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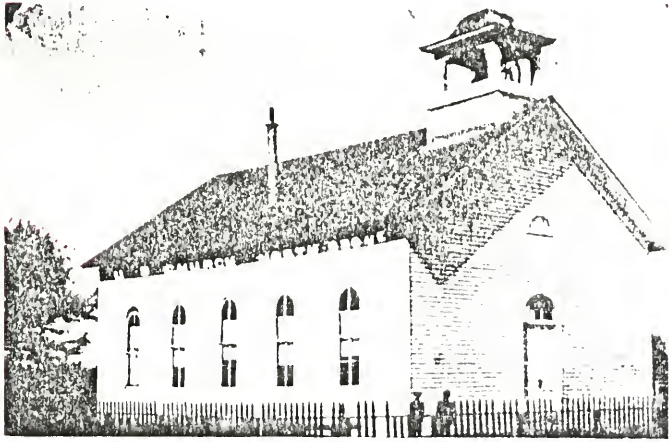
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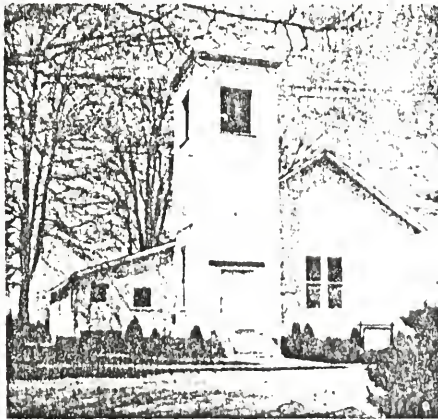
Church History

(With Supplemental Denominational History)



1910

North Grove
U.B.
Organized 1870



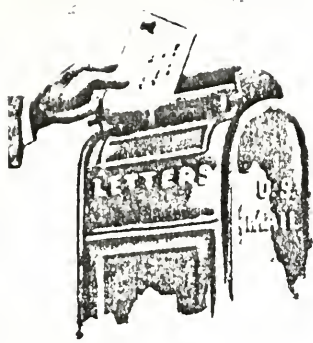
Denomination's
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May 14, 1967

1967

Compiled by Rev. Gillis L. Wilmouth

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A NOTE TO SAY...

The purpose of this History is to bring to date as accurately as possible the events of the North Grove U.B. Church. Because of a lack of records available it has been difficult to secure information about the Church. I am indebted to several people who have graciously given bits of information about the Church. This is a first attempt in ninety-seven years to write the Church History. A History could be an endless task, therefore we must limit and summarize what is known about the Church. I hope that in this issue we may gather some of the spirit endowed those early pioneers who spent much of their life in the Church. Statistics alone cannot reveal all that were faithful, but children and grandchildren have known of this and have been very proud of this heritage. Other records reveal a great turnover of people in the early century and this was the main

reason other than death for change in attendance. This Church as well as others has had it's lean as well as it's prosperous years. There were years without a Pastor and two reasons stand out for this; one, Ministers were not available and two; many resigned who were sent. While talking with Ren. Maude Bailey of Bluffton, she informed me of the conditions at North Grove in 1932. In order to Pastor North Grove U.B. she had to pay her travel expenses from Bluffton and she did not receive enough pay to do this. She offered her services in exchange for groceries and for 1932 received \$13.63 in salary and one half gallon of lard. This is to the shame of the Church. In 1932 the Sunday School averaged 42 in attendance. In the 1930's the attendance dropped to it's lowest. --- 20 average in Sunday School for one year. The highest average for any one year was in 1965 when we averaged fifty-five.

We are thankful for the existence of this church today and we know that many have found Christ as their Saviour by this fact. The largest revival that any have remembered was in 1922 in June of that year. It lasted six weeks.

Let us now remember that the future of this Church belongs to a new generation of which we are part. It's past existence has been by the grace of God and by the faithfulness and obedience of some Sainly people. Let us also remember that in this land of ours we still have the freedom to worship; I believe it to be one of our greatest freedoms and if we lose it we lose all. Rev. Wilmouth. In addition to this history we will note the following index:

A SURVEY OF NORTH GROVE COMMUNITY WITH PICTURES:
NORTH GROVE U.B. IN CHRIST CHURCH HISTORY AND PICTURES:
HARRISON TOWNSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION FOR THE YEARS 1914-1925, AND A DENOMINATIONAL HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.

A PARTIAL LIST OF THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED IN THIS HISTORY WILL BE INCLUDED.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPTS OF-

Mrs. Ida Mae Logan...\$50.00
Mrs. Edna Graham....\$50.00
These amounts were used to finance this history. All profit from this issue will go to the Church. Mrs. Logan is a member. Mrs. Graham is a past member, who taught school at North Grove and lead the choir at the church.

OTHER CHURCHES IN NORTH GROVE COMMUNITY:

NORTH GROVE CHRISTIAN HOLINESS CHURCH.....1895-1915.

It is reported that James Boyer left the North Grove U.B. Church and organized the Holiness Church. We assume some Holiness doctrine to be the reason for this. The Church was later under the authority of the Campbellites.

SOUTH UNION FRIENDS CHURCH.

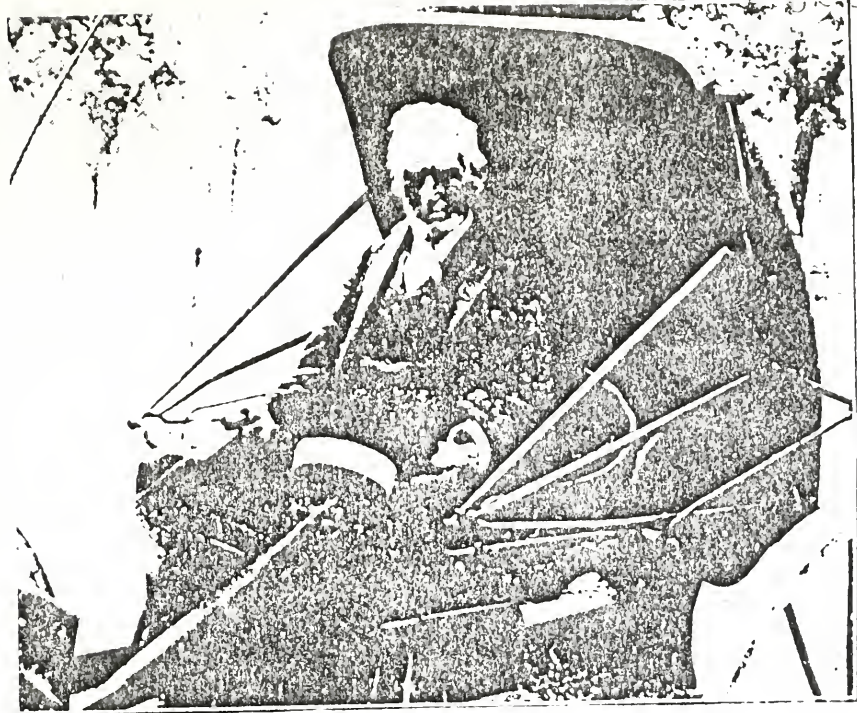
Reported in the Harrison Township Sunday School Conventions, This Church closed in 1922, rather than to remodel.

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

This Church is also reported in the Conventions. It burned on a Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, 1925. It is reported that two strangers saw the fire and went into the Church and before help arrived they lifted the Piano out the window. The Church was struck by lightening and was located across from the Rose property.

OTHER U.B. CHURCHES:

Other U.B. Churches were located at Converse, Bunker Hill, Waupecong, Plevna, College Corner, etc. One of the earliest was the Mount Zion Church, located two miles east of Bennetts Switch across from the present H.H. Waters farm. The Church was destroyed by a windstorm in January of 1906. The Methodists bought the remains and built their Church at Bennetts Switch. Waupecong U.B. Church(1882) became a Methodist Church and held it's last service June 4, 1967.



DR. ROLLIN PENCE

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Rollin Pence was one of the first Doctors to serve in North Grove and Harrison Township. He was the Grandfather of Mrs. Pearl Stitt and had his office in Santa Fe, two miles from North Grove. Dr. Pence was one who had helped organize the Republican Party in 1856.

Oct. 26, 1889 shortly after midnight he called his wife to him and told her he was going to die. While she kissed him he exclaimed, "Glory to God, I'm going to die" and death ensued soon after. Picture was from Omer Holmans book "Here we live 50 years".

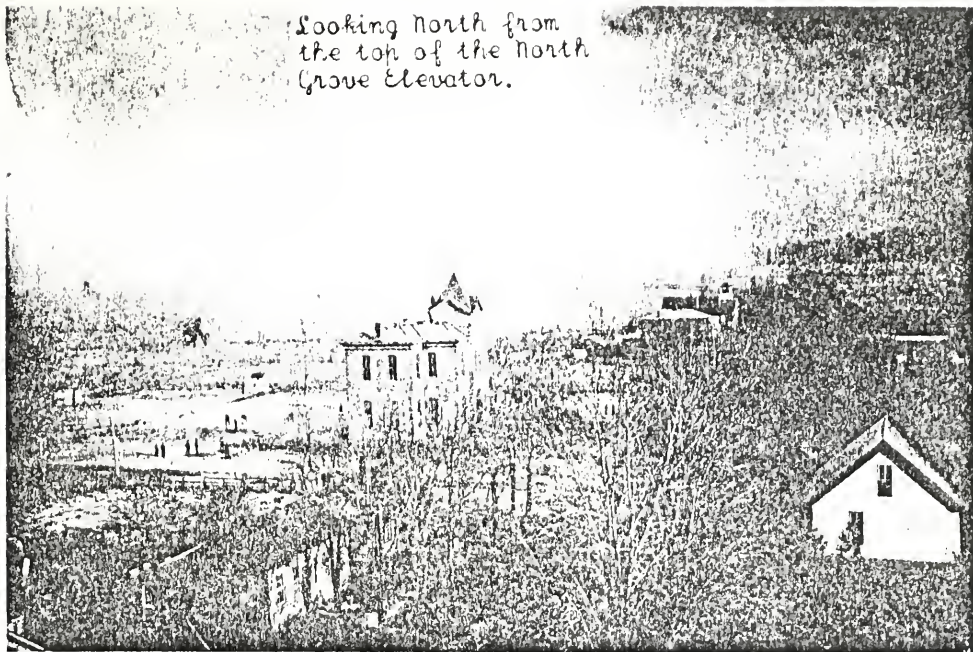
SURVEY OF NORTH GROVE COMMUNITY HISTORY.

