath to W. D. Cunningham, in trust for The Yatsuya Mission, Tokyo, Japan, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty (\$150) Dollars.

Will of Ephraim T. Wells.

The four above items and bequests are made in sacred memory of my beloved wife, Mary E. Wells.

ITEM TWELFTH:

It is my will that my executor shall invest the sum of One Thousand and Sixty-two (\$1062) Dollars in such manner as they may deem proper, and to pay the net income therefrom to Mrs. Alice Mann, whose present address is 743 Neal Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

The said sum of \$1062 was left to me in trust by my father, Nathaniel Wells, the interest of which trust fund is to be paid to my sister, Mrs. Alice Mann, during her natural life. At the death of Mrs. Alice Mann, said sum of \$1062 is to be paid to the heirs of my sister, Mrs. Richard Mahan.

ITEM THIRTEEN:

I will and bequeath to The United Christian Missionary Society of The Christian Church, with offices at St. Louis, Missouri, known in the Year Book as Disciples of Christ, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, as an annuity to my son, Rev. L.N.D. Wells, and the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars as an annuity to my daughter, Katharine Netting, and the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars as an annuity to my daughter, Mildred Wells Olander.

At the death of my said children, the said several sums of money shall be the absolute property of the United Christian Missionary Society of the Christian Church, as above named, to be used to advance the Kingdom of our Lord.

ITEM FOURTEEN:

I will and bequeath to W. D. Cunningham, in trust for The Yatsuya Mission, Tokyo, Japan, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, as an annuity to my daughter, Pearl Wells Bright, and the sum of Five Hundred Dollars as an annuity to Laura Davies.

At the death of my daughter, Pearl Wells Bright and at the death of Laura Davies, the respective sums so willed in trust as aforesaid shall become the absolute property of The Yatsuya Mission of Tokyo, Japan, to be used to promote the Kingdom of our Lord.

ITEM FIFTEEN:

It is my will that my farm in Brooke County, West Virginia, and my real estate in the City of Steubenville, shall be sold by my executors as hereinafter provided, and all of my stocks and bonds, my stock of Toilet Articles and Household Goods in which I deal, and property of every character not hereinbefore disposed of, shall be sold and reduced to money, and after the payment of my debts and expenses and the payment and satisfaction of all of the foregoing legacies all of the residue of the proceeds of the sale of said property and all the money left in the hands of the executors of my will, I will and bequeath to my four children, Katharine Netting, Rev. L.N.D. Wells, Pearl Wells Bright, and Mildred Wells Olander, share and share alike.

ITEM SIXTEENTH:

It is my will that my children and also Laura Davies, shall have the right and are hereby given the power to designate as to what branch of missionary work the moneys authorized to be paid by this my will as annuities shall be applied

ITEM SEVENTEENTH:

I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons-in-law, Graham Bright and Frank Olander, executors of this my last Will and Testament without bond. I have every confidence in my sons-in-law and am trusting them to fully carry out the provisions of this will without giving any bond.

I do hereby authorize and empower my executors to sell at Public or private sale all of my real estate situated in the State of West Virginia or the State of Ohio, of wherever situated or wherever found, and all the real estate of which I shall die seized, at public or private sale, at such time as they may deem proper and at such price and upon such terms as they may think best, and deeds in fee simple to execute and deliver to the purchasers therefor.

My executors shall sell any personal property to me belonging, including my stock of toilet articles and household goods in which I deal, and any household goods my children and Laura Davies may not see proper to select, at private or public sale as they may deem proper.

My executors shall apply any moneys I have to my credit or on deposit in the bank, first, to the payment of my debts and expenses and any portion that may be left to any of the legacies in this my will mentioned. I hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of January, 1923.

(Signed) EPHRAIM T. WELLS

Signed and acknowledge by said Ephraim T. Wells as his last Will and Testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence.

(Signed) D. M. GRUBER

(Signed) JESSIE PEARCE

Our Ancestry through Charles Wells and Temperance Butler

Katharine C. Wells (Netting): Dr. L. N. D. Wells: Anna Pearl Wells (Bright):
Mildred Ena Olive Wells (Olander).

The four children of

Ephraim T. Wells,	Born Middle Ferry, W. Va.	Jan. 8, 1849	Died Jan. 24, 1924
Mary B. Cowans	Born Bethany, W. Va.	June 27, 1854	Died Nov. 11, 1922
	Married	June 23, 1873	

EPHRAIM son of

Hon. Nathaniel Wells	born Brooke Co, W. Va.,	June 19, 1809	Died Nov. 9, 1884
Rebecca Owings	born W. Va.	July 2, 1818	Died Jan. 4, 1899
	Married	June 30, 1842	

REBECCA OWINGS daughter of

Asa Owings	Born Balt. Co., Md.	April 22, 1766	Died May 19, 1820
Mary Wells	Born Brooke Co., W. Va.	Sept. 16, 1776	Died Aug. 19, 1849
	Married	Sept. 28, 1794	

MARY WELLS daughter of

Hon. Charles Wells	Born Balt. Co., Md.	April 6, 1745	Died April 16, 1815
Michal Owings	Born Balt. Co., Md.	Feb. 12, 1745	Died May 17, 1783
	Married	Dec. 27, 1764	

HON CHARLES WELLS son of

Benjamin Wells,	born Balt. Co., Md.	1724	Died
Temperance Butler	born June 17,	1726	Died Feb. 19, 1800
	Married	1743	

TEMPERANCE BUTLER (Wells) daughter of

Henry Butler
Susahna Butler

Henry and Susahna Butler had the following children:
Henry and Elizabeth who were twins (June 14, 1715)
Susahna, Urath, Sophia, Amon, Temperance and Absalom.
Temperance was born June 17, 1726 and married Benj. Wells.

Our Ancestry through Joshua Owings to Richard and Jane Moore, of Maryland

Katharine C. Wells (Netting): Dr. L. N. D. Wells; Anna Pearl Wells (Bright); and Mildred Ena Olive Wells (Olander). Children of Ephraim Wells.

Ephraim Wells son of Nathaniel Wells and Rebecca Owings (Wells)

Rebecca Owings (Wells) daughter of Mary Wells Owings and Asa Owings.

Mary Wells (Owings) daughter of Hon. Charles Wells and Michal Owings (Wells)

Michal Owings (Wells) daughter of ***Joshua Owings*** and Mary Cockey (Owings)

Mary Cockey (Owings) daughter of John Cockey and Elizabeth Slade (Cockey)

John Cockey son of Wm. Cockey and Sarah Cockey of Cuckold Point Devenshire, Eng.
who came to America in 1679

JOSHUA OWINGS (who married Mary Cockey (Owings). was the son of

Capt. Richard Owings born 16--
Rachel Beale born 1676

Married Apr. 4, 1698 ?

Their children were Samuel, Joshua, Richard and Helen.
Joshua married Mary Cockey, Mar. 9, 1735

Rachel Beale was the daughter of

Ninian Beale (Colonel) or (Anthony Beale?) (Ninⁱ yon, Ninyoine, Ninian Beall)
Ruth Moore Beale

Married

Ruth Moore was the daughter of

Richard Moore
Jane Moore
of St. Mary County, Md.

From a book on Clark family of S. C. by Eva Clark Turner of N. Y.

FAMILY RECORD
OF
MILDRED WELLS OLANDER
AND
FRANK BERNARD OLANDER
MARRIED

May 29, 1920

From book on Clark Family of S.C. by Eva Clark Turner of New York

Richard Moore married Jane Moore (Barrister of St. Mary's Co., Md.)

Ruth Moore (Beale) married Col. Niman Beale in 1670.

Rachel Beale was born in 1676 and married Captain Richard Owings on April 4, 1698 (?). Capt. Richard Owings was born in 16--.

Joshua Owings was born in Baltimore Co., Md., in 1704 and March 9, 1735 married Mary Cockey. Her birth date was December 10, 1716.

Mary Cockey's father, John Cockey was Born in 1681 and died Aug. 15, 1746. John Cockey married Elizabeth Slade Jan. 17, 1714. Elizabeth Slade (Cockey) was born 1685 and died Aug. 5, 1780.

John Cockey's father was Wm. Cockey Born in 1638 (?) and married in 1674(?) Sarah Cockey whose birth date was May 17, 1698 (?). These two "Wm. and Sarah Cockey of Cuckold Point, Devonshire, Eng., migrated to Am. and settled near the Patapska River in Baltimore Co. North Side of Jones Falls" Baltimore Md.

Joshua Owings and Mary Cockey (Owings) were the parents of Michal Owings who was born Feb. 12, 1745 and died May 17, 1783. She married Hon. Charles Wells on Dec. 27, 1764. Hon. Charles Wells was born in Baltimore Co., Md. April 6, 1745 and died April 16, 1815.

Hon. Charles Wells was the son of Benjamin Wells who was born in Baltimore Co., Md., in 1724 and married in 1749 Temperance Butler whose birth date was June 17, 1726 and died Feb. 19, 1800.

Temperance Butler was the daughter of Henry Butler and Susahanna Butler. They had eight children, two of whom were twins (Henry and Elizabeth), born June 14, 1715.

Michal Owings (Wells) and Hon. Charles Wells were the parents of Mary Wells who was born in Brooke Co., W. Va., Sept. 16, 1776 and died Aug. 19, 1849. Mary Wells married Asa Owings Sept 28, 1794. Asa Owings was born in Baltimore, Md, April 22, 1766 and died May 19, 1820.

Asa Owings and Mary Wells (Owings) were the parents of Rebecca Owings born in W. Va., July 2, 1818 and died Jan. 4, 1899. She married Hon. Nathaniel Wells June 30, 1842. Hon. Nathaniel Wells was born in Brooke, Co., June 19, 1809 and died Nov. 9, 1884.

Nathaniel Wells parents were Jesse Wells, born in Bedford Co, Pa. Jan. 3, 1779 and died March 21, 1841. He married Sept. 4, 1800 Susan Davis who was born Feb. 6, 1781 and died June 24, 1864.

Susan Davis was the daughter of Wm. Davis and Catherine Griffen (Davis) both Welsh who were married in Baltimore in 1777.

Jesse Wells was the son of Richard Wells born Oct. 25, 1742 and died Sept. 24, 1831. Richard Wells married in 1776 Editha Cole born July 17, 1740 and died Feb. 10, 1783. Richard's father was James Wells and Honor

Richard Wells parents were James Wells born between 1700 and 1710 and died in 1804. His wife was Honor Wells who died in 1796.

Rebecca Owings (Wells) and Hon. Nathaniel Wells were the parents of Ephraim T. Wells who was born at Middle Ferry, W. Va., across the river from Steubenville, Ohio, Jan. 6, 1849 and died Jan. 24, 1924. Ephraim Wells married Mary Cowans June 23, 1873. She was born in Bethany, W. Va., June 27, 1854 and died Nov. 11, 1922. They had four children, Katharine Cowan Wells, Leonard Nathaniel Davis Wells, Anna Pearl Wells and Mildred Ena Olive Wells.

Mildred Wells was born in Steubenville, Ohio, May 12, 1894 and married on May 29, 1920 Frank Bernard Olander whose birth place was Eureka, California, Oct. 6, 1893. They had five children; Mary Alma, born July 16, 1921; Leona Rose, born Aug. 8, 1923; twins Katharine Wells Olander and Margaret Wells Olander born June 27, 1927; and Miriam Jean Olander born Feb. 5, 1933.

Mary Alma Olander married Wm. Adamson Price, Jr., Nov. 12, 1945. Their daughter Carol Jean Price was born Aug. 5, 1947

Leona Rose Olander married Dr. DeArmond Moore of Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 8, 1946.

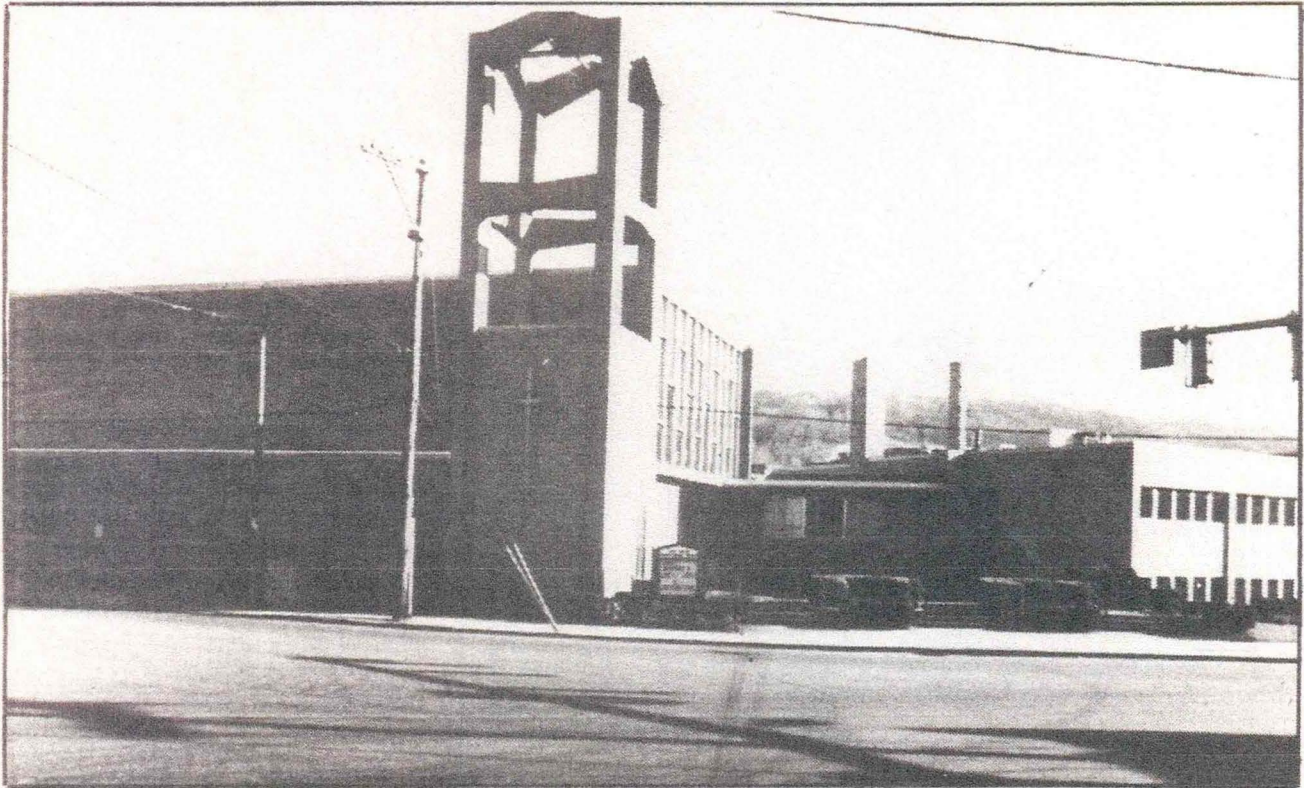


Paris Presbyterian Church-1954



Paris Church-1965

Cove United Presbyterian Church



Clergy associated with church to attend

The year-long activities marking the 200th anniversary of Cove United Presbyterian Church in Weirton will culminate with a special church service Sunday, when Price H. Gwynn III, moderator of the General Assembly, will be special guest speaker. He is the highest official of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and an elder at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N. C.

During the 11 a.m. worship service, Gwynn will extend greetings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and will make a presentation at the 1:30 p.m. program. He will be available for a 20 minute question and answer period.

The sermon, "Not As They Do!" will be delivered by the Rev. Inn Soon Choi, a former associate pastor at Cove Church. Choi is in his 14th year as pastor of Parkview Presbyterian Church, a 400 member congregation in Reynolds-

burg, Ohio. Mrs. Ron Choi will be the soloist, singing "How Beautiful."

Other special guests of the day will be individuals who grew up at Cove Church and entered the ministry.

Returning favorite sons of the church will include the Rev. Robert Marsh of First Presbyterian Church, St. Mary's County, California, Md.; the Rev. Robert Brown, son of the late Dr. G. Ousley Brown, (former pastor) and associate pastor of Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Wexford, Pa., the Rev. Franklyn McHendry, retired 25-year pastor of Clearwater-Largo Presbyterian Church; and the Rev. Robert Gracey, clergy member of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery who supplies area pulpits.

Other special guests will include the

Rev. Richard Baker, executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Upper Ohio Valley; Nancy Ludewig of Mingo Junction, moderator of the Upper Ohio Valley; and John Contoveros, a seminary student at Dallas Theological Seminary and an affiliate member of Cove Church.

The worship service will begin at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary. A luncheon, program and reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

The year long celebration was observed with several services and activities in combination with the sister church in Paris. A day long service in the mode of the early services was held with attendees dressing in period costumes. It was the first time in 130 years the congregations joined together to observe their common foundation.

Paris Presbyterian Church



Fellowship featured at day-long event

On Sunday, The Paris Presbyterian Church in Paris, Pa., will be celebrating its 200th birthday during a day long observance.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a fellowship hour hosted by the church's bicentennial committee. There will be no Sunday School classes this week only.

The special morning worship service, with the Sacrament of Communion, will begin at 11 a.m.

Special guests will include members of 50 years and some of the former pastors and interim pastors.

Preaching at the 11 a.m. worship service will be former pastor, Dr. Elwin Vanderland, of San Antonio, Tx, who served the Paris Church from 1984 to 1987.

Immediately following the morning worship service there will be a catered dinner served in the church fellowship hall. Emphasis was placed on the fel-

lowship of returning friends and present members so there will be time following dinner to visit. A few dinners will be available for last member attendees.

More information may be obtained from the church office at (412) 729-3450.

During the past year, the congregation has been remembering its 200 years of existence with several special events, some with the Cove Presbyterian Church. Both Paris and Cove were formed from the Three Springs Presbyterian Church which held its first worship service on the third Sunday of November 1790.

The Paris Church moved to a site near the state line a bit south of the village of Paris. All manner of perils faced the parishioners in the pioneer days, Indian attacks, cold, snow, animals and little money. However a small log cabin was built by donations of supplies and

labor with the men and boys doing the building.

According to a story handed down through the ages, the stove was stocked with wood and lit to provide heat one cold and snowy Sunday. No one knows for sure what happened but the roof of the building caught fire during the service. The men tried to put out the fire by tossing snow on the roof, but there were too few men and too much fire. The boys were admonished to come and help but, as the story is told, they danced around in glee thinking they would not be pushed out of bed on cold Sunday mornings if there was no church to attend.

The church then moved to the building which now houses Progar-Nicola's Store which was built by the Secedor congregation. It then moved to the present site and has undergone many additions and remodelings since occupying the present site.

Presbyterian Church announces events

PARIS — The Paris Presbyterian Church will host Phoenix in concert at 7 p.m. Friday at The Gathering Place Coffee Shop located at 127 Steubenville Pike.

The group will perform oldies from the 1960s and 1970s.

Upcoming events include:

- A soup and salad fundraiser will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Soups include chicken noodle, chili and beef and vegetable soup. Salads and desserts also will be available.

The cost is \$7. Both eat-in and take-out will be available. For take-out orders, call (724) 729-3450. All proceeds benefit the church's free programming.

- Jeanine Leach will have her photography on display at the Gath-

ering Place at 7 p.m. Nov. 13 and will discuss her work and answer questions.

- "An Evening of Music With Elvis" will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 21. Local Elvis tribute artist Robert Dale will sing the King's hits and Christmas music.

- Christian musicians The Chrisagis Brothers and Jeff Garrison will perform a concert and minister at 7 p.m. Dec. 7. The Chrisagis Brothers will be performing music from their new Christmas album.

- The Jimmy Z Trio will perform a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 12. The jazz trio will perform Christmas favorites.

- The church's annual Christmas program will be held at 7 p.m. Dec. 14. Congregation members will sing and

perform Bible-based skits.

- The church will hold a "Birthday Party for Jesus" at 7 p.m. Dec. 16. The event will feature a concert by Friends and cake and ice cream.

Those attending are asked to bring a "gift" for Jesus — a promise to do a good deed in Jesus' name, written down and sealed in an envelope.

- The Chrisagis Brothers will perform a New Years Eve concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 8.

The event will include food, a concert and a worship service, with Communion served at midnight.

All events are open to the public. For information on events, call (724) 729-3450 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.



SHOP HERE — Susan Spencer-Smith, "The Preacher Lady's Cookbook for Hungry Hearts" author, left, and crafter Roberta Taylor were two of several vendors to participate in the Paris Presbyterian Church's Sip and Shop Friday.

Paris Presbyterian Church Announces Events
PA Focus-November 6, 2014 Edition

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Paris Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its organization late this month with a week long program that will conclude with the dedication of a large new addition to the church building.

The sesqui-centennial celebration will open Sunday, October 20, and will include a homecoming service to be held Thursday, October 24.

The dedication of the enlarged church is to be held Sunday, October 27.

Plans for the dedication were made this week when a delegation of ministers representing Washington Presbytery met with the Rev. R. L. Biddle, pastor of the church. Representing the Presbytery were, Rev. John C. Teyssier, of Laboratory; Rev. William Longbrake, of Claysville; the Rev. S.W. Young, of Van Buren, and the Rev. C. S. Thomas, of Hickory.

The size of the church building has been doubled by a large addition to the rear, necessitated by growth of the congregation and the community by the church. The main floor of the addition will be used for Sunday School services and social activities. Under it has been dug a cellar in which the church's first furnace has been installed.

**Paris Presbyterian Church
Celebrates 150th Anniversary
Burgettstown Enterprise- October 10, 1940 Edition**



PICTURED ABOVE are six of the fifty-two women who attended the novel "come as you are party" held at the Paris-Presbyterian church on Tuesday morning. Standing from left to right are Mrs. F. R. Gordon, Mrs. Herman Hanlin, Mrs. Percy Mills, Mrs. George Heilman, Mrs. T. O. Jones and Mrs. Arthur Richter. The women attended the party at last minute notice. —Photo by Carr.

Novel "Come As You Are" Party Held At Paris Presbyterian Church, Tuesday

Fifty-two women taken by surprise enjoyed the novel "Come As You Are" party sponsored on Tuesday at the Paris-Presbyterian church.

The women who were invited to the party with last minute notice came attired in housecoats, house-dresses, slacks, farm and garden wear. With their costumes were pin-curls and the "sleepy look."

Some of the most outstanding costumes were worn by Mrs. Percy Mills, Mrs. Herman Hanlin, Mrs. Arthur Richter, Mrs. George Heilman, Mrs. T. O. Jones and Mrs. F. R. Gordon.

Light refreshments were served and the money derived was turned over to the class treasurer. In charge of the affair were, Mrs. Alva Hess and Mrs. Percy Mills.

Among those in attendance were, Leonore Long, Murtle Virtue, Nell Harlan, Velva Lowes, Leah Long, Carol Hanlin, Laura Bainbridge, Mrs. Ted Harrington, Francis Hooper, Jeny Hooper, Golda Cummings, Alzada Neeley, Alma Jones, Carolyn Jones, Sue Tedrow, Linda Sue Tedrow, Nancy Jo Tedrow, Alice Murchland, Jennie Dhayer, Leonore Wilson, Mrs. Charles Patton, Doris Wilson, Oia Wilson, Mary Hanlin, Dorothy Brady.

Roberta Boyce, Cheryl Boyce,

Florence Mills, Wanda Lyons, Esther Lyons, Dorothy Lyons, Beatrice Richter, Thelma Moredock, Karen Moredock, Jane Melvin, Alva Hess, Mary Neeley, Harriet Melvin, Meryle Ferguson, Bernice Gordon, Iva Herrington, Gladys Boots Sarah Murchland, Virginia Albert, Betty Heilman, Patty Lou Suplee, Billy Suplee, Frances Carrie Suplee, Carrie Stephenson and Robert Gordon.

**Paris Presbyterian Church—"Come as you Are" Party
Weirton Daily Times-March 31, 1948 Edition**

Rev. David A. Haines To Leave Paris For First Presbyterian Church, E. McKeesport

The Rev. David A. Haines, pastor of the Paris Presbyterian church for the past four years, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of East McKeesport and expects to take up his new pastorate about the middle of November.

Born in Burgettstown, Rev. Haines graduated from Union high school and Waynesburg college, and in 1954 was graduated from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. He is married to the former Mona Inglefield, and is the father of three children: David 7, Faith Elizabeth 4 and Joel Donaldson 2.

