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When Illinois became a state in 1818, the way was cleared for more settlers to move into the remote areas of the state. So it was between 1818 and 1850 that settlers were penetrating into the area north of Chicago, even though no white man could settle in Lake County without the permission of the Indians who held possession.

The noble prairie grass which could hide a horse and rider in its height and density and made a better thatched roof than did the shingles of the day was losing its battle for survival to the plow share of the pioneer. For, once turned over, it would never again rise.

The majestic groves, each like an island rising above the prairie grass, were now sheltering homes of the pioneers, where once only wild life or a summer encampment of Indians found warmth and security nestled in their density.

The Indian trails, too, had widened out into roads bearing the heavy wagons and oxen of the pioneers. Milwaukee Avenue was known as Milwaukee Plank Road, going from Chicago through Half Day, Libertyville, (then Independence Grove), and on to Milwaukee.

By 1835 pioneers cast their ballots in a polling place six miles south of Wheeling.

In the Patent Office Report on Agriculture for 1850-1851, John C. Cox of Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, states: "The average intelligence (of the people of Illinois) is worthy of particular notice, being inferior to no section I have seen in the Union.

"Moral character is highly appreciated. Good-fellowship among neighbors, and general interest in country affairs, are marked strongly in our society. Neatness about the homestead is receiving gratifying attention, evinced by the cultivation of shade trees, shrubbery, flowers, and garden fruits, such as berries, etc. The means, however, of a great number are insufficient yet to enable them to erect such dwellings as are desirable. Economy, too, is a Sucker virtue. Labor is, in the main, fairly employed, and the laborers treated with deserving consideration; average wages, about \$8 a month, with board and washing.

"The German population are generally excellent farmers, and, with the help of their wonderful frugality and industry, almost invariably succeed rapidly."

Thus, the early settlers of Illinois were apparently equaling the tradition established by the Illini Indians,--For the literal interpretation of the Indian word "Illini" means "men," and the French added the "ois" ending making the whole meaning of the word: "Tribe of real men"--as distinguished from the Iroquois Indians whom the Illini called beasts.

The flights of the Passenger Pigeons, those huge birds that migrated through the plains in flocks so vast that they darkened the sun as they flew south in the fall, devastating any crop when they stopped for the night, had ceased. So many were their numbers and so large were their wings that the beat of the wings as they flew was

like the roar of an airplane.

The early communities and homes lived by the code of "industry" and waste not--want not, for it was only by this rigid selfdiscipline that the families could survive. One helped the other. Few people had money, at least in any quantity. For example: In 1841, one of the early settlers purchased a farm on Milwaukee Ave. near Wheeling for \$4.00 per acre. The original owner had paid the government \$1.25 per acre.

The German and Alsatian women had brought spinning wheels with them, so that they could make yarn for knitted garments. They also made a large knitted scarf that took the place of an overcoat. Very little, if any, of the wool was carded at home. Most of it was taken to Elgin for this process. They also made comforters of the carded wool which were wonderfully warm without being extremely heavy.

During the early 1850's a four-horse rake was used as a welcome successor to the back-breaking grain cradle.

The mail stage between Waukegan and Chicago by way of Libertyville, Half Day, and Wheeling was started in 1855. German was the language of the residents.

The general progress of the area was reflected by the industry of the people. They, who were creating homes out of wilderness and prairie, were not neglecting the spiritual values. They were simple people in many ways. Their wants were few beyond actual necessities. Indeed, it was cause for great rejoicing and thankfulness when crops were safely harvested, or when a winter passed without serious illness.

In 1845 the first Evangelical Association Church was being built on Plagge's Hill. This church was used three years and was not large enough to accommodate the people, so they moved it to the northwest corner of Dundee Road and Sanders Road. Later another church was built in this same location with old fashioned straight seats, a double row in the center with an aisle on each side and seats on the other side of the aisle against the wall.

Where is Plagge's Hill, you ask?--Why, that is now part of Sportsman's Golf Course where the square house stands next to Dundee Road. The top of that hill is actually the divide between the St. Lawrence and the Mississippi waterways. By natural course, all water east of this point found its way into the St. Lawrence River and all water west of this point found its way to the Mississippi River.

During these years, Chicago had grown substantially. By 1872, one hundred five miles of water pipe had been laid in the city; and in 1873 the city had constructed a tunnel beneath the lake through which to draw pure water.

But, this was Chicago! People of the area north of the city were busy leading their own lives and were only remotely affected by the city and its growth. It was during this period that some of the people of the first congregation of the German Evangelical Calvinist or Reformed United Lutheran Church (founded in 1845) joined the group in Wheeling. Among these were the Lesser, Koebelin, and Sigwalt families.

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During the early 1860's oil lamps without chimneys were coming into use and on May 4, 1861, fourteen volunteers from Wheeling went to join the Union Rifle Guards at Camp Fry.

When the North was victorious in 1865, the news was told to the vicinity by those who returned from Chicago to Wheeling. Powder was placed on an anvil and when it was struck, the resulting explosion could be heard for several miles.

Illinois was the first state to ratify the 13th Amendment abolishing slavery. Less than three months later, the mortal remains of President Abraham Lincoln lay in state in the Chicago Court House en route to Springfield for burial.

The 1860's were exciting times: The first successful Trans-oceanic cable was laid from New Foundland to Ireland. The city of Chicago had built a transportation tunnel under the Chicago River to connect the south and west sides of the city. The east and west coasts of America were linked at Ogden, Utah, when the Union Pacific and Central Pacific tracks were joined. Just imagine, only 6½ days to cross the continent from California to New York; when, less than 30 years before, the founders of our community had spent 35 to 40 days at the mercy of the winds on the ocean, then a 3 week overland trip from New York!

The inhabitants of the Wheeling area saw the need for a church somewhat closer than those which were several miles away. So it was in October of 1864, the members of the German Evangelical United Reformed and Lutheran Church under the leadership of the Reverend F. C. Schwartz applied to the Presbytery of Chicago to become united with and be one of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America. This organization became complete on November 2, 1864, and the members of the new congregation called their group the German Presbyterian Zion Church. The first meetings were held in the school house which stood in the grove of trees where the shopping center is now located in the approximate position of the Jewel Food Store. The membership grew rapidly and in 1865, the church was completed on the Dundee Road site, directly across from the school grounds.

At a stated meeting of the North Presbyterian Church, Chicago, on April 11, 1865, the name of Zion Church (German) with 45 members, 4 Elders, and 4 Deacons was entered upon the rolls, and an Elder from the church, Jacob Glos, appeared and took his seat in Presbytery.

Shortly thereafter, the Reverend C. F. Waldecker became the second pastor of our church. In 1866, he recorded the passing of Salome Murbach, age 33 years, 1 month, and 5 days as the first death within the Church family. One year later, he also recorded the first church wedding: that of John Murbach and Sarah Retterer. It was with a heavy heart that he recorded the passing of Frank Edward Waldecker, his infant son. His tenure was filled with busy days. They must have been productive days, too, for the church debt was wiped out during his pastorate.

Historically, an event took place that was to change the area for generations. Early morning on Saturday, October 8, 1871, a fire had started in a stable in Chicago. The fall of the year had been ver

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dry and the fire spread. On Monday morning, October 10, George Rock-
enbach, who lived near Wheeling, took a load of oats, potatoes, butter
and eggs to Chicago. He heard of the city burning when he reached
Niles, but proceeded because he figures that food was necessary. He
brought back a load of furniture, his brother Fred, and Mrs. Martin
Stanger to the home of Daniel Stanger in Wheeling. The fire illum-
inated the area so brilliantly that a newspaper could be read in Wheel-
ing and Deerfield at Midnight. Two hundred fifty persons were killed;
17,450 buildings were destroyed with \$196 million dollars worth of
damage.

Just 3 days after Christmas in 1871, the congregation rejoiced
to learn of the birth of twins, Anna and Minna Schwingel. The infants
were baptized on February 22, 1872. During this same year, the birth
and baptism of Karl (Charles) Murbach, the son of the young couple
married in 1867, was recorded. To our knowledge, Mr. Charles Murbach
is the oldest living person baptized in our church as an infant.

But, to make a church a living home, every facet of human living
must enter and leave its portals and find strength and humility at
its altar. In February of 1873, one family laid to rest 7 children
in the interim of one short month, probably victims of the cholera
epidemic which swept the country at that time. Only God must know
the dignity of such human tragedy.

By 1875, under the pastorate of the Reverend Charles Selden, our
church made a missionary offering of \$6.75 to the Board of Home Miss-
ions. That year the salary of the minister was \$430. The Session of
our church submitted its records from 1864 to 1875 to Presbytery for
inspection. The approval of the records was given with the recommenda-
tion that the records be kept in the English language.

By 1876, the storm of discontent was brewing, and at the Congre-
gational meeting held on January 2nd, the office of trustees was trans-
ferred upon the Elders and Deacons. In addition, all papers which
were the property of this church were ordered transferred from the
holder to another member. Affairs were not straightened out for some
little time!

These next few years stand out as crucial in the annals of our
church history. Apparently each dry twig added fuel to the fire until
the smoldering erupted in 1878, on St. Patrick's Day, of all days!
Thus it was on March 17th that the following item appeared on the
record:

"Whereas it appears that many families reside at Wheeling and
Vicinity, who never attend Church, neither are they willing to support
the congregation with their earthly means--the Money; but if they have
a child to be Baptised or Lords Supper to be taken, or if they have
funeral, they want the Church to be opened and the pastor to admin-
ister to them. Therefore: Resolved: That in the future, the church
be closed for the above named people and facts; and the Pastor of our
church shall not administer to them in the church or the use of God."