The following is taken from Miami County Histories and other sources. The first settlers in Harrison Township in 1844 were Joshua Tharpe, William Smith and Imri Murden. Mr. Smith built a log cabin that was used as a school and Mr. Murden was the first teacher. Rev. William Huffman was the first Preacher. By 1846 other settlers arrived; Jesse Lee built the first brick house where John Bowman lives. William Burnett, Sam Spurgeon, James and Simcon Dryer, William and James Love, Jacob Miller, Tillman Hall, Levi Willis,

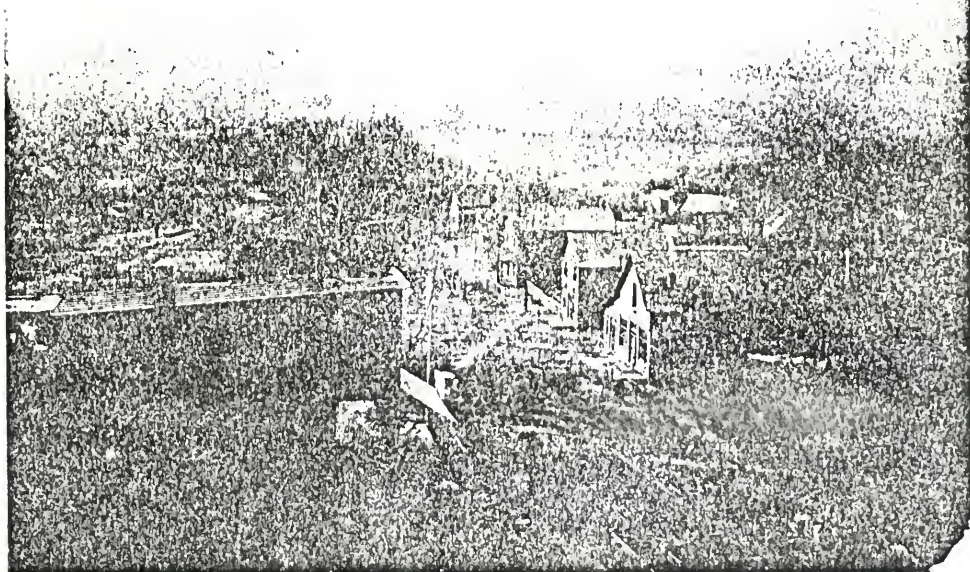
William Winburn, By 1848 James Graham, George and Marshall Greathouse, Joshua Sullivan, Daniel Myers, G.W. Grosline, David Row, John Moorman and Mr. Row were the first Trustees. George Greathouse Jr. was born January 4 1848 being the first birth, The first store was built by Abraham Colaw and the first Blacksmith was Solomon Younce. The first Justice of the Peace was Solomon Houck. The first Doctors were Abraham See, Dr. Hattery and Dr. Rollin Pence. The first death was that of Negroe "Black Bills" wife. She could not be taken by wagon because the trees were too thick to get through and she was carried to her grave four miles from Santa Fe. The first religious meetings were by the Methodist Episcopal. Rev. Richardson and Rev. John Leach who held meetings at the homes of Charles Cox, John Wilson, and James Graham. In 1846 Harrison Township was organized. John Parks held the original plot of ground known as Moorefield. On March 16, 1854 William North developed an addition of twenty-nine lots. But because of another Moorefield it became known as North Grove. In 1867 the Colaw addition of thirteen lots and the Parks addition of fifteen lots were added. The Railroad came through North Grove 1867-1869. On February 6, 1912 Mr. Leonard Stitt petitioned to incorporate the town and this was accomplished by a vote of 39 to 17. In early days the Township was about all forest and this brought a need for sawmills. I will list those that are recorded; In 1850

Jacob Miller Mill, In 1870 Charles Sommer Mill; In 1877 Dugan and Parks and Parker mills. In 1887 the Draper & Shambo Mills. 1887. Stores owned by H.T. Dispennett., Stitt and Lee. Drug Stores owned by A. Kessler and C.E. Miller. MR. Miller was also Postmaster. The L.M. Brody Tile Factory. The grain dealer was Eugene Fletcher. Carpenters were Martin Grandstaff and Christian Sanderson. Thomas Collins and Henry Zimmerman Saloons. Later Dr's were; Brandon, Barnes, T.F. IJams, Frierwood, Holton and A.J. Gray. Doctor John Malott served North Grove 1898-1917. Around 1860 there was the Hooper Hotel and later one owned by Mr. John Myers. In 1877 C.A. Boland was the Confectioner. Eli Schrock was Trustee 1884-1886 and W.T. Bowden and John Rose served in 1887. Early Blacksmiths were Mr. Adams and George Marks. Andrew Ranck, Frank Lottridge until 1919. In 1895 we list other places of Business: Western Union Telegraph, Citizens Gas Co; Adams Rexpress Company, N.G Gas and Pipeline Company, Shambo Tile Factory. Saloons- Jacob Barnhardt and Frank Montee. On June 4, 1904 the Saloon at North Grove was dynamited. The Lenon Grocery, Stitt Drugs, a Creamery, a Depot, The Jones Grocery and later, the Levi Grocery existed. On March 26, 1919 The North Grove Bank was dynamited and robbed. These are a few items of interest for survey only.

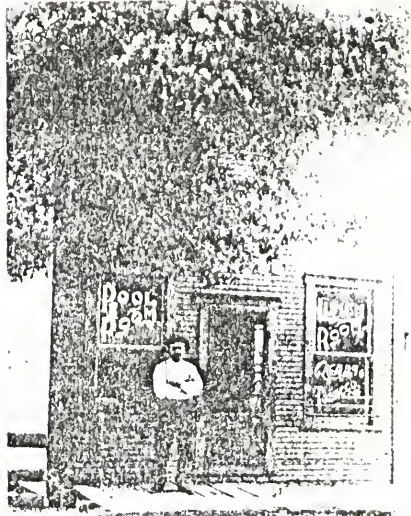
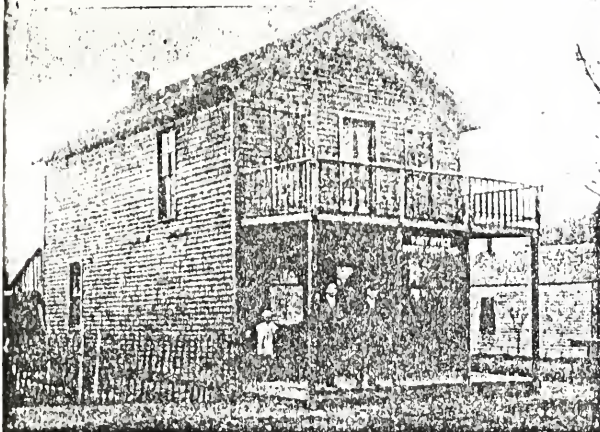
Looking North from
the top of the North
Grove Elevator.



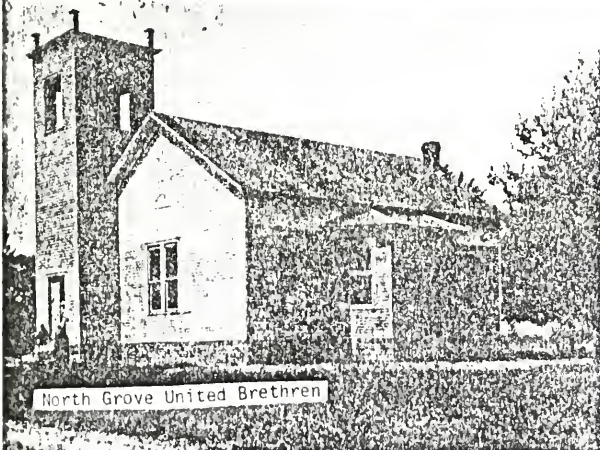
Looking South from
atop the North Grove
Elevator.