For two years, Rev. Haines was with the U. S. Army, serving in Korea. He served as pastor of the Raccoon Presbyterian church at Candor for 2½ years, previous to a call to the Paris church. In 1953 he founded and directed a Community Civic Chorus in Burgettstown.

While serving the Paris church, Rev. Haines has seen many new accomplishments. The church was re-modeled and redecorated. A new organ was installed and a large memorial library was instituted. A chapter of Presbyterian men was organized, as well as a junior and senior Westminster Fellowship, composed of 60 young people. A chancel choir of 30 voices and two junior choirs of 40 voices were organized. The membership of the congregation was tripled during his pastorate.

The First Presbyterian church of East McKeesport, with over 900 members, is in a large and flourishing community. The educational unit was built 17 years ago and a large Gothic-type sanctuary was built two years ago. The former pastor, Dr. D. L. Say, was a former minister of the Cross Creek Presbyterian church from 1917 to 1923, and pastor at the East McKeesport church for 33½ years.

Installation services for Rev. Haines will take place in the East McKeesport church Sunday, November 24 at 7 p.m. Rev. Haines told an Enterprise reporter, "I cordially invite all of my friends in the community to attend my installation."

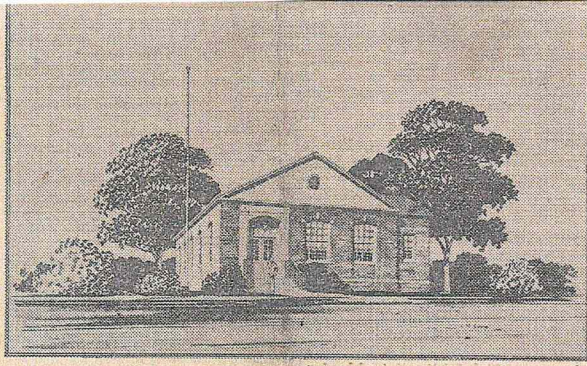
**Rev. David A. Haines to Leave Paris Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-October 31, 1957 Edition**

Minister Breaks Leg

Rev. C. G. Allen, of Hollidays Cove, is suffering from a broken leg, which he sustained early Monday morning. Mr. Allen was to officiate at the funeral of A. E. McCabe, of Paris, Monday. After his preaching service Sabbath evening he retired to his study to prepare the funeral sermon and worked until two o'clock next morning. He then went to the stable to attend to his horse before going to rest, and in leaving the house received the fall which resulted so disastrously. The left leg was broken about midway between the ankle and knee. Rev. Mr. Allen has been pastor of the Presbyterian church at Paris for twenty-five or thirty years.

Rev. C. G. Allen

The Burgettstown Call-December 24, 1914 Edition



IMPRESSIVE SERVICES MARK SESQUI-CENTENNIAL AT PARIS PRESB. CHURCH

The closing song, "God Bless America" sung by Mrs. Wayne Culley of Burgettstown, and the benediction by Rev. C. S. Thomas of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church brought to a close, what was well named "A Wonderful Week" in Paris Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Biddle and his loyal flock, were celebrating the Sesqui-Centennial, or 150th birthday of their church. Five months ago, it was decided by the congregation, to fittingly celebrate the occasion, so 11 committees of 5 each were named to be in charge of the whole affair. The following chairmen of committees were named: Arrangements: Rev. R. L. Biddle; Music Clyde Herrington; Invitation, Mrs. W. P. Ferguson; Decorations, Alice Murchland; Finance, A. C. Fulton; History, Bertha Long; Parking and Transportation, H. A. Lyons; Printing and Registration, Betty Neely; Antique Display, Ada Fulton; Lunch, Bertie Goodman; Ushering, Roy Hurd.

The celebration got a good start last Sunday evening which was known as "Worship Night" when Rev. S. G. Neal of Clinton brought an inspiring message.

One special feature of this service was the special music, furnished by the orchestra of the Mt. Pisgah Sunday School with A. J. Fordenbacker as director. It had been decided to register the name of each person attending any service during the week. The registrations obtained by the Committee on this first evening numbered 140. The total registration was near 500, while the total attendance during the week was 1400.

Wednesday evening was known as "Neighbor Night". The names of Neighbor churches were called and representatives stood up to be counted. Then some one, either the pastor or some one else, brought the greetings from the church. The following churches brought their greetings Pleasant Valley Methodist, Tucker M. E., Eldersville and Bethel M. P. Frankfort U. P., Langeloth and Tent U. P., Raccoon Presbyterian Frankfort Springs Presbyterian, Burgettstown First, and Westminster Presbyterian and First U. P., Cross Creek, Mt. Prospect and Florence Presbyterian, which church is recognized as the Mother of Paris church. The largest delegation was from the Presbyterian church of Hollidays Cove which is recognized as a twin-sister, being also 150 years old.

The address of the evening was by Richard M. Gibson of Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, who used as his subject "The duty and beauty of Loyalty".

Thursday was the great day of the feast, known as "Home Coming" with services at 10:30 a. m., 2:30 and 8 p. m. Ladies served lunch at midday and evening. In the morning the address of Welcome was delivered by Clyde Herrington, which was responded to by J. D. Marsh of Carnegie. Then followed many greetings and reminiscent talks from former members. Some touching, some amusing. The high spot of the morning was the address of Mrs. W. E. Allen of Pitts-

burgh. In her remarks she paid an eloquent tribute to Rev. C. G. Allen who for 44 years had been pastor of the Paris church. Her husband, Rev. W. E. Allen, who for a time was pastor of Frankfort Springs, was a brother of C. G. Allen.

Thursday afternoon brought together a fine company of friends. Greetings from former members and friends were read. Short addresses followed by Rev. C. H. Beck of Eldersville, and Rev. H. W. Strobel of East Butler. The Moderator of General Assembly, Dr. Young had sent a Message,—as had the Moderator of the Synod, Dr. W. W. McKinney. The Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. J. C. Teysier was present and delivered a stirring address. Rev. R. E. Carman, the one appointed to bring the greetings of Washington Presbytery, was listened to with interest. The afternoon was closed with a touching address by Mrs. Allen.

The evening hour found the church crowded to hear Rev. P. W. Macaulay of Cleveland, O. Rev. Macaulay was a pastor at Florence and Frankfort Springs 25 years ago and has every body as his friend. He was exceedingly happy in his address.

Friday night was "Historical Night" and again saw a large gathering. Prof. Charles Campbell of Hollidays Cove brought the local history in an interesting 20 minute address. He was followed by Rev. E. B. Welsh, D. D. of Coraopolis who spoke on the early history of Presbyterianism in Western Pennsylvania. His address was most interesting, made more-so by the pictures shown.

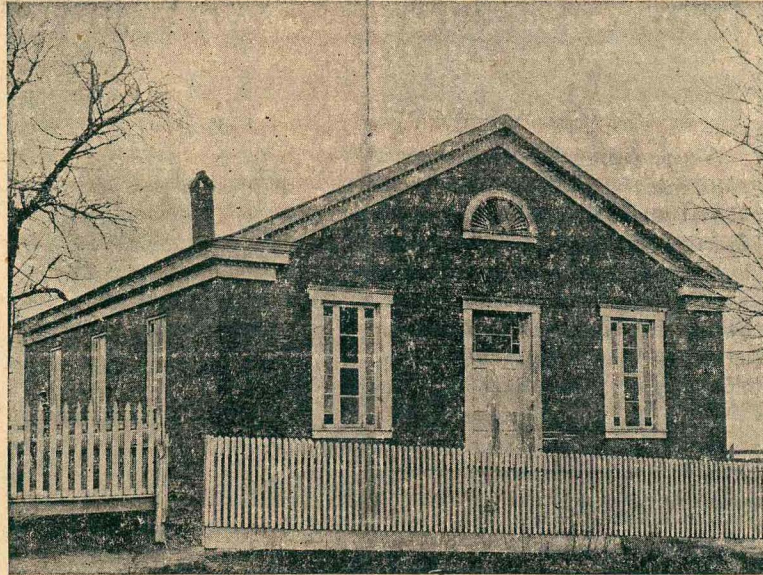
Sunday was Dedication Day, and brought together the whole country side. At 11 a. m. Dr. Biddle, the pastor, assisted by Rev. J. C. French who brought the Message, performed the solemn ceremony of dedication of the new annex to the present building. The large congregation stood reverently, as the officers came forward and knelt as the building was given to God in Prayer.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the Fraternal meeting was held when many three minute congratulatory addresses were heard by laymen and ministers. The praise part of this service could hardly be excelled. An orchestra of 14 instruments directed by Karl W. Niekamp of Wellsburg, W. Va. gave a Sacred concert, in connectin with the service. The choir from the Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian church, to the number of 16 assisted the local choir, rendering four selections. Rev. W. H. Flurkey was with Dr. Biddle in the pulpit, pronouncing the benediction.

The evening closing session was again delighted by the special music of the orchestra under Mr. Niekamp. There were solos also by Mrs. Wayne Culley and Clayton Stemple of Crafton. The sermon was by Rev. C. S. Thomas of Hickory who brought the greetings of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church. Thus came to a close perhaps the most wonderful week of old "Three Springs Presbyterian Church" 150 years history.

Paris Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown Enterprise
October 31, 1940 Edition

PARIS PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION WILL BUILD ADDITION TO CHURCH GROUND-BREAKING TO BE HELD SUN.



The congregation of the Paris Presbyterian church will hold proper ceremonies on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock when ground will be broken for an addition to the church edifice. Calvert Lyons, president of the Board of Trustees of the congregation, which has been continuously in existence since 1790, more than 150 years, will break ground for a T-shaped wood and composition structure, which will be 52 by 30 feet, and will be used for Sunday school purposes and as a recreational and social center for church activities.

Rev. R. L. Biddle, who has been pastor to the church for the past five years reports that the growing congregation now boasts a membership of 60 families with a Sunday school enrollment of 150 young people. When Rev. Biddle assumed charge of the pastorate following the death of Dr. Cyrus Allen about five years ago, the church membership was but 20 families. Previous to his death, Dr. Allen had faithfully served the congregation as pastor for more than forty five years.

The Paris Presbyterian church was originally organized in 1790 as the Three Springs Presbyterian church, and just this past year became known as the Paris Presbyterian church. The

present brick church was built in 1857.

Rev. Biddle will preside at the ceremonies and will be assisted by the various organizations of the church. Addresses will be made by Rev. E. O. Gardner of McDonald, Rev. D. S. Vance of Cross Creek and Rev. Logan Barnes of Hollidays Cove. Appropriate music will be furnished by the Union high school band, led by O. Glenn Aiken.

Plans for the addition have been drawn up by Architect J. F. Busse of Pittsburgh, who estimates the cost at about \$5000. Andrew Fulton has been named chairman of the building committee and the men of the church have pledged themselves to give material assistance in labor in the building. The Ladies Aid Society through their president, Mrs. Jessie Ralston have pledged the sum of \$500 toward the building cost. Rev. Biddle has been elected treasurer of the building fund.

The congregation is receiving valuable aid from the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian church, which will loan the congregation \$1.00 for every \$2.00 invested, without interest charges for a period of 10 years.

Paris Presbyterian Church
Burgettstown Enterprise- August 1, 1940 Edition

Church to hold 'Sip and Shop'

PARIS — The Paris Presbyterian Church will host a "Sip-and-Shop" holiday shopping extravaganza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Gathering Place Coffee Shop located 127 Steubenville Pike.

Vendors include Origami Owl, Paparazzi, Jamberry, Scentsy and So Unique Candy Boutique.

For information, call (724) 729-3450 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Paris Presbyterian Church Holds Children Book Reading
PA Focus-November 7, 2013 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Peters Creek church to vacate Venetia location

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The congregation of the Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church will vacate its location on Brookwood Road in Venetia at the end of April, essentially closing the door on a lengthy legal battle over the ownership of the building that rose from a split in church membership nearly a decade ago.

Beginning May 3, the 309-member Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church will meet in the Parish Hall of St. David's Episcopal Church on East McMurray Road.

In 2007, the church, then known as Peters Creek United Presbyterian Church, voted to leave Presbyterian Church (U.S.) for the more conservative Evangelical Presbyterians. In May 2014, the Commonwealth Court ruled the title to the property belongs to the minority, not the break-away group.

The congregation gave the Washington Presbytery a 30-day advance notice required to leave the property. Its last Sunday service will be April 26. It will also mark the end of 220 years of continuous worship at the location.

Rev. Doug Brandt, the church's senior minister and designated spokesman, would not comment on the vote. He would not disclose whether the church was looking for a permanent home, but said more announcements would be forthcoming.

Besides ruling in favor of the minority, Common Pleas Judge Gary Gilman ruled the Evangelical group, effective October 29, 2014, had to pay \$3,000 a month, or any portion of any month to Peters Creek United Presbyterian Church for occupancy. The minority rented property at 800 Venetia Road, Venetia.

Rev. Kris McInnes of St. David's said they are in the process of finishing up negotiations with Peters Creek United Evangelical. He said



JIM McNUTT / OBSERVER-REPORTER

When Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church vacates its space in Venetia next month, it will end 220 years of continuous worship at the location.

both churches will operate in different locations in the building and there will be very little overlap with the exception of

adult education classes.

"We are in the process of putting together a temporary agreement," said McInnes,

adding St. David's could serve as a temporary base for the church for anywhere from eight to 12 months.

Peters Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church
(Formerly known as Peters Creek United Presbyterian Church)
Observer-Reporter-March 27, 2015 Edition

Dickers In Dirt

March 27, 1945—Polish National Catholic church of Slovan to trustees for Polish National Alliance, Thaddeus Kosciuszki Branch No. 1870, of Slovan, Lots Nos. 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48 in the Hudson Plan, Eastonville, Smith Township; \$1.

June 8, 1945—Isa Boles et al., executrices of McClelland T. Boles, deceased, Washington, to Clyde E. Fox et al., Weirton, W. Va., 170 acres and 63 perches in Jefferson Township; \$1.

June 1, 1945—Emma Carroll et son., to John H. Carroll et ux., all of Robinson Township, a lot 50 by 140 feet, Barr street, Sauters Plan, Robinson Township; \$1.

June 5, 1945—Jessie West et ux., Burgettstown, to Frank Michael Chastulik et ux., Burgettstown, a lot fronting 40 feet on Florence avenue, Grand View Plan, Smith Township; \$2,000.

May 31, 1945—A. O. Hindman et ux., Burgettstown, to Wayne M. Culley et ux. trustee for Burgettstown Post No. 698, American Legion Home Association, a lot fronting 123.7 feet on Washington street, Burgettstown; \$1.

May 23, 1945—Joseph Lauff et ux., Midway, to D. Richard Donaldson et ux., Midway, a lot, 90 by 100 feet, Main street, Midway; \$1

May 14, 1945. Manor Real Estate and Trust Co., to Pittsburgh Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Co., 13,879 acres in Smith Township; \$1.



Raccoon Mission May Crowning-1939

Fort Vance Historical Society

"GAY NINETIES" REUNION

Everything is ready for the Reunion of the "Survivors of the Gay Nineties" at Raccoon church, Candor, Pa., Saturday, August 2, 10:30 E.S.T. The committees follow: General Chairman C. H. Russell; Grounds and tables, John Neal, Nesbit Neal, Dale Neal, O. V. Aiken, Neal Matchett, Mac Smyers, Lee Wyke, J. M. Aiken; Dinner Committee, Mrs. J. M. Aiken, Mrs. J. S. Russell, Miss Jane M. Cummins, Mrs. Edward Simpson, Miss Mary Aten, Mrs. R. M. Donaldson, Mrs. W. E. Dickson, Mrs. Neal Matchett, Mrs. Clara Glass and Mrs. Earl Emiley.

There seems to be an impression that only "Survivors of the Gay Nineties" are expected. It includes their families, friends, children and grandchildren. However, we draw a line at great-grandchildren, as that might make some of us look too old.

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Raccoon Class Elects Officers

The Raccoon Presbyterian Friendship Class held a covered dish chicken dinner Tuesday noon in the home of Mrs. Charles Rommes, R. D. 1, Bulger. A large cake formed the table centerpiece and Valentine decorations were used. Covers were laid for Mrs. James Richards, Miss Mary Aten, Mrs. John Neal, Mrs. Thomas Bridges, Mrs. Samuel Cully, Mrs. Neal Matchett, Mrs. Charles Matchett, and Mrs. Robert Cummins. Mrs. John Love and Darlene Cummins were guests.

The regular business meeting followed and the president, Mrs. Richards, presided. Mrs. Cummins led the devotions. Officers for 1944 were elected as follows: Mrs. Charles Rommes, president; Mrs. John Neal, vice president; Miss Mary Aten, re-elected secretary and treasurer. The class has purchased a new silk service flag to replace the cotton one. The class also voted to purchase a \$100 bond in this Fourth War Bond Drive. Mrs. Carl Loffert's name was added to the roll. A Valentine greeting card was autographed by each one present and was sent to the teacher, Mrs. G. M. Kerr, of Oakdale, who was unable to be present.

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FORT VANCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Visit to Historic Fort Beelor

The Raccoon Presbyterian Church

and the

Graveyard Attached to the Church

May 24, 1972 - 7 p.m.

Raccoon Presbyterian Church was organized in or about 1780 and the first church building here was erected in 1781. The present building was built just 100 years ago, in 1872. Other buildings here were dated 1785 and 1830. Historic pastorates to be noted in our meeting in this Church are those of the following men:

The Rev. Joseph Patterson	1789-1816
The Rev. Moses Allen	1817-1838
The Rev. Clement V. McKaig	1841-1865
The Rev. Greer M. Kerr, D.D.	1871-1930

Plaques have been placed on the wall of the sanctuary of this Church which testify to the valuable services here of the Rev. Mr. Patterson and of the Rev. Dr. Kerr.

Fort Beelor, one of the early pioneer forts of this area, was located on the tract of land patented by Samuel Beelor, who had settled here as early as 1774. The location of this old fort will be pointed out near the site of the Raccoon Church. Eventually, when a village arose here it came to be known as Candor and is so known to the present time.

A Tour of historic graves in the old graveyard adjoining the Church will be conducted under the direction of Mr. James Kerr, a life-long member of the Raccoon Church. This will be followed by a display of historic materials in the Sunday School room of the Church, and the formal program of the evening in the sanctuary.

Historic Graves to be visited in the Graveyard will include the following:

The oldest marked grave: That of Mrs. Martha Bigger, died May 20, 1780, and of her son, Thomas Bigger, died February 7, 1829.

Mary Christy died 1851, aged 76 years, and Elizabeth Christy, died 1858, aged 79 years. These women were sisters.

A cenotaph to the memory of the Rev. Joseph Patterson who, however, is not buried here.

John McDonald died 1817 and his wife, Martha Nobel McDonald died 1830

George Allison died 1840 and his wife, Martha (McDonald) Allison died 1855

Robert Glenn died 1837 and his wife, Margaret (McDonald) Glenn died 1860

Christopher Smith died 1811 and his wife, Sarah Smith died 1825

Joseph Scott and Mary, his wife, both of whom died in 1822

William Sturgeon died 1836 aged 80 years. His wife, Mary, died 1846 aged 87 years.

John Sturgeon died 1868 aged 79 years. His wife, Jane, died 1892 at the age of 97 years. Jane Sturgeon was a relative of President William Henry Harrison. She once traveled over the mountains by horse-back to visit at Washington, D.C.

William T. Annen died 1876 aged 60 years. His wife, Marie Annen died in 1902 aged 86 years. Her father, Thomas Trimmer, was a nephew of Gen. (Mad) Anthony Wayne of Revolutionary War and Indian Wars fame.

Jane McFarland, first wife of Samuel McFarland, died 1853 aged 39 years. Matilda McFarland, second wife of Samuel, died 1865 aged 42 years. She was killed on a Sunday morning by a runaway team while on the way to this Church. Her body was dragged almost to the church door and in sight of many members of the congregation who had arrived early.

Benjamin Chestnut, veteran of the War of the Revolution, died in 1843 at the age of 80 years. His wife, Ann Chestnut, died 1836 aged 73 years.

Matthew Bailey died 1836 aged 86 years. John Bailey died 1851 aged 86. These were the oldest and the youngest sons of Alexander Bailey, an early settler about a mile north of the Church.

Thomas Partridge died 1850 aged 86 years. Ann Partridge died 1842 aged 72 years.

The people whose names comprise this list are representative of the type of people who settled this area, and the names also indicate the extent of the territory served by the Raccoon Church and by this old graveyard.

As will be pointed out, the Cemetery here at Raccoon Church is made up of four sections; and the graves to be visited are in the part which might be referred to as the "Graveyard", the oldest part. Some of the names found in this older part are found also in other sections of the Raccoon Cemetery as members of later generations of these families passed on and are buried there.

In our visit to the Raccoon "Graveyard," we have discovered again that much history can be found in these old burial grounds of our Ft. Vance area.

GENE BOYD STUDENT PASTOR AT RACCOON PRESBYTERIAN

Student pastor Gene W. Boyd, who succeeded Rev. David Haines last summer at the Raccoon Presbyterian church, Candor and the Raccoon Mission, is holding regular services.

Church school begins at 10:15 a. m., followed by a worship service at 11:15 and the young peoples meeting at 2:30 in the afternoon. Wednesday evening prayer service at 8 p. m. Mr. Boyd conducts worship service Sundays at 9 a. m., in the Raccoon Presbyterian Mission which is in charge of Miss Marian Line, missionary.

Mr. Boyd is the son of Mrs. John A. Boyd of Carnegie. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh last June and has entered his first year at the Western Theological Seminary. His wife is the former Florence Midgley of Heidelberg. The Boyds are the parents of three daughters: Carolyn, Cathy and Cynthia.

**LARGE CROWD PRESENT
AT CHURCH HOMECOMING**

A song festival was the principal feature of the annual homecoming at the Raccoon Presbyterian church, at Candor, last Sunday. It was attended by a large number of persons, including present members and former members of the church, as well as many friends.

The singing was lead by Frank Lasher, of Oakdale, to the accompaniment of an orchestra composed of musicians from Burgettstown, Midway, McDonald and Oakdale. Singing of old hymns of the church brought the enthusiastic, united response of the entire congregation.

The musical program was followed by impromptu gatherings of old friends, who recalled memories of past days as they renewed many old friendships.

The Rev. H. A. Mosser, pastor, was assisted by members of his church in arranging for the event.

HISTORICAL NOTES OF RACCOON CHURCH

Raccoon Presbyterian church, one of the oldest churches in Western Pennsylvania, was built in 1781 in close proximity to the old Beilor Fort which then stood immediately southeast of the Raccoon cemetery.

This building was the first of four sanctuaries to hold the name Raccoon church. The first church was of unhewn logs. In 1786, it could no longer accommodate the rapidly increasing congregation whose limits were: Clinton on the north, Hickory on the south, including Noblestown on the east and Burgettstown on the west.

The first church was torn down and another larger log church was erected. In 1830, a large substantial brick church with a seating capacity for 600 was erected on the same ground upon which the log churches had stood.

In the spring of 1872, this building was torn down that a new edifice might stand on the same ground occupied by its three predecessors. This sanctuary stands to the present day. This church, like the previous building, was built of brick; 81x60 ft., two stories high with a seating capacity for 500.

Raccoon church, with its long years of service to God and mankind, has seen relatively few, regularly installed pastors, they are: Rev. Joseph Patterson, Rev. Moses Allen, Rev. Clement V. McKaig, D. D., Rev. Greer M. Kerr, D.D., Rev. H. A. Mosser, D.D., and Rev. James P. Shaw.

One of the greatest honors that can be given a church is to see her sons enter the ministry. Raccoon church has had the privilege of having 25 of her sons ordained into the ministry. The first, Rev. Robert Porter, ordained in 1790 and the last, Rev. Samuel Neal. There have been three missionaries go out from the congregation.

The Raccoon church celebrated its annual homecoming and song service Sunday, July 26, at 8 p.m., with a large crowd attending.

David A. Haines, is serving the congregation as a student pastor, at the present time.