The practicality of the above items is given to the wisdom of
the pastor.

The final sentence giving the pastor discretion of carrying out
this resolution at least tempers the situation a trifle. However,

on September 1st, the Elders tendered their resignation and requested that the Pastor read the formal notice from the Pulpit. On September 15th no Quorum was present to constitute a lawful Session to take action in the above matter, so seven men were appointed by the Pastor to act as a Committee and if necessary, nominate candidates for Elders "and take such steps as they deem proper for the sake of Christ's Kingdom of this Place."

This situation was very serious. The committee of seven men had a hard job before them, for on their shoulders rested the burden of reweaving the torn mantle covering those who were part of Christ's kingdom. The rules were made, and the rule which was causing the controversy seemed to be the portion covering the infant baptisms. It was like condemning a babe who was here in our midst to becoming a heathen.

On September 26th the committee apparently analyzed the situation completely, for they wrote the following resolutions:

- I - Resolved to keep up the Organization
- II - Pastor ordered to carry out the rules passed on March 17, 1878
- III - Committee did not accept the resignation of the Elders
- IV - The Session is to collect twice a year for the money for the Pastor's salary that didn't come in regularly and that he be paid his day wages from the treasury of the congregation.

Thus, the groundwork was laid for the congregation to continue. However, these were some hard rules to live with, and obviously, some of the members had a hard time living with themselves. So many times a tense situation emerges in such a manner: We all know what should be done, but can it be done and still have anything left?

So it was, by May of 1879 when the records show the dismal failure of the earlier resolution. The record of May 27th is so beautifully worded that we quote:

"The Resolution of March 17, 1878, cannot be carried without doing injury to the church and congregation. Resolved that the Resolution be withdrawn and the treatment of such cases be committed to the discretion of and wisdom of the Pastor."

The storm had subsided, and as the invigorating new atmosphere filled the area, a unanimous call was extended to Mr. William R. Mundhenke to assume the pastoral labor of the church. Mr. Mundhenke must have had scholarly attributes, for the record shows that the Session gave him permission to comply with a request by the Presbyterian Missionary to write an article on the condition of and general work in this field, which article to be published in the Missionary column of "The Interior."

New interest was stimulated in our organization. In 1880 it was decreed that Lord's Supper should be celebrated 3 times in the year. 1st Sabbath in October--2nd Sabbath in January--and Good Friday. Also parents requesting infant baptism should notify the pastor in time for him to question and/or instruct them privately regarding the nature and design of Christian Baptism.

This was an active year! It was necessary to build a new foundation wall under the church building. "The wall should be 8 inches thick with abutments 12 inches square and as many as deemed necessary. The entire basement should be 3 feet above ground. Also, a platform 6 feet long and as wide as the building, 26 feet, be erected in front of the church to which the stairs, 14 feet wide be attached. The church and manse are to be repainted slate colored. Blinds to be fixed to all windows of the manse, and the ceiling of the church to be white washed. Fences are to be made around the church yard and painted slate colored so as to make it agree with the color of the buildings." To complete the "new look" given the church structure by these improvements, the Ladies' Pastor's Society had the bell cast and when it was finished, it was presented to the church.

These events seem so every day,--but to bring the picture into focus, we must realize that during the 1830's, walking was the favorite mode of transportation. Horseback riders were rare in the countryside, but most families had oxen. Appleton's Fifth Reader was used in the schools and the students of literature were reading works by Walt Whitman, Eugene Field, Mark Twain, and O. Henry.

The next year, 1881, started us off on a new activity,--that of a "Week of Prayer," which was to be observed the first week of the New Year, and if Providence indicate or demand a continuation of the meetings, they shall be continued some time longer. Weekly prayer meetings were to be held regularly each Wednesday night. The Pastor was to present the benefits and necessity of such meetings. In August \$34.00 was collected at a "Missionfeast."

1882 started off with an attempt to clear up the church debt. Each member shall contribute according to his own ability. Tolerance and understanding seemed to have taken over as the code of the day, for one boy didn't pass his catechism test but was received into Church membership at a special Session meeting on his profession of faith in Christ.

1887 was a year of extensive review. In January, the Church treasurer was unable to present a full report of the finances of the church and was requested to lay his books before the officers of the church for their inspection. In March, the Session was to review the Church Register, officially notifying those absent members whose exact address is known that they ask for a letter of dismission to another church and to drop from the roll the names of those whose address is unknown. Within the next year, the record indicates that the Elders were to officially visit the families of the church and congregation, especially those that needed encouragement or admonition to a strict attendance to their several duties as Church members.

It is also worthy of note that although traveling was hard, and consumed many hours of time, the German Presbyterian Church of Woodstock, Illinois, a distance of over 30 miles, requested our pastor's services one Sabbath in each month as a temporary provision. The Session asked the minister to propose to the German Presbyterian Church of Woodstock the plan to preach to the congregation 2 Sabbath evenings in each month until a pastor should be secured.

The following year, 1888, the General Assembly requested that the pastor publicly present their propositions to raise in commemoration of the Centennial year, One Million Dollars as an Endowment

Fund for the relief of the aged and disabled ministers, and urge upon the people, especially the well-to-do among us, to contribute to this cause. Our contributions could not have been too much for it was about this same time that it was resolved within our church and presented to the people that each gift in the weekly collection for defraying of the running expenses of the church should be increased to 5 cents.

November 3, 1899, the Silver Anniversary of our Church! What joy and happiness abounded in and around our church! The problems were put aside for the time being. Services, both morning and evening, were crowded. The messages given were a blessing to all, and good wishes were extended to the effect that "May the Church enter upon the second quarter of a century of its life with new purpose and zeal."

Yes, the era that has gone down in history as "The Gay Nineties" was here. True, events were taking place that have had a lasting effect on the nation, and on the world. New inventions: Eastman perfected film in 1889 and Edison promptly put it to use in an instrument known as a kinoscope which was the fore-runner of motion pictures. Automobiles were perfected and in use. It was an age of inspiration to those who were in contact with the events of the day. The world of music was enriched by the works of Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, Rimsky-Korsakov, Sibelius, and Richard Wagner. Chicago was the host to the Columbian Exposition, a World's Fair honoring the 400th Anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World. This spectacle has long been the talk of our ancestors. It was a white city,--every building being white, and the architecture made the buildings all compatible in design. The Museum of Science and Industry is a living memorial to the people of this day of that World's Fair. The Nobel prizes awarded for the outstanding contributions to Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Letters, and Inter-national Peace were established by the will of Swedish Scientist, Alfred Nobel. Indeed, an exciting world if you were in tune with the happenings. Most of these things were for those who lived in urban areas. Our colony of people, just 25 miles north of Chicago did not know of the Gay Nineties. They were much too busy with everyday living, such as keeping the farm well tilled and laying up sufficient food to keep the family through the long winter. The pioneer hardships of farm life had not eased to the point of where people could think of luxuries, and perhaps some of the folks of the community were not even aware of the growing use of some of the so-called "luxuries" of the day.

Several events of our church which are worthy of note during "The Nineties" cover the redesigning of the pulpit area by making the raised platform deeper and wider so that the organ could be placed on the platform. Money must have been scarce, for in 1895, the membership was canvassed by the officers who solicited subscriptions for the Pastor's salary. One of the trustees was appointed to collect the amount due with fair wages being allowed him for those services.

Again the language problem comes under scrutiny. It is recommended that the Sabbath School be conducted in the English language and that the new methods of teaching the Bible be adopted. However, the Session feared such radical change would meet with disfavor, so it was decided to maintain the German Language with both teachers and pastor requested to devote more time to help the students acquire the German language. Apparently Minnie Welflin Belling knew her

Bible well in German, for this was the year she was accepted into membership.

This same year, 1897, the purchase of 2 additional small pieces of property adjoining the church was considered, and if the cost was not more than \$150 with the present owner agreeing to wait for payment for 6 months after the date of purchase without interest, the deal would be made. The owner agreed to these terms and the purchase was consummated. However, when these 2 newly acquired pieces of property were being co-ordinated with the piece of property that the church already owned, it was discovered that the location of the church's real estate was incorrectly described. The Trustees were given special orders charging them with the responsibility of getting this situation straightened out and to personally see to it that the Warranty Deed was recorded in the Cook County Recorder's office.

In due time the real estate was properly recorded and the old barn on the property was to be torn down and the lumber to be used for the building of sheds, for this was the era when families traveled to church and elsewhere via horse and buggy. Ten sheds were built on the newly acquired property. Stalls were 9 feet wide and there was 20 feet under roof.

As the Twentieth Century started, that which was new was gradually eroding the old. The word "janitor" appears in the record where the word "Sexton" had formerly been used, and, under the leadership of a new pastor, Sunday evening services were started with every third meeting to be in English. New song books were purchased because the old type had gone out of print. A new organ was purchased and the old organ was sold to the highest bidder. There was also an appeal made for an organist.

Shortly, thereafter, a winsome young lady of fourteen years of age responded to the appeal. So it was that Laure Ott, now Mrs. Koebelin, became the regular organist. Inasmuch as her home was off of Huehl Road east of Wheeling, she stayed in Wheeling Sunday afternoon in order to be there for the evening song service. So much did she enjoy playing the organ, that she was willing to walk all of that distance for mid-week choir rehearsal. So great was her ability that she was the regular organist for over thirty years, and so great was her mastery of the organ that she played a five manual organ for Lyon and Healy. These factors laid the foundation for good music in our church.