NORTH GROVE POST OFFICE



North Grove

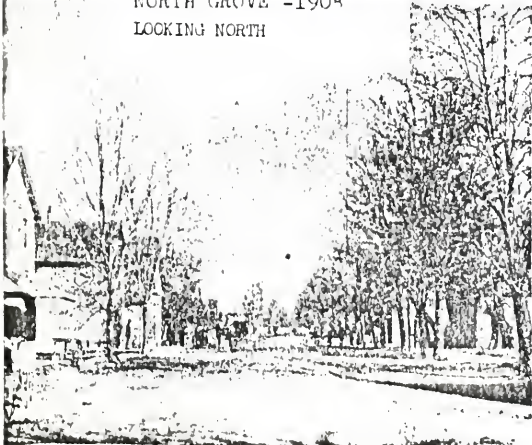


North Grove United Brethren

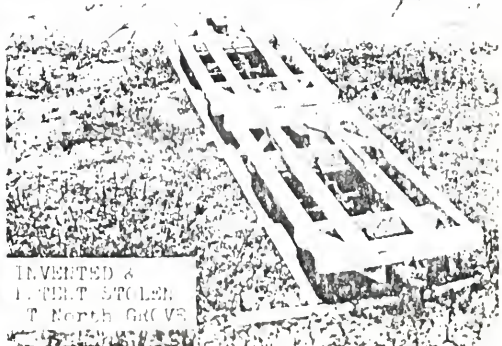


John Schrock's Bicycle Shop

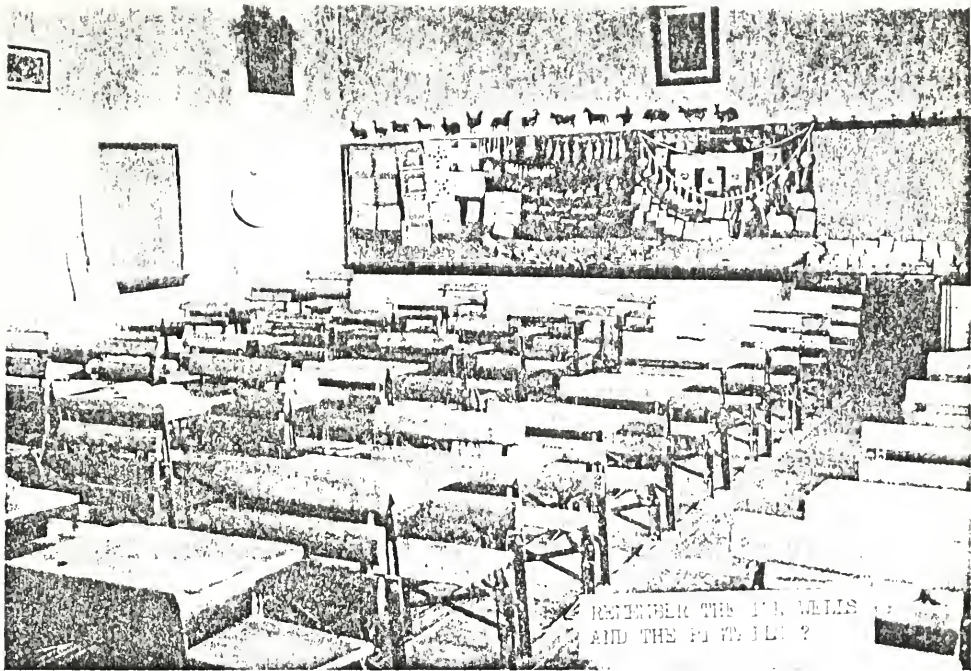
NORTH GROVE -1908
LOOKING NORTH



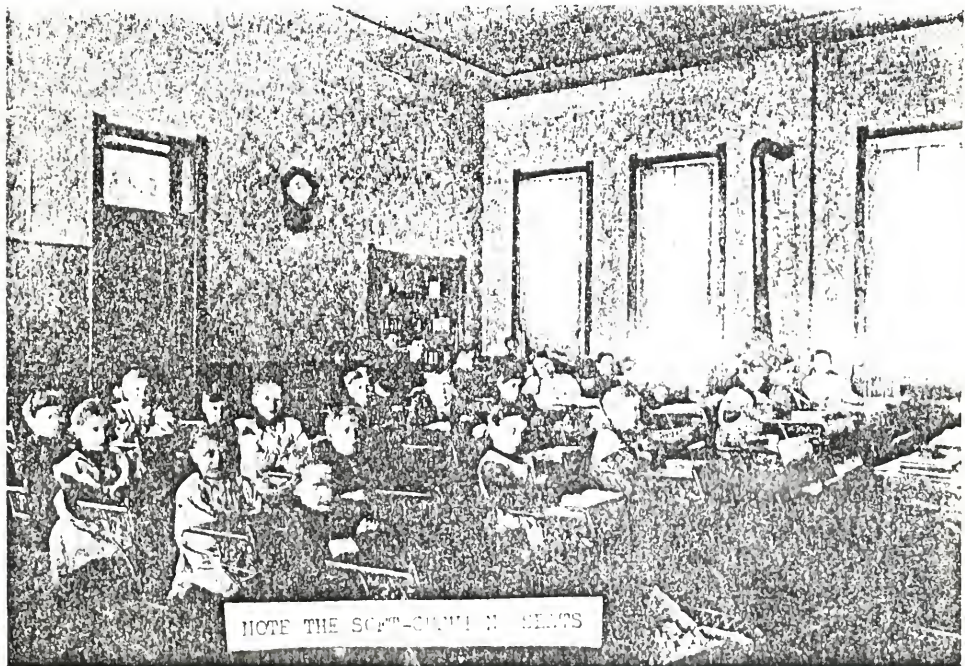
DAVE YOURS ROLLING



INVENTED &
PATENTED BY
DAVE YOURS
North Grove

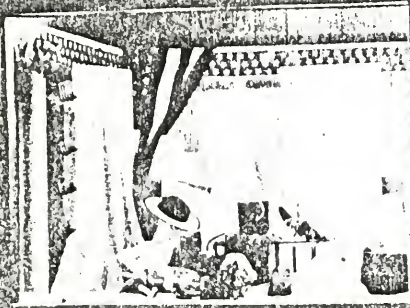


REMEMBER THE TEN BELLS
AND THE PE TABLE ?



NOTE THE SOUTH-CENTRAL SEATS

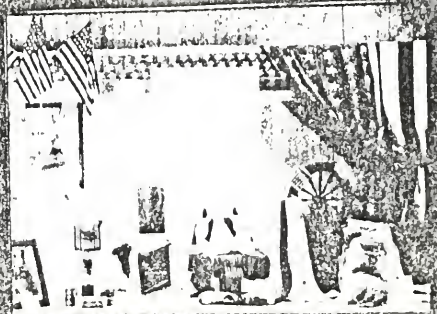
DRY GOODS



WEAVER DRY GOODS

in Grove

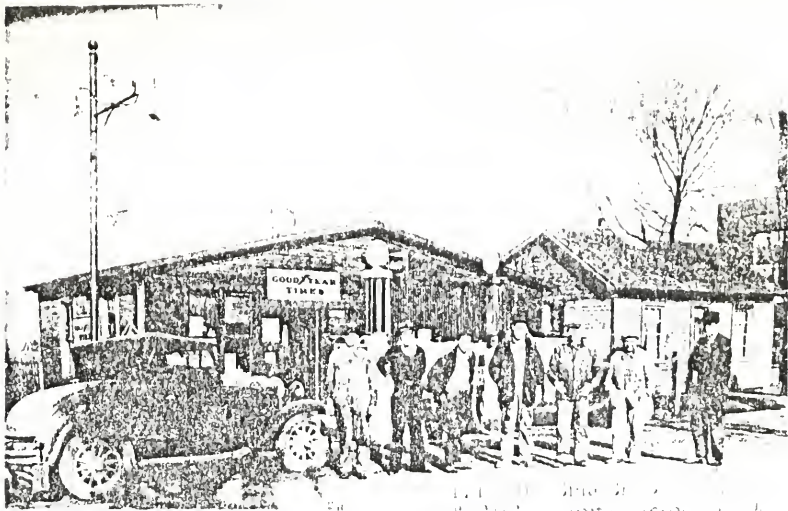
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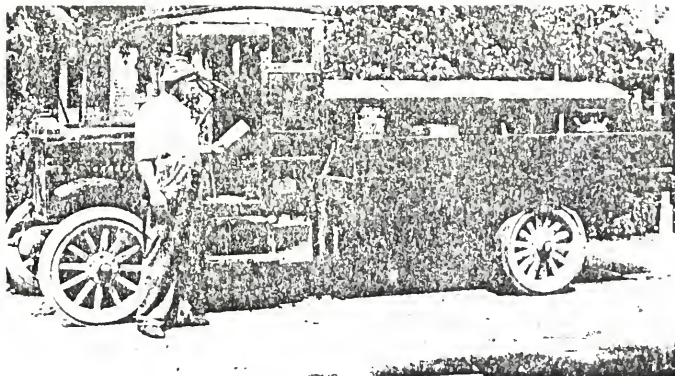
SLOGAN "TRADE HERE AND HAVE MORE CENTS "



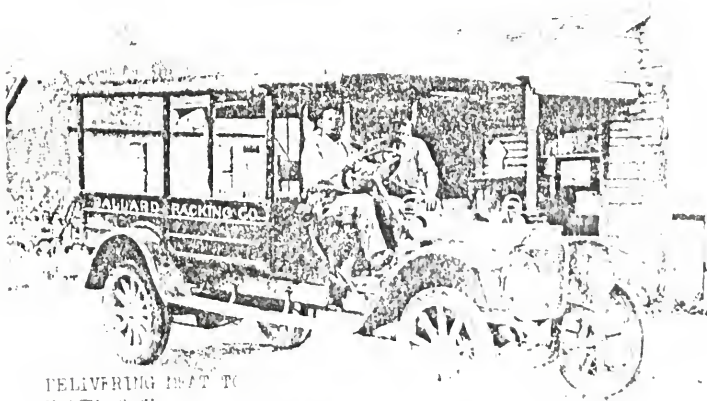
MISS GLENN ODELL NEAR WAUPECONG WITH ONE OF THE LAST TEAMS OF OXEN



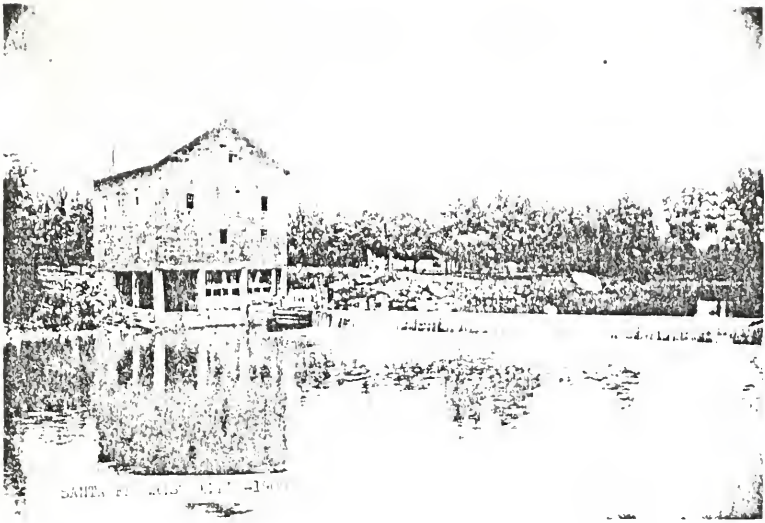
GOOD YEAR TYRES



ED WILSON'S STANDARD GAS



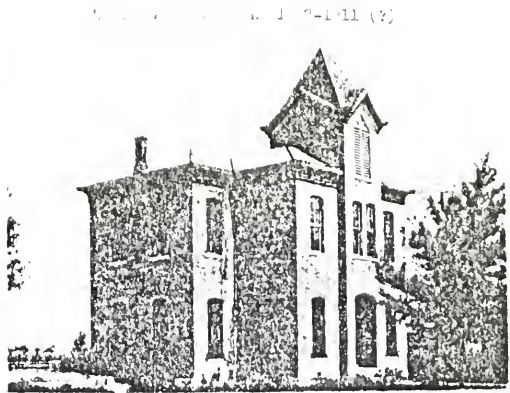
DELIVERING HEAT TO
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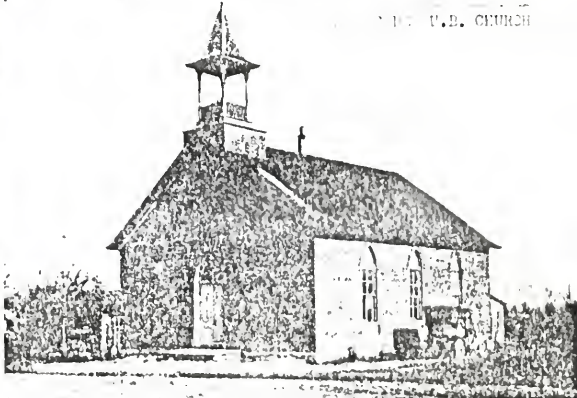
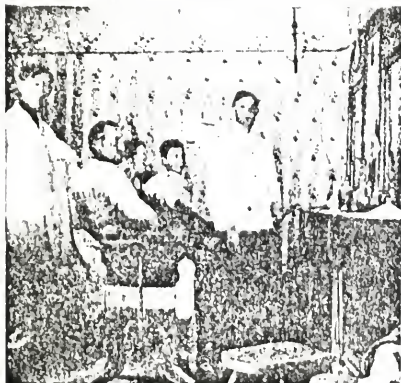
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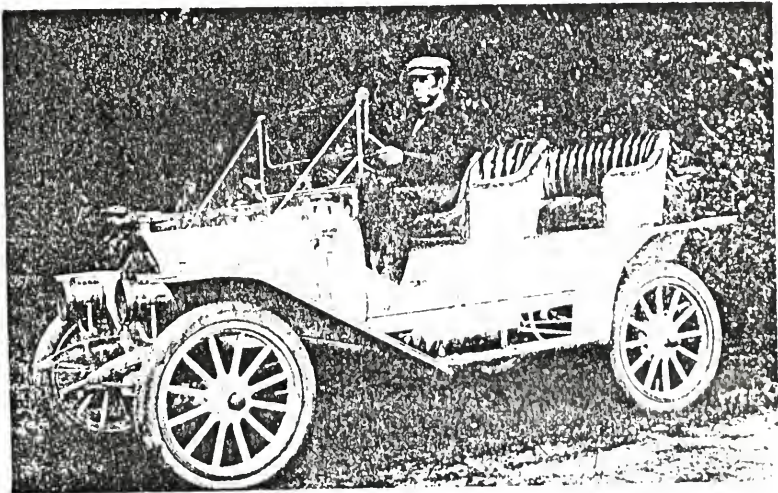


S. J. U. D. CHURCH





FIRST (FRESHMAN) HIGH SCHOOL CLASS AT NORTH GROVE, 1909
 Left to Right - Top Row: Lewis Miller, Marie Jones, Chancey Slabaugh, Bruce Buzbee, Leroy Hopper, Vera Depoy, Floyd Stanley, Walter Lavengood
 Two: Lilly Baker, Edno Malott, Volee, North, Hazel Holler, Esther Hopper, Wolace Miller, Russell Freeman, Ottis Marks, Nellie Zimmerman, and Albert Depoy. Teacher, Mr. John Slabaugh.