Raccoon Presbyterian Church (brick) dates from Dr. John McMillan's first visit to the Raccoon Creek settlement in 1778. In his journal Dr. McMillan recorded that he preached at Raccoon also in 1779, 1780, 1782, and 1785. The first regular pastor was Joseph Patterson, who served from 1789 to 1816. The congregation's first house of worship was a rough-log meetinghouse built in 1781. This was followed by a hewn-log church of 1785, a brick church of 1830, and the present structure built in 1872-1873. The early pews and original pipe organ have been preserved inside the church. In the front churchyard, about one hundred yards southeast of the church, is the site of Beelor's blockhouse, built by Captain Samuel Beelor, who came to this region around 1774. On his second trip to Raccoon Creek, Dr. McMillan preached at this blockhouse. *Location*-Candor, PA. *Note*: An Early Log house, now covered with siding, is next to the Fort Beelor site at the spring.

A Guide to Historic Western Pennsylvania by George Swetman and Helene Smith.

Photo provided by Fort Vance Historical Society.

Robinson church dedicates new addition

By Katherine Pyle
for The Record-Enterprise

The dedication of the new addition to Robinson Presbyterian Church in honor of the Coventry family was attended by about 150 persons Oct. 1, following the morning worship service. Dinner was served by women of the congregation.

Laurie Crawford welcomed the guests and conducted the dedicatory service. She presented two plaques to the church, commemorating the completion of the new addition. One contains the names of those who offered monetary gifts; the other those who gave building materials.

On the first plaque were the names of the Coventry family, Helen and Betty Bigger, Mary McCune, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Yazevac, Janet Stack, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mizenko, Mr. and Mrs. David Barkhurst and Mrs. Ruth Kramer. On the other plaque were the names of Ron and Ruth Glass and Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Duran.

Mrs. Crawford also recognized the Rev. Robert Ezzell for his 15 years of service to the church. A gift of appreciation was presented to him. A gift was also given to Mrs. Ruth Glass, who has served as secretary of the congrega-

tion for 35 years.

Mrs. Crawford then named the various workers who contributed to the building of the new addition, which is 30'X50' and includes a kitchen and rest rooms. Cabinets and windows for the addition were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Duran and Mrs. Ruth Glass and son, Ronnie.

Present at the dedicatory ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. James Russell Coventry and James J. Coventry and daughter, descendants of the original Coventry family that helped establish Robinson Church in the early 1800s. A history of the Coventry family, who came from Scotland and Ireland to America, in the mid-1700s was written for the occasion by Lynette C. Caler, who was among those present. The history was included in the program's bulletin.

Carol Roth of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary spoke briefly about Rev. Ezzell's work with the Robinson congregation during the past 15 years.

A journal, prepared by Mildred Duran, was circulated among the guests. It showed pictures marking the progress of the new addition. Dinner was under the direction of JoAnn Duran. Dinner music was provided by Bill Campbell of Oakdale.

The congregation joined organist Amy Glass in singing a hymn and Rev. Ezzell led in the reading of the dedicatory declaration. Workers listed in the bulletin for their services in building were:

Groundbreaking: Jim and Starr Shoup and family; Howard and Ron Glass; Dave and Janice Duran and family; Mike and Mildred Duran; Put Foley.

Site Preparation: Howdy Glass and Put Foley.

Foundation Work: Mark Crawford, Mike and Lloyd Duran; Jim and Starr Shoup.

Water and Septic System: Gary and Vern Green; Put and Charley Foley; Quintin Jones.

Electrical: Jim Shoup.

Plumbing: Mark and Bob Crawford; Mike, Lloyd and Joel Duran.

Insulation: Jim Shoup and family; Put Foley; Denny Glass; Lloyd and Tim Duran.

Drywall: Don and Ryan Duran; Nello DiMinarco; Mark Crawford.

Water Hauling: Howdy Glass.

Landscaping: Matt Glass (as a project for Eagle Scouting); Jacob Shoup; Stephen Duran; Ron, Howdy and Denny Glass.

Fundraising and Publicity: Laurie Crawford.

Painting: Ron Glass; Laurie Crawford; Starr Shoup; Trudy Green; Andrea Duran.



THE NEW CHURCH ADDITION was dedicated to the Coventry family. From left are James Coventry and his wife, Cindy, historian Lynette Caler, Eleanor and James R. Coventry, and Emily Coventry.

Last minute details: Mike and Lisa Campbell; Gary and Kilsavage; Jim and Starr Shoup; JoAnn Duran; Grace Fry; Donna Trudy Green; Paul and Bill Mark and Laurie Crawford.

Robinson Church dedicates new addition
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New Pastor Installed.

The Rev. Ross T. Campbell, D. D., former president of Sterling College, Kansas, was installed pastor of Robinson Run United Presbyterian church by a commission of Monongahela Presbytery last Wednesday evening. Dr. Campbell, who has been supplying the pulpit for some time, succeeds the Rev. Arthur R. Armstrong, who resigned the pastorate there to accept a call to the Third United Presbyterian church, Washington.

**Rev. Ross T. Campbell D.D.-New Pastor Installed Robinson Run Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 10, 1935 Edition**

Robinson Church School To Begin

Daily Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 14, thru Thursday, June 17, and Monday, June 21, thru Thursday, June 24, at Robinson Presbyterian church.

Classes will begin at 9 a. m. and continue till 11:30. Rev. and Mrs. David Hare are co-directors of the school. The theme will be "My Savior Teaches Me." Recreation will be in charge of Jim Glass.

Teachers are, Nursery, Elaine Jamison and Lynn Carlton; Kindergarten, Linda Kramer and Mrs. James McKean; Primary, Mrs. Dean Cleland, Betsy Ulrich and Colleen Jamison; Juniors, Mrs. Howard Glass, Kate Jamison and Linda Hipkins.

Robinson Church-School to Begin
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition

History of St. John's Church

With courage and faith in God, the founders of St. John's Church left their homeland in the Carpathian Mountain Region of Austria-Hungary and came to America in the early days of the Twentieth Century. Leaving an impoverished area in Europe, where they struggled bitterly to survive, our forefathers were seeking a better land in order to establish a new life. Many of them settled in southwestern Pennsylvania and found work in the mining communities of this region. Although they had to work hard to earn a meager living, the difficult life in Europe prepared them well for the task ahead and enabled them to succeed.

In their homeland, our people attended church on Sunday which occupied the center of their lives and their strong faith helped them to overcome many obstacles. There was no church here for them to continue this tradition so they immediately began to formulate plans for erecting a church where their belief in God could again be expressed. In 1916 a dozen men who represented about thirty-one families met in the home of Michael Haverlack, Sr. to discuss the project. In order to proceed, they realized a Priest would be needed to administer their spiritual needs. Arrangements were made for a priest to visit them at Eastertime and the first Divine Liturgy was offered in Avella at Wiegmann's hall on Main Street in Avella. Later on when new quarters had to be located, the Cross Creek Township school directors permitted them to use Buckeye School, which was located near the site of the first St. John's Church. During the years from 1917 to 1919, the faithful were served by priests from Mingo Junction, Ohio, Carnegie and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Already chartered as a corporation in the State of Pennsylvania, a parcel of land was purchased from the Pittsburgh and Southwestern Coal Company located in Greensburg. This property was conveyed to the Church on November 1, 1919 and was located in Cross Creek Township on the Avella-Atlasburg Road. The trustees of the church at that time were: Paul Rusinko, Peter Rusinko, Demeter Koczur, Demeter Machuzak, Mike Popovich, and Joseph Puhlik.

In Order to achieve their goal, the church leaders canvassed the families in the area to obtain needed funds. A loan of Eight Thousand Dollars was obtained under the supervision of Fr. Nicholas Sagon of Mingo Junction, Ohio and a new church began to rise. Upon its completion, Fr. Valentine Staurostowsky became the first resident pastor. After his departure, Fr. Stephen Gulyassy, resident pastor in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, at the time, administered the parish on a part time basis, beginning in late 1920. Upon the latter's transfer to Cleveland, Ohio, Fr. George Simchak was assigned to serve the needs of the Byzantine Rite Catholics in the area as a resident pastor.

At the same time, another group of Byzantine Catholics settled in the Burgettstown area and they also longed to worship God in their traditional way. For lack of a church, they assembled in various homes and halls for Sunday services. Fr. George Chegin from Toronto, Ohio, served the parish occasionally. Eventually a church was erected in Slovan in 1918 and Fr. Simchak took up residence in Burgettstown so that he would be centrally located and be able to serve Avella, Burgettstown and Weirton. However, misfortune struck and the new church was destroyed by fire. Fr. Simchak then moved to Avella, where he did much to solidify the parishioners in the area. He was succeeded by Fr. Michael Warady in 1926 and followed shortly by Fr. Michael Krivonyak.

In 1927, the community suffered a terrible misfortune in the form of a coal strike. Picket lines were formed at the mine entrance to prevent outsiders, who were brought in by the mine owners, from entering the workplace. This caused a great deal of tension and there were many physical clashes between the striking miners and the company's "coal and iron" police. Since many of the workers lived in company-owned houses, they were evicted by the owners and had to move to hastily built wooden barracks until the strike was finally settled some time later.

Needless to say, this crippled the financial ability of the community and the parish could no longer support a resident pastor. Consequently, Fr. Andrew Dzmura, who was stationed at St. Michael's in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania at the time, took care of spiritual needs of the faithful until 1932. During these difficult times, it was often impossible for a priest to travel to Avella for Sunday services. On these occasions, the people would assemble in church to worship God by praying the Sunday Matins. John Whitco, Jr. and Steve Haverlack led the people in singing God's praises. The donations during this critical period were extremely low.

Despite the very difficult times, the faithful did not give up hope, but continued to persevere in order to maintain the parish to the best of their ability. In 1933 a committee consisting of John Haverlack, Peter Gripp and John Chizmar, Sr. traveled to Munhall, Pennsylvania for an audience with Bishop Basil Takach to

request a pastor for St. John's. As a result, Bishop Takach designated Fr. George Michaylo, the pastor of St. Michael's Church in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in Avella at least twice a month. In 1934, he was succeeded by Fr. Nicholas Elko, who was destined to become Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese twenty-one years later. This was Fr. Elko's first parish, and his enthusiasm is still remembered by many.

Financial difficulties still plagued the parish, and it faced foreclosure or payment of a \$4,400.00 mortgage still outstanding from the construction of the church. The Lincoln National Bank of Avella, which held the mortgage, informed the congregation that they would settle for the amount of \$1,300.00. Consequently, Joseph Curtis, John Haverlack and John Whitco visited each parishioner in an effort to obtain the necessary funds. At great personal sacrifice, the people donated a sum total of \$1,000.00. Mr. Don S. Lane, receiver of the bank, sympathized with the congregation's courage and intense desire to save the church, and agreed to settle the mortgage in full for \$1,000.00 on August 7, 1936.

During these early years, summer school was held at the church for those youngsters who had a way to attend. It was taught by Mr. George Hrabich, an elderly Cantor who lived nearby. He was a strict disciplinarian and did not hesitate to dole out different forms of penance for those who did not "toe the mark." He taught only the Slavonic language, but it gave the young kids of that time something new to think about and learn at an early age.

At this time, people from the Burgettstown area would come to the Avella church. In 1936 and 1937, a thorough canvass of that area was made to have more people avail themselves of the facilities in Avella. With the resultant increase in the attendance, St. John's status became permanent and its growth insured. Bus transportation was arranged, and in 1951 the parish itself purchased a bus.

In 1939, Fr. Elko was replaced by Fr. John Gaspar, and in 1944 he was followed by Fr. John Macko. In 1947, Fr. Vladimir Firczak from Canonsburg was appointed to serve the spiritual needs of the Avella Church for the next five years. With the progress the parish was making, it was apparent that a full time pastor was needed.

In 1952, Bishop Daniel Ivancho responded by appointing Fr. Michael J. Dudick to this task. He worked in the Diocesan Chancery Office in Pittsburgh and also took care of the parish needs in Avella. During the course of the next four years, he did much to bring back many of the parishioners who had strayed from the church. His enthusiasm was further evidenced by a major remodeling of the little church. A new roof, pews, tile floor, acoustic ceiling and additions to the Sanctuary made the old church more inviting as a place of worship.

The formation of the Girls Sodality was another welcome addition to the church during Fr. Dudick's tenure. It afforded the young women of the parish a chance to participate in beautiful May Crowning ceremonies each year and other events that gave them an opportunity to honor the Mother of God. Soon it was evident the church was too small for all intents and purposes and that a larger facility was needed. It was Fr. Dudick who planted the seed for a new church and to him we owe a debt of gratitude.

Before anything further could be done in this regard, he was transferred to another area. In 1955, Fr. Andrew Parvensky succeeded him for a few months and then, later that same year, Fr. John R. Martin, from the Chancery Office, followed. Being young and enthusiastic, much was accomplished during the next four years. In 1957, a new cemetery was purchased in Avella, from the West Point Cemetery Association. It was badly needed so that we would have a consolidated area where our loved ones could be laid to rest after this life was ended. Likewise, that same year, approximately ten acres of land was purchased from the Brozier Family in Avella for the purpose of building a new church. The property was located only about one-half mile from the site of the old church on Avella-Atlasburg Road. The parishioners one day had visions of seeing a new edifice rise there to make their dreams come true.

In 1959, however, Fr. Martin received an appointment to full time diocesan duties in Pittsburgh and the next year witnessed a quick succession of pastors in Fr. Myron Badnerosky, Fr. Paul Graycar and Fr. John Drozda.

In May of 1960, Fr. Paul Bovankovich was appointed by Bishop Elko to administer the spiritual needs of St. John's. The anxiety of the parishioners for progress was very apparent so in November of that same year, a fund raising campaign was conducted which realized pledges in excess of \$60,000.00 for the building of a new church. Williams, Trevilcock and Associates, a Pittsburgh architectural firm, was engaged to design a new church, hall and rectory compound for St. John's. On May 7, 1961 the Very Rev. Michael Durisin, Dean of the Pittsburgh South Deanery, officiated at the ground breaking ceremony. Shortly after-

wards, Mellon-Stuart Co. of Pittsburgh was designated as the general contractor for construction of the new church.

It was interesting to watch the church rise on the site and the parishioners were excited about the whole matter, knowing that they would soon have a new church in which to worship God. Many of them assisted the contractor with some of the various tasks during construction, all of which helped to keep the ultimate costs down.

Finally, the work was completed and the new edifice was dedicated on May 13, 1962. Bishop Elko was present and was the main celebrant at the Divine Liturgy. He expressed his pleasure in being able to take part in the dedication of the new church and commended the parishioners for their good work in getting the job done. Much credit is due to the pioneering spirit of the humble immigrants who came to this land in search of freedom and much faith in God. It will stand as a beacon for those who follow in their footsteps and hopefully carry on the tradition.

In 1967, Fr. Bovankovich was succeeded for a short period by Fr. Frank Estocin and then in 1968 by Fr. George Evancho. The parish continued to flourish during this tenure, and many things were accomplished. The sky light, which was causing maintenance problems, was replaced by a more permanent wooden structure. New paneling was erected in the vestibule and stairway leading to the social hall. Additional lighting was installed where needed for better illumination. New red carpeting was put down throughout the church and sanctuary, which enhanced the appearance and also reduced the noise created by the previous tile floor. Much of this work was done by Fr. George and Steve Spontak. New glass Icons representing various well-known Saints were installed between the nave and the vestibule.

In order to help with the maintenance of the church grounds and cemetery, a new tractor was purchased to ease the workload. Fr. George enjoyed operating the new equipment himself on many occasions, which was commendable. Beautiful flowers were planted along the foundation walls, which also added to the outside appearance of the church. Several picnics were held each year on the church grounds, and the parishioners had an opportunity to socialize with each other. The community of Avella also looked forward to these affairs and contributed to their success. During Fr. George's tenure, the church mortgage was also paid in full beforehand, and the official "burning" was conducted at a banquet in the social hall.

When Fr. George departed in 1984, he was followed for short periods by Fr. George Lasky, Msgr. Raymond Balta, Fr. Anthony DeFronzo and Fr. Daniel Tisak.

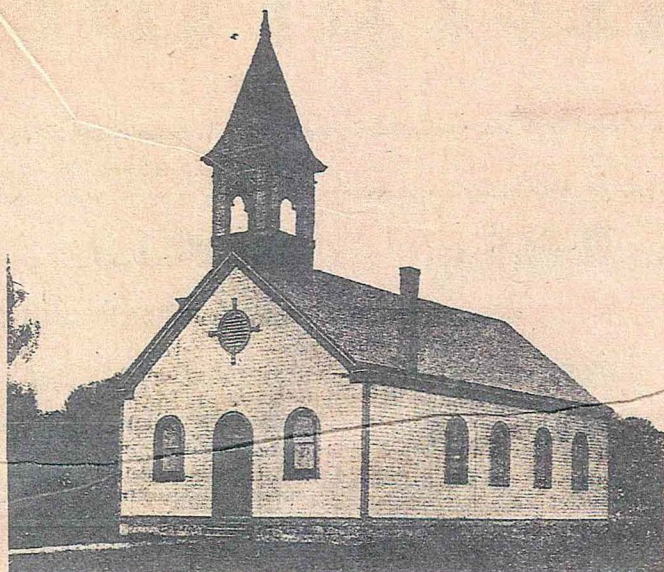
In 1988, Fr. Daniel A. Magulick took over the parish and has served its spiritual needs until the present time. This is in addition to his duties as Pastor of St. Mary's Church in Weirton, West Virginia. He has been well received by the parishioners of St. John's who try to cooperate in every way possible, and he is sensitive to their needs.

Many things have been accomplished during Fr. Dan's tenure. A new air-conditioning system was installed about two years ago, which certainly makes it more comfortable when the weather gets hot. A new chandelier was also added in the nave, which has enhanced the beauty of the church. Outdoors, the driveway and parking lot was paved, which was long overdue and has added to the outside appearance.

In preparation for the 75TH ANNIVERSARY, other things have also been done to beautify the church for the occasion. A new light blue rug was installed in the nave and sanctuary, which has added a new dimension. The wooden beams have all been cleaned and new paint applied to the walls. New Icons, Sacramental Table and Hanging Lamps adorn the Sanctuary, all of which gives the church a new and refreshing look. Much of this work was done by the parishioners while some was sublet to outside contractors.

A Lector Program has been instituted in the parish, which has given many parishioners an opportunity to express themselves by liturgical readings during services. Catechism instruction is a regular occurrence before the Liturgy on Sunday morning and lay teachers expend their time and effort so that the youth of the parish are given proper religious instructions.

During the past seventy-five years, our forefathers suffered many hardships and had to overcome difficult obstacles in order to reach this point. With courage, perseverance, and deep faith, they succeeded and left their children a legacy of which they can be proud. Hopefully, they will continue to build on this firm foundation in the years ahead and climb to greater heights with the help of Almighty God.



SECOND U. P. CHURCH OF BURGETTSTOWN

EARLY RELIGIOUS HISTORY PART I - THE SECEDERS

by A.D. White

Since in the early days of this town, the majority of the people were Scotch-Irish, and hence Presbyterians of one sort or another, most of these articles will deal with these religious bodies. Whatever might be said for or against the Scotch-Irish, they were, by and large, religious. It has been said of them that they "kept the Sabbath Day and everything else they could get their hands on." The writer has felt for some time that some account of the organizations, divisions and mergers of these churches in Burgettstown should be recorded, since the facts, well-known to the people of an earlier day, are not so familiar to the present generation.

The first religious organization here, dating from about 1800, was the Seceder, or Associate Presbyterian, Congregation. Conducted as a joint charge with the sister congregation of Mt. Pleasant at Hickory, these two churches united in calling their first pastor, the Rev. W.C. Brownlee, a Scotch-man who came to take charge of the two churches on May 3, 1809. Prior to the election of this pastor, these churches had been maintained as preaching stations and supplied with preaching by Chartiers Presbytery.

The second pastor of the congregations was the Rev. Alexander Donnan, a native of Ireland, who served the Burgettstown Church from May, 1819, until June, 1840, when he resigned his charge to devote his entire time to the Mt. Pleasant Church. Pastors who followed at Burgettstown were: Rev. Robert Hammond, 1845-1857; Rev. S.H. Graham, 1862-1868; and Rev. John Hood, 1868-1878. In October, 1878, the Rev. David Carson was called from the Service U.P. Church in Beaver County to the church at Burgettstown, where as we shall see, he served until 1898.

Half-way between Burgettstown and Hickory, on the ridge road was located, almost on the line between Smith and Mt. Pleasant Townships, the old Mt. Vernon Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Being of a (slightly) different denomination from the Burgettstown and Mt. Pleasant churches, it had no relations with either of them, but maintained its own existence and was served for some years by the Rev. Samuel Taggart in a joint charge with the Grove ARP Church at West Middletown. Upon the merger of the Associate Presbyterian and Associate Reformed Presbyterian denominations in 1858, resulting in the establishment of the United Presbyterian Church, the old Mt. Vernon Church went out of existence and many of the members of this congregation united with what now became the (First) United Presbyterian Church



DR. D. W. CARSON

of Burgettstown. This merger of the denominations occurred in the interim between the pastorates of the Revs. Hammond and Graham.

The pastoral services of the Rev. David W. Carson were ever acceptable to the Burgettstown congregation. Before he came to Burgettstown, this church had its house of worship on the top of the hill east of town where the old U.P. Cemetery is located. Five years before Mr. Carson's coming, the congregation had moved to Main Street downtown and, in 1873, had erected the present attractive and commodious building. Had the question of instrumental music in the worship and Sabbath School services not arisen, it is probable that Dr. Carson would have served out his days in this congregation.

One of the strong tenets of the United Presbyterian of Dr. Carson's day was that the psalms be used exclusively for singing in their worship services, and in spite of the admonitions in some of the psalms to "sing praises unto God with timbrel and harp," yet for many years the members of the United Presbyterian Church generally were opposed to the use of instrumental music in church services. But by the early 1890's this practice had begun to give way and some of the U.P. churches were introducing organ music into their services. When this was proposed in the Burgettstown Church, Dr. Carson at once denounced the practice and made it plain that he would never acquiesce in the matter, and he never did. Not only was he opposed to having instrumental music in his own church, but he was so opposed to its use throughout his denomination that he actually called a convention of United Presbyterians to meet in the city of Pittsburgh in which to voice his strong disapproval. In this he was aided and abetted very strongly by his brother, the Rev. James G. Carson, then pastor of the Second U.P. Church of Xenia, Ohio, and by quite a number of other like-minded ministers and laymen of the Church. Although this matter was strongly protested

by these determined men, yet they were eventually overruled and the decision regarding instrumental music was left to the discretion of each congregation. By a majority vote an organ was ordered for the Burgettstown Church. When this action was taken by the congregation, Dr. Carson immediately announced his resignation, and his pastorate of this church was concluded in 1898.

The sequel to this action was the organization of the Second U.P. Church of Burgettstown, in which it was decreed from the first that no instrumental music would ever be allowed. Organized under the guidance of Dr. Carson, he was followed into this new church by a number of his parishioners from the First Church, among whom were his daughter, Miss Eleanor Carson, Mr. and Mrs. James Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Acheson, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Bubbett, the Thomas McBride family, Miss Lizzie McBride, Mrs. Ann McBride Walker and a number of others whose names are not now recalled. In 1910 the membership was reported to be 41, which was probably about as large as it ever became.

To house the new congregation, a new frame building was erected on the ground now occupied by Petrucci's Food Market, and Dr. Carson served the congregation as stated supply until his death on June 3, 1911. From 1911 until the time of its disorganization in 1944, the pastorate was vacant. Since the congregation had few accessions, it gradually dwindled in membership as the older members one by one passed on. Although this venture by Dr. Carson and his faithful adherents was no doubt taken in the strong conviction that they were entirely right in their manner of worshipping God, many of the present day would not agree with their point of view, since in most Christian churches of our day, the use of instrumental music is believed to add much to the dignity and majesty of the worship period. However some denominations, notably the Reformed Presbyterians (Covenanters) and the Church of Christ, have no musical instruments in their churches. In the early "church in the wildwood" no instrument of music marred the worship of Almighty God; in our modern churches, sublimity of worship can be attained also without the use of timbrel and harp, or organ or piano. Religious freedom in our land happily permits individual and churches to determine in this matter according to their choices and their consciences. May it ever be so!

We shall now leave the United Presbyterians of Burgettstown, more divided than united, and in our next article will discuss the history of the "old line" Presbyterians in Burgettstown.