It is recorded that Miss Adeline Schneider became a member of the church during this time.

In 1902, the decision was made to take collections every first sabbath of the month instead of only four collections for the entire year.

By 1902, horseback riding had declined and many homes had a bicycle as well as a carriage. Automobiles were being used in the city and on rare occasion one was even seen out in the country. In 1903 in far-off North Carolina, the Wright Brothers had made the first successful flight of an heavier-than-air machine.

It was in 1903 that it was resolved to get subscriptions for the purpose of collecting money to put in a new furnace under the church

building. The Session also received a letter from the Reverend William Boetcher, pastor of the German Presbyterian Church of Shelbyville, Indiana, requesting help towards building a new house of worship. It was decided to give them financial assistance after being more fully informed of the plan of said church.

On June 27, 1905, Henry Wiegand was ordained in our church, and became its pastor. Regular contributions to the mission work of the church was established and in November 1906, out of a mission fund of \$26.33, \$4.36 went to the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, and \$9.97 to "Selbsterhaltungs Sache," which seems to be a self-help fund of the Presbytery.

In 1908, our church became a member of the Galena Presbytery, probably because they were basically the German group. Here at our church the new hot air furnace was installed. A new organ was also installed. Ah, such sweet sounds when it was properly played! Oh, yes, it was during this time that a new choir alcove was built and opera-type chairs replaced the uncomfortable pews. The melodic tones of the Reverend Wiegand's voice were an inspiration to the choir and to all who heard him. It was during his pastorate that the choir of Zion Presbyterian Church greatly enriched the services of the church.

During the period of 1910 to 1912, the first locally owned automobiles appeared in the village. The Sigwalts purchased a Stanley Steamer and gave their neighbors and friends rides,--the trip being from Wheeling to Half Day and return. Soon afterwards, John Schminke purchased a Ford. He, too, gave round-trip rides from Wheeling to Half Day, pausing briefly in Half Day to "let the motor cool off."

The Fiftieth Anniversary was celebrated in 1914, with the details handled by the Ladies Aid. It is a note of interest to see by their records that the Reverend William R. Mundhenke, the Reverend Oltman B. Oltmans, former pastors, and Mrs. Ernest Shuette, the wife of a former pastor, were invited to attend the special services in April with all expenses paid. The Ladies Aid also helped procure photos of charter members and former pastors.

By 1915, electricity was available to the church, and the Ladies Aid Society were thanked by the congregation for meeting the expenses of wiring the church and installing electrical fixtures.

Yes, it was ever thus, things near to one always have a deeper effect than do the events that go into history books. Why, in 1914, the Panama Canal was opened for world traffic. Everyone is willing to acknowledge that this was a great engineering feat, but our interest quickens even faster when Milwaukee Ave. was paved from Niles to Dundee Road. It was about this time when telephone service was extended out of Wheeling. There were 8 parties on a line. This was some advancement, for when the Deerfield area first had telephones, it took 10 subscribers for a line. It was during the winter of 1917 that the snow was so very deep! Our parents tell us that not a wheel turned on the road for 3 days, and to avoid being caught in the barn with all paths leading to the house closed by drifts, shovels were kept in the house and in the barn so that paths could be shoveled from either end.

Our parents, or perhaps our grandparents always tend to pause

and reflect on this age from the late 1890's to 1917. As senior citizens, they reflect back and say that to them it glistens as a Golden Age. They have very valid reasons for their reflections and for the images that they see, and it is not yearning for one's lost youth!

During the 20 years just past, the people lived by a high moral code of conduct. Life did not move at such a fast pace as it did in the years following. There was time for religion, time to work, and time to play. Social events were less frequent than in later years and everyone attended them. Families attended from the youngest to the eldest. The word "baby-sitter" was unknown. The rural communities enjoyed a wholesomeness that is indeed something to envy, for intermingled with wholesomeness was the deep humility of respect for one's self and for your neighbor. Those who had received personal gain due to a steady job, and at the time, those who worked steadily and conscientiously could end up as executives, and those who benefitted because of the advantage of more education did not tend to show snobbishness because, perhaps, they were still too close to the unsophisticated job of making a living from the land.

A very difficult and unusual situation occurred in 1916 when a petition in behalf of the wife of a Civil War veteran was presented. The pastor recorded 1872 on the church record as the date of the marriage of these two people. However, the certificate given to the bride and groom showed the date the marriage was solemnized as 1869. This lady needed the date verified in applying for the pension due her as the widow of the late Civil War veteran. Session considered the matter carefully and found that they were powerless to help her, or to straighten out the record. They decided that the 1872 date was in error, but also concluded that our records would not meet the demands of the government were they to be altered, also, they decided that it would be improper for the pastor to swear to a record after the same had been altered.

Then came World War I! Many men of the area went to war. Some didn't come back, others came back very changed and very restless. Women, too, had taken on an entirely new role,--that of gainful employment outside the home. Home was changed, too. The influenza epidemic of 1918 had taken many lives.

Yes, even the church services and the annual meeting were omitted from January 1, through January 27th. Earlier in that same year, a congregational committee consisting of Elder Lesser, Mrs. E. Porte, and Deacon John A. Schminke were appointed to attend Presbytery to inform it that the church did not concur in Dr. Wiegand's request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship. Mr. Wiegand remained with out church.

This was the same year that our church took action to sever connections with Galena Presbytery and return to Chicago Presbytery. During the year, the use of the German language was dropped from the services.

The use of individual Communion cups and the envelope system for contributions were adopted in 1917. By 1919 efforts were made to start the Youth Budget system. This system met with only a limited success.

The name of Mrs. Conrad Reeb was entered on the roll of Church members, and now she has achieved the distinction of being the oldest living church member.

The post-war economy ran high. Chicago was growing outward. Motor cars were common now, even though, in the country, horses and buggies were still in use. The local business district still had hitching posts and it was not at all uncommon to see a stair-step platform used to assist the ladies into the carriages.

Milwaukee Avenue was being paved north of Dundee Road. Oh, what a fascinating thing to watch! The road bed was dug out and smoothed by slip scrapers pulled by mules. Forms were laid to mark the road edge and then, right next to the side of the road were the rails of a miniature train. At regular intervals, a little steam engine known as a "dinky" came down the tracks. It pulled a whole string of little cars, each carrying its appointed quantity of material for a batch of concrete. These ingredients were dumped into the cavity of a huge mixer where they churned for what seemed like an endless time, when all at once, an eruption took place and all of the grey soupy mixture flowed into the area delineated by the steel forms. It was tamped and smoothed and finally covered by canvass, watered down and left to season. The crew were respectable men and the night watchman loved children. More than once he shared a special candy treat from his lunch box with some child. It was on this crew that one of the boys of our church "nitched" about his age so that he could be the water boy.

1924 was a memorable year. A new gasoline driven fire engine was purchased to replace the hand pumper which had been in use since 1876. What a change! The old pumper was designed to be drawn by horses and to be manned by twelve men, six per side working in a teeter-totter manner like the railroad hand cars. With the retirement of the old pumper, hose cart, and ladder truck, came the legendary tales of the volunteer firemen. When the bell atop the old village hall rang to sound the alarm of "fire," men swarmed to the station, grabbed the poles of the equipment and ran down the street to the scene of the fire. Frequently, the pumper was attached to the only fire plug in Wheeling, located at the corner of Milwaukee Avenue and Dundee Road where it was tapped into the pipe line that extended from the Soo Line pumping station next to the river to the water tower at Wheeling Station, then known as Camp Twenty. Of course, if the fire was interesting, the men operating the pumper might leave their post and go to see how the fire was progressing until the hose handlers would yell "water," and send the pump operators scurrying back to their posts.

The old elementary school, where the congregation held its first meetings had its last graduating class in 1925. In September, all classes were over at the present Walt Whitman school.

On March 12, 1926, the Ladies Aid Society of Wheeling brought three lovely bouquets to Mrs. Barbara Lesser in honor of her 90th birthday. Her husband, Philip Lesser, had been an elder of our church for over 30 years. In July, the church was struck by lightning, and the splendid spire was ruined. The cost of replacing it was prohibitive in relation to the means of the Treasury, so the bell tower was roofed over without a steeple. Although everyone regretted the loss of the steeple, many people were relieved that its height did

not add to the problems of aviation, for our community now had one established airport and another was talked of.

In June of 1927, the resignation of Mr. Wiegand was accepted and he was succeeded by the Reverend E. Leslie Shaw.

Nineteen twenty-seven was an eventful year! In May, Charles Augustus Lindbergh flew non-stop from New York to Paris in a plane about the size of a Piper Cub. Wheeling lost its small-town charm when the trees were removed to permit Milwaukee Ave. to be widened to four lanes. Oh, how that traffic had increased! During the summer season we had seen traffic jams that extended more than 10 miles. Motorists drove on the shoulder of the road. Cars seemed to be everywhere. The dust on the shoulders lay so deep during the summer that when an automobile stirred it up, no one could walk or sit in the front yard of the homes that lined the highway. This was the year that we first heard of a machine called a "combine." It cut and threshed oats in one operation. This new contraption harvested 40 acres of grain in one day using only 3 men!