DR. JOHN MALOTT AND HIS 1908 BUICK, THE FIRST CAR IN NORTH GROVE IN 1912

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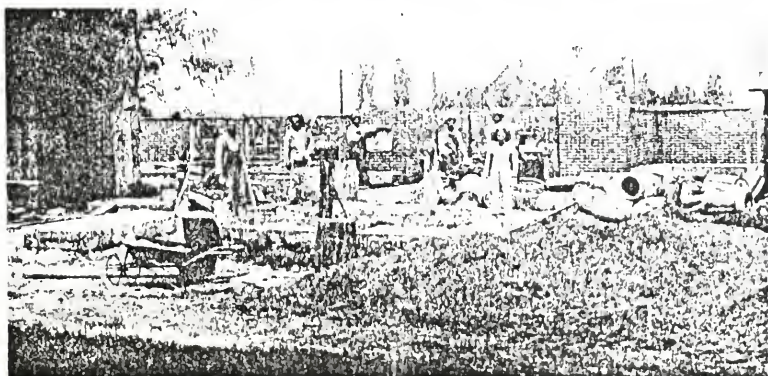
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DR. JOHN MALOTT IN HIS OFFICE. MAY 1914

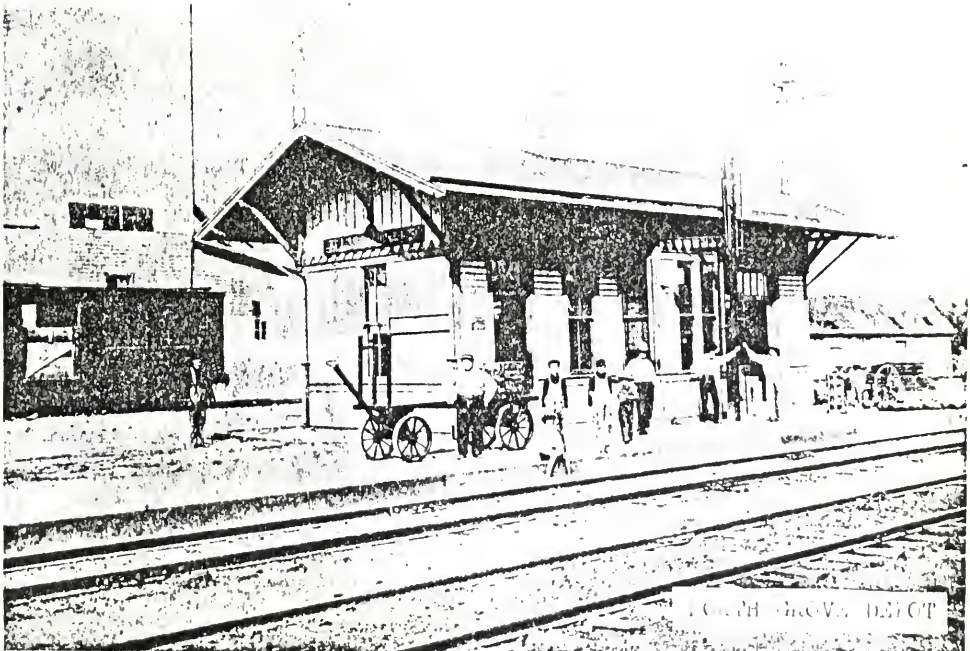
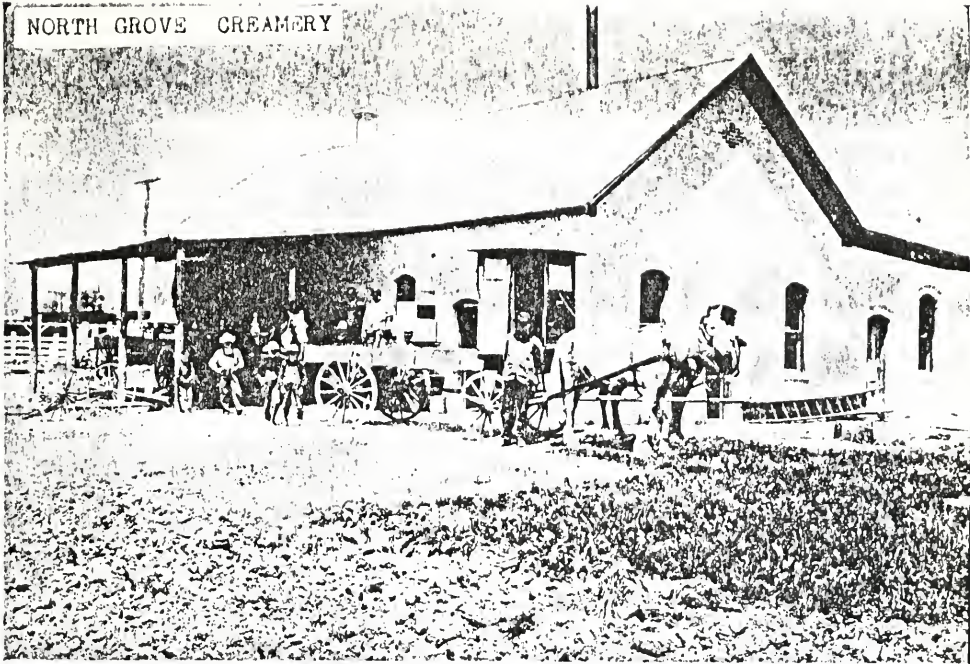


AARON OSWALD, BIBLES AND HOLINESS BOOKS

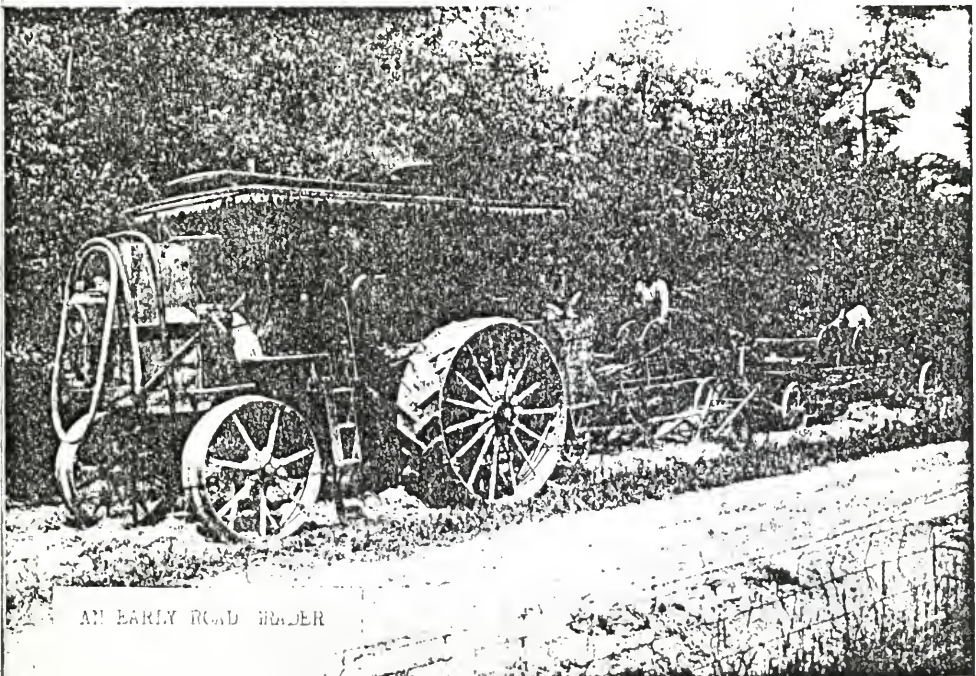
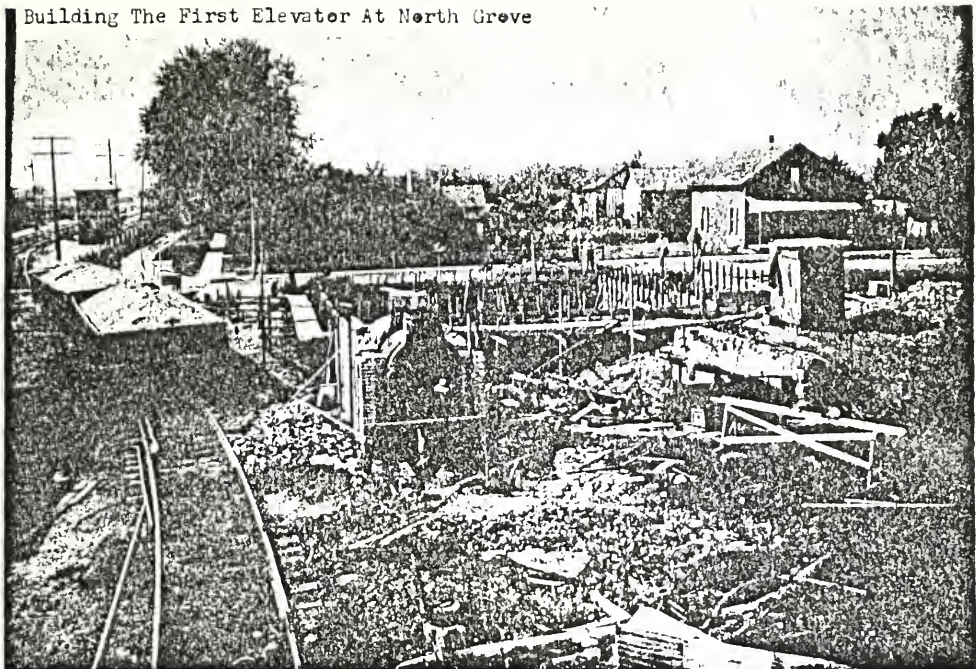