MEN'S UNION FORMED BY CHURCH WORKERS

Washington County Presbyterians in
Conference Organize New
Group of Men

The Presbyterian Men's Union of Washington Presbytery was organized at a conference of the men of the Presbytery held Thursday of last week in the Second Presbyterian church at Washington. Action looking toward organization was taken at a business meeting following a dinner which closed the afternoon meeting. A constitution was adopted and officers for the ensuing year elected.

The conference, which was in charge of the Rev. Dr. Charles H. McDonald, of New York, associate general director of men's work of the Presbyterian Board of Education, was opened in the afternoon with devotional exercises led by Rev. John R. Burson, of California. Then followed a series of short addresses on these subjects: "What the Church Has to Offer," Rev. George Maxwell, Waynesburg; "The Church and Young People," Rev. G. K. Monroe, West Alexander; "The Church's Claim on Men," Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, Washington and "What Men Can Do in and Through the Church," Rev. Ralph E. Carman, Burgettstown.

Dinner was served in the church dining room to nearly 150 men representing practically all of the churches in the Presbytery. Dr. Paul Stewart, president of Waynesburg College, presided and introduced Dr. McDonald who briefly reviewed the afternoon session and outlined plans for organization of men of the church by presbyterial and local groups. He stated that there were 4,500 organized men's groups in the church now and that the number was steadily increasing.

Following the address, President Stewart called for the report of the nominating committee, which was made by Rev. Joseph S. Morledge of Washington. The following officers named were unanimously elected: President, Dr. Paul Stewart, Waynesburg; Vice President, Dr. F. L. Hampson, Claysville; Secretary, Prof. I. N. Sprowls, Washington and treasurer, W. C. Barnhouse, Washington. An executive committee will consist of the officers and the members of the Committee on Christian Education of the Presbytery.

Rev. O. S. Fowler, of Claysville, presented a draft of a constitution which was adopted. The name selected was the Presbyterian Men's Union of Washington Presbytery. The object of the organization is to increase interest in church work on the part of men and to widen its fellowship. The objective set for this year is an increased church attendance on the part of the men of the presbytery.

**Men's Union Formed by Church Workers
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 18, 1931 Edition**

New Slovan Mission To Be Dedicated May 3

A grant of \$20,000 by the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian church of North America has made possible the building of a United Presbyterian church edifice at Slovan, which will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. The dedication of the new church building points up the remarkable growth of the Slovan Mission, which has been valiantly carrying on for many years. Rev. Sherman Wilson, pastor, has arranged the dedicatory program which will open with a call to worship, invocation and the hymn, "O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely".

Special music will be furnished by the Junior choir of the First United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown. Participating ministers will include Rev. Jacob C. Ruble, pastor of the Hillcrest United Presbyterian church, Rev. William Hadden, pastor of the Mt. Prospect church, Dr. John T. Brownlee, Moderator of the Washington Presbytery; Dr. James L. Thome and Rev. Richard C. Sutton, former pastor.

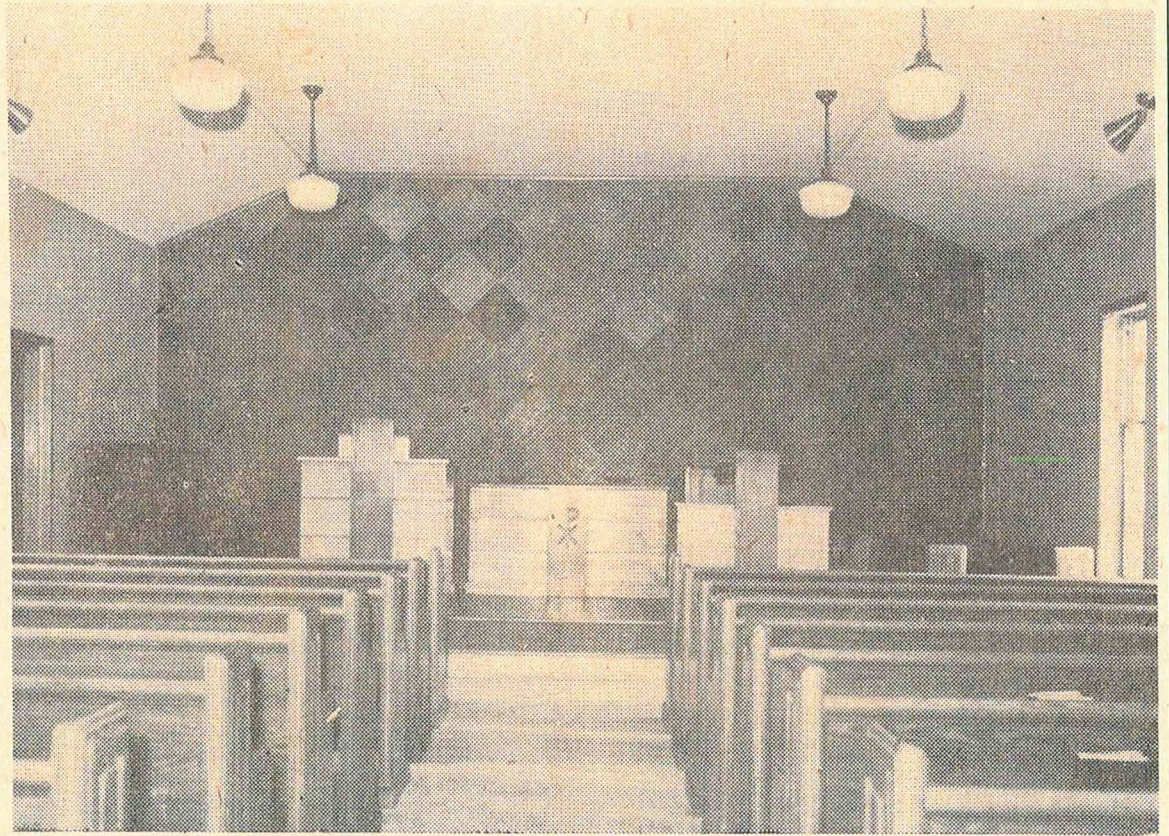
Dr. Ralph M. Mansfield, former superintendent of the Pittsburgh synod, and now with the Pittsburgh office of the Board of National Missions will deliver the dedicatory address. Dr. Brownlee will conduct the dedication ceremony.

The new structure will house a

church auditorium, Sunday school room and adjoining kitchen. The floor is covered with gray on white asphalt tile and the walls are green fiber board with white acoustical ceilings. The white oak pews and Sabbath school furniture were provided by gifts from churches of the Chartiers Presbytery and by gifts from friends of the Slovan Mission.

The Chancel furniture was built by Frank Longevatch, formerly of Slovan and now an industrial arts teacher at Avella high school.

Plans are in the making to landscape the grounds surrounding the church and to build a parking lot at the rear. The church stands on ground 140 by 150 feet.



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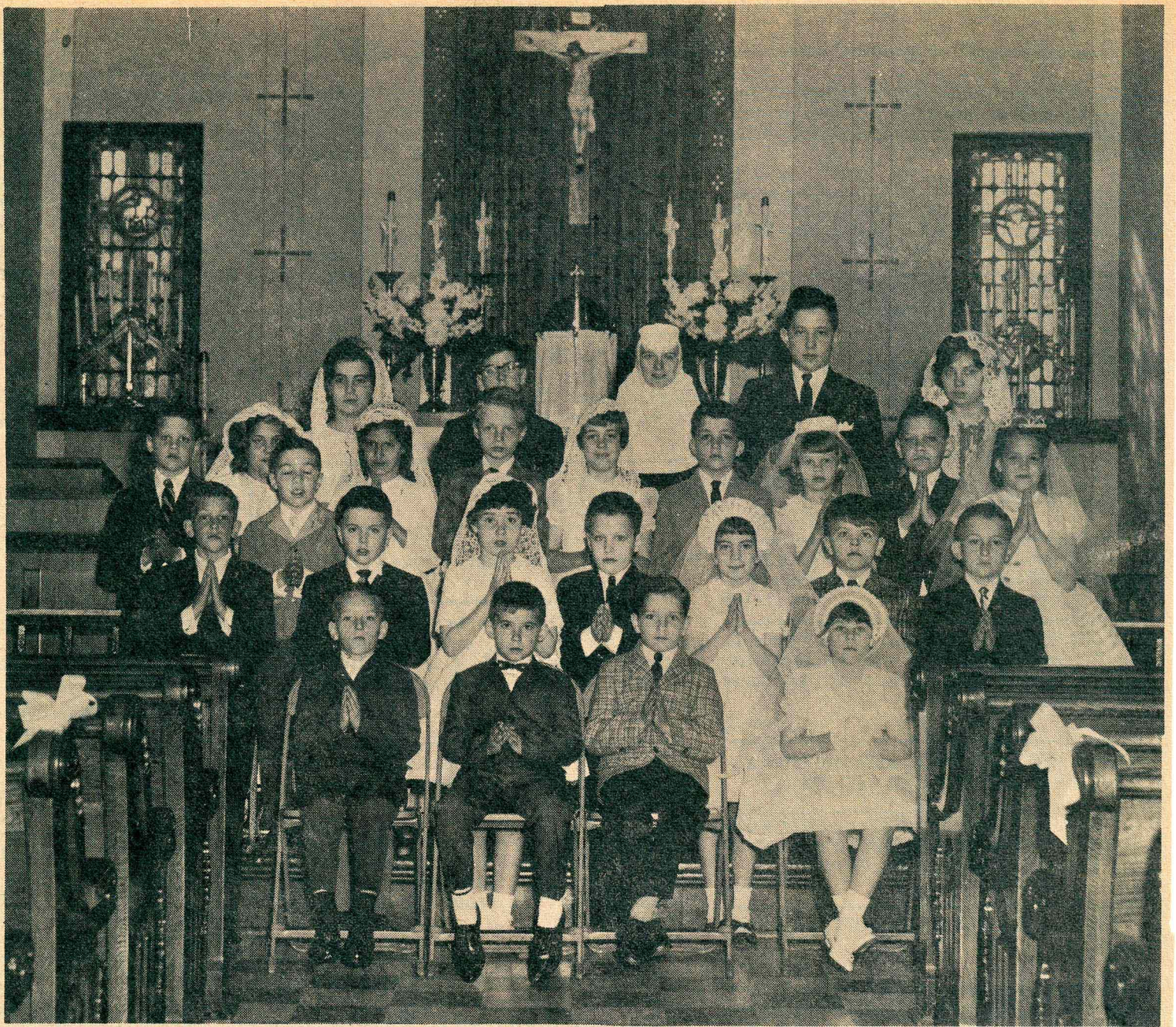
**First Communion-May 4, 1986
St Ann Church**

Front Row, L-R: Randee Bish and Brian Lander.

Second Row, L-R: Jacob Jancart, Joseph Naill, and Renee Antoszpwski.

Third Row, L-R: Patricia Charlier, teacher and Father O'Neil. Pastor.

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St. Ann's Church

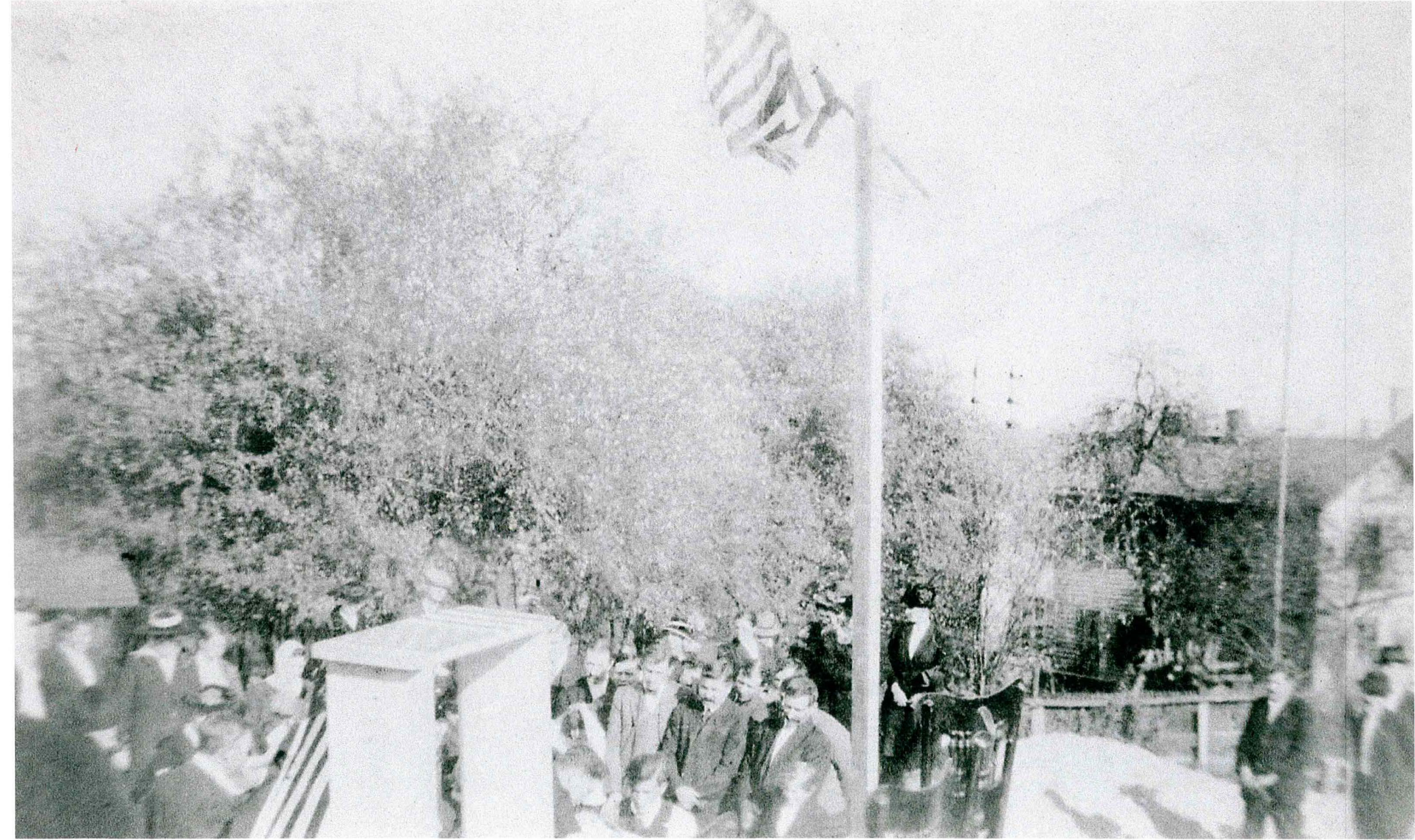
Twenty-one children from St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, Bulger, received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 15.

The Mass was said by their pastor, Rev. George Garber.

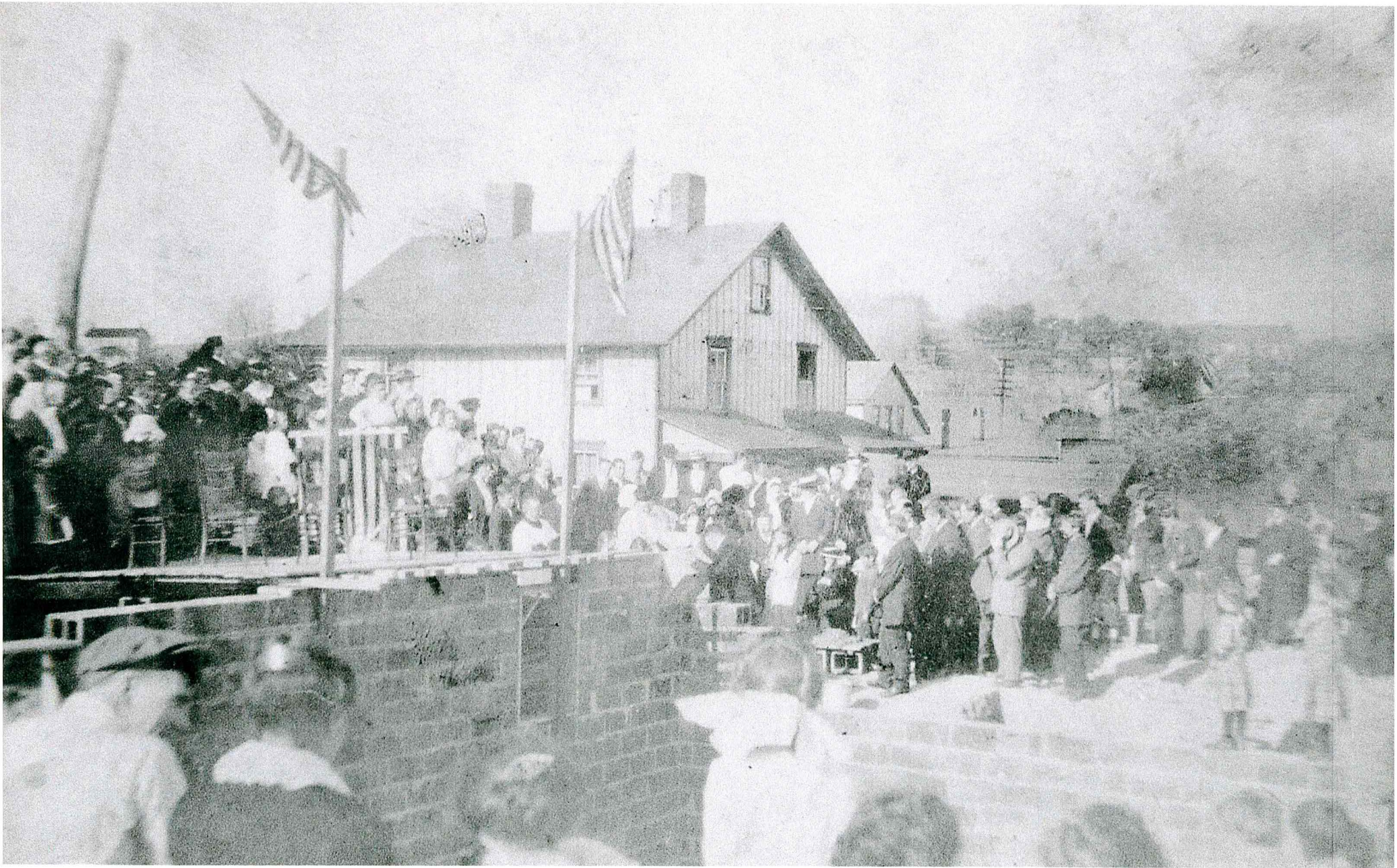
The children in the Communion Class are:

Robbi Ayres, Susan Mecanic, Christopher Gilbert, Stephen Stiegel, Diane Zalaznik, Kevin Lauff, Larry Janeshek, Robert Allison, Margaret Kophazi, John Zuemie, Frank Zibritosky, Nancy Jo Lira, Ronald Barish, Michael Lukon, Debra Martin, Diane Lilly, Christopher Darras, Michael Presutti, Carol Jo Christy, Daniel Fratini and James Roner.

(Photos by Blehl)



Groundbreaking of St. Ann's Church- Bulger, PA



Groundbreaking of St. Ann's Church- Bulger, PA





Steve Dugas photo

May Crowning Held At St. Ann's Church

A May crowning ceremony was held recently at St. Ann's Church in Bulger. Pictured, left to right, first row: Nicole Fest; second row: Brian Lander, Daniel Pavlich, Randee Bish, Jessica Fest; third row: Joseph Nail, Greg Gromek, Renee Antoszeski, Bernie Phillis (CCD coordinator); fourth row: Melissa Snarey (May Queen), Loretta Kendall (second grade CCD teacher); Rev. Fr. John E. Moran (pastor); Louise Paskutis (third and fourth grade CCD teacher).

May Crowning Held at St. Ann's Church
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WOMEN WORK FOR BULGER CHURCH

Mrs. Jean Dellapina, president of the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Ann's Catholic church, Bulger, has announced the following committees who are sponsoring a turkey supper and bazaar in the Parish hall Wednesday evening, Nov. 18, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Advertising: Jennie Donovan; prizes, Nell Christy; tickets, Mary Gilbert and Blanche Martin; kitchen, Hortense Shumaker and Helen Bednarzik, co-chairmen, Betty Haley, Betty Shearson, Mary Sabo, Anna Wojcik, Rose Bianchi, Mary Turkily, Vincy Nencione, Nora Clark, Virginia Tarhalla, Josephine Templeton, Mary Restanio, Sue Wilson, Mary LaRocka, and Ida Kortyna; sewing booth, Sara Ozimek and Frances Slack, co-chairmen, Mary Dellapina, Mary Gilbert, Stella Stanish, Margaret Yenke, Frances Stopenski, Rose Stiegel, Kathryn Rutkauskas, Mary Prebeg, Mary Penderville, Mary Bokulich.

Candy and cookie booth: Betty Testas and Leah Tsekas, co-chairmen, Ann Kunkle, Stella Dalverny, Lena Zeumie, Mary A. Gilbert, Regina Pompe, Wanda Plate; parcel post booth, Fifi Kristoff and Marguerite Freville, co-chairmen, Dorothy Kovach and Josephine Freville; flowers, Sara Bianchi and Rose Habynat, co-chairmen; Jennie Donovan, Ann Mullen, Theresa Lukan, Katherine Welch, Louise Burchianti, Irene Lukan, Stella Leunis, Mae Kerekes, Mary Hanna, Katherine Dellapina, Nell Christy, and Mary Dalverny.

The ladies are expecting to serve 250 persons at this annual affair.



Holy Communion Class AT St. Ann's Church

First Holy Communion calls at St. Ann's Roman Catholica Church, Bulger. Reverend Father George T. Garber is the pastor of the church. First Row, L-R: Cheryl Barish, Marsha Lauff, Katy Phillis, Erin Sabo, Diane Ray Darabant, Geneen Bartoletti, Susan Darabant, and Marcia Curtis. Second Row, L-R: Ray DePaul, Michael Springer, Kevin Darabant, Robert Darabant, Mitchell Ayres, Michael Kvak, and Joseph Puskar III.

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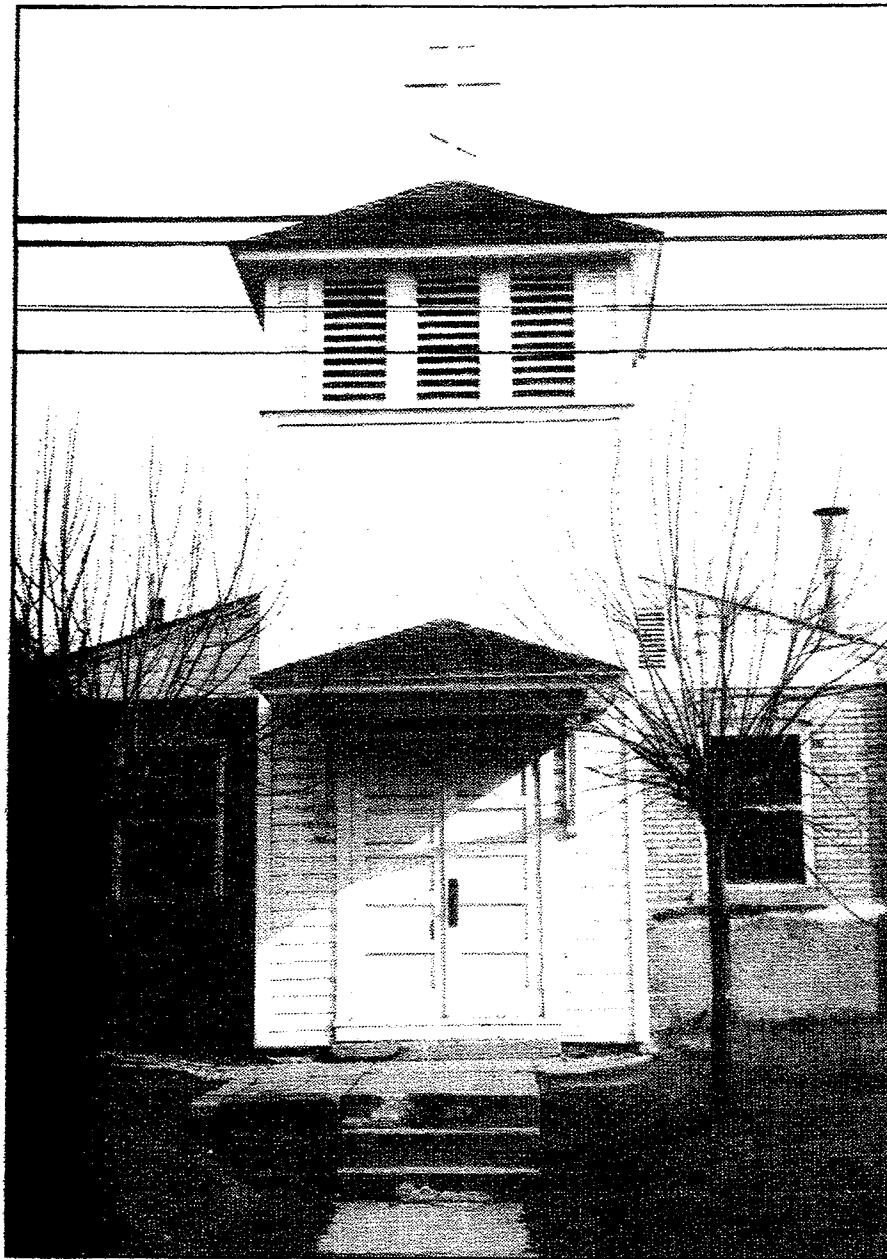
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St. Ann's Church-Bulger, PA
First Holy Communion-May 4, 1986

First Row, L-R: Randee Bish and Brian Lander.
Second Row, L-R: Jacob Jancart, Joseph Naill, and Renee Antoszewski.
Third Row, L-R: Patricia Charlier and Father O'Neil.