Yes, the days of the large threshing crews were numbered. What a time that was on the farm. There was always the anxiety of the exact day that the housewife must be ready, for the weather was just apt to be contrary and if it was too damp or too wet, nothing moved! Then the crew arrived. First a wagon or two, then the off-beat "plump" of the terrifying tractor, followed by the thresher creaking on its axles. In due time, thresher and tractor were properly aligned, orders were given to all children to stay away from the belt, and finally everything was in motion. The machine shook, the engine quivered and emitted puffs of smoke, and the chaff flew, but, oh, the fun of riding on the filled grain wagon! Of course, just a few years ago, the grain was bagged and had to be carried, sack by sack, into the granary; but now it was run loose into a tight-boxed wagon and carried to the elevator where it was mechanically raised into the bins in the granary.

The kitchen buzzed! Bread and pies were made. Meat was cooking. Endless cobs of corn were husked, or huge bowls of cabbage were shaved for slaw. The table was spread to full length and covered by a dark cloth so the men wouldn't be embarrassed if they got soil from their shirtsleeves on it. Then they descended, --like hungry wolves. Food was devoured in record time without any ceremony, and only a small amount of conversation. What mother wouldn't have done for some of the kitchen conveniences of today!

The decade of the 1920's was a period of contrasts. Wheeling still had its blacksmith shops for horse-shoeing and iron work. The children of the village passed many idle hours watching the blacksmith at his work, painstakingly shaping iron to replace a broken brace. He knew just when to force air into his fire by pumping the huge bellows that hung nearby, and he knew, too, when the crude iron rod was ready to be shaped. How fascinating to watch that rod take on the scarlet glow of deep heat, followed by the sizzling boil of water as it was "dunked" into the cooling vat after it had been shaped. It was interesting, too, to see a horse getting a pair of shoes. Giant chisels trimmed the hoof; the "frog" of the foot was cleaned out; the shoe carefully fitted and finally nailed into place with large nails. This sounds somewhat like a weird ritual, yet it was painstakingly

done, and at times it was very gratifying to see a horse relieved of pain from a tender foot.

The funeral customs, too, changed sharply. Many people remember the horse-drawn hearse draped in black carrying the casket of the deceased; and if the deceased happened to be a church member, the bell was tolled in strict cadence the exact years of the deceased's life.

Thus, we have this period when horse-drawn vehicles were still common on the streets, and Mr. Welflin would take time to fill a little bag of candy for the youngsters from his Lazy-susan candy counter near the back of his General Store. Yet, many of us can recall taking our first airplane ride with Charles "Chuck" Balling handling the controls in his open cockpit Waco biplane. The Stutz Bearcat was the most! Wages were high, as was the economy, when all at once the bubble burst, and as we entered the 1930's the economy had hit an unheard of low. It wasn't how much you earned, it was just to have a job!

The area in the Middle West in and around Chicago was hurt extensively by the depression.

This was the period that the Reverent E. Leslie Shaw served as our pastor. Inasmuch as he was not married, the manse was rented out. The sheds which had been constructed to shelter the horses and later sheltered the canvass tops of the automobiles, were removed and replaced by a garage.

Jig saw puzzles were the favorite form of home entertainment, and on special occasions, we might be permitted to go to the movies to see Shirley Temple.

Money was spent sparingly, but the church kitchen was remodeled and both the church and the manse were repainted in 1933.

It was during 1932 that a second World's Fair opened on the lake-front in Chicago. The exposition was named "A Century of Progress," in honor of the 100th anniversary of the pioneers in this area. The architecture was done in the modern theme and quite a let-down for those who remembered the 1893 World's Fair. The exhibits were wonderful, and during the second year of the Fair, the breath-takingly beautiful "Chalice of The Holy Grail" was on display in the Hall of Religion. It was in 1934 that the Chicago Zoological Garden, locally known as Brookfield Zoo opened its doors.

We thrilled to the National Air Races held at Glenview at the new Curtiss Field. Who can forget the sight of the mass parachute jumps, or the special races for large planes. At the end of each race, the winning pilot might put on an acrobatic display. It was thrilling to watch the regulation racers dart around the pylons, but few of us will ever forget the sight of the tri-motor Ford looping-the-loop!

In 1936, the great German Zeppelin, "The Hindenburg" visited Chicago, and although it did not come north of the city, we could see it, a huge silver cigar floating along, as it left the city to the southwest.

We welcomed the Reverend Donald C. Morrison in 1937. The general economy had improved, but money was still very scarce. Under his guidance, memorial windows were contributed and installed in the church.

Many times during his pastorate here, he gave his thanks that the church was clear of long-term debt.

In 1941, on New Year's Day, Mrs. Magdalene Redlinger, a member of our church, celebrated her 100th birthday. By December, our country was again involved in war. Rationing of every kind was imposed, and we bid Mr. Morrison "Godspeed" in 1942, when he left to join the Chaplain Corps of the Army. Many of the young men of our church had already put in many months of service overseas. People here at home were busy at war work in factories and saving for the future with War Bonds. The war ended for many of our men in 1945, and once again we had to adjust to peace-time living. Commodities became easier to obtain, and by 1949, the entire area was involved in a building boom.

Television had been perfected for use in the home, and many sets were installed and enjoyed in our area. This was one factor in bringing urban activities closer to us. Another factor was the building boom. Little by little, the farms that our parents or our grandparents had worked so hard to pay for were being sold and a new subdivision would start. Wheeling became the fastest growing community in Illinois. The population jumped from 750 to over 10,000 inhabitants. With the heavy influx of population, the old gave way to the new. A shopping center was constructed across from the church. The town hall and fire station were now located next to the church. Traffic passing by on Dundee Road was so noisy during the summer that, at times, the minister had to stop speaking in order for the congregation to hear his message.

The decade of the 1950s had closed the chapter on the use of steam locomotives on the railroads. Diesel locomotives became the active power units. New horizons were opened to us all when we watched the man-made Russian satellite "Sputnik" on its appointed overhead orbit. Toll roads and expressways were now constructed to handle the traffic. O'Hare Field was in use for non-stop oceanic jet flights.

All of these things are so very close to us that sometimes we overlook their importance! Another event which was even closer to us was the financing, construction, and the opening of our new church on December 23, 1962. As we entered our new sanctuary on Christmas Eve, our thoughts returned to the austere chapel on Dundee Road. We could not help but reflect back to the memory of the beautiful Christmas Eve candlelight service. It was always lovely in its simplicity, for no service could be pretentious in that structure where we were surrounded by constant reminders of the humbleness of our ancestors. Thus, it was with mixed emotions that we entered the new sanctuary for our Christmas-time devotions. Suddenly we knew that it would take the efforts of each member of our church to bring those humanly qualities of warmth, understanding, love, and humility into this new structure. Some of our members had already left their mark on the sanctuary in the design and execution of the chancel furniture, the wood carvings, the lettering, the Celtic cross, and the dove atop the Baptismal font. Others enhanced the services through their work in the choir. Gradually, each member will find his spot for that extra bit that makes a structure a "home." May we find the threads to add to the tapestry to help complete the picture.

The wonders that a century of time doth bring! From oxen to orbiting the Earth,--from gun-powder messages to Telstar satellite,--from earthen floor cabins and wood stoves to centrallyheated insulate.

houses,--we can not help but ask ourselves as time hurries on: ¹⁵ "What
will the next century bring, and just what type of age will it be?"
But wait! Time does not hurry on;--we hurry on and time is Eternal.
That which is Eternal comes of God! Shall we pray?



1864 to 1926

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Wheeling Illinois



Commercial Postcard 1930

Pictures from
50th Anniversary



THE ENTIRE SABBATH SCHOOL 1914



ZION CHURCH CHOIR 1914

E. SIGWALT, R. KIRK, M. KIRK, J. A. SCHMINKE
MASON TAYLOR, LAURA OTT, MRS. BIRK
L. SCHNEIDER, M. KOEBELIN, F. TAYLOR, C. SICKS
A. SCHNEIDER, G. GLANDT, J. SIGWALT



A SABBATH SCHOOL GROUP 1914



A SABBATH SCHOOL GROUP 1914



OFFICERS

(Read Down the

J. A. SCHMINKE
JOSEPH WEINER
CHRISTIAN KOEBELIN
LORENZ KOEBELIN
EMIL SIGWALT
WILLIAM LESSER



THE CHURCH OF
COMMERCIAL & FARMERS
WHEELING, W. VA.

Commercial Post Card about 1910



After basement addition 1916



1916



EASTER 1922



PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH & PARSONAGE
WHEELING, ILL.

Post Card

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MESSAGE



ADDRESS



Girl Reserves July 1925



Girl Reserves 1925



Steeple destroyed by cold stroke of lightning June 1926



Church Building repaired with shortened steeple.





Every member an "American Girl" subscriber is the fine record of Troop One, Wheeling, Illis

Blue Bird Troop Girl Scouts 1927 Featured in American Girl Magazine



Church family Picnic Aug. 17, 1927





Church Building rebuilt after steeple was destroyed
by lightning in June 1926



Church and Manse 1927



Edna Rose Hoffmann



Day Camp 1927



Young People Hobo Hike May 28, 1928



Camel made for Girl Scout Circus 1928



Day Camp 1928 Deek Grove
Frank Utpadel trucked us to
Park entrance and picked us
up at night



Kitchen



Hiked into Park from here



Rest Hour



1 Cor. 15:20: But Now is Christ Risen

Easter Sunday Services
Presbyterian Church
WHEELING, ILL.
E. LESLIE SHAW, B. D., PASTOR

APRIL 8, 1928

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOURS OF SERVICES

SCHOOL 9:30

is for all ages of children.

n. 6:19: Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come.