BUILDING THE NORTH GROVE SCHOOL, 1911

NORTH GROVE CREAMERY

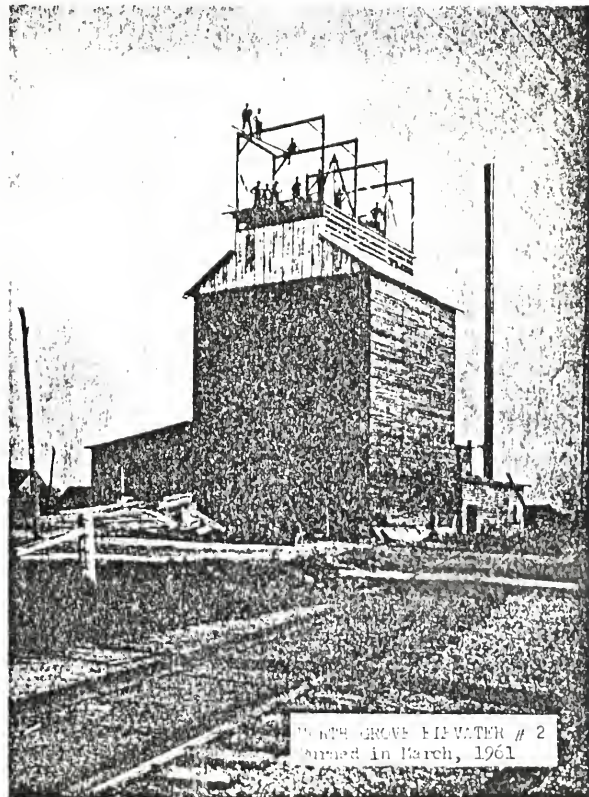
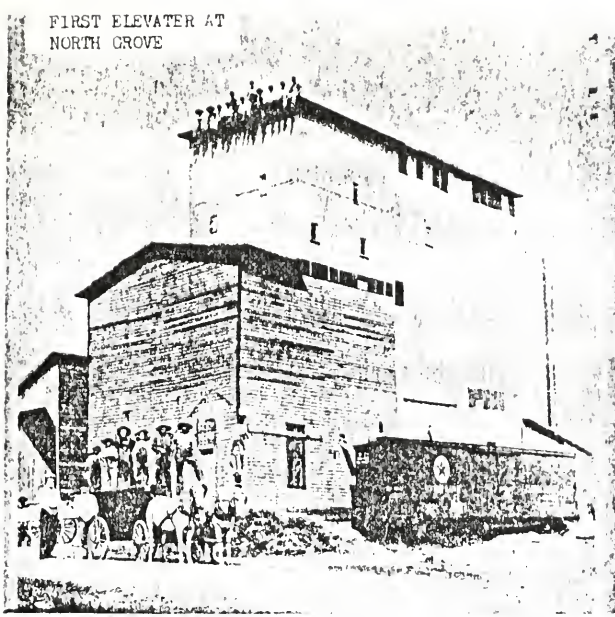


Building The First Elevator At North Greve



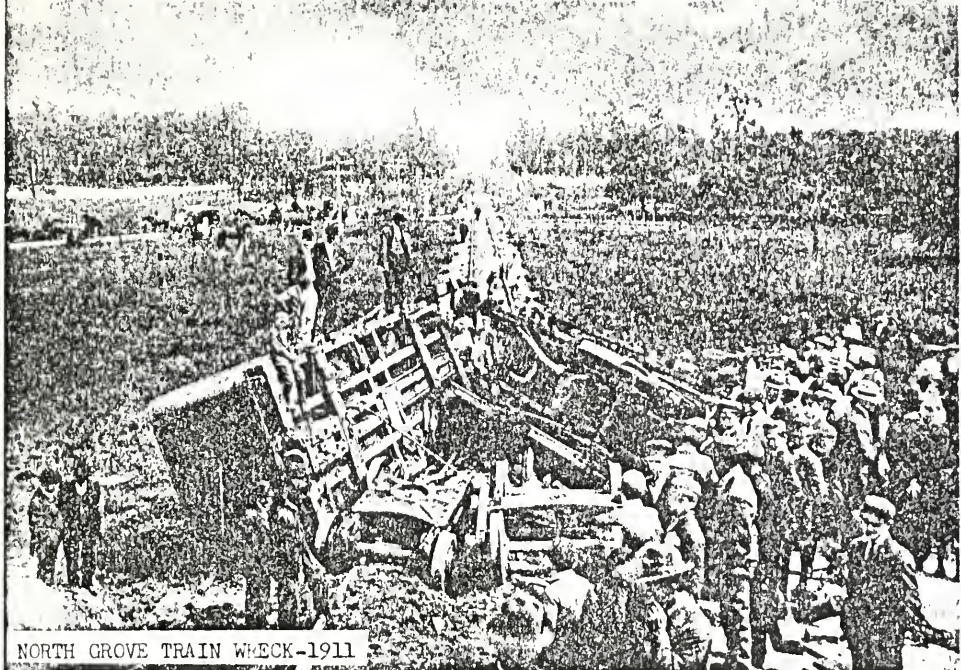
AN EARLY ROAD GRADER

FIRST ELEVATOR AT
NORTH GROVE



NORTH GROVE ELEVATOR # 2
burned in March, 1961

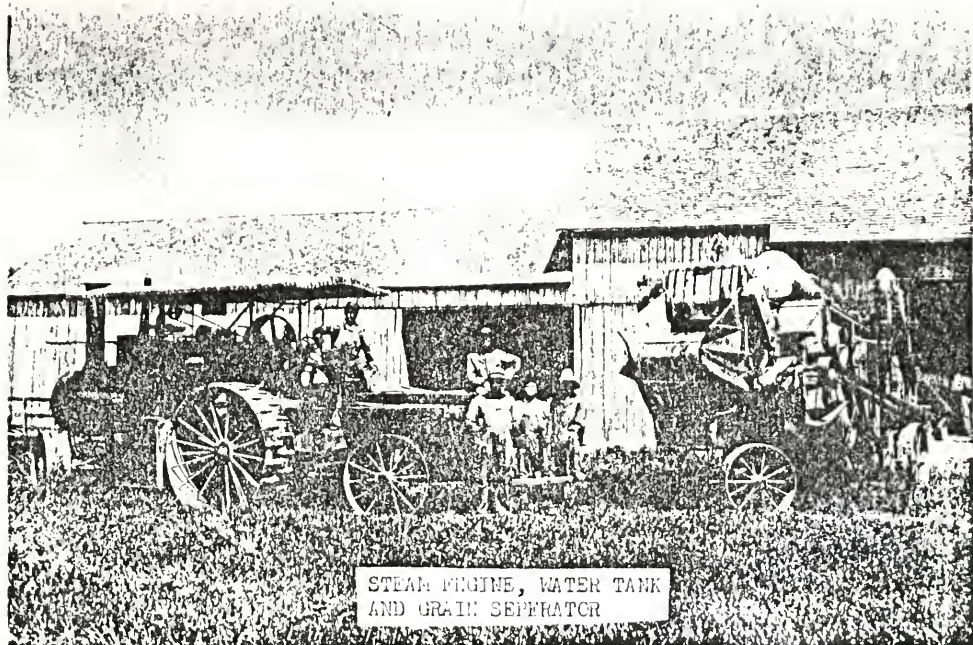
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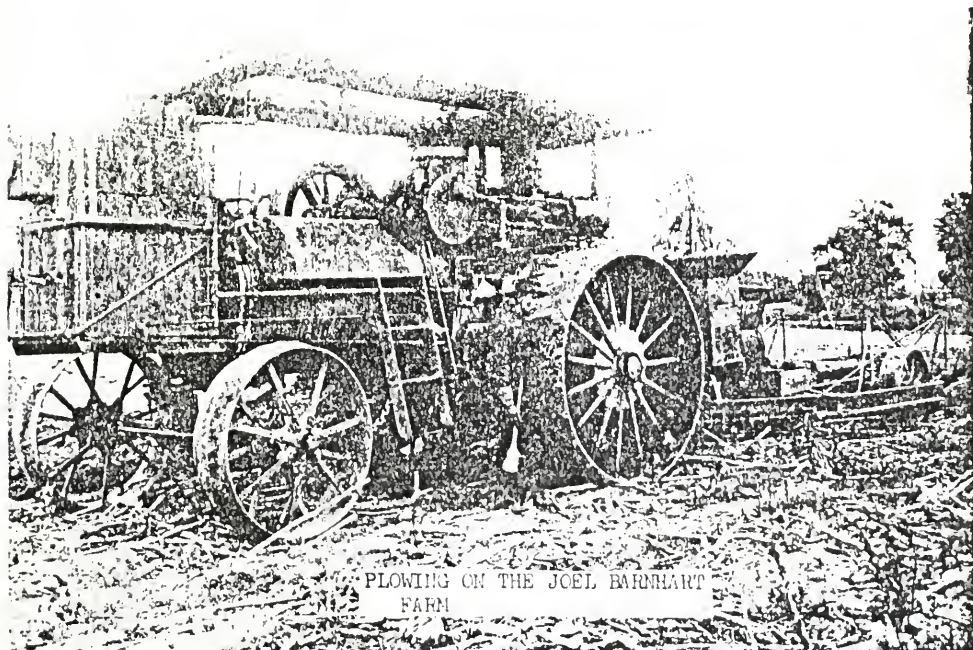
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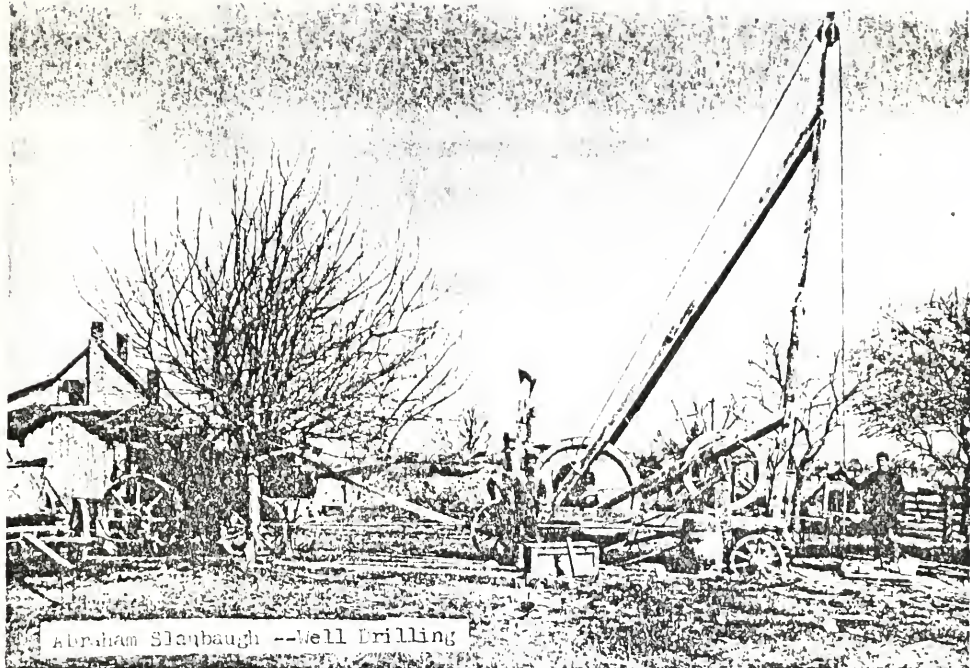
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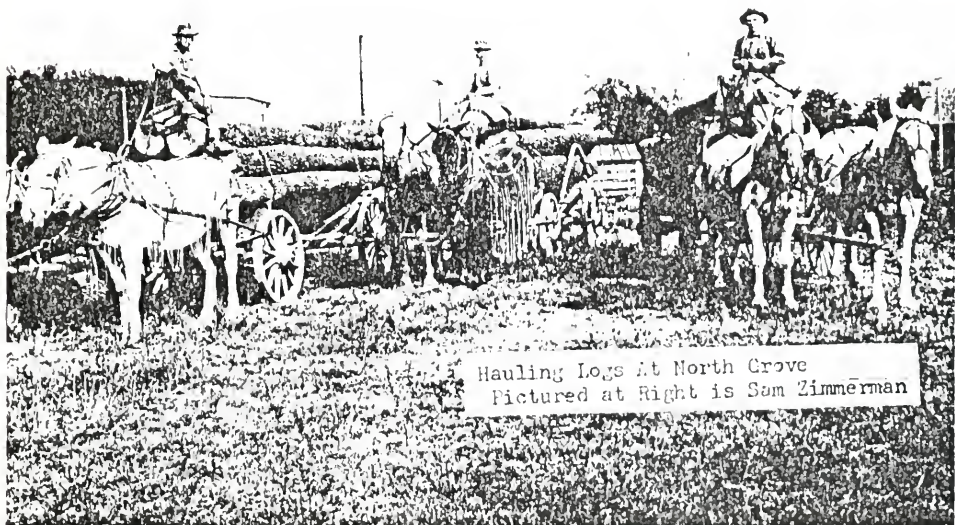
STEAM ENGINE, WATER TANK
AND GRAIN SEPARATOR