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The old church

St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church at Avella will be celebrating its 75th anniversary Sunday, June 26, with a divine liturgy at 4 p.m. and a banquet in the church hall at six o'clock.

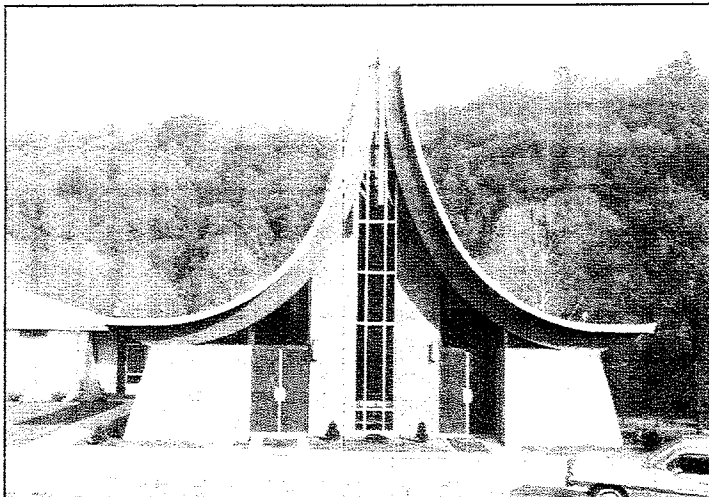
The 4 p.m. service will begin with a processional; then the most Rev. John M. Bilock, apostolic administrator, and co-celebrants, Rev. Daniel A. Magulick, together

with other former pastors of the church, will be taking part. The Burgettstown Council 3440 of the Knights of Columbus will also participate.

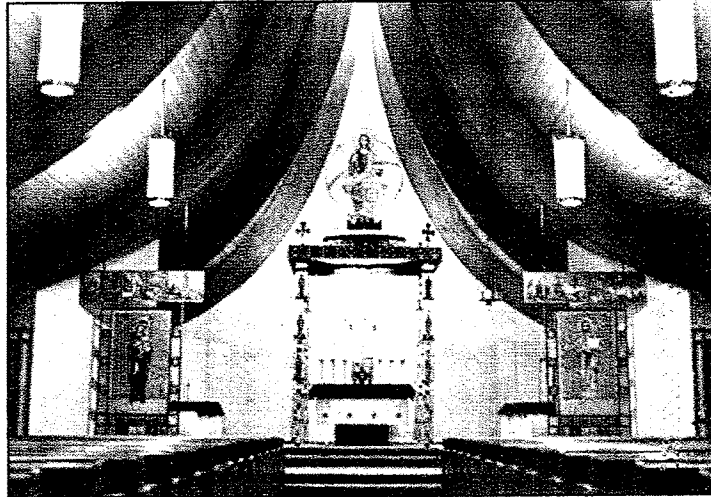
At the banquet in the social hall a program will be presented to include several speakers. A booklet containing the "History of St. John's Church," compiled by John Shymchyk, pictures pertaining to

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The new church



Inside the church

the church and congregation, and lists of pastors and cantors will be available.

Founders of St. John's Church were early 20th Century immigrants to America from the Carpathian mountain region of Austria-Hungary. In Europe the church had occupied the center of their lives, and their strong faith had helped them overcome many hardships.

A dozen men, who represented 31 families in the Avella area, met in 1916 at the home of Michael Haverlack Sr. to discuss organizing a church.

The first divine liturgy was offered in Avella at the Wiegman Hall on Main Street. Later, Cross Creek Township school directors permitted the group to use Buckeye School, where the first St. John's Church was later located.

In 1919, a parcel of land on the Avella-Atlasburg Road was purchased from the Pittsburgh and Southwestern Coal Company. The church leaders canvassed the families of the area to collect funds, and a loan of \$8,000 was obtained under the supervision of Fr. Nicholas Sagon of Mingo Junction

so that the building of a church was begun.

Another group of Byzantine Catholics had settled in the Burgettstown area, and a church was eventually erected in Slovan in 1918 with Fr. Simchek serving the Byzantine Rite Catholics of Avella, Burgettstown and Weirton. However, this church was destroyed by fire, and Fr. Simchak moved to Avella, where he did much to solidify the parishioners of that area.

Coal strikes and the depression created difficult times, but with perseverance and sacrifice on the part of the members, the church grew and St. John's became permanent.

A bus was eventually purchased so that worshippers could be transported from Burgettstown and other distant points to Avella.

During the time Fr. Michael Dudick was pastor, major remodeling was done to the first little church. The Girls Sodality was also organized. It was soon evident that a larger building was needed.

A fund-raising campaign was conducted in 1960, and pledges in excess of \$60,000 were made for the construction of a new church.

Tribilecock and Associates, an architectural firm in Pittsburgh, was hired to design the new building, which was to be located along the road between Patterson's Mills and Avella.

On May 7, 1961, ground was broken. The Mellon Stuart Company was designated as general contractors for the construction.

The work was completed and the new church was dedicated May 13, 1962.

Since then there have been various remodeling projects including the replacing of the skylight with a wooden structure, the paneling of vestibule and stairway, the installation of additional lighting and carpeting and new glass icons have been added between the nave and vestibule.

Meanwhile in 1957, land for a cemetery was purchased from the West Pointe Cemetery Association, and a tractor was bought to help maintain the church grounds and the cemetery.

In 1988, Fr. Daniel Magulick took over the parish and served it in addition to his duties as pastor at St. Mary's Church in Weirton.

Since its beginning, 37 pastors

have served the St. John's congregation, each offering his unique services.

During the time of Fr. Dan Magulick's pastorate, a new air conditioning system was installed; a beautiful chandelier was purchased for the nave; and the driveway and parking lot were paved.

Much has been done to prepare for the anniversary celebration this year.

A lector program has been instituted in the parish which has given the parishioners an opportunity to express themselves by liturgical readings during regular services.

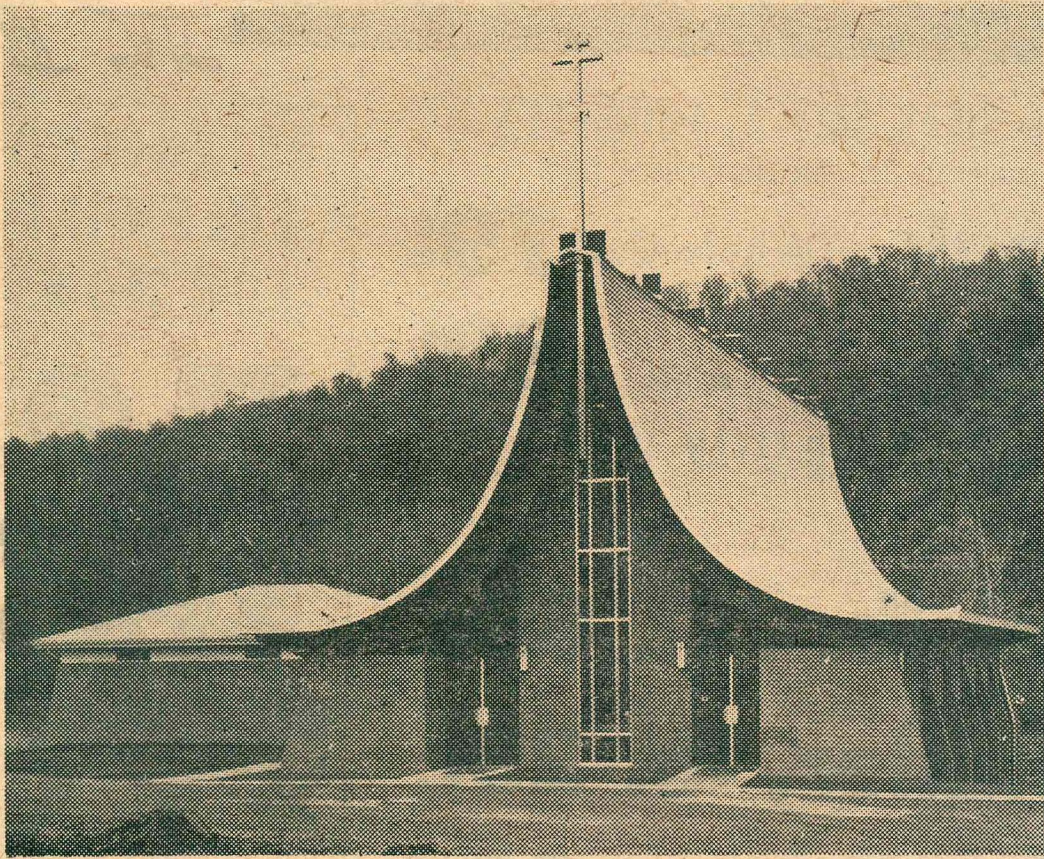
Catechism instruction is also being offered to children before the Sunday liturgy so that the youth are receiving proper religious instruction.

As John Shymchyk has written in his history of the church, "During the past 75 years our forefathers suffered many hardships and had to overcome difficult obstacles to reach this point. With courage, perseverance and deep faith they succeeded and left their children a legacy of which they can be proud."

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New St. John's Church Dedication Sunday



St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic church of Avella will dedicate its new church edifice Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 13, at 5 p.m.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Nicholas T. Elko, D. D., Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will dedicate the new structure in the traditional Byzantine Rite solemn ceremony.

CEREMONIES

Beginning with a procession from the rectory at 4:45 p.m., Bishop Elko will commence the ceremony with the laying of the cornerstone. After blessing the entrance to the church, he will be welcomed as the official pastor of the parish to bless the edifice. A new marble altar will be consecrated, after which the bishop will offer a solemn Pontifical divine liturgy. John

Shymchyk, Jr., cantor, will lead the congregation in responses of the liturgy.

DEDICATION BANQUET

Following the liturgical ceremonies a banquet will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall with Bishop Elko principal guest. The speakers' program will include presentation of a number of former pastors of the church who are travelling to their former parish for the occasion. Bishop Elko will deliver the main address to an expected crowd of 300 guests.

CONTEMPORARY ARCHITECTURE

Designed by Williams-Trebilcock and Associates, Pittsburgh architectural firm, the new church features contemporary church architectural lines. The large sweeping roof is supported by laminated wood beams

fabricated in Arkansas and resting on slanted pilasters of russet brick.

Adjoining and attached to the church is a new rectory housing the first resident pastor of St. Johns' in recent years. A large social hall with fully equipped kitchen forms the basement.

Actual construction on the \$150,000 church began last June under Mellon-Stuart Co., general contractors from Pittsburgh. Locally, Ralph Dalesio, Avella, and John B. Bruno, Washington, subcontracted the electrical, plumbing and heating respectively.

Commenting on the church, Father Paul Bovankovich, pastor, stated: "The building of this church was more than a parish project. It became a project of the community. Time and time again, many friends

of St. John's came down to lend a hand to many phases of the construction. We are deeply grateful to them and admire their community spirit."

COMMITTEES NAMED

Father Bovankovich has been working with committees which have been appointed to distribute responsibility and work of preparation.

The business patron department for the souvenir booklet is in charge of three groups: Mrs. Julia Patsolic, Mrs. Margaret Klimenko, Mrs. Frances Hallahan and Mrs. Margaret Ostop; Anthony Ostop and Mrs. Angelina Ondrick; and Mrs. Mary Dhayer, Miss Antonia Cherenko and Mrs. Mary Shymchyk.

John Haverlack and John Curtis are in charge of preparing a history of the parish to be included in the booklet.

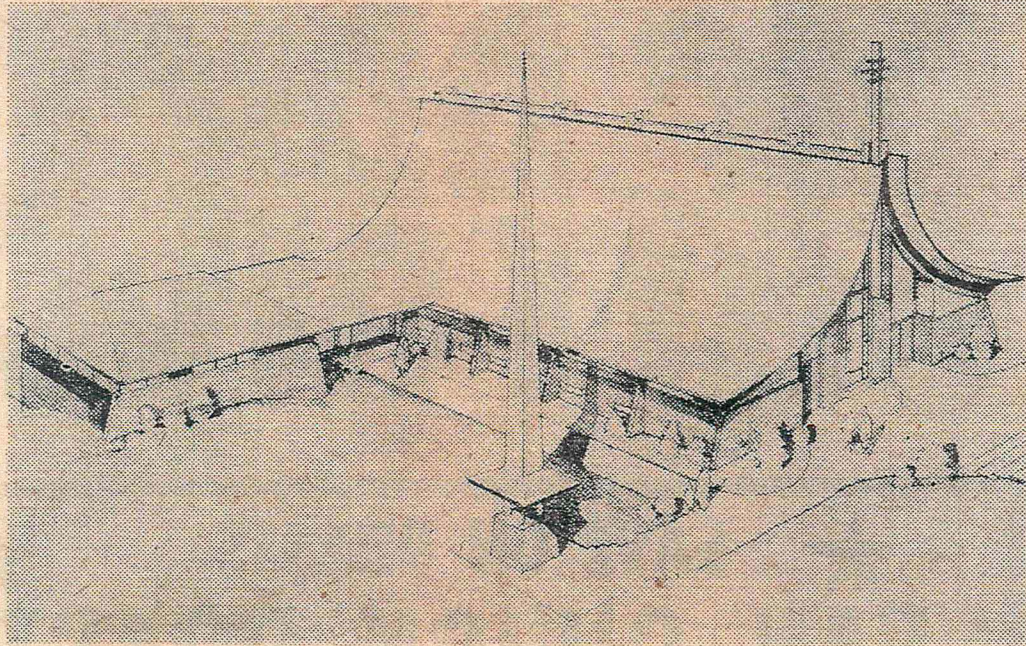
The banquet committee is headed by Mrs. Julia Peterson and John Chizmar, assisted by Mrs. John Shymchyk, Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Peneschi. Ticket sales are in charge of Mrs. Sue Kubovic, Mrs. Mary Chizmar, Mrs. Stella Fuller and Mrs. Mary Lusakow.

In charge of preparations of the building and grounds are Mrs. James Dhayer, Jr., and Nick Kolesar.

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Avella-St. John's Church Dedication Sunday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 10, 1962 Edition

Ground Breaking Held For Avella Church



St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church of Avella broke ground Sunday, May 7, for a new \$150,000 church, hall and rectory.

A large crowd of parishioners assembled at 10:30 a.m. on the choice 9½ acre piece of property which will form the site for the new church.

The Most Rev. Nicholas T. Elko, D.D., Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, and the Very Rev. Michael Durisin, V.F., Dean of the Pittsburgh South Deanery and pastor of St. Michael's church of Donora, broke the first ground for the building. He was assisted by the Rev. Paul Bovankovich, pastor of St. John's. John Shymchyk, Jr., Cantor, led the congregation in singing the responses to the English ceremony of ground-breaking according to the Byzantine rite of the Catholic church.

Subsequent to the outdoor ceremony, the congregation assembled in the St. John's church for the Divine Liturgy. Father Durisin preached the sermon.

The new edifice of contemporary church architecture was designed by the Williams-Trebilcock Associates, an architectural firm in Pittsburgh.

**Ground Breaking Held for Avella Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 18, 1961 Edition**

History of St. John's Church

With courage and faith in God, the founders of St. John's Church left their homeland in the Carpathian Mountain Region of Austria-Hungary and came to America in the early days of the Twentieth Century. Leaving an impoverished area in Europe, where they struggled bitterly to survive, our forefathers were seeking a better land in order to establish a new life. Many of them settled in southwestern Pennsylvania and found work in the mining communities of this region. Although they had to work hard to earn a meager living, the difficult life in Europe prepared them well for the task ahead and enabled them to succeed.

In their homeland, our people attended church on Sunday which occupied the center of their lives and their strong faith helped them to overcome many obstacles. There was no church here for them to continue this tradition so they immediately began to formulate plans for erecting a church where their belief in God could again be expressed. In 1916 a dozen men who represented about thirty-one families met in the home of Michael Haverlack, Sr. to discuss the project. In order to proceed, they realized a Priest would be needed to administer their spiritual needs. Arrangements were made for a priest to visit them at Eastertime and the first Divine Liturgy was offered in Avella at Wiegmann's hall on Main Street in Avella. Later on when new quarters had to be located, the Cross Creek Township school directors permitted them to use Buckeye School, which was located near the site of the first St. John's Church. During the years from 1917 to 1919, the faithful were served by priests from Mingo Junction, Ohio, Carnegie and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Already chartered as a corporation in the State of Pennsylvania, a parcel of land was purchased from the Pittsburgh and Southwestern Coal Company located in Greensburg. This property was conveyed to the Church on November 1, 1919 and was located in Cross Creek Township on the Avella-Atlasburg Road. The trustees of the church at that time were: Paul Rusinko, Peter Rusinko, Demeter Koczur, Demeter Machuzak, Mike Popovich, and Joseph Puhlik.

In Order to achieve their goal, the church leaders canvassed the families in the area to obtain needed funds. A loan of Eight Thousand Dollars was obtained under the supervision of Fr. Nicholas Sagon of Mingo Junction, Ohio and a new church began to rise. Upon its completion, Fr. Valentine Staurostowsky became the first resident pastor. After his departure, Fr. Stephen Gulyassy, resident pastor in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, at the time, administered the parish on a part time basis, beginning in late 1920. Upon the latter's transfer to Cleveland, Ohio, Fr. George Simchak was assigned to serve the needs of the Byzantine Rite Catholics in the area as a resident pastor.

At the same time, another group of Byzantine Catholics settled in the Burgettstown area and they also longed to worship God in their traditional way. For lack of a church, they assembled in various homes and halls for Sunday services. Fr. George Chegin from Toronto, Ohio, served the parish occasionally. Eventually a church was erected in Slovan in 1918 and Fr. Simchak took up residence in Burgettstown so that he would be centrally located and be able to serve Avella, Burgettstown and Weirton. However, misfortune struck and the new church was destroyed by fire. Fr. Simchak then moved to Avella, where he did much to solidify the parishioners in the area. He was succeeded by Fr. Michael Warady in 1926 and followed shortly by Fr. Michael Krivonyak.

In 1927, the community suffered a terrible misfortune in the form of a coal strike. Picket lines were formed at the mine entrance to prevent outsiders, who were brought in by the mine owners, from entering the workplace. This caused a great deal of tension and there were many physical clashes between the striking miners and the company's "coal and iron" police. Since many of the workers lived in company-owned houses, they were evicted by the owners and had to move to hastily built wooden barracks until the strike was finally settled some time later.

Needless to say, this crippled the financial ability of the community and the parish could no longer support a resident pastor. Consequently, Fr. Andrew Dzmura, who was stationed at St. Michael's in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania at the time, took care of spiritual needs of the faithful until 1932. During these difficult times, it was often impossible for a priest to travel to Avella for Sunday services. On these occasions, the people would assemble in church to worship God by praying the Sunday Matins. John Whitco, Jr. and Steve Haverlack led the people in singing God's praises. The donations during this critical period were extremely low.

Despite the very difficult times, the faithful did not give up hope, but continued to persevere in order to maintain the parish to the best of their ability. In 1933 a committee consisting of John Haverlack, Peter Gripp and John Chizmar, Sr. traveled to Munhall, Pennsylvania for an audience with Bishop Basil Takach to

request a pastor for St. John's. As a result, Bishop Takach designated Fr. George Michaylo, the pastor of St. Michael's Church in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in Avella at least twice a month. In 1934, he was succeeded by Fr. Nicholas Elko, who was destined to become Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese twenty-one years later. This was Fr. Elko's first parish, and his enthusiasm is still remembered by many.

Financial difficulties still plagued the parish, and it faced foreclosure or payment of a \$4,400.00 mortgage still outstanding from the construction of the church. The Lincoln National Bank of Avella, which held the mortgage, informed the congregation that they would settle for the amount of \$1,300.00. Consequently, Joseph Curtis, John Haverlack and John Whitco visited each parishioner in an effort to obtain the necessary funds. At great personal sacrifice, the people donated a sum total of \$1,000.00. Mr. Don S. Lane, receiver of the bank, sympathized with the congregation's courage and intense desire to save the church, and agreed to settle the mortgage in full for \$1,000.00 on August 7, 1936.

During these early years, summer school was held at the church for those youngsters who had a way to attend. It was taught by Mr. George Hrabich, an elderly Cantor who lived nearby. He was a strict disciplinarian and did not hesitate to dole out different forms of penance for those who did not "toe the mark." He taught only the Slavonic language, but it gave the young kids of that time something new to think about and learn at an early age.

At this time, people from the Burgettstown area would come to the Avella church. In 1936 and 1937, a thorough canvass of that area was made to have more people avail themselves of the facilities in Avella. With the resultant increase in the attendance, St. John's status became permanent and its growth insured. Bus transportation was arranged, and in 1951 the parish itself purchased a bus.

In 1939, Fr. Elko was replaced by Fr. John Gaspar, and in 1944 he was followed by Fr. John Macko. In 1947, Fr. Vladimir Firczak from Canonsburg was appointed to serve the spiritual needs of the Avella Church for the next five years. With the progress the parish was making, it was apparent that a full time pastor was needed.

In 1952, Bishop Daniel Ivancho responded by appointing Fr. Michael J. Dudick to this task. He worked in the Diocesan Chancery Office in Pittsburgh and also took care of the parish needs in Avella. During the course of the next four years, he did much to bring back many of the parishioners who had strayed from the church. His enthusiasm was further evidenced by a major remodeling of the little church. A new roof, pews, tile floor, acoustic ceiling and additions to the Sanctuary made the old church more inviting as a place of worship.

The formation of the Girls Sodality was another welcome addition to the church during Fr. Dudick's tenure. It afforded the young women of the parish a chance to participate in beautiful May Crowning ceremonies each year and other events that gave them an opportunity to honor the Mother of God. Soon it was evident the church was too small for all intents and purposes and that a larger facility was needed. It was Fr. Dudick who planted the seed for a new church and to him we owe a debt of gratitude.

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Historic Episcopal Church Comes Back to Life

Bishop's Service Tomorrow Morning

By WILLIAM A. WHITE
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Believed to be the oldest Episcopal Church west of the Allegheny Mountains, St. John's, established in 1793 in a wilderness near the Pennsylvania line at Colliers, W. Va., is again becoming an active church.

After a dormant period of nearly 50 years, the historic old Bishop Campbell church has a sufficient congregation to gain mission status and regular services will be resumed tomorrow with Coadjutor Bishop Milburn C. Campbell of West Virginia presiding.