WORSHIP 10:45

EVENING SERVICE 7:30

APRIL FOOL SOCIAL: The young people of the community are cordially invited to attend this social, to be held in the basement of the church Monday evening, April 9th, at eight o'clock. Come prepared for a good time.

LADIES' AID will hold its Semi-Monthly meeting Thursday afternoon in the church. Ladies of the community are invited.

CHOIR REHEARSAL Thursday evening at seven-thirty o'clock under the direction of Miss Adeline Schneider.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION BANQUET Friday, April 13, 1928, at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago. The speaker of the occasion will be the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D., pastor of Central Park Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Reception hour, five-thirty; Dinner at six-thirty. Tickets may be secured from Mr. Chas. Utpadel or the pastor at two dollars per plate.

THIS IS YOUR CHURCH. WE HOPE YOU WILL MAKE THE MOST OF IT BY ATTENDING ITS SERVICES

ORDER OF SERVICE

MORNING

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION

RESPONSIVE READING: Selection 24

HYMN NO. 81: vs. 1, 2, 5.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: See Page 4

OFFERING

ANTHEM: "The Lord is Risen Again" by the Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

PRAYER

RESPONSE: By the Choir

HYMN NO. 80

SERMON: By the Pastor

ANTHEM: "His Thorn Crown for Me" by the Choir

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN NO. 132. vs. 1, 4, 5

BENEDICTION



ORDER OF SERVICE

EVENING

HYMN NO. 99: Congregation

ANTHEM: "Christ Is Risen" Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

SOLO: "The First Easter Morn" Mrs. H. Bingham

SONG: Junior Girls

ANNOUNCEMENTS: See Page 4

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE: Choir

PRAYER

DUET: "Calvary" Mrs. E. Koebelin, Miss Adeline Schneider

HYMN NO. 245

ANTHEM: "He Lives Forevermore" Choir

SOLO: Mr. E. L. Carpenter

ANTHEM: "Risen a Glorious King" Choir

SONG: "The Lesson of Easter Day" Girls

ANTHEM: "Make a Joyful Noise" Choir

HYMN NO. 117

BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS HOURS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30

Classes for all ages of children
1 Tim. 6:19: Laying up treasure against the time to come

MORNING WORSHIP 10:45

EVENING SERVICE 7:30

APRIL FOOL SOCIAL: We cordially invite you to attend of the church Monday evening prepared for a good time

LADIES' AID will hold its meeting in the afternoon in the church. Ladies

CHOIR REHEARSAL Thursday under the direction of Miss

PRESBYTERIAN UNION at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago be the Rev. S. Parkes Campbell Congregational Church, B thirty; Dinner at six-thirty Chas. Utpadel or the pastor

THIS IS YOUR CHURCH
THE MOST OF IT BY

Missionary
to China
we gave some
support



Rev. R. G. Coonradt and Family
TSINGTAO SHANTUNG, CHINA
1929





中華民國二十八年八月一日
中華基督教全國總會第三屆幹事會議
在寧波舉行

THIRD GENERAL WORKERS CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA
Ningpo, Nov. 4-12, 1932.



Peiping.

山東青島庫爾德教士

R. GARFIELD COONRADT
NO. 1 YSI YANG ROAD
TSINGTAO, CHINA.

June 24-1935

My dear Min Schneider:

I find your letter was not sent out when written, so I am adding our family picture, personal report etc.

I have come to Peiping to bring my two boys for special medical treatment, one of whom was critically ill. Both are recovering and we are thankful and happy.

Sincerely,
R.G. Coonradt

My girl Jane will reach the U.S. about Aug. 20th and be in Woodstock, Illinois likely about the 25th. After that she will likely go to Wooster, Ohio to college. I wish she might see you folks but connections there will likely not be easy to make. Again we send sincere thanks & greetings to all



1935



Choir Supper out-June 1929



Girl Scout over night



at Camp Dan Beard Aug 1929





Entire Sunday School 1930 Rev. E.L. Shaw, Pastor



CLASS No. 1



CLASS No. 3



CLASS No. 2



CLASS No. 4

1930



CLASS No 5



CLASS No 9



CLASS No 6



CLASS No 10



CLASS No 7



CLASS No 8



CLASS No 11



Church Bulliten Board on corner
Milwaukee and Dundee Road



Children's Day 1931



Children's Day June 1930
Friendship Boxes filled with school
Supplies and sent to children in
the Philippine Islands.



Easter 1931





Church Family Picnic 1931



Thanksgiving 1931



Heading for Deek Grove Day Camp



Aug 1931

Vacation Church School
June 29 to July 24, 1936



SENIORS



PRIMARY



Junior Service project - Stuffed Toys



JUNIORS



Four week Vacation Church School directed by Miss Helen Weber, a student of Presby. College of Christian Education, funded by the Ryerson Foundation.



Vacation Church School Contributes to Child-life Of The Community

The first Vacation Church school to be held in our community closed last Friday morning, after four busy and happy weeks for all who participated in the school. The school was sponsored by the Presbyterian church, but the program was strictly non-sectarian and open to all families of the community and children of four families from sister churches enjoyed the school along with children belonging to the local church.

The school opened Monday, June 29 and was called for two hours each week-day morning except Saturday and was divided into three age groups, Beginners, Primary and Junior, including some intermediates. 47 children were enrolled, the majority for the entire period. Enrollment by groups was as follows: Beginners 11, Primary 21, Junior 15. The average attendance was 37. In spite of a full week of record breaking hot weather, attendance and interest carried through.

Leaders for the school were Junior Dept. Rev. E. L. Shaw; Primary, Miss Helen Weber; Beginners, Mrs. L. C. Holtje. Assistants were Miss Marilyn Miller, who gave full time and Misses Hazel Utpadel, Lucille Schneider, Elaine Mohr and Eloise Kruse who gave part time. The program of the school was planned under the direction of Miss Helen Weber, of the Presby. College of Christian Education of Chicago, who also served as leader of the Primary group. Each group followed a program related to the interest of their age. The Beginner's stories were based upon the theme, "Our Happy World" and as far as possible their games, handwork, songs, etc., were a development of that thought. Those who contacted the group, could testify that the tiny tots were actually living their theme as they happily engaged in their work and play together. The Primary group became deeply interested in "Exploring God's World," which was their theme for the school. Worship and study periods were devoted to a fuller understanding of the wonders of the natural world and the relation of God to His world. A Nature Museum, notebooks, bird garden markers and leaf print plaster plaques, offered the opportunity for creative living, which was entered into most enthusiastically by the entire group. The Juniors enjoyed a trip "Into All the World," a missionary theme. About 14 countries were visited, as the group learned something of the peoples and customs of those lands, also the place Christi-

anity has had in their development. As a project the juniors prepared a pageant which they presented at the close of the school. As a special service project the juniors also made oilcloth animals which are being sent to the Samaritan House, Chicago, to be enjoyed by their nursery groups. The formal closing of the school was held Thursday evening, July 23, to which parents and friends were invited. Each group contributed to the program as follows: Beginners—Song numbers; Primary—Scripture Verses; Illustrated Hymns and dramatization "God's Care for the Chameleon;" Junior—Pageant "Into All the World." The following members of the school received recognition for perfect attendance: Dona Jean Miller, Ethel Dever, Earl Schultz, Howard and Edward Welflin, Alice Ortegel, Mariana Dugo, Lillian Bieber, Marjorie Becker and Lorrain Mollenkamp. No promise of such recognition had been made at the beginning of the school. Following the service, visitors were invited to view the exhibition of school handwork in the basement of the church which made a most interesting display.

With actual work of the school finished and as a fitting close to an altogether happy experience the last morning of the school was given over to a picnic in the Forest Preserve closing with picnic dinner together.

That the school was of real value to the community was evident in the attendance and interest of the children, which was entirely voluntary, many of whom have expressed the hope that a similar school may be held next year.

Through the gift of a friend to the community, this first vacation school was offered to our children entirely free. Actual expenses of the school were approximately \$90, which included materials and the salary of a professional worker, whose personal leadership and general guidance played a large part in the success of the school. The generosity of the local workers in giving their time free, also played an important part in making the school possible.



2nd 4week Vacation School



Beginners with Hobbie Horses



Our Town



Riding Hobby Horses



Hazel Willis and Doris Meacham looking over Our Town



Primary



Juniors with Dolls for Olivet Inst.



Director of the school.
Student of Presby. College Christian Ed.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

July 1937

Wheeling
Presbyterian
Church

" A LABORATORY SCHOOL
OF CHRISTIAN LIVING "

Vacation Church School Provides Fine Things

The second daily Vacation Church School of the Wheeling Presbyterian church, held during the month of July, closed last Friday. The school again proved to be a constructive and happy experience for the children and leaders who participated in it. As the two hour session daily, provided opportunity for a varied program which included memory work, worship, training for worship, stories, discussion, handicraft and play, the vacation school was uniquely a laboratory of Christian living, scarcely possible in the more formal educational program of the church.

The school opened Tuesday, July 6 and closed on Friday, July 30, holding sessions each morning, daily excepting Saturdays. 36 children were enrolled, being divided into three age groups as follows: Beginners 14, Primary 13, Juniors 9. The average daily attendance at the school was 28.