PLOWING ON THE JOEL BARNHART
FARM



Abraham Slaybaugh -- Well Drilling

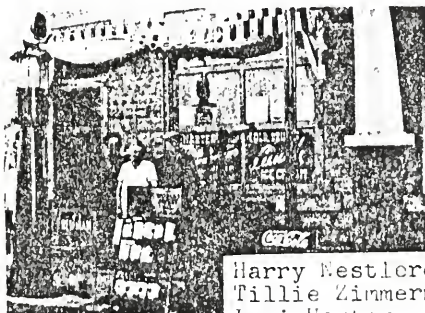


Hauling Logs At North Grove
Pictured at Right is Sam Zimmerman



PICTURED IN FRONT OF THE FARMERS BANK AT NORTH GROVE

Left to Right - Tresse Hahn, Harold Zimmerman, Harvey Boyer, Gordon Jones, Clifford Miller, Lester Depoy, Parley Rinker(?) Phillip Graf, Barney McManus, George Lenon, Clena Hahn; Front Left - Howard Zimmerman, Chester Lindley, Carl Stanley, Bernadine Stanley & Basil Lenon.

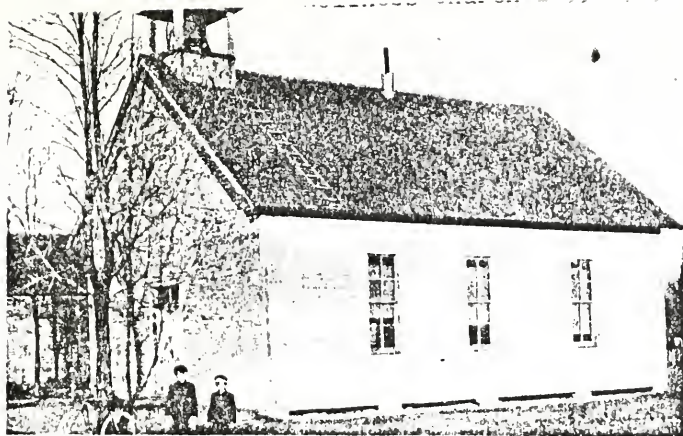


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Levi Harter

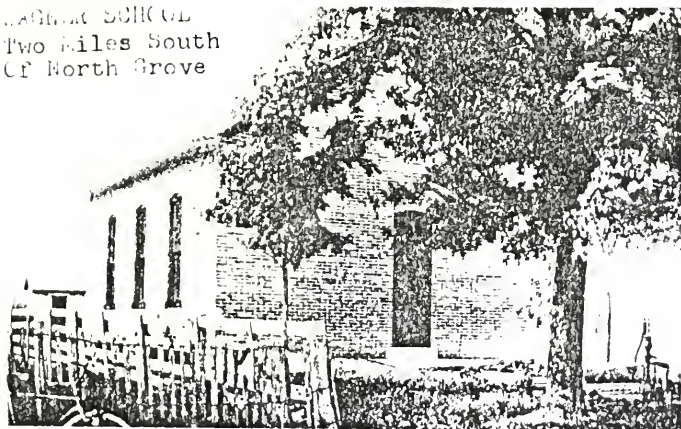


FIRST INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL TEAM AT NORTH GROVE 1918 -

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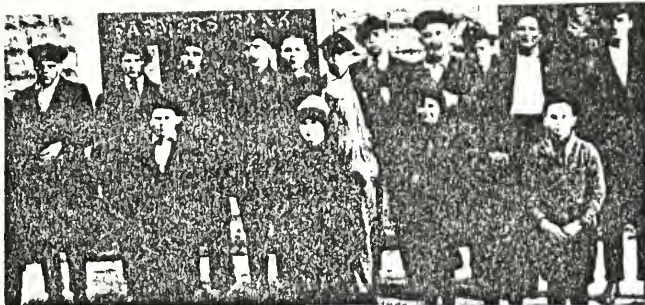


WAGNER SCHOOL
Two Miles South
Of North Grove



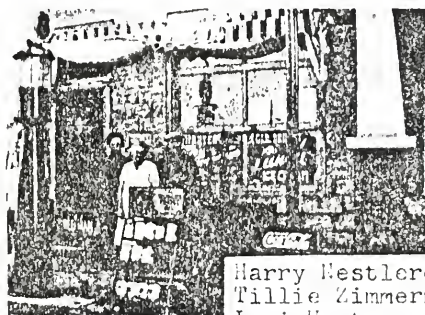
FRATER & SHAYES SAWMILL
(West of Clayton Millmen's)

JOHN LAVENGOOD(?)



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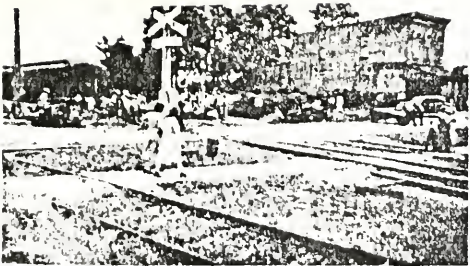


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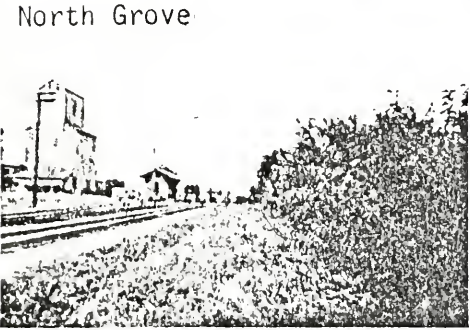
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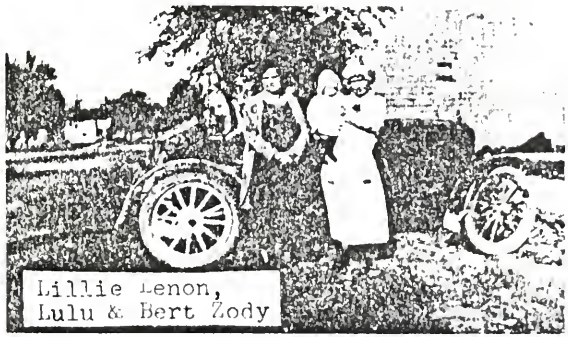
North Grove Train Wreck, 1931



Elevator & Depot



Levi Harter, Sam Zimmerman & Tillie Harter at the wheel



Lillie Lenon,
Lulu & Bert Zody

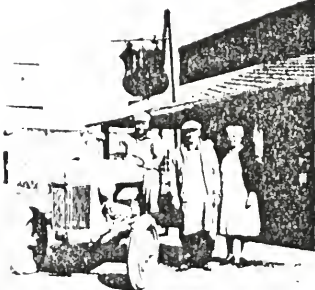


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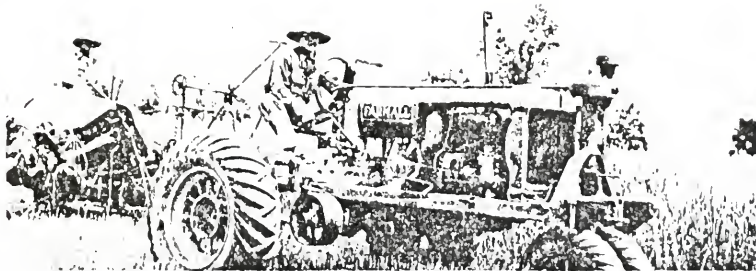
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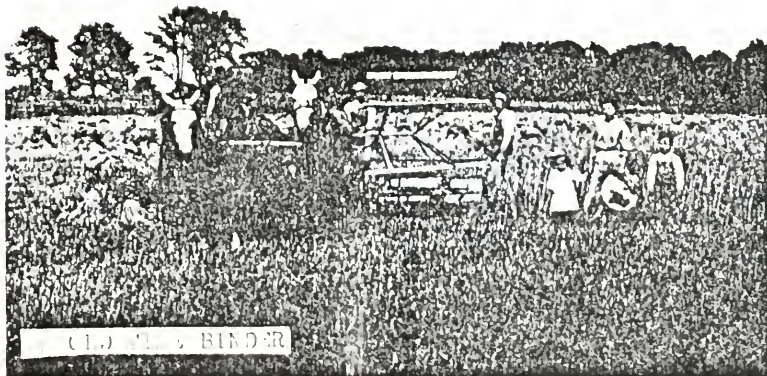
St. Paul Evangelical
Church 1897-1925



Richard Allen,
Levi & Lavina Harter,



Laurel & Walter Ramsey





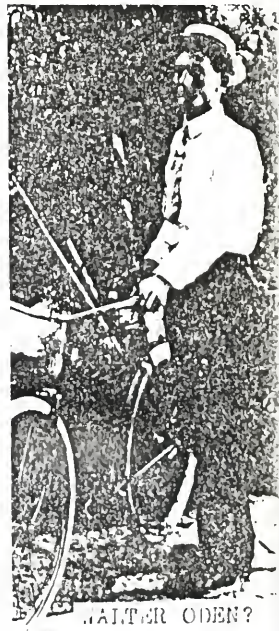
Two Dolls



HOR MARY HORS FLOWER ?