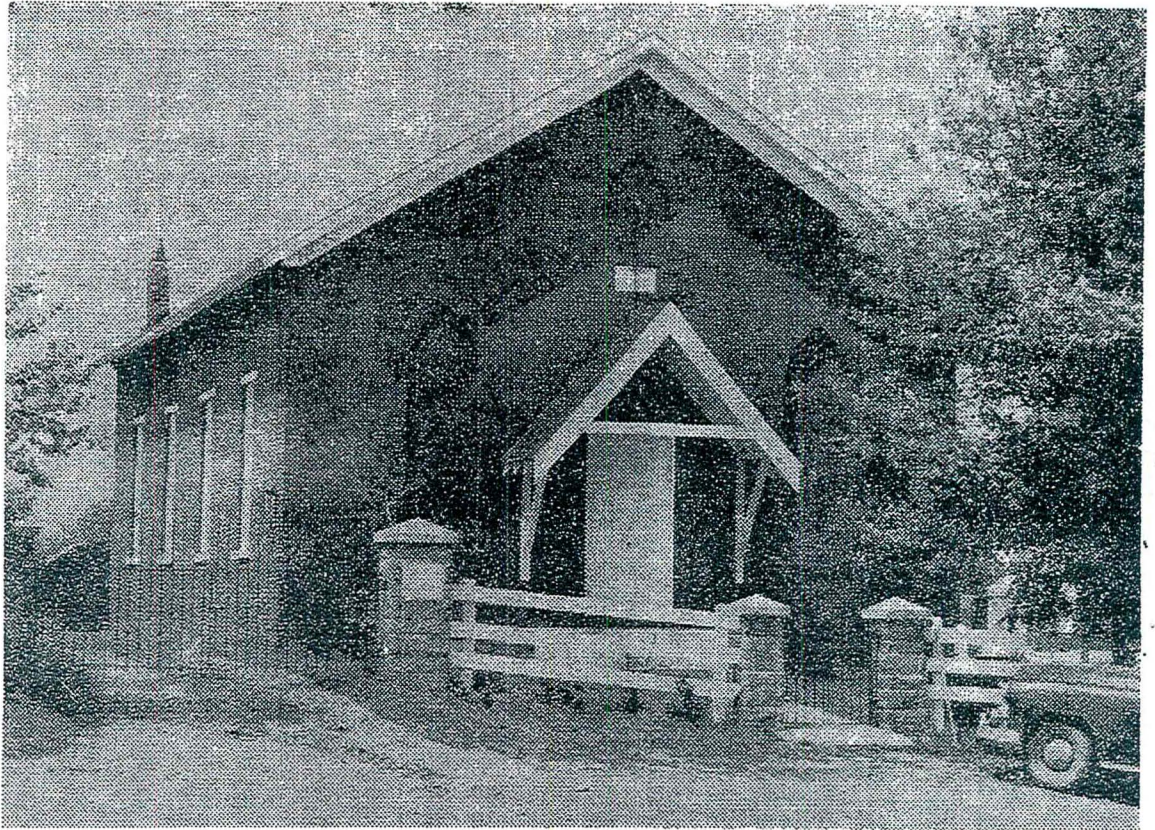
A chicken dinner to be served by the new Altar Guild, of which Mrs. William Riskin is president, with Bishop Campbell as honor guest, will touch off a traditional Bishop's Service that has for many years drawn persons of all faiths.

Bishop Campbell was rector of Ascension Church, Pittsburgh, before he became coadjutor of the West Virginia Diocese, stationed in Charleston, in 1950.

Bishop's Service

Tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. the Bishop's Service will be held, with accompanying baptisms and confirmations. Altar ornaments—brass cross and candlesticks—presented the church by John Vosburg, of Salamanca, N. Y., will be blessed. The cross given in memory of Anna Lay Vosburg, of DuBois, Pa., great grandmother of John Robert Mester, first baby baptized in St. John's in 50 years.

Bishop Campbell will be the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Carter, whose restored farm home, built in Revolutionary days, adjoins the church and its cemetery, in which are



OLDEST EPISCOPAL CHURCH west of the Alleghenies is believed to be St. John's, near Colliers, W. Va., shown here, where the annual Bishop's Service will be held tomorrow afternoon. The church is being reactivated after a dormant period of 50 years.

tombstones dating back to 1800. Mr. Carter, former postmaster at Colliers, who was born in the old home, has been named senior warden of the reactivated church.

The present church was erected in 1849 with bricks molded by hand and baked on a nearby farm. Records show that the cost of the building was \$900.

The exterior of the church is unchanged, the interior little changed from the original. Altar, pews, pulpit and floors are the same. The old wrought iron candelabra which supplied the lighting have disappeared.

Former Indian Trail

The Eldersville (Pa.) and Follansbee Road, which passes the church, was formerly an Indian trail over which George Washington at one time traveled. It was also the trail followed by angered Washington county frontiersmen on their way to the

Gnadenhuetten massacre, which has long been considered a blot on the frontier history of America. Under command of Col. David Williamson, the Moravian town was reduced to ashes and its 94 men, women and children, most of them Christian converts were brutally slain.

First of the religious meetings in the area of St. John's was believed to have been at Wells' Fort, not far from the church, in 1774. A great religious upswing took place a few years later, sparked by frontier ministers, including Rev. Joseph Doddridge, whose father had erected a fort at West Middleton in 1773.

Rev. Doddridge, the first Episcopal missionary in the area, was the founder of St. John's.

For many years the church functioned, then as new churches grew in more accessible places, the congregation dropped and

for nearly 50 years had only a handful of parishioners.

About 30 years ago the West Virginia bishop paid a visit and from that came the annual Bishop's Service which will be celebrated tomorrow.

Rev. Robert Ingram, rector of St. Thomas' Church, Weirton, last summer started to hold weekly services at St. John's which resulted in the movement for reactivation.

The church, through Mr. Carter, invites any who wish to visit. "To the many persons who love old things," Mr. Carter said, "it is well worth a visit as an example of early architecture and hand craftsmanship. Too, it is probably the very oldest building in the Tri-state area continually in use for its original purposes."

The church may be reached by taking the Follansbee Road from Burgettstown.

Holy Name Societies Meet

The Tri-State Byzantine Catholic Holy Name Union, comprising Holy Name Societies from parishes in the immediate Tri-State area, will convene on Sunday, November 10, at 3 p.m. at St. John's Parish, Avella.

The session will begin with Sacred Heart Devotions conducted by Reverend Michael A. Kushner, Spiritual Director of the group. He will be assisted by the Spiritual Moderators from all parishes represented.

At the conclusion of the religious program, the membership will meet in the Church social hall for their annual business meeting. The meeting will be conducted by President John Shymchyk.

Following the business session, a dinner will be served by the Ladies Altar Society of St. John's Church, of which Rev. George Evancho is pastor.

History of St. John's Church

With courage and faith in God, the founders of St. John's Church left their homeland in the Carpathian Mountain Region of Austria-Hungary and came to America in the early days of the Twentieth Century. Leaving an impoverished area in Europe, where they struggled bitterly to survive, our forefathers were seeking a better land in order to establish a new life. Many of them settled in southwestern Pennsylvania and found work in the mining communities of this region. Although they had to work hard to earn a meager living, the difficult life in Europe prepared them well for the task ahead and enabled them to succeed.

In their homeland, our people attended church on Sunday which occupied the center of their lives and their strong faith helped them to overcome many obstacles. There was no church here for them to continue this tradition so they immediately began to formulate plans for erecting a church where their belief in God could again be expressed. In 1916 a dozen men who represented about thirty-one families met in the home of Michael Haverlack, Sr. to discuss the project. In order to proceed, they realized a Priest would be needed to administer their spiritual needs. Arrangements were made for a priest to visit them at Eastertime and the first Divine Liturgy was offered in Avella at Wiegmann's hall on Main Street in Avella. Later on when new quarters had to be located, the Cross Creek Township school directors permitted them to use Buckeye School, which was located near the site of the first St. John's Church. During the years from 1917 to 1919, the faithful were served by priests from Mingo Junction, Ohio, Carnegie and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Already chartered as a corporation in the State of Pennsylvania, a parcel of land was purchased from the Pittsburgh and Southwestern Coal Company located in Greensburg. This property was conveyed to the Church on November 1, 1919 and was located in Cross Creek Township on the Avella-Atlasburg Road. The trustees of the church at that time were: Paul Rusinko, Peter Rusinko, Demeter Koczur, Demeter Machuzak, Mike Popovich, and Joseph Puhlik.

In Order to achieve their goal, the church leaders canvassed the families in the area to obtain needed funds. A loan of Eight Thousand Dollars was obtained under the supervision of Fr. Nicholas Sagon of Mingo Junction, Ohio and a new church began to rise. Upon its completion, Fr. Valentine Staurostowsky became the first resident pastor. After his departure, Fr. Stephen Gulyassy, resident pastor in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, at the time, administered the parish on a part time basis, beginning in late 1920. Upon the latter's transfer to Cleveland, Ohio, Fr. George Simchak was assigned to serve the needs of the Byzantine Rite Catholics in the area as a resident pastor.

At the same time, another group of Byzantine Catholics settled in the Burgettstown area and they also longed to worship God in their traditional way. For lack of a church, they assembled in various homes and halls for Sunday services. Fr. George Chegin from Toronto, Ohio, served the parish occasionally. Eventually a church was erected in Slovan in 1918 and Fr. Simchak took up residence in Burgettstown so that he would be centrally located and be able to serve Avella, Burgettstown and Weirton. However, misfortune struck and the new church was destroyed by fire. Fr. Simchak then moved to Avella, where he did much to solidify the parishioners in the area. He was succeeded by Fr. Michael Warady in 1926 and followed shortly by Fr. Michael Krivonyak.

In 1927, the community suffered a terrible misfortune in the form of a coal strike. Picket lines were formed at the mine entrance to prevent outsiders, who were brought in by the mine owners, from entering the workplace. This caused a great deal of tension and there were many physical clashes between the striking miners and the company's "coal and iron" police. Since many of the workers lived in company-owned houses, they were evicted by the owners and had to move to hastily built wooden barracks until the strike was finally settled some time later.

Needless to say, this crippled the financial ability of the community and the parish could no longer support a resident pastor. Consequently, Fr. Andrew Dzmura, who was stationed at St. Michael's in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania at the time, took care of spiritual needs of the faithful until 1932. During these difficult times, it was often impossible for a priest to travel to Avella for Sunday services. On these occasions, the people would assemble in church to worship God by praying the Sunday Matins. John Whitco, Jr. and Steve Haverlack led the people in singing God's praises. The donations during this critical period were extremely low.

Despite the very difficult times, the faithful did not give up hope, but continued to persevere in order to maintain the parish to the best of their ability. In 1933 a committee consisting of John Haverlack, Peter Gripp and John Chizmar, Sr. traveled to Munhall, Pennsylvania for an audience with Bishop Basil Takach to

request a pastor for St. John's. As a result, Bishop Takach designated Fr. George Michaylo, the pastor of St. Michael's Church in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, to celebrate the Divine Liturgy in Avella at least twice a month. In 1934, he was succeeded by Fr. Nicholas Elko, who was destined to become Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese twenty-one years later. This was Fr. Elko's first parish, and his enthusiasm is still remembered by many.

Financial difficulties still plagued the parish, and it faced foreclosure or payment of a \$4,400.00 mortgage still outstanding from the construction of the church. The Lincoln National Bank of Avella, which held the mortgage, informed the congregation that they would settle for the amount of \$1,300.00. Consequently, Joseph Curtis, John Haverlack and John Whitco visited each parishioner in an effort to obtain the necessary funds. At great personal sacrifice, the people donated a sum total of \$1,000.00. Mr. Don S. Lane, receiver of the bank, sympathized with the congregation's courage and intense desire to save the church, and agreed to settle the mortgage in full for \$1,000.00 on August 7, 1936.

During these early years, summer school was held at the church for those youngsters who had a way to attend. It was taught by Mr. George Hrabich, an elderly Cantor who lived nearby. He was a strict disciplinarian and did not hesitate to dole out different forms of penance for those who did not "toe the mark." He taught only the Slavonic language, but it gave the young kids of that time something new to think about and learn at an early age.

At this time, people from the Burgettstown area would come to the Avella church. In 1936 and 1937, a thorough canvass of that area was made to have more people avail themselves of the facilities in Avella. With the resultant increase in the attendance, St. John's status became permanent and its growth insured. Bus transportation was arranged, and in 1951 the parish itself purchased a bus.

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The following children comprised the class:- Henry Budni, Frank Delprato, Frank Koraido, Ralph Kor'yna John Linkesh, Elden McConnaghey, Walter Stanish, John Stankovich, Anthony Wozniak, George Wozniak, Walter Wozniak, Eleanor Budni, Dolores Bianchini, Dolores Joncart, Laura Joncart, Stella Joncart, Alice Linkesh, Mary Ann Linkesh, Simone Lorant, Betty McGrogan, Pauline McGrogan, Elsie Tothe.

Mass is celebrated each Sunday in Cherry Valley at nine o'clock. This week a group of men are improving the outside walls of the church with a covering of red insulated brick siding.

**First Communion at St. Peter and Paul Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 22, 1943 Edition**

**CHERRY VALLEY PARTY
MOVES INTO LOURDES
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The party, scheduled for Monday evening, May 17 for the benefit of the St. Peter and St. Paul Catholic church of Cherry Valley has been transferred from the Calieffie Hall at Cherry Valley to the Parish Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church. Rev. W. J. McCashin who has recently been appointed priest of this parish states that so many tickets have been sold for the benefit that it was deemed advisable to move the party into the larger hall.

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**Cherry Valley Party Moves into Our Lady of Lourdes Hall Because of Crowd
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1943 Edition**

Tabernacle at Hickory

Hickory, Feb. 17.—The Hickory people are already arranging to erect the large tabernacle that is to be used in the evangelistic meetings here from May 16 to June 13. A meeting of all the committees was held last night and all the preliminary plans have been completed. It was decided to start the erection of the tabernacle at once. The building will be as large as the one used at Burgettstown. It is planned to have everything in readiness when Rev. Luther K. Peacock comes here for the meetings.

Tabernacle at Hickory
The Burgettstown Call-February 18, 1915 Edition

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TOWN PRAYERMEETING

Tabernacle to be Dedicated Sabbath Evening With Big Prayermeeting

As we go to press we learn that arrangements have been made to dedicate the tabernacle with a big town prayermeeting on Sabbath evening. The building will be completed by that time and in good shape, and the different churches will give up their evening service for this meeting. It is hoped to make it a memorable event, and everyone is urged to attend.

Town Prayer Meeting

**Tabernacle to be Dedicated Sabbath Evening With Big Prayer Meeting
The Burgettstown Call-December 24, 1914 Edition**

The Coming Revival

Much progress has been made on the tabernacle the past week. On Tuesday about forty men and boys were on the job, and the ladies prepared and served refreshments for them in the First Presbyterian church. There was an abundance of eatables, and after the workman had been fed several baskets were filled and sent to needy families in the vicinity.

The tabernacle is nearing completion and within a very short time will be ready for the meetings, which open January third. To-day a number of men are putting on the finishing touches, building seat, etc.

Interest in the praymeetings is increasing. On account of Christmas falling on Friday there will be no prayermeeting that night, and we are unable at this time to give the meeting places for the following Tuesday night, but they will no doubt be announced from the different pulpits on Sabbath.

Since putting the above in type President Mrs. Cora Sutherland reports that the meeting her district will be at C. R. Cook's, she to be leader, and Mrs. W. R. Malone, president, announces the meeting

for her district at Mrs. Otto's, with Charles Hamilton leader.

SUBJECTS

Dec. 29—"What May God Expect from Me in this Campaign." (Consecration Service). "Prayer." James 5: 16. "Personal Service;" John 1: 40 42. "Consecration; Attendance" Heb. 10: 25.

Jan. 1st, 1915—"What May I Expect from God." Acts 2: 4; Mal. 3: 10; Acts 3: 26.

Don't forget that the song books are on sale at W. E. McCurdy's and W. M. McMurray's and can be had for 25 cents, or 30 cents if sent by mail. Everyone will want one of these books and it will be well to secure it now and become familiar with the songs used in the meetings.

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A wind and hailstorm broke all but two of 48 window panes on one side of the Tent Community Church near Eldersville Saturday, June 19, and destroyed two other panes at the front of the church. Various farmers in the community reported heavy damage to gardens and orchards by the storm.

**Tent Community Church Windows broke by Wind and Hailstorm
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition**

**TENT CHURCH HOLDS
RE-DEDICATION SERVICE**

The Tent United Presbyterian church near Colliers, W. Va., held a re-dedication service last Sunday, June 24, at 2:30 p. m. upon the completion of an extensive church building improvement which began about 10 years ago and was recently finished. The service was in charge of Rev. Leslie Van Inwegen of Langeloth. A history of the church was given by Clifford Hays and remarks were made by Rev. Sutton and F. Herbert Wells. The service was held on the 140th anniversary of the purchase of the church grounds. The present building is 70 years old and the congregation was organized in 1798.

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**Tent Church Holds Re-Dedication Service
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1943 Edition**

"Tent" Homecoming.

The second annual Homecoming Day will be observed at the "Tent" church, on the Follansbee-Eldersville road at 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, September 6th. The Rev. A. A. Love of Pittsburgh will be the principal speaker at the service. Mr. Love is a former pastor of the "Tent" church and is now pastor of the Mt. Washington U. P. church, Pittsburgh. The "Tent" community is 'home' to hundreds of people in the tri-state district. This occasion provides a wholesome opportunity to renew old ties of friendship. The large crowd attending the gathering last year dictated the decision to repeat the event and make it an annual affair on the Sunday before Labor Day.

"Tent" Homecoming"
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 27, 1931

LOOKING BACK – 225 YEARS AGO

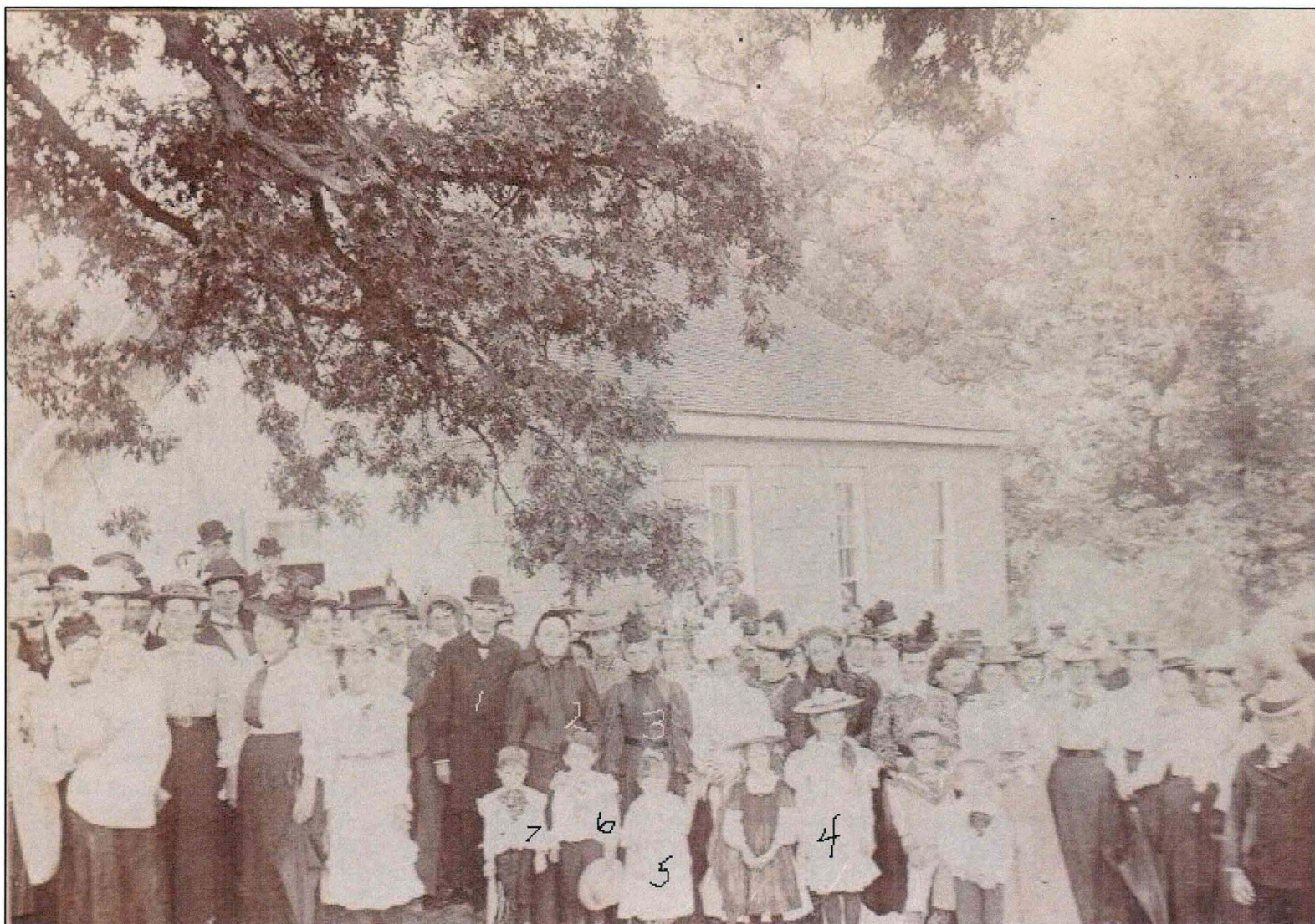
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of the Upper Ohio Valley – William Wilson McKinney, Editor**

Three Springs Presbyterian Church

As the traveler drives along Route 22 through Weirton Heights, his attention is attracted by a historical marker. As he reads that bronze tribute to a historic past, he notes that it marks the spot where stood another of the pioneer Presbyterian churches in the West Virginia Panhandle. Here James Campbell in 1790, with the assistance of a group of neighbors, built a large church on his own farm. In the records of the Redstone Presbytery, it is called Three Springs Church. It is now relocated and rebuilt in the heart of industrial Weirton and renamed the Cove Presbyterian Church. As soon as their church was built, this group of Presbyterian neighbors petitioned Redstone Presbytery to send them a visiting preacher. Presbytery responded by sending Reverend John Brice to lead them in worship on the third Sabbath of November. In July of the following year, Mr. Brice returned for another Sabbath Day's services. Later in November of that same year, Reverend James Hughes, another neighboring Presbyterian minister, spent an entire day in spiritual leadership through worship and instruction. West Virginia Presbyterians in those pioneer days of small beginnings had to be grateful for meager spiritual favors with the blessing of a sermon only at infrequent intervals. As additional men were licensed to preach by the Presbytery, preaching became more frequent but never more than four times a year. Preachers were scarce⁴. They had to divide their time in order to preach among numerous congregations who were seeking the comfort and warnings of the Gospel.

Better days were soon to dawn. Growth in the number of ministers made advisable the division of Redstone into two presbyteries in 1793. The Panhandle churches were placed in the new Presbytery of Ohio. Preaching at the Three Springs was still very sporadic for several years. But on October 17, 1798, a consecrated churchman of thirty-nine years of age presented himself to the Presbytery of Ohio as a candidate for the ministry. He was none other than Elisha Macurdy.