The absence of a pastor in the pulpit of the church caused some hesitancy in planning for the 1937 school. However, the values realized in the school last summer inspired leaders to volunteer their services, and to recommend that the school be organized. As a sufficient amount remained in the special fund presented to the church last year, to pay the salary of a professional worker, it was decided to engage Miss Dorothy Barnes, of the Presbyterian College, who had been serving the church as choir director and supervisor in the church school during the winter months, as supervisor of the vacation school. Local leaders who worked with Miss Barnes were Mrs. L. C. Holtje, Mrs. A. Erlandson and the Misses Marilyn Miller, Fanny Turner, and Lorraine Mollenkamp, who gave full time and Mrs. A. Schwab, Misses Hazel Utpadel, Betty Taylor and Eloise Kruse, who gave part time.

As the parsonage was not available to be used while in the process of repair, it was feared that the school might be restricted to two age groups. However, through the generosity of one of the leaders, Mrs. L. Holtje, who converted part of her home into a kindergarten for the month, the Beginners group had its own meeting place and proved to be the largest group of the school. The theme followed by the Beginners was "God's Helpers" and the little tots had a happy time learning about many of God's Helpers and finding ways in which they might be helpers, too.

The primary and junior groups met in the church, using sanctuary and basement alternately for the various parts of their program. The primary children followed the theme of "God's Children Living Together." The children learned stories of God's children living together in Bible times and discussed problems of their own daily living. As their handicraft project they made gifts for the church school and their parents. The juniors followed a Trail of Christian

Living," and set up signposts along the way to guide them along the highway of the "more abundant life." As their handicraft project they chose to dress dolls for the day nursery of Olivet Institute, Chicago. The one boy in the group was not left out of the project, but shared with the making of an attractive bed and chair to accompany the dolls. A miniature reproduction of the business section of the village was also constructed by the junior group.

The following program was presented to parents and friends at the close of the school:

Prelude—Junior girl.
Call to Worship—Primary group.
Sanctus—School.
Prayer—Primary group.
Response, "Into My Heart"—School.
Scripture and Creed—Primary.
Songs—Beginners.
Poem—
Song—Juniors.
Hymn—Congregation.
"The Healing of the Nobleman's Son"—Beginners.
Song—Primary.
Story—A Rainy Day.
"The Good Samaritan"—Juniors.
Offering.
"The Joseph Story"—Primary.
Benediction.
Postlude—Junior girl.

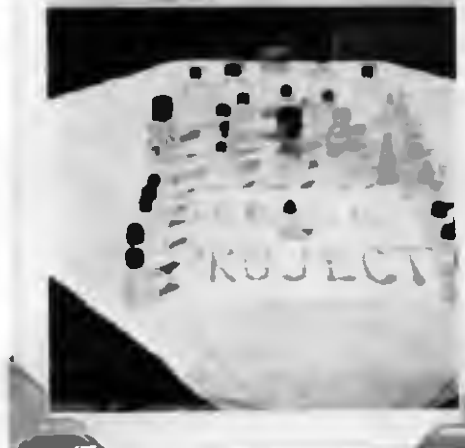
After the program, the visitors were invited to view an exhibit of the handwork of all groups which was on display in the basement.

A happy conclusion of the school took place on Friday morning with a picnic session in the Forest Preserve.

The church is pleased to have made this vital contribution to the children of the community and is especially grateful to the leaders who volunteered so much of their time and services, making the school possible, and to Miss Barnes whose supervision of the school and work as leader of the primary group contributed largely to the successful outcome of the second Vacation Church School.



Josiah, the Boy King Finds the Law



Bottles collected for Ganada Indian Mission

Three week Vacation Church School



Sessions End For Vacation Church School

The third Vacation Church School held at the Presbyterian church, closed its regular sessions last Friday morning after three busy and happy weeks.

Forty-one children were enrolled in the school grouped as follows: Beginners 12, Primary 9, Junior-Intermediate 20. An average of 33 children were present each day. The following members had a perfect attendance record: Janet Utpadel, Joyce and Dolores Scanlon, Edna Morrison, Frances Zollner, Michael Weigand, Howard and Edward Welflin, Doris and Shirley Wieder, Esther Hugo, Ellen Kruse and Margaret Schmidt.

The program of the school included worship, Bible study, handicraft and recreation. The theme of the school was centered about the Bible. The service project of the school centered in National Missions and part of the articles made in the handicraft periods will be sent to the Indian Mission at Ganado, Arizona. Other things were made as gifts for the home.

Although the school was only in session 14 days, a nice assortment of useful gifts was on display at the exhibit following the Children's Day service on Sunday evening. These included sewed and mounted mottoes, pot holders, pot holder racks, bird garden markers, and home ornaments and memo pad gifts made by leaders for the Junior-Int. Rev. Mary, Miss Luginners, Miss they were as Erlandson, Mrs. Annie Belle Turf and Lorraine

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Names on back above

ing the Vaca- tion School group assembled for the last time and proceeded to the Forest Preserve for a picnic. The little children enjoyed games with their leaders. The older children chose sides for a seven inning ball game which was considered a "world series game" being the last game of the school season. The "National League" team won in a close game of 12-10.

A committee of the older group had charge of the lunch which was spread at 12 o'clock and was relished by all after the morning of play. After lunch the picnic was dismissed in time for all to reach before the shower.

Page four

Total enrollment	41
Beginners (Pre-school)	12
Primary	9
Junior-Intermediate	20
Average attendance	33
Perfect attendance:	
Janet Utpadel, Joyce Scanlon,	
Dolores Scanlon, Edna Morrison,	
Frances Zollner	
Michael Weigand, Howard Welflin,	
Edward Welflin, Doris Wieder,	
Shirley Wieder, Esther Hugo,	
Ellen Kruse, Margaret Schmidt.	

Workers:	
Superintendent: Lucile Schneider	
Beginners: Marilyn Miller	
Betsy Dickhoff	
Lorraine Schmidt	
Primary: Lucile Schneider	
Mrs. D.C. Morrison	
Fannabelle Turner	
Junior-Inter.: Rev. F. Morrison	
Mrs. D. Morrison	
Pianist: Doris Wieder	



New Pews 1938



Memorial Windows
1939



Church School Classes 1938





Front, kneeling—Earl Schultz, Earl Dueball, Howard Weisen, Odell Celarier, Robert Reitz, Harold Reitz, Roger Lietzau.
 Front, seated—Margaret Schmidt, Mrs. M. Redlinger, Edna Morrison, William Lesser, John Allison, George Allison, Ellen Kruse, Polly Person, Shirley Wieder, Doris Wieder, Betty Sonsel, Lillian Wahlquist, Jackie Mayer, Mrs. Henry Mayer.

Center, seated—John Meyer, Mrs. John Barrett, Mrs. John Meyer, Mrs. C. V. Field, Mrs. F. Sicks, Mrs. H. Barrett, Mrs. John Schminke, Mrs. Laura Koebelin, George Periolat, Mrs. G. Allison, Mrs. G. Periolat, Mrs. August Pieper, Mrs. Peter Schmidt, Mrs. W. Gottschalk, Mrs. H. Gusman, Shirley Ward.

Center, standing—Etta Mae Sonsel, Rev. D. C. Morrison, Mrs. A. Voltz, Mrs. A. Erlandson, Mrs. D. C. Morrison, Mrs. E. Celarier, Amelia Redlinger, Helen Wysatt, Mrs. L. F. Denoyer, Mr. L. P. Denoyer, Jane Rider, Mrs. F. W. Wolf, Raymond Struble, Mrs. F. Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Mrs. Paul Dueball, Mrs. Robert Allison, Peter Schmidt, Elaine Wahlquist, Barbara Hughes, Mrs. Ruth Wiles, Eloise Kruse, Mrs. A. Graff, Elaine Mohr, Virginia Gieske, Aileen Thomsen, Marilyn Miller, Annabelle Reitz, Jeanette Lietzau, Eleanor Lietzau, Marjorie Becker, Mr. C. V. Field, Marcella Johnson.

Rear—Adeline Schneider, James Neagles Jr., Fanny Bell Turner, Albin Erlandson, Donald Welfin, Mrs. Chas. Balling Sr., Melvin Becker, Mrs. W. Lietzau, Lenard Gieske, Arthur Fassbender, Mrs. E. E. Gieske, W. Lietzau, Herbert Barrett, Merlyn Bilhorn, Mrs. A. Schwab, Mrs. A. A. Fassbender, Constance Koebelin, Hazel Utpadel, Marshall Balling, Robert Allison, Ruth Rockenbach, Frank Utpadel, A. A. Fassbender, Alfred Schwab, Lucile Schneider.