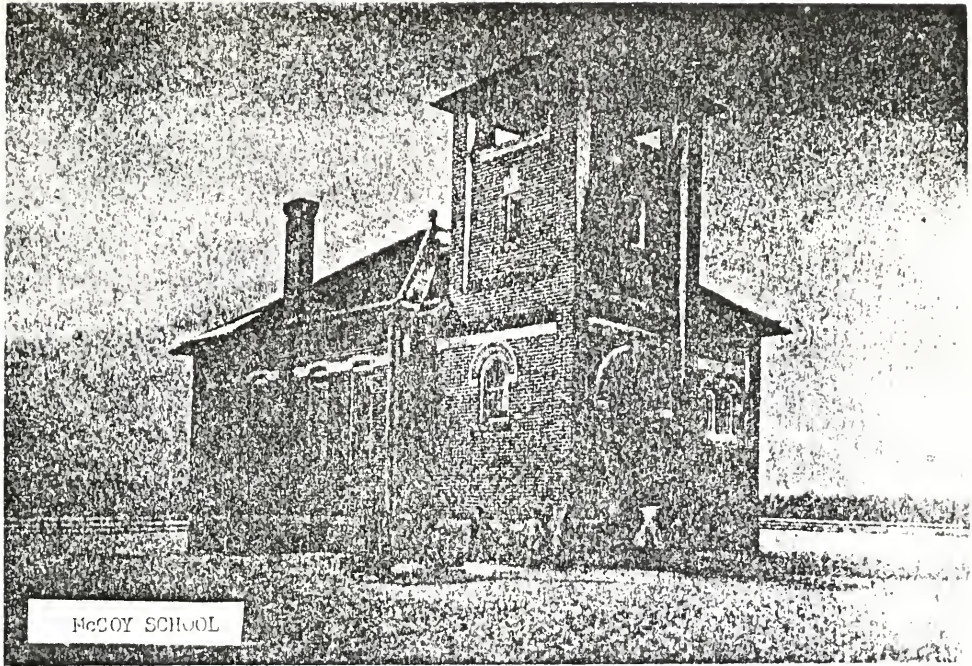


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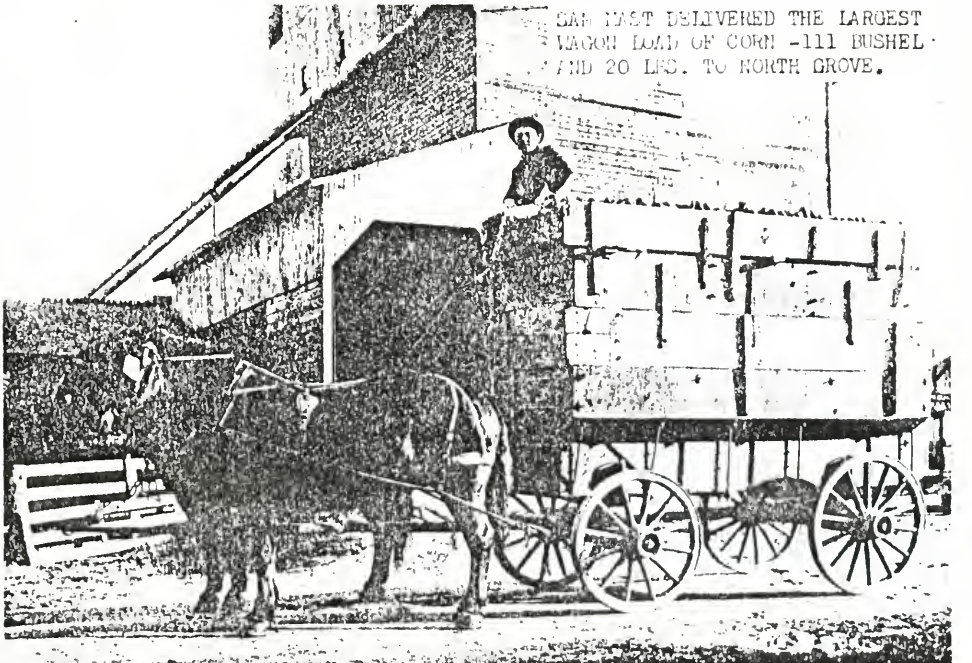


WALTER ODEN ?

DAN IRWIN at Right
(Married Agness Zimmerman)



McCOY SCHOOL



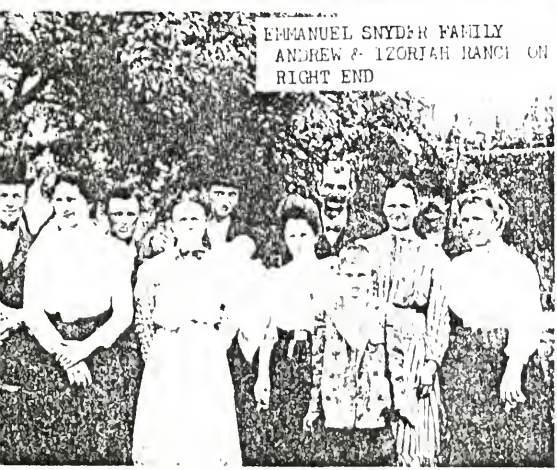
CAR FIRST DELIVERED THE LARGEST WAGON LOAD OF CORN - 111 BUSHEL AND 20 LBS. TO NORTH GROVE.



REV. & MRS. RALPH RICHARDSON & DAUGHTERS
 North Grove United Brethren, Pastor 1909



Rev. & Mrs. STANTON
 & DAUGHTERS



EMMANUEL SNYDER FAMILY
 ANDREW & ISORJAH RANCH ON
 RIGHT END



LEVI (DEAD) & MRS. SNYDER
 (MRS. BEBE CRANE)



REV. GILLIS WILMOUTH



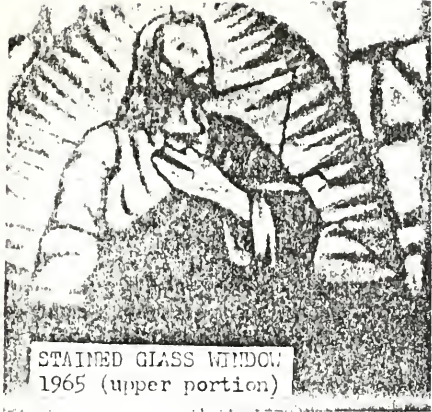
MRS. EDNA MARGARET WILMOUTH



GILLISA WILMOUTH - 6



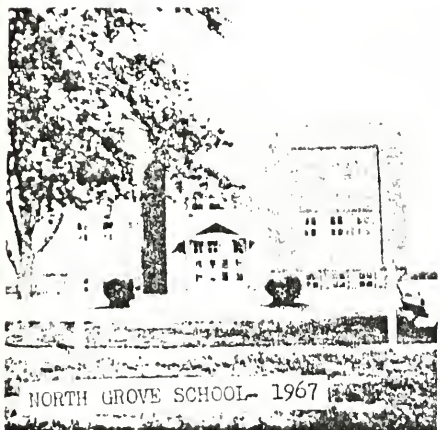
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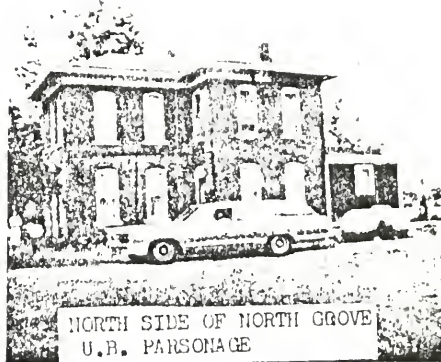
STAINED GLASS WINDOW
1965 (upper portion)



North Grove United Brethren



NORTH GROVE SCHOOL - 1967



NORTH SIDE OF NORTH GROVE
U.B. PARSONAGE



REV. MRS. FLOYD JOHNSON



Billie, Paulette, Marcia
and Paul Malott - 1965

N ORTH GROVE UNITED BRETHREN
IN CHRIST CHURCH

The North Grove U.B. Church was the first to be built in Harrison Township and was built in the Spring of 1870. It is the result of meetings perviously held in the homes of James Graham and John Wilson. As Henry Ranck lay upon his death bed, he expressed his desire for a Church to his Grandson William Boyer and hoped that he could succeed in getting one built. A group was organized and met in school building Kindling ignited one night and burned the school. This gave the Church goers another problem. Mr. William Boyer began immediatly to get subscriptions for a new Church. This was accomplished and the present Parsonage abstract reveals, the Church property was sold to, the Church for fifty-dollars, being owned by Jacob and Elizabeth Weaver. William Boyer signed as one of the Trustees for the Church. Mr. Weaver became the owner in 1869; Henry Landrum in 1878 and several others until 1910 when David and Mary Crane were owners. (See the Parsonago Report in this Issue). Because of the incohenience in travel in the 1800's and the early part of this century, Churches were less distance apart than they are today. Within a few miles of North Grove, there were several United Brethren Churches. The first reported in the County was in Erie Township in 1849; Others were located at Converse, Waupecong, Plevny, Somerset, Deadville, etc. The first

reported Charter mwmbers were; William Boyer, Catherine Boyer, Wm. Ranck, Lucy Ranck, Zadoc Smith, Barbara Smith and Barbara Schraeder. From verbal reports there were several others before the year of 1900. (See 1903-1904 lists) Man and Wife as follows; Calvin and Nancy Smith John and Mary Wilson Zadoc and Mary Smith John and Barbara Smith William and Catherine Boyer Lees and Oma Snyder Emmanuel and Orpha Snyder Theodore and Anna Boyer Newton and Avis Freeman George and Lulu Crane Andrew and Izorish Ranck David and Sarah Elstroth Rev. A.L. & Pheobe Stanly Daniel and Rose Weaver Samuel and Tillie Zimmerman William and Viola North Sophia and Marcus Lines Mr. and Mrs. William Mullen Levi and Oma Crane Edward and Anna Davis Henry and Sussana Parks John and Hazel Landrum Rev. & Mrs. James Perry Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ranck Mr. and Mrs Frank Boyer Mrs. Lillie Lenon.

Mrs. Orpha Snyder was Pliny Froeman's first Sunday School Teacher in the 1890's.

Mrs Elta (Depoy) Haines taught Sunday School in the year 1917 and was also Traveling Conference Secretary. She now resides in Marion. Mrs. Guy Glass - burn taught in the 1930's.

NEWTON HIT A SOUR NOTE !

Newton and Avis Freeman were early members of the North Grove Church. Their son, Pliny recalls this experience Mr. Freeman had been appointed in the 1890's to secure pledges for an organ for the Church. Upon approaching William Boyer for money, Mr. Boyer replied "I don't believe in instrumental music, and if you put an organ in the Church, I'll bust it with an axe". About three months later Mr. Boyer approached Mr. Freeman and asked him if he had enough money for the Organ; Mr. Freeman said that he wasn't sure, that he had some in the Treasury. Mr. Boyer said "I'll pay the rest".

A LYING PREACHER!

Mr. Everett Wilson, the son of John Wilson tells of his experience in Church while a boy. Rev. William Walker was preaching and after the message invited the people to return the next night. He said, "Now if you're not here, God will be, and He's coming right through that transom." The next night Everett perched himself where he could see the transom. After the service he went home and told his Mother that the Preacher had lied. His Mother said, "Everett you shouldn't talk like that". Everett said, "That Preacher said that God was coming through the transom and He didn't." Mr. Wilson moved to Peru and married a Presbyterian ~~Rev. Walker married Pliny Freeman's Sister.~~

HEATON AND EATING!

When Beulah Heaton was a girl of nine or ten she lived next door to Zadoc and Mary Smith. Practically every day she went to see Mrs. Smith, who fed her sugar cookies and told her Bible stories. She commented on the wonderful Christian spirit of this woman, who had helped her spiritually. Beulah attended the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church and later attended Marion College. She met Clarence Cain and later became Mrs. Clarence Cain. Mr. and Mrs. Cain have been in our Church as active members for several years. Clarence began the first work on the Fellowship Hall by taking some Mexican workers to the Church one evening. After three months of idleness this sparked the Project and many in Church and Community made it possible.