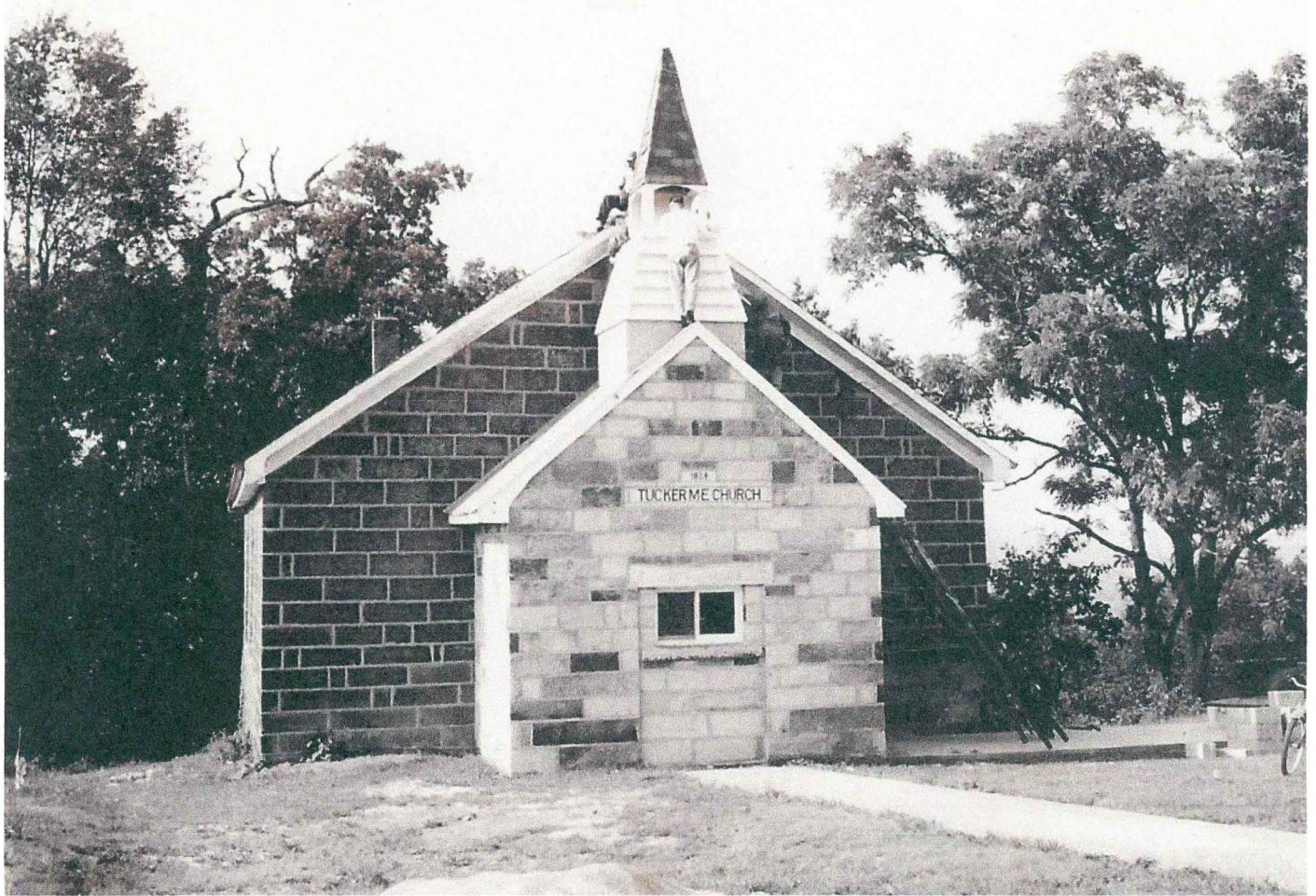
After completing the necessary course of education, Macurdy accepted a call to Three Springs and Cross Roads (now Florence, Pennsylvania). Soon the influence of this tremendous personality was felt throughout the entire church in Western Pennsylvania and the Panhandle area of West Virginia. His name is linked particularly with the great Revival of 1802 which first began to be manifested in Macurdy's congregation at Three Springs where a small group of devout women met for prolonged prayer. Soon it spread far and wide, influencing the social and religious outlook of the entire Upper Ohio Valley. In the wake of this historic revival came the "Sunday School, the Prayer Meeting, the Missionary Movement, the crusade against strong drink and the crusade against slavery. Macurdy continued in his dual field of service until 1824 when he resigned from the Three Springs Church to devote his full time to the church at Florence.



Hanlin Family at Tucker Church Reunion-After 1900

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Tucker Methodist Church

1970, workers are putting the finishing touches on the steeple of the Tucker Methodist Church, in their latest renovation project of the church.

The church was completed in 1824, but many improvements were added throughout the years. Included were the steeple and vestibule. Stone for the original building was quarried on the grounds behind the church.

Fort Vance Historical Society



Tucker Church (stone) was built in 1824 on land owned and set aside for the church by John Tucker. Stonemasons named Minesingers constructed this building for less than ninety dollars. The congregation first met in the home of James Holmes. In 1965 an addition was built on the front from stones taken from the foundation of the old Cross Roads Church that was destroyed by fire and replaced by a brick structure. *Location:* Halfway between Paris and Florence, on old U.S. 22 two miles west of Rt. 18

A Guide to Historical Western Pennsylvania by George Swetman and Helene Smith.

Photo provided by Fort Vance Historical Society.

Christmas Program At Tucker Church

A Christmas program was held at the Tucker Methodist church, Route 22, Sunday evening, December 23, with Mrs. Freda Hone in charge, Mrs. Donald Gray assisting. Approximately 20 children participated in the singing of Christmas songs, reci-

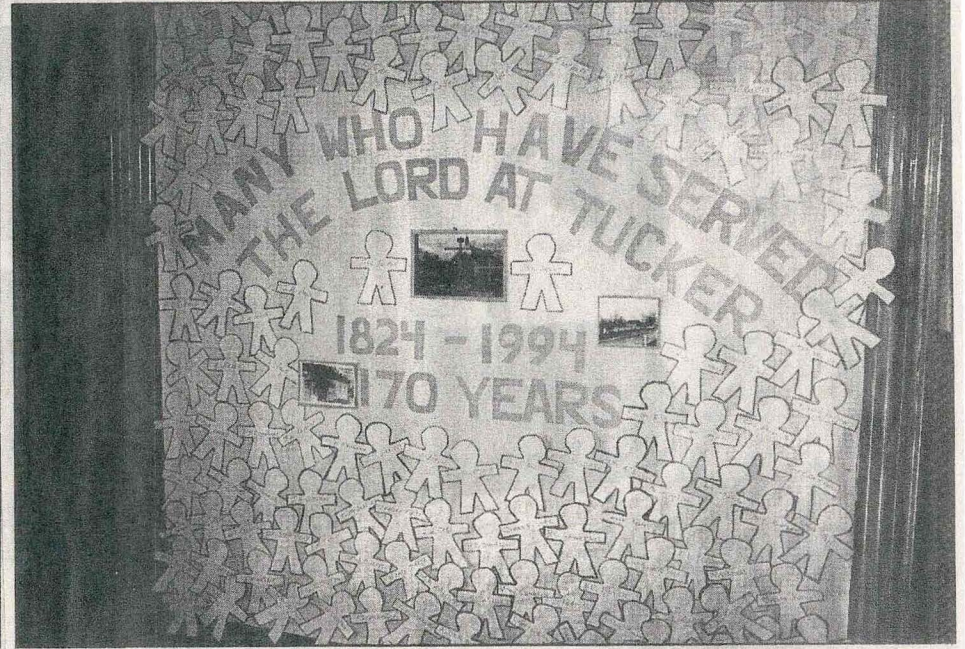
tations and exercises. The adult choir and the congregation also joined in the singing of carols.

A Nativity scene was featured, with Jane Bradford as Mary, and Victor Wright as Joseph. Script was narrated by Bessie Matchett. The pantomime was in costume, and included angels, shepherds and wise men.

The evening was climaxed with a visit by Santa Claus.



ROBERT KIDD JR. reads the children's message at Tucker Methodist Church anniversary. Rev. Wade Barto, pastor of the church, is seated at Kidd's right.



THE NAMES OF 128 ministers serving Tucker Methodist Church from 1824 to 1994 are inscribed on the tiny figures attached to this bulletin board.

Tucker Methodist Church has 170th anniversary

Tucker United Methodist Church on Old Route 22 celebrated its 170th anniversary May 22, 1994. Members of the church, friends and a distant relative of John Tucker, founder, helped to make the occasion a memorable event.

Guest speaker was Dr. Andrew Harvey, District Superintendent of the Washington District, who, with Rev. Wade Barto, pastor of the church, served communion to the

congregation. Communion stewards were Lou Grey and Pauline O'Palka.

Others who participated in the service were Ralph Ryan, lay speaker; Robert Kidd Jr., lay speaker of Eldersville United Methodist Church, who presented the children's message; Betty Baileys of Eldersville; and Max and June Grossman, who provided special music on the violin and

piano. The Eldersville United Methodist Church choir sang, and Mrs. Emma DeChallis of Beaver Falls, a friend of the minister, played the piano during the service.

Guests, friends and members were welcomed by the Rev. Wade Barto and Gladys Bee. Greeters for the event were Victor and Beverly Wright.

Steve Bee, chairman of the

board of trustees, led the congregation in rededicating the church.

A plaque was presented to District Superintendent Harvey by Gladys Bee on behalf of the congregation. The frame for the plaque had been made from wood originally from the old altar of the church.

On display were a number of historical records and artifacts arranged by Doris McNinch, church historian; also a bulletin board cov-

ered with miniature figures bearing the names of 128 pastors who have served the church.

Following the service, those attending enjoyed an old-fashioned picnic and visiting together on the grounds of the church.

Photographs were taken by Loyd Leggett and will be on display at the church.

A special thanks is extended to all who helped to make this historic

occasion a success.

Tucker Church was founded in 1824 by John Tucker, and the church building was constructed of cut stone at a cost of \$75.

It has undergone a few renovations through the years, but the basic building remains the same.

Since the 150th anniversary of the church, observances have been held every five years.

Tucker Methodist Church has 170th Anniversary
The Enterprise-June 15, 1994 Edition

Home-Coming At Tucker M. E. Church

Approximately 250 people attended home-coming services at Tucker Methodist Church on Sunday, August 12. Rev. James Lutz, of Follansbee, W. Va., was in charge of the morning service. In the afternoon a number of guest speakers took part among whom were Rev. Jacob Leland of Pittsburgh and Rev. Chalmers Fulton of Youngstown, O., both natives of this vicinity. Rev. William Gladden and Rev. Shotwell, former pastors, and Mrs. Spealman, the wife of a former pastor and herself a minister in a North Braddock Methodist Church addressed the congregation.

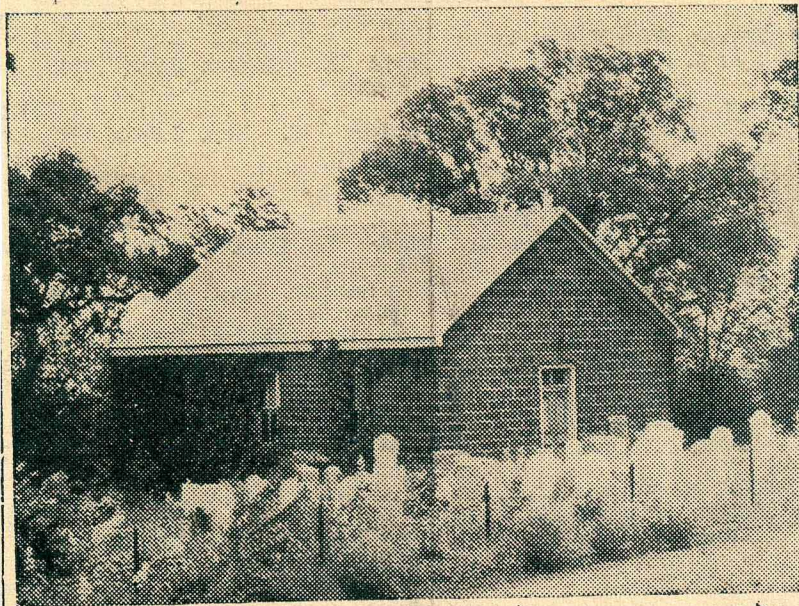
Miss Irene Perkins of R. D. 1, Burgettstown read letters from former associates, some of whom are now chaplains in service.

Two flags recently donated by the Women's Society of Christian Service and by Miss Irene Perkins were on display on either side of the pulpit. A dedication of these flags will be held in the near future.

Among the eldest guests present at the home coming were: Mrs. Florence Johnson, 86, of Hollidays Cove, and Mrs. Ella Hanlin, 80, of Smithfield, O.

Miss Laura Hanlin served as pianist for both services and Atty. John McCalmont of Pittsburgh a native of this community led the singing. A basket dinner was held at noon.

HOMECOMING AT TUCKER CHURCH



Plans are progressing for the Annual Homecoming to be held at Tucker Church on Sunday August 11, from 10.30 a.m., to 4 p.m. The morning Worship will be followed by Sunday School and the afternoon service will begin at 2 o'clock. Those who wish may take their own lunch and silver service. Coffee will be served by the committee. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Homecoming at Tucker Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1, 1946 Edition

Tucker U.M. marks 190th anniversary

Tucker United Methodist Church, 641 Steubenville Pike, Burgettstown, will celebrate its 190th anniversary at the 11 a.m. Sunday service. A Thanksgiving covered-dish dinner will be served afterward.

Tucker is one of the oldest Methodist churches in Washington and Greene counties. It was built in 1824, although services were held in the home of John Tucker, who was among the earliest settlers in Hanover Township, several years prior to that.

Tucker, a native of Massachusetts, and his wife, who was born in Maryland, had two sons. After his wife died, Tucker remarried, and he and his second wife traveled across the mountains from Maryland with their five sons and four daughters.

Tucker held his own devotions in the family's cabin, and before long, other families began gathering at the Tuckers' home. He soon became known as Father Tucker.

Tucker died at age 100, and in his will he bequeathed to his son, Jonathan, and his grandson, Samuel, one acre of land, "it being a part of the tract I now live on, whereon a meetinghouse is erected for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for no other purposes whatsoever, but to be and remain for the use of said church, and the congregation therein assembling for the worship of God without rent or any other reward whatsoever."

In 1823, the Minesinger brothers of Island Creek, Ohio, were commissioned to erect a meeting place for the Methodists in Hanover on the land Tucker had willed to his son and grandson. The brothers built a church 33 feet by 44 feet on what is now Route 22 between Paris and Florence. The church, despite the ravages of war, poor crops and economic recessions, has never closed its doors.

On the church's 100th anniversary, hundreds of Methodists from 20 states attended the celebration.

In August 1949, members of the Tucker clan held a joint reunion and 125th church anniversary celebration. Descendants of the John Tucker family held morning and afternoon services at the old meetinghouse.

The church has had 198 ministers through the years and is now served by Pastor Kenn Jacobs and associate Pastor Karen Jacobs.



Historic Tucker United Methodist Church

Tucker UM Church to celebrate 170th year at Sunday service

By Marilyn Seibel
Staff Writer

During his years of raising a family, clearing land and conducting family worship in various cabins, one of John Tucker's most cherished dreams was the erection of a house of worship.

In 1822, John deeded the ground the church sits on for religious purposes and stated in his will it was to be used for no other purpose. In

1824, the present building was completed. Six years after the completion of the church, John died and was laid to rest in the cemetery next to his beloved "Meeting-house."

The church is still open and plans to celebrate 170 years of continuous service on Sunday, May 22, at 3 p.m. The church will also be rededicated at this time. Dr. Andrew Harvey, superintendent of the Washington District, will be the

guest speaker for the occasion. Also participating in the service will be Ralph Ryan, a past lay minister at Tucker. Robert Kidd Jr. will provide the children's sermon.

The public is invited to attend the celebration.

Following the worship service, there will be an "old-fashioned" picnic. Anyone wishing to dress up in "old-time" costumes to go with the picnic theme is welcomed to do so.

Tucker UM Church to Celebrate 170th Year
The Enterprise-May 18, 1994 Edition

Tucker Family

The Indians were quieted and highways were taking place of Indian trails. Once was Briceland crossroads, now Florence, PA. James Briceland opened up a general store, Later the store was conducted by the Livingstones and then by the Clelands.

John and Henrietta Tuckers children moved. Martha married the Millers brother, Samuel Ralston. Drusilla married Lewis Sadler, Anna's Husband Johnston, Elizabeth never marries. John was given a farm where the Tucker land entered the pike. Johnathan married Margret Wright, daughter of a pioneer family from Eldersville. They shared the home of his father and mother. Thomas and David married sisters, Eleanor and Christy Hill. Thomas settled on the east of the property. David was given the west tract. Samuel had been a minister and was killed by Indians enroute.

John Tucker was addressed by the Quakers; "Father Tucker" conducted service in his cabin known as "Tucker Methodist Station"

In 1823 a stone church was begun and erected for \$85. Stone quarried on the land and completed in 1824. John Tucker gave the land, John died April 6, 1830 at the age of 100.

It is believed that the Tucker family received communion for the first time.

Tucker Reunion

"Nil Desperandum", the english version being, "Never Despair" from the coat of arms of the Tucker family, pioneer settlers in Hanover township, will be the subject of a sermon to be delivered by a Tucker descendant, Rev. David S. Graham of Valencia, Pa. at a reunion of members of this family in the Tucker Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday morning, June 2 at 11 o'clock.

John Tucker, hardy pioneer who built Tucker church in 1823 will gather from three states on Sunday morning to pay tribute to his memory. After a sermon by Rev. Graham, the clan will adjourn to the Farm for dinner and will return to the church in the afternoon for a reunion.

John Tucker, hardy pioneerr who was born in 1731 and died exactly one hundred years later, 1831, settled in Hanover township when it was still a part of the state of Maryland. For fifty years he held divine worship in his own home, not being a Minister of the Gospel, but a gentleman of pious leanings. A few years before his death, in 1823 he built the Tucker church, and it stands today as a monument to his memory.

Present for the services, Sunday, will be descendants of Thomas Tucker, son of John, who left Florence 102 years ago and settled near Marietta, O. They will include Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Townsend and Mr. Culver of Mansfield, O. and Miss Rowena Tucker of Beverly.

Shirley Bruce, well known mail carrier and descendant of John Tucker has prepared a chart, showing the descendants in the various Tucker families and will display same at the Sunday reunion.

Friends of the Tucker clan will be welcomed at the reunion.

Tucker Reunion
June 2, 1940

Tucker Church

It could be called the "little church by the side of the road" or "Tucker Meetinghouse" or "The Old Stonepile" It is located on Highway 22, halfway between Paris and Florence, PA.

The history dates back to before the Revolutionary War. Although the building itself was not erected until 1824, Methodist meetings were held regularly for nearly 40 years prior to the construction of the house.

Among the first settlers was Potts, Jackson, Hanlin and Tucker families which immigrated from the east, John Tucker who later deeded the ground on which the church stands, was born in Massachusetts and moved to Maryland. He married and moved with his wife in Maryland. She died leaving two sons, John and Samuel. He then married Henrietta and their small children moved across the mountains with the families and settled in Hanover Township 1775.

John had been here and marked out a tomahawk claim of four hundred acres "Grace Tract". It had a Chestnut Grove.

John Tucker was described as a large man and as straight as an Indian, a despiser of the lazy man and was a highest Quaker. He carried staff that were twice as tall as he, he called it "vaultingstick" and but clutching it was the top, he could fling himself a distance of ten feet, confusing the Indians.

Deeply devoted to work and religion.

They brought from the east a beautiful chest of drawers, Hepplewhite designer. She kept it covered, during this week with a horse blanket. On Sundays the cover was removed and the family Bible opened and read.

Someone kept watch for the Indians. Vance Fort was 10 miles from Tucker Cabin. John Tucker and Henrietta had a couple of girls and Henrietta's first son Jonathan was born at Fort Vance. John and Henrietta had four girls and four sons. Samuel had become a minister but was killed by Indians in route to Kentucky.

They met in homes for religious services and in 1823 a stone church building was begun. Four brothers from Island Creek Ohio. Minesingers were the stone masons. It was erected for \$75 to \$85. Stone quarried on the ground, cut and squared by hand in the building 33 by 44 feet.

John Tucker died April 6, 1830. At the age of 100, he was laid to rest in the churchyard. His wife died 2 years later.

Historic Tucker M. E. Church will Celebrate 122 Anniversary With Home-Coming Celebration on Sunday, August 11.

The historic Tucker Methodist Episcopal church will celebrate its one hundredth and twenty second anniversary with Home-coming and special services, on Sunday, August 11.

One of the few original edifices still standing in this section, it has been used continuously as a place of worship for more than a century. Tucker church is located on Route 22, between Paris and Florence and Rev. H. Paul Smith is the pastor. Under his leadership great plans are being made for the observance.

The church, a stone structure was built in 1824 by Samuel Tucker a leader of the congregation, at a cost of \$75. The Meisinger Brothers of Island Creek, Ohio famous stone masons in their day did the constructing.

The celebration will open with a social hour followed by Sunday school at 10.30 a.m. A basket dinner will be in progress at noon with the church committee serving coffee.

Rev. Smith will be in charge of the afternoon session which will begin at 2 p.m. Former pastors and guests will participate. Anyone interested is invited to attend the celebration.



Hanlin Family at Tucker Church Reunion-After 1900

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Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Hymn Sing Held At Francis Mine

Rev. Lee E. Speer conducted the Hymn Sing in the church at Francis Mine, Sunday, with eighty-five in attendance from ten neighboring churches. Rev. Speer is pastor of the church. Drexel Baker, of the Ebenezer Church of God, led the congregational singing.

Several special selections were enjoyed, from many of the churches represented. Miss June Campbell was pianist. Churches answering to a roll call of churches were: Avella Free Methodist, Ebenezer Church of God, Canonsburg Nazarene, Atlasburg Nazarene, Bethel Methodist, Eldersville Methodist, West Middletown Christian, Tucker Methodist, Christian Church of North America, Burgettstown, and the host church.

The tenth and last in the current series of sings will be held next Sunday in the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian church, Independence. A planned program is being arranged by the Hymn Sing committee, Morris Knabenshue, Kathryn Slasor and June Campbell. It will consist of special selections most requested from the hymn sings of the past nine weeks. The sing will begin at 3 p. m.

**Hymn Sing Held at Francis Mine Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 24, 1965 Edition**



Tucker Methodist Church

The congregation of Tucker Methodist Church dates back to a time from before the Revolutionary War. Although the building itself was not built until the year 1824, Methodist meetings were held regularly meetings for nearly forty years prior to the construction of the house of worship. The land was owned and set aside by John Tucker. The stone was quarried on the grounds below the church, cut and squared by hand. The original building measured 33 by 44 feet. Stonemasons named Minesinger constructed the building for less than \$85.

In 1965, the church added to the front of the front of the building a wooden steeple and a vestibule made of quarried stone.

The old cemetery, filled to capacity, is located to the left of the church. In 1903, an organization was formed to purchase land for another burial ground. This organization was chartered a short time later, and is known as Chestnut Ridge Cemetery Association, and is located directly across the road from the church.

Tucker Methodist Church is located halfway between Paris and Florence, on old U.S. 22 two miles west of Rt. 18.

Fort Vance Historical Society

Easter Service At Westminster Church

The schedule for the Easter service at the Westminster Presbyterian Church as released by the pastor, Rev. William H. Flurkey, follows:

Morning Worship-11 a. m.; Organ Prelude "Song of Joy", Ashford; Call to Worship; Minister-Let us worship the living God; Congregation-Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth; Doxology; Invocation-The Lord's Prayer; Hymn No. 163; The Apostles' Creed; Gloria Patri; Scripture Reading- 15 chapter First Corinthians; Choir-"The Garden of God"-Keating; Reception of New Members; Pastorial Prayer; Response by Choir-Alleluia Alleluia"-Palestrina; Trombone Solo-"The Holy City"-Emerson Flurkey; Hymn No. 166; Offertory Prayer; Passion, Organ Offertory-A Chorale, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Bach; Choir-Easter Alleluia-Shure; Sermon-"If Christ Be Not Risen"; Benediction; Silent Prayer-congregation; Organ Postlude "Conqueror's March"-Stultz.

**Easter Service at Westminster Church
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1946 Edition**

CHURCHES



WESTMINSTER CHURCH

Rev. Wm. Flurkey, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.—Mr. F.
A. Howe, Supt.

Universal Bible Sunday

Dedication of New Bibles

Wednesday, 7:20 P. M. Closing Ses-
sion of the Leadership Training
School.

Sunday, December 15th, Unified Ser-
vice beginning with the session of the
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

The Board of Trustees met in the
church study Monday evening, De-
cember 2.

Ferdinand A. Howe
Burgettstown Enterprise -1940

CHILDREN'S DAY IS OBSERVED AT WESTMINSTER

The following Children's Day program was presented Sunday morning, June 15, at 11 o'clock in the Westminster Presbyterian church. The program was under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Davidson, Mrs. William Flurkey, Mrs. Wilbert Morrow, Mrs. E. B. Smith and Miss Thelma Clair.

Beginner's Department

Song, "Good Morning To You"; Recitation, "My Flag", Kay Miller; Recitation, "I'm Going to Speak," Wayne Wagner; Recitation, "A Sunshine tion, "Just Think of It", Martha Dow-Greeting", Joyce Hemphill; Recital-ler, Donna Bell Burns and Deloris Daudet; Recitation, "Happiness", Jo Ann Hemphill; "Children's Day, Jack Kernohan; "Grown Up's Day", Harry Moore; "A Good Example", George Walters; "A Little Maids Greeting", Marget McGinnis.