1939
 75th Anniversary



1939

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP

Front row, seated: Edna Morrison, Francis Zollner, Joyce Scanlon, Barbara Schwab, Margery Kinderwater, McKinley Nielsen, Hans Schmidt, Jr., Robert Nielsen, Eric Wenzlaff, James Celarier.
 Second row: Billy Wiest, Janet Utpadel, Donna Jean Miller Duane Celarier, Dolores Scanlon, Polly Person, Joanne Hoffmann, Harold Hodge, Helen Laye, John Hoffmann, Jr., Mary Jo Stewart, Ceolo Ellwood, Norman Craig, Ethel Oman, Donald Celarier, Bobby Wiest, Roger Lietzau, Robert Reitz, Harold Reitz.
 Center: Betty Sonsel, Selma Kraus, Shirley Wieder, Marcella Johnson, Alice Ortegel, Fannie Bell Turner, Etta Mae Sonsel, Esther Hugo, Jeanette Lietzau, Adeline Schneider, Mildred Johnson, Edward Welfin, Hazel, Utpadel, Earl Dueball, Margaret Deutschmann, Earl Schultz.
 Rear: Jackie and Mrs. H. Mayer, Virginia Gieseke, Marilyn Miller, Rev. D. C. Morrison, Eleanor Lietzau, Mrs. A. Schwab, Lucile Schneider, Marjorie Becker, Ruth Rockenbach, Margaret Schmidt, Harry Wieder, Shirley Deuthschmann, Doris Wieder, Annabelle Rietz, Odell Celarier.



PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP

Rear: Marilyn Miller, Eleanor Lietzau, Fannie Bell Turner, Esther Hugo, Adeline Schneider, Jackie and Mrs. H. Mayer.
 Center: Billy Wiest, Janet Utpadel, Donna Jean Miller, Duane Celarier, Dolores Scanlon, Joanne Hoffmann, Mary Jo Stewart, Ceolo Ellwood, Ethel Oman, Norman Craig, Bobby Wiest, Donald Celarier.
 Front: Edna Morrison, Francis Zollner, Joyce Scanlon, Barbara Schwab, Margery Kinderwater, McKinley Nielson, Robert Nielson, Hans Schmidt, Jr., Harold Hodge, John Hogmann, Jr., Eric Wenzlaff, James Celarier, Roger Lietzau.



YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

Rear: Marilyn Miller, Marhorie Becker, Dorothy Schultz, Lorraine Schmidt, Fannie Bell Turner, Margaret Deutschmann, Ruth Rockenbach, Virginia Gieseke, Marcella Johnson, James Utpadel.
 Front: Shirley Ward, Betsy Dickhoff, Victor Saunders, Edward Wesolek, Warren Person, Lenard Gieseke, Arthur Wesolek, James Neagles, Arthur Fassbender.



1939



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Front row—Edna Morrison, Barbara Schwab, Mrs. D. C. Morrison, Mrs. A. Schwab, Miss Adeline Schneider, Mrs. F. Sicks, Mrs. E. E. Gieske, Mrs. C. Balling, Miss Lucile Schneider, Mrs. G. Allison, Mrs. F. Utpadel, Mrs. A. Graff.

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Picture Appreciation Service



Ladies Society 1939
See names under smaller picture on previous page



1939



Made in Vacation School 1940



Christmas 1940



Confirmation Class 1949



Junior Choir 1937



1942



L to P - Peggy Kruse, Grace Moller, Lenard Gieske, August Stavros, Clarence Allison (kneeling)
Erwin Pahnke, Bertha Scott, Esther Hugo
Presbyterian Dramatic Club - Play "Listen to Leon." Presented Dec. 10, 11, 12, 1943



Girl Scout Camp 1942



Halloween 1942



Rev. Donald Morrison
wife - Lillian
Daughter - Edna



1942 - Chaplain Donald E. Morrison



L - R - Dorothy Kraus, Franklin Zollner, Shirley Scanlon
Nancy Clark, Jimmy Utpadel, Margaret Wenzlaff



Rev. Harold J. Quigley



G.S. Sunday '43



1944



Easter 1944



Vacation Church School 1946



Church Family Picnic 1946



1946



Church School 1938



Ladies Aid met in Milwaukee, Wis,
as guest of Mrs J. A. Schminke 1946



The New Curriculum 1948



1950



1950





Christmas 1949 - The Nativity

Mary - Donna Jean Miller

Joseph - James Stenborg

Wise Men - Franklin Zollner, Henry Kraus, Wayne Brumm

Shepherds - James Hoffmann, Max Zollner, Larry Brumm, Wm. Cokenower.

Little Angels - Beth Ann Balling, Judith Brumm

Angel Chorus - Frances Zollner, Nancy Clark, Nancy Scott, Virginia Brumm

Nancy Gieseke, Dorothy Kraus, Barbara Schwab, Nancy Schroeder

Margaret Wenzlaff, Sally Wechane, Mary Gloden (faintly visible)



1949



1952



Caroling before microphone speaker in steeple





1952



North room addition
about 1953



90th Anniversary



1954 - 90th Anniversary





1951



1954



Singing Grove Camp



Court of awards 1951



Leaders - Winifred Congdon - Xenia Dertoyer



The Choir 1956



Valentine Party
Valentine Party



1956



1956

Primary Classes



1956



1956



Flag Salute at close of Sunday School



Lesson 1955 School



Worship Center - Intermediate class upstairs in old manse



Dec 1956



Dec. 23. 1962



Dec. 30, 1962



1962





Shay Tokent
Church Organist
and Choir Director
1960

THE PATCHWORK PAGE

Selected by Becky Durost

Step on it

All these broken bridges —
we have always tried to build them
to each other and
to heaven.
Why is it such a
sad surprise
when last year's iron-strong
out-thrust organization, this month's
shining project, today's
far-flung silver network of good
resolutions
all answer the future's questions with
rust
and the sharp, ugly jutting
of the unfinished?
We have miscalculated every time.
Our blueprints are smudged.
We never order enough steel.
Our foundations are shallow as mud.
Our cables fray.
Our superstructure is stuck together
clumsily
with rivets of the wrong size.

We are our own botched bridges.
We were schooled in Babel
and our ambitious soaring
sinks in the sea.
How could we hope to carry your heavy glory?
We cannot even bear the weight of our
own failure.

But you did the unthinkable.
You built
one Bridge to us
solid enough, long
enough, strong enough
to stand all tides for all time,
linking
the unlinkable.

— Luci Shaw

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We can form no idea of the natural distance
between God and man, but the infinite vacuum is
filled up by the Messiah. —Christmas Evans

Jesus Christ is no crutch; he is the ground to
walk on. —Leighton Ford

He Plays the Organ for the Angels

It wouldn't be baseball without an organist,
but Shay Torrent brings a bit of heaven
to the ballpark. By Kathleen Yapp

It's a pleasantly cool evening in Southern California at Anaheim Stadium, home of Gene Autry's California Angels baseball team.

A slender man of medium height, with a noticeable twinkle in his eyes, unlocks the door to an eight-foot square glass booth located high above the playing field behind home plate. On the same level, members of the press are beginning to settle in front of their portable typewriters and others are taking camera equipment out of black leather bags. A TV camera stands idle, its nose pointed at the pitcher's mound.

Shay Torrent steps into the room, whose only equipment is a Hammond X-66 organ, a straight chair, a small fan, a filing cabinet and a microphone for the national anthem singer.

Shay sits at the organ bench, pushes a green rectangular button which turns on the organ, and begins to adjust the stops.

In about an hour the California Angels will be playing the Kansas City Royals, last year's American League pennant winners. Before, during and after the game, rousing music will drift into every corner of the now-empty stadium.

Shay Torrent has been official organist for the California Angels since 1966 — and he's a deeply committed Christian.

In 1966 the scenic new stadium was being built to house the Angels, and Shay, who at the time had been playing for the Chicago White Sox for six years, asked if he could be "traded."

He was. Shay likes to joke that the Sox traded him for two groundskeepers and one scoreboard operator.

Shay has found since he became a Christian in November 1969 that he has an unusual opportunity to witness to his Christian faith. He plays all kinds of music from popular fare of the day to old-time favorites to a wide variety of religious songs.


To non-Christians the pieces are just pretty music, but to Christians in the stands it is thrilling to hear "The King is Coming," "Just a Closer Walk with Thee," or "Jesus is the Answer," drifting through the stadium loudspeakers.

Fans who recognize the tunes often write to the Angels management praising Shay and his choices.

"In all the years I've been playing God's tunes," Shay reports with a grin, "there has not been one adverse comment that I know of."

Bill Deagan, a burly major league umpire, and a dedicated Christian, has told Shay how he enjoys umpiring at Anaheim Stadium where he can listen to lively renditions of spiritual songs — in between plays, of course.

Shay wears a broad smile with his eccentric jackets, over-sized bow ties, and black-spangled socks he says glow in the dark. He has a tune for every occasion, and keeps a tattered stack of music on the end of his organ bench. He rarely looks at it, however. His fingers fly nimbly



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over the keys of the organ, but his eyes are always on the playing field.

When the umpires are introduced at the beginning of the game, Shay may play a few teasing bars of "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever," or "Mission Impossible," or just rumble the organ ominously. (It's against League rules to play "Three Blind Mice.")

When the Angels take the field, Shay plays "Ten Thousand Angels," and when someone hits a home run it's "Don't Fence Me In."

He also plays special songs for each man on the Angels team — and occasionally for the visitors — when they're up at bat or have made an eye-catching play.

Don Baylor, being from Texas, will hear "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You," and

Shay jokes that the White Sox traded him to the Angels for two groundskeepers and a scoreboard operator

for Rod Carew it's the theme from the film *Rocky*.

"Rod requested me to play that for him when he comes to bat," Shay says. "He seems to respond to it. Takes an extra swing, I think."

Angel Manager Jim Fregosi, being Italian, may hear any one of a number of catchy Italian melodies.

For several years Shay has been attending chapel services held for the players, managers, coaches and trainers.

These services, non-denominational but evangelical in preaching Christ as Lord, are held on Saturdays for the Angels and on Sundays for visiting teams.