Primary Department

"My Welcome", Doris Lee Fuller; "This Is Children's Day," Donna Andrews; "God's Messenger", Nancy Dowler; "A Bright Idea", Marline Schwab; "Be the Best", Buddy Ivery; "God Is Love", Martha Moore; "Helpers In Sunday School", Robert Cowden, Robert Cook and Ronald Tidball; "Flower Telegram", Geraldine Doty; "The Gardner", Jane Jackson; "About A Thought", Jean Jackson; "When Jesus Blessed the Children," Ora Mae Peterson; "More Truth Than Poetry", Patty Ivery; "The Signalman", Roddie Cook; Play—"The Singing Heart" Lady Blue Bell, Jo Ann Smith; Joy, Anna Mae Wagner; Greeters — Doris Tope, Deloris, McClain and Jo Ann Harmon; Geranium Girls, Jean and Jessie, Roselyn Darke and Mary Lou Dowler; Wood Cutters, Emerson Flurkey, Billy Pyle and Albert Seagle; Market Maids Celia and Cathy, Donna Cowden and Eleanor Carothers; Mrs. Worthy, Margaret Harbaugh; Daisy and Dolly, Martha Dowler and Nancy Dowler; Gratitude, Freda Dowler; The chorus was made up of a group from the Primary Department.

Children's Day is Observed at Westminster
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1941 Edition

CLASS OBSERVES 30TH BIRTHDAY HONORS TEACHER

Members of the Victory Bible class of the Westminster Presbyterian church celebrated their thirtieth anniversary over the past week end by being entertained at a luncheon Saturday afternoon in the home of their teacher, Mrs. John M. Scott, having a class picture made and by holding an Anniversary service on Sunday morning.

The Victory Bible class, first organized class of the Westminster church, received its Charter in 1919, but was taught for nine years previous, and making a total of 30 years, by its beloved teacher, Mrs. Scott. Charter members of the class were: Mrs. Scott, Margaret Conrad, Ethel Boyd Sonnenburg, Mary Pettit McKnight, Fernie Malone Walters, Alice Bridgeman Bable, Mildred Scott Morrow, Dorothy Reed Darke, Hollis Reed Swingle, Zelma Eicher, Ethel Tope and Mrs. E. C. Carmichael.

The class song at the time of organization was, "Faith is the Victory" from which the class derived its name. Through the years, the personell of the class has changed, new members being added, others moving away, and a few answering the final summons, but with all, the organization has maintained a close sisterhood, and has been a spiritual and material asset to the Westminster church.

Forty four members of the class were entertained at the luncheon Saturday afternoon in the Scott home, which was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers and foliage. After the guests were seated at the tables, they sang one verse of the class song and were led in prayer by Mrs. William Flurkey. After a social good time, the group adjourned to the church, where the class picture was taken.

Mrs. Scott was assisted in entertaining by the following committees: reception, Mrs. E. F. Bywaters, Mrs. Fred Smith and Mrs. Harry Conn; decorations, Mrs. J. F. Evans and Miss Sue Mull; tables, Mrs. G. C. Hemphill, Mrs. S. C. Walter, Mrs. William G. Phillips and Mrs. C. S. McCormick; press, Mrs. E. G. Reisinger and Mrs. C. K. Morrow; photographer, Mrs. T. E. Trimmer and Mrs. Robert Hemphill and luncheon aides, Mrs. Bessie Criss, Mrs. John Fuller, Miss Margaret Conrad, Mrs. Stewart Scott and Miss Mildred Nokovich.

On Sunday morning, the opening services in the Sunday school were dedicated to the Victory Bible class. The program was in charge of the President, Mrs. E. F. Bywaters and included: Scripture reading, Mrs. E. C. Carmichael; prayer, Mrs. Edwin B. Smith, solo, "Hiding In Thee", Mrs. C. K. Morrow (Mrs. Morrow's solo is a favorite of the teacher, Mrs. Scott and was given in her honor); class history, Mrs. S. G. Walters.

Mrs. Walters paid tribute to the class teacher with these words, "Our Master, in telling of a parable of one who was doing his task well, used these words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant", We, of the Victory Bible class feel these are fitting words for this occasion. Truly, our teacher, Mrs. John M. Scott has served as teacher of this class faithfully and well for many years, and we, here, express our appreciation for her service, and pray God's richest blessing on her continued service." Mrs. Scott, in response, assured the Sunday school, her work had been one of Love and not Service. Mrs. Walters concluded with the beautiful poem, "Faith" by Edgar A. Guest.

Mrs. Scott was presented with a tribute bouquet of red roses, with the accompanying sentiment, "We knew as we bought these roses so small,
They'd be treasured and held so dear,
If you count each one of them, you will find
A rose for eath faithful year."

WESTMINSTER CONGREGATION ELECTS OFFICERS

A covered dish dinner served by members of the King's Daughters Class preceded the annual congregational meeting of the Westminster Presbyterian Church last Wednesday evening. E. C. Carmichael, congregational chairman presided during the meeting and E. O. Myers and D. N. Cook were re-elected members of the session to serve for three years. J. M. Scott and Dr. R. E. Davidson were re-elected to the board of trustees, and two new trustees were elected, Albert Rossy and George Grimes, increasing the total number to nine.

E. C. Carmichael was elected congregational chairman; H. L. Buckwalter, congregational secretary; Dr. R. E. Davidson, church treasurer; and Mrs. A. A. Smith financial secretary. At the conclusion of the business meeting an "amateur hour" program was presented.

Last Sunday morning the nominating committee, composed of the teachers of the Sunday School, submitted a report for the approval of the Sunday School for the following officers to serve in the Sunday School. They are: Superintendent, E. C. Carmichael, assistant Supt. Wilbur Moore; Intermediate Supt. Mrs. Mae Davidson and Mrs. George Hanna; Primary Supt. Evelyn Smith and Enid Campbell; Secretary, Mrs. D. N. Cook; Treasurer, A. A. Smith; Pianist, Mrs. C. K. Morrow; assistants Mrs. Herbert Cramer and Miss Jane Williamson.

D. N. COOK FAMILY, WHO LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA ARE GUESTS OF HONOR AT FAREWELL PARTIES

The Victory Bible class and the Missionary Society of the Westminster Presbyterian church held a farewell party in the church parlors on Monday evening, November 6 for Mrs. D. N. Cook, who has been a faithful worker in the organizations of the church for many years. Mrs. Cook with her husband and son will leave this week for Hermosa, Cal., where the Cooks will make their home.

The party was held at the conclusion of a meeting of the Victory Bible class, at which the following program was presented: devotions, Mrs. W. L. McConnell with scripture reading from the 121 Psalm; prayer, Mrs. J. Herbert Cruickshank song, "Ivory Palaces; poem, "Keeps Me Busy Watching Me".

At the business meeting, roll call was answered with a verse of scripture. Mrs. Edwin Smith read a letter from Mrs. Lawrence Blackburn of Lowell, Mass., stating her mother, Mrs. C. D. Castle is still confined to her bed. Mrs. Castle is the wife of the late Dr. Charles D. Castle, a former pastor of Westminster church.

A nominating committee was named to select officers to serve for the coming year. They are: Miss Sue Mull, Mrs. E. L. Farner and Mrs. Clarence K. Morrow. Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh reported on Bazaar plans which will be held in the church parlors Thursday, December 14. The meeting adjourned with the group praying the Lord's Prayer, after which the class and the Missionary society held the party for Mrs. Cook.

At this party entertainment was in charge of Mrs. Helen Williamson and was as follows: selections by a trio composed of Misses Jane and Olive Williamson and Phyllis Evans, who sang, "Dusk On The Prairie" by Zdenko Fibich and "Strike Up The Band" by Gershwin. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Bigger. Mrs. A. A. Smith played two violin solos accompanied by Mrs. R. L. Bell. The skit, "The Travelling Cooks" was presented with Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Bell portraying Mr. and Mrs. Cook. Mrs. J. H. Cruickshank sang "Home From School," by Gertrude Martin Roher and "A Necklace of Love" by Ethelbert Nevin. A ditty, to the tune of "Have I Told You Lately That I Love You" with words written by Mrs. Bertha McCormick was sung to the departing member by Jane and Olive Williamson. Pictures were taken and Mrs. Cook was presented with a lovely gift from the two groups. Lunch was served with Miss Sue Mull and Mrs. John Robinson as co-hostesses.

The Cook's have been guests of honor at several farewell functions during the past week.

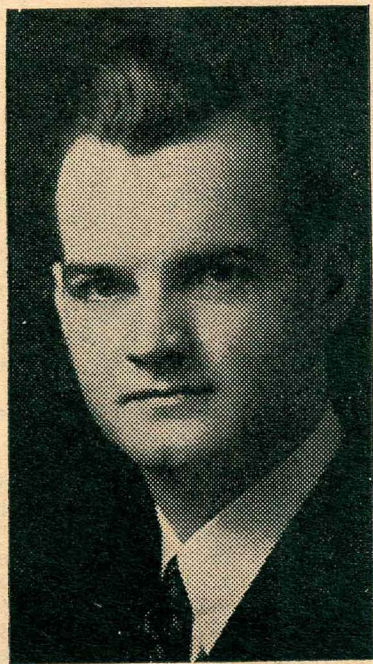
**D. N. Cook Family, Who leaves for California are Guests of Honor at Farewell
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PAUL TIDBALL IS ORDAINED

Rev. Paul Tidball, who was ordained into the ministry at services held last Wednesday evening in the Westminster Presbyterian church left yesterday for Louisville, Ky., where he will resume his studies, preparatory to graduation from the Seminary on May 14.

The ordination program included the following:

Invocation— Rev. John Teyssier, Scripture—11 Corinthians 6 chapter 3-10 verses. Rev. William Flurkey, pastor of the Westminster church; Silent prayer. Prayer, Rev. R. L.



REV. PAUL TIDBALL

Biddle, pastor of Florence Presbyterian Church; Sermon—Rev. Wishart, student pastor of W. & J. College; Ordination Statement by moderator—Rev. John Teyssier; Question to minister—Rev. John Teyssier; Prayer and with laying on hands of Presbytery; The right hand of fellowship—Minister of Presbytery; Charge to minister— Dr. McConkey; Benediction—Rev. Paul Tidball. Rev. R. E. Carman, of the First Presbyterian church and Rev. William V. Longbrake, of Washington Presbytery participated in the service.

Among the out of town friends present were, Mr. and Mrs. William Hast, Mrs. Daniel Stolze, Mr. and Mrs. James Beadling, Mrs. William Morgan, Library; Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McNeilly, Mrs. Robert McNeilly and daughter Ellen, Mrs. George Kackurik and daughters Elmina, Ruth and Dorothy, and son George, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morgan and daughters Ruth and Betty, Mt. Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hass and Miss Ruth Tidball of Andover, O.; Mrs. J. T. Tidball, Mrs. Ruth Allison, Myrtle Tidball of Rennerdale; Mr. and Mrs. Wison Tidball, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Campbell, Oakdale; George Connors, Student of Louisville Seminary, William J. Perdue, Princeton Seminary; Mrs. James Worthington and son, Samuel, Philadelphia; Mrs. James Thomas and daughter Margaret of Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh.

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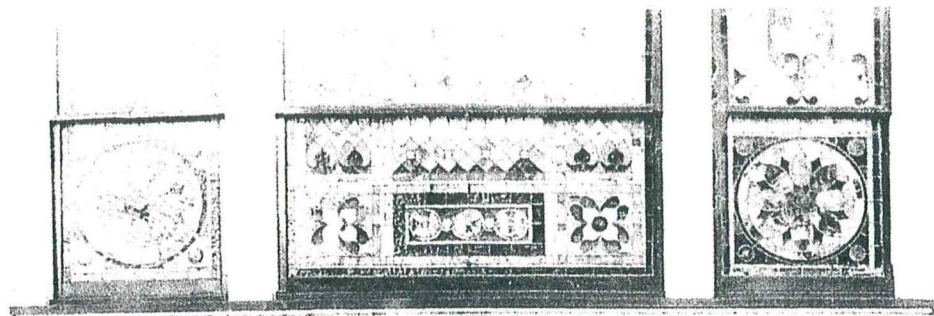
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SCOTT BIBLE CLASS MEETS

The Scott Bible class of the Westminster Presbyterian church held the regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Carl Clair of Florence avenue, Monday evening, December 1. The meeting was called to order by the president Mrs. Robert Hemphill by singing the class song, "Blest Be The Tie." Scripture was read by Mrs. Helen Jackson after which Mrs. Hugh Hamill lead in prayer. Roll was called with 30 members and 6 visitors present. The group sang several Christmas Carols. Plans were made to prepare Christmas Baskets as has been the usual custom of the class. A letter was read from Pearl Boyd, former member of the class, who has been a patient in the Mt. Alto Sanitarium for the past nine years.

This being the last meeting of the year the election of officers were as follows: President, Mrs. Clarence K. Morrow; vice president, Mrs. E. F. Bywater, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Pack, assistant, Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh; teacer, Mrs. Carl Clair, assistant, Mrs. Hugh Hamill. There was an exchange of gifts. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Carl Clair, Mrs. Edwin Smith and Mrs. John Rommes.

Victory Bible Class
Westminister Presbyterian Church-Burgettstown, PA
September 28, 1940



Rev. W.H. Lurkey-Pastor
Mrs. J.M. Scott-Teacher

Burgettstown, Pa., Thursday, October 3, 1940

THE VICTORY BIBLE CLASS



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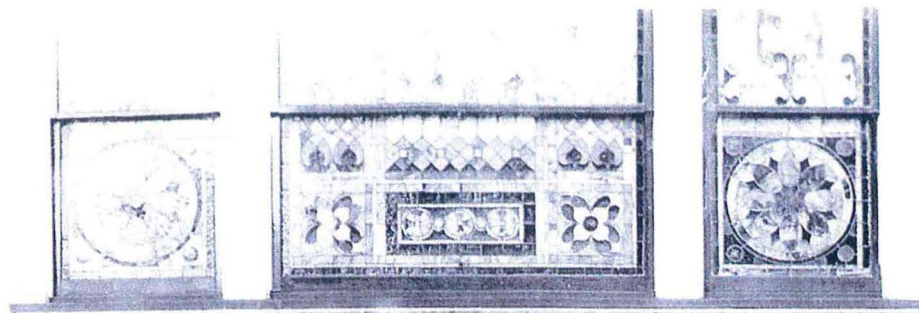


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Victory Bible Class

The Victory Bible Class of the Westminster Presbyterian Church met Monday evening, May 3, at 8 p.m. in the church parlors. Devotions were in charge of Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh who used as her theme "Peace". Sixteen members and one guest, Mrs. J. H. Cruickshank answered roll call with a verse taken from I Kings. The President, Mrs. Carl Clair presided over the business meeting. Final arrangements were made for the annual spring Rummage sale which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11 and 12 in the Barbush Building formerly the Smith hotel recently occupied by the Maglietta Jewelry Store.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses Mrs. Lester Jackson and Mrs. Georgia Rommes.



Westminster Church Bell

After the closing of the Westminster Church, the building was purchased by Petrucci's Market. In the early 1970's, the church was torn down as a part of the John L. Brunner Memorial By-Pass. To preserve a portion of the church, Petrucci's donated the bell to the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church. The bell is on display in front of the church.

COMMUNITY YOUTH TO ATTEND RALLY AT WASHINGTON, SAT.

A Youth for Christ Rally will be held Saturday, Sept. 15 in the Elks Auditorium, East Maiden street, Washington, Pa., at 8 p. m. Capt. James A. DeWeerd, Chaplain in the U. S. Army will be the speaker. Capt. De Weerd who served with the 30th and 120th Infantry Divisions, was with the first troops to land on the Normandy Beach-head. He was wounded in action and spent a year in the hospital. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Silver Star.

Special music with two pianists and a choir of fifty voices has been planned for the evening. A bus will leave from the Westminster church at 7 p. m., for all those from this community who wish to attend.

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Westminster Church-Youth Rally
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Westminster U. P. Activities Listed

The Westminster United Presbyterian church has elected its officers for the new year. Installed on the session were Elders: Asa McCoy, Andrew Ralston, Charles Alrutz, Charles Cunningham, Donald Hall, Wilbert Kemp, D. L. Hook, Clifford Wade, Louis Koraido, Edward Welch, Milton Ahlborn and Clarence Wolfe.

Deacons installed were Enid Campbell, Ted Cowden, Lola Hanna, Mabel Kemp, Jerry Stevenson, and Frances Lander. Six deacons were ordained and installed. They were Betty Eigger, Juanita Ralston, Ruth Robinson, Lorraine Proudfit, Donald Proudfit and James Tennyson.

Trustees recognized during the morning worship service were: Albert Hook, Clayton Hill, George Wagner Jr., Russell Guire, Jack Cree, Jack Cunningham, Andrew Dovec, Lee Robinson, James Kimberland, Monte Scott, George Vranjes and Claire Harper.

All of these officers will divide their members into equal classes to serve to terms of one, two and three years. All other officers of the church will be elected at the annual meeting, to be held Wednesday, January 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Norman Smith entertained Circle 5 of the Westminster United Presbyterian church at her home on Center avenue on January 3. Mrs. George Bish was in charge of the Bible study, and Mrs. Charles Alrutz led the devotions. Mrs. Ernest Robertson conducted the prayer cycle. Refreshments were served.

Circles 1 and 4 met at the home of Mrs. Russell Guire of Center avenue. Mrs. Lee Robinson was in charge of the Bible study. Mrs. M. E. Cowden was in charge of devotions and Mrs. Wilbert Kemp was in charge of missionary prayer cycle. Refreshments were served.

Circle 3 of Westminster United Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. John Jones, Highland avenue, January 3. Mrs. Edna Kosak had devotions and Enid Campbell had the Bible study. Mrs. Sylvia McConnell was in charge of prayer cycle. Refreshments were served.

On New Year's Eve, a watch night service was held at the Westminster United Presbyterian church. The service began at 11:30 p.m. and concluded at 12:15 a.m. The Rev. Ernest L. Robertson led the service with Miss Deborah Jones at the piano.

The meditative service was composed of scripture, hymns, poetry, stories and prayer. The worshippers were led to consider God's creation of everything; His new creation through the birth of Jesus; the suffering of the Son of God upon the Cross; His resurrection; his ascension; and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

As the old year ended and the new year began, the worshippers were then bowed together in meditative prayer. The service was concluded with the hymn, "Take Time To Be Holy," followed by the Benediction.

First Services Of New Church Merger To Be Held Sunday

The First United Presbyterian and the Westminster Presbyterian churches of Burgettstown will become the Westminster United Presbyterian church of Burgettstown at a Service of Organization to be held at the First Church, Sunday evening, July 15, at 7:30. Rev. Kenneth J. Wilkinson, Vice-Moderator of the Washington Presbytery, will preside at the services.

The program is as follows:
Organ Prelude, "Largo" from Xerxes, - Handel.

Processional into the Sanctuary.

Convening of Washington Presbytery, Kenneth Wilkinson.

Doxology.

Call to Worship, Chaplain Martin Bohn, Major in the Chaplain's Corps and frequent supply pastor at First Church.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer.
Solo, "Rejoice Greatly", Handel, Mrs. Rita Rumbaugh.

Scripture reading, Rev. Ernest Robertson, former pastor of Westminster, and Stated Supply of the new Westminster United Presbyterian church.

Evening prayer. Rev. Raymond Jones, Minister of Second United Presbyterian church, Washington, and representative of Strategy committee of Washington Presbytery.

Anthem "King All Glorious", Vail.

Sermon, "Chips Off the Old Block", Rev. Dr. William C. Swartz, General Presbyter of Washington Presbytery.

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation".

Order of Organization, Kenneth Wilkinson.

Opening statement and prayer.

Presentation of Church Roll, Clerk of Session Louis Koarido and Andrew Ralston.

The Covenant.

Installation of Elders.

Recognition of Trustees.

Declaration of Organization.

Hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Benediction.

Postlude "Onward Christian Soldiers" arranged by E. L. Ashford.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the reception which will be held in the room downstairs, immediately following the service.

Mrs. Josephine Lawson is Choir director, with Mrs. Gaylord Malone, organist, and Mrs. Harry McCormick as Assistant organist.

New Westminster UP Church Formed

The New Westminster United Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown was formally organized Sunday evening. The Presbytery of Washington was convened by the Vice Moderator after congregations from the two former churches had processed into the sanctuary together.

As a part of the service the official rolls of the two churches were presented by the Clerks of Sessions, Louis Koraido, and Andrew Ralston. The rolls were then joined and presented to the Associate Clerk of Washington Presbytery as the official roll of the new church.

The sanctuary was filled with members of the new church who declared together their Covenant Relationship with God and with one another as part of the Holy Catholic Church under the provisions of the Constitution of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

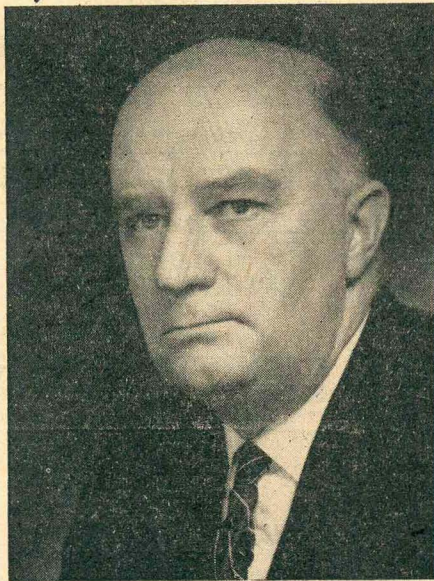
The Installation of Elders and Recognition of the Trustees completed the formal organization of the new church.

Following the Benediction, a reception was held in the church. The Women's Association of both of the former churches served at the reception.

Next Sunday the Church School and Morning Worship Service will begin meeting at the new Westminster United Presbyterian Church building.

Installation And Reception In Westminster Church For Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cruickshank

Installation services for the Rev. J. Herbert Cruickshank will be held in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Thursday evening, May 6, at 7:30 p. m. Rev. and Mrs. Cruickshank comes to the Westminster congregation from the Osceola Mills Church of Huntington Presbytery. For 15 years they served as missionaries in Cape Colony,



South Africa and Colombia, South America.

Rev. Arthur H. Cruickshank, elder son of Rev. and Mrs. Cruickshank, and pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, will deliver the sermon at his father's installation. The Cruickshanks are also the parents of two other sons, Frank of Warren, and James of North Warren, Pa., and a daughter who resides in Florence, Arizona.

The program for the installation service will include Dr. Isaac K. Teal of California, Pa., moderator of Washington Presbytery presiding; Rev. R. M. McCracken of Langeloth, Prayer and Scripture; Rev. C. S. Thomas, Hickory,

solo, "The Voice In The Wilderness" by John Prindle Scott; Duet, Mrs. Oscar Harbaugh and Mrs. Clarence K. Morrow, "The Prayer Perfect" Speaks-Dies; Rev. W. F. Harkey of Washington, charge to the pastor; Selection, Westminster choir, "Bless This House"; Charge to the congregation, Rev. Robert B. Shane, Washington; Greetings, Rev. R. C. Sutton pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church.

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend the installation service. A reception will follow in the church parlors.

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for Rev. and Mrs. Cruickshank
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**Clifford Day
Westminster Pre-School- Slovan, PA**

Westminster U.P. Church News

On Thursday, February 4, at 10:30 a.m., the Upper Fourth held their monthly meeting in the church Fellowship Hall. A representative from the Home Health and Care, Inc., spoke about how they are helping when there is sickness in a family. As usual there was a covered dish luncheon. There was also a time for devotions and crafts.

Each Thursday night there is a prayer and praise fellowship meeting held at the Westminster Church at 7:30 p.m.

Richard Anderson will be ordained and installed as an Elder. Those Elders to be installed only are Robert Cowden, Donald Hall, Gaylord Malone, James Tennyson and Sally Welsh.

On Sunday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., the Campus Life Singers will be giving a concert at the Westminster Church.

On April 4, Palm Sunday, there will be a concert by the Community Choir. Practice for this event will be Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. at the Westminster U. P. Church. The rehearsals begin on February 10 and anyone can participate in this musical event.