Similar services are conducted by each of the 26 major league baseball teams by Baseball Chapel.

Held either in the locker room or the clubhouse behind the dugout, the services are about 25 minutes long and include prayer, Bible reading, and a 10- to 15-minute sermonette given by guest speakers. Sometimes there is a question-and-answer period, and occasionally an invitation is given to accept Jesus Christ as Savior.

John Werhas plans and conducts the

services for the Angels. He is a former Angels third-baseman who is now the official Angels chaplain, as he also is for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Los Angeles Rams.

"Among the Angels," Shay relates, "there are a number of committed Christians who witness to their faith and are part of a solid group of a dozen or so players who faithfully attend these chapel services. That's about half the entire team."

"Don Baylor is a happy guy and a very solid Christian. Pitcher Geoff Zahn is a strong witnessing Christian and was one of the leaders of the Minnesota Twins' chapel last season."

Boston ended up with four fine Christian men who used to be Angels: Joe Rudi, who expresses his faith very clearly; Carney Lansford, Rick Miller, and a relatively new Christian, Frank Tanana.

"I've heard many moving stories of men who have found their way to God through the witnessing of other Christian athletes or members of management," Shay recalls. "The former manager of the Chicago White Sox, for example — Don Kessinger — has been an active Christian for years and has testified in at least one Billy Graham Crusade. One time when the White Sox were here to play the Angels, Don came to the chapel service with 19 or 20 members of his team. What a percentage that is out of 25 active players!"

"Another team with strong attendance at the services is the Kansas City Royals. Ace relief pitcher Dan Quisenberry and infielder Jerry Terrell are two ardent witnesses. Terrell, in fact, was given the Danny Thompson Award last October before the fourth game of the World Series for 'exemplary Christian spirit in baseball.'"

"Other Christian men throughout the American League such as pitcher Tommy John of the Yankees, outfielder Pat Kelly of Baltimore, and Nolan Ryan of Houston, to mention a few, are all men who have influenced my own life and the lives of countless others as they witness of their Christian faith."

Shay recalls how such witnesses affected a young Angels pitcher who, during his first year with the club, did not go to any of the chapel services. But someone was telling him of the Lord — another Angels pitcher, an older player.

During the off-season the young pitcher gave his heart to Christ and when the next season started Shay met him at the first chapel service.

"He came up to me and shook my hand," Shay remembers, "and without his having to say a word I knew he was a changed man. It was the look in his eye."

And he was. Later that year the young pitcher seriously injured his arm and there were weeks when he was not sure he would be able to continue playing major league ball.

"But even if I have to give up baseball," he said to Shay one day, "I'll still praise the Lord because he's been so good to me."

But he didn't have to give it up. His arm healed, and he was able to pitch again before the season ended.

Besides playing for the game, Shay also accompanies the soloist who sings the national anthem. Most of the singers at

The young pitcher hurt his arm but still praised the Lord

Anaheim are local talent, but occasionally Shay has played for celebrities, especially when he was playing in Chicago for the White Sox. The Inkspots, the late Nat King Cole, Joel Grey, Giselle McKenzie, and Danny Thomas are among those Shay has accompanied.

He and his wife of 37 years, Lauren, live north of Los Angeles in beautiful Santa Barbara.

When the Angels are at home, Shay and Lauren drive a motor home to Anaheim and live in it at RV parks or with friends or sometimes at the beach.

Has he missed many games during the years?

"Very, very few," is the answer.

Music has been a part of Shay Torrent's life for a long time. He studied piano at age three, violin at nine, trumpet at 12, viola at 17, flute at 19, and organ at 25. He composed his first work — "March of the Galloping Reindeer" — when he was eight, and is still composing.

Shay has a degree in music from Wichita State University and spent 4½ years in the Army and Air Force as band leader.

Shay and Lauren have four grown children, all of whom play either the organ or piano.

Off-season, Shay gives recitals in churches or concert halls, many as a touring artist for the Hammond Organ

Company. His concerts have taken him over most of North America and Europe.

When the game is over, the bright lights on the playing field are turned off and the few lights remaining in the back of the stands cast an eerie glow around the huge empty stadium. Four groundskeepers carefully hose down the red dirt between the bases. Members of the press are finishing their stories and packing away their cameras.

Shay Torrent softly plays "Come to the

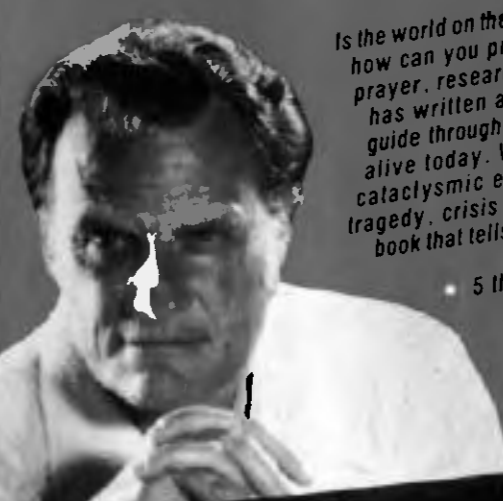
Water" and "Vaya Con Dios" and then turns off the organ for the night. 



Kathleen Yapp is an executive secretary at Datsun, a freelance writer, and an occasional soloist for the Angels' home games.

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Shay Torrent organist and Choir Director
at Baldwin Organ in old Church



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(LEFT TO RIGHT)

TOP ROW:

Clara Swab Schwab
Lucile Schneider
Barbara Becker Beckow
BLANCH McKnight
Mildred Johnson GRUNST
Tina Allison
Clara Moeller HOFFMANN

MIDDLE ROW

MARGARET Lee Carpenter
Marie Scholz Schultze
Edna Dueball
HATTIE Hattie Cokenower
Hazel Steinkay STENBORG
Ethel Wieder

BOTTOM ROW

Emma Grewe
Adeline Schneider
ETHEL BRADAU — Burgah
Elsie Pieper HILLER
Elsie Grewe



Middle Row - Margaret Carpenter, Marie Schultze, Edna Dueball, Hattie Cokenower, Hazel Stenborg, Ethel Wieder, Blanche McKnight, Mildred Grunst, Tina Allison, Clara Hoffmann
Front Row - Emma Grewe, Adeline Schneider, Ethel Brandau, Elsie Hiller, Elsie Grewe
LADIES AID SOCIETY JULY 1964





Back row - Clara Schwab, Lucille Schneider, Barbara Beckow, Blanche McKnight, Mildred Grunst
 Tina Allison, Clara Hoffmann
 Middle Row - Margaret Carpenter, Macie Schultze, Edna Dueball, Hattie Cokenower, Hazel Stenborg
 Ethel Wiedet,
 Front Row - Emma Grewe, Adeline Schneider, Ethel Brandau, Elsie Hiller, Elsie Grewe
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Easter 1964



1965



At the Manse - Aug 18, 1973



Shadkack



Easter 1971



50 Year Members



July 4, 1976

Church Float Aug 24, 1969



1966



New - - - - - Old



1966



1967
Ladies Aid at
Stenborgs



1967



1968



Lake Geneva, Conference Point
May 3-5, 1974

Tom and Mary Gray Nelson
Hazel & Merle Willis
Marshall Balling
Dorothy Flentge
The Freyermuth Family
The Pound Family
The Harden Family
The Gottlieb Family
Adeline & Lucile Schneider
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Kopper
Leader - Dr. Tom Parker
Fam Larsen, Geraldine Dahn



The Chapel



Conference Point Lake Geneva Retreat May 2-4, 1975





Lake Geneva Retreat · May 1976





BAZAAR Nov 13. 1976



Christmas 1976



Ground breaking Oct. 9, 1977



Bazaar Nov. 1977





Christmas 1978



January 28, 1979



1979



Rev. Thomas Nelson



1979



Corner Stone Laying Sep. 9, 1979





Mitten Tree 1978



1980



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The Redlinger Home on Milwaukee Avenue was one of the early homes in the Wheeling area. Dressed in the styles of the time, are from left, Carrie, Julia, Chris Redlinger and Mrs. Redlinger, Irving, Cora, Amelia and Lillie. (Photo courtesy of the Wheeling Historical Society.)

Lillie Redlinger,
the last member of
the Redlinger
family who died
at age of 107 years



News-Sun Photo by Ron Salvards

Lillie Redlinger

Services for Lillie Redlinger, 107, a resident of North River Wood Convalescent Center, Half Day, were Tuesday in Kolssak of Wheeling Funeral Home, Wheeling. Burial was in North Northfield Cemetery, Northbrook.

Born in Wheeling, Miss Redlinger died Sunday in St. Therese Hospital, Waukegan. She was a part-owner of the Redlinger Family Farm at 971 Milwaukee Ave., Wheeling, until it was sold in 1950. It is now the site of the Wheeling Sale Barn.

Survivors include a second cousin, Wesley Schaefer.

106th birthday

Residents of the North Riverwoods Center, a convalescent home in Half Day, helped Lillie Redlinger celebrate her 106th birthday at a party Wednesday in the home. Born June 14, 1872 on a farm between Half Day and Wheeling, Miss Redlinger lived on the farm by herself until she was 100

when she moved to Riverwoods Center. The family homestead is now an old fashioned ice cream parlor on Milwaukee Avenue. Miss Redlinger, who likes to listen to music on the radio, is still very alert. She received a pile of birthday cards, including one from President Jimmy Carter.

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