BISHOP BELIEFS-

Bishop David Edwards who dedicated the North Grove Church was from North Wales. The Edwards family moved to The States when David was five years old in 1921. David joined the Scioto Conference in 1836. His early oppositions were: 1- Wearing a beard. 2- holding scholastic titles. 3- slavery, 4- Strong drink 5.- Fire Insurance. 6- Secret Societies and instrumental Music. But he unceasingly laid stress on the duty and privilege of Holiness. He died June 6, 1876.

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE

was organized at a meeting of the Indiana Conference in Bartholomew County, which convened February 29, 1846.



JOHN D. SCHROCK

John D. Schrock

Feb. 3, 1870-Feb. 17, 1957. The grand parents of John D. Schrock were Jacob and Elizabeth Schrock. They were of German descent and moved from Holmes County, Ohio to Harrison Township in 1849. They had twelve children; Catherine, Jacob, Issac, Benjamin, Sussanah, Jonas, Elizabeth, Joseph, Eli, Noah, Lydia and John. Because of a shortage of schools, Eli did not attend school until he was 13 yrs. Eli Schrock married Elizabeth Sproll, the daughter of John and Mary Sproll. Eli secured enough education to teach school two yrs. He was Township Trustee in 1886. Eli and Elizabeth had ten children; Amanda, Lavina, Mary ann, Harvy, Noah, Eli, Elizabeth, John, Emma and Willard. Eli and Elizabeth moved to their farm south of North Grove in 1864. They were of Amish Faith.

John D. Schrock became a teacher and taught at the Snow Hill, Wagner, Wilson, Stitt, College Corner, and North Grove Schools. On September 11, 1899 he signed a contract to teach for \$ 2.10 a day and by 1907 he taught for \$2.64 per day. One of his students Jessie Bowland said that "John sure could get it across."

Mr. Schrock's hobby was Photography. He rode horses, bicycles, motor cycles and finally Model "T"s to the family reunions and other gatherings over a period of years. He took many pictures of interest and charged 5 cents per picture. He took pictures of families, schools, churches, bridges and other items of interest. The picture on the cover is believed to be the work of Mr. Schrock and is evidently one of the first taken of the Church because of the fence surrounding it. Other than farming Mr. Schrock had a Bicycle repair shop at one time. The picture of Mr. John Schrock was taken when he was around thirty years of age. Mr. Schrock began teaching Sunday School around 1904 at North Grove U.B. In 1914 he was Sunday School Superintendent and over a period of 50 years held about every office to be held in the church. While pastoring at North Grove U.B. from 1954 to 1956, I remember some of the attitudes and actions of Brother Schrock. Mr. Schrock was also a faithful janitor and often found the church very cold inside. One Sunday morning in 1954 Mr. Schrock told me that it was four below zero inside the church when he got there. In 1955 Mr. Schrock became my first delegate to the annual Church Conference. The old custom was to ask the delegate what he thought of the Pastor that had served the previous year. Mr. Schrock's...

year Mr. Schrock stood up and said "You have sent us a roaring Lion" and sat down. I will not try to interpret that remark. Mr. Schrock served as Township Trustee from 1915-1919. He taught school for nineteen years. John Schrock had told his mother that he would see to it that the church was kept open, and from this promise remained faithful through the lean as well as the fruitful years of the Church. John Schrock was active in the Harrison Township Sunday School Conventions and served as its last Secretary in 1925. John did not marry until he was fifty one years of age. On April 8, 1921 he and Lucy Post bought their marriage licence. Lucy died in 1928. His second wife, Mary Eva, died in 1936 and his third wife died in 1943. Brother Schrock had said that he wanted to die doing the Lords work. On February 17, 1957 he went to the Church to fire the furnace and suffered a heart attack. He made his last entry into his financial ledger the previous Sunday. He kept accurate records as the books show. He was active, alert and faithful in the projects of the church and probably did more than his share in the churches support. He lead singing and nearly always with the "tuning fork". One of his favorite songs was "Sing, Smile and Pray". John Schrock was respected by many who had known him as a Farmer, Businessman, Teacher and Trustee. Those who had moved away from the church would often send money to Brother John, who reported "public and Private" offerings. Mrs. Amy 32

Wilson sent money soon after Brother John's death and remarked in her letter that "John would be hard to replace" and that he would be missed by many.

PAUL EDWARD MALOTT

October 24, 1923- Jan. 6, 1986. Paul married Tillie Harter in 1947. His conversion was the result of something I had said to him when at North Grove U.B. for the first time, but his final decision came to Rev. Dean Bennett in 1956. Very after Brother Schrock passed away, Paul stepped into the work of the church and served as Superintendent for six or more years. During this time Paul worked on many projects and seeing the need for a new church roof was determined to get the job done if he had to finance it himself. Paul unexpectedly received help from Mrs. Atlee Miller who secured pledges and from Mr. Clayton Wideman who helped put the roof on. Paul asked when I was coming back to North Grove every time I saw him. In 1965 he signed a petition for my return. Paul's last projects were Church steps and ceiling tile. In six months time the church suffered another loss only to remind us that faithful men are hard to find. Paul's family are faithful to the church. One of the largest funerals held was that of Paul Malott. Rev. Floyd Johnson (who married Paul and Tillie) and Rev. Wilmouth conducted the service. Mrs. Jerry Smiley of Peru and Marcia

Rev. Eli Hoover was the first Pastor of North Grove U.B. He entered Clay Township in 1830. and farmed near Bennetts Switch. In 1845 he was listed as being a member of the St. Joseph Conference. This Conference held it's first meeting at North Manchester, September 18, 1845. Eli Hoover and John Condo organized the Mount Zion U.B. Church two miles East of Bennetts Switch across from the present H.H. Waters farm. On January 4, 1906 the Church collapsed under high winds. The Methodist bought the remains and used them in their Church at Bennetts Switch. Rev. Eli Hoover died in 1879.

In 1856, Rev. Cyrus Smith organized a Church at Xenia, (now Converse.) Rev. Smith served our Church from 1854-1907. It is very probable that North Grove and Converse were on a Circuit as most Churches were at that time. Conference records and other Histories reveal the following to have Pastored in this area:

Rev. Thomas Evans 1853-85
Rev. Irvin Cox 1858-1884
Alexander Carroll 1852-1886
Rev. John Cranor 1863-1904
Rev. William Oler 1874-1923
Rev. Thomas McFadden 1863-1904
Rev. B.F. Holcomb 1874-1923
Rev. AL. Stanley 1891 - 1929
Rev. G. C. Bray 1895- 1936
Rev. O.M. Wilson 1898-1930
There were four Re. Rectors that served our Conference from 1862-1937, with Rev. T.V. Rector residing at North Grove and Red Key. We list the years of their service; Rev. Arthur Rector 1862-1913; Rev. C.W. Rector 1881-1930; Rev. J.A. Rector 1891-1937; Rev. T.V. Rector 1896-1937. Mrs. Barbara Johnson, the daughter of Rev. Arthur Rector, donated five acres of ground South East of

Muncie which was developed into our Camp Ground in 1940. The first Conference held at the Camp Ground was in 1941. Previous sessions of the White River Conference were held in Churches. In 1893 and 1904, they were held at North Grove.

Rev. Alfred LeRoy Stanley, lived one mile north of North Grove. His children were Charles, John, Floyd and Jessie. Floyd has lived near Sweetzer since 1917. Jessie Stanley married Jesse Buzbee. Rev. Stanley was killed by a train in North Grove on November 3, 1929.

Other Ministers who filled in as supply Pastors, but were not members of the Conference were; W.T. Bowden, Charles Haskett, William H. Walker James Perry and Elijah Draper It was reported that Rev. Perry and his wife lived to be in their ninety's, and lost nine children with Pneumonia. It was reported (see*) that he took some men South to invest in the Lumber business and that they "lost their shirts".

The difficulty in writing a Church History is That some records do not reveal what Churches were listed on a Circuit. The membership was not reported separate until the Church became a Station, therefore leaving unanswered the growth or weakness of certain fields of labor. We know that some Ministers serving in this area had other Churches as far as sixty-six miles away. We will see on the following pages some data concerning North Grove U.B. Church.

* This was Rev. Keiter who served North Grove for nine months and resigned.

NORTH GROVE U.B. PASTORS
 Years Pastors
 1901 O.M. Wilson
 (Served Conf. 1891-1930
 1902 T.V. Rector
 1903-'04 H.W. & S.A. Robbins
 1905
 1906 M.F. Keiter
 Elias Clapp
 Elias Clapp
 1907 J.C. Valentine
 A.E. Ritter
 J.C. Valentine
 Wm. Beaty
 Supply Pastors
 1909--'10 Ralph Richardson
 1911 T.V. Rector
 1912 J.W. & Flavia Goldman
 1913
 1914 Ralph Richardson
 19. Jacob Life
 1916 Abraham Rust
 1917 S.S. Losure
 1918 Orion Fuller
 1919 Jacob Life
 1920-'21 S.S. Losure
 1922-1923 Clyde Meadows
 1923-1924 W.R. Howard
 1924-1925 C.E. Stratton
 1925-1927 F.E. Stevens
 1928 Allen Bowman
 1929
 1930 J.E. Rumble
 L.T. Classpel
 T.V. Rector
 1931-32 J.E. Rumble
 1932-33 Maude Bailey
 1933-34 Maude Bailey
 1934-35 Irving Yonkers
 1935-36 No Pastor
 1936-37 H.A. Collins
 1937- 39 S.S. Losure
 1939-40 No Pastor
 1940-41 Lewis Reigner
 1941- 42 D.L. Chambers
 1942-44 L.J. Martin

CIRCUITS & OTHER INFORMATION
 Marion Circuit, Olive Branch
 Marcin and North Grove
 Marion Circuit
 No Record
 Served nine months
 Served three months
 Served Conference 1888-1919
 Resigned
 To December 1, 1908
 December to April 1, 1909
 One month
 A.L. Stanley, T.V. Rector
 L.D. Thornburg
 Fairmount Circuit, North Grove
 Knox Chapel, North Marion
 North Grove Circuit- Marion
 North Grove Circuit
 North Grove & College Corner
 Elwood Circuit
 N.G., Fowlerton, Fairmount
 North Grove & Fowlerton
 North Grove & Elwood
 North Grove & Alexandria
 Marion & North Grove
 North Grove & Fowlerton
 Fowlerton, North Grove
 and Plainview
 Resigned North Grove Station
 T.V. Rector completed Year
 Resigned
 Completed year
 Ralph Redding, Glen Betterly
 Resigned. Rector finished
 L.P. Miller. W.O. Chambers
 N.G. Fairview , Hartford City
 Resigned N.G. & Van Buren
 Held Tent Revivals, Built
 Kokomo Church

Pastors Continued
1944-1945 Floyd Johnson

1945-1946 A.D. Main
1946-1948 J.D. Rumble
1948- 1950 Durward CDavis
1950-1951 Fred A. Miller
1951-1953 Earl E. Knight
1953-1954 M.T. Simon
1954-1956 Gillis Wilmouth
1956-1957 *Noel Reed
*Roger Douglas
*Russell Snyder

1957-1958 * Dean Bennett
1958-1963 Edward Gamble
1963- 1965 LeRoy Phelps
1965-1967 Gillis Wilmouth
Note- The Memorial plaque
for the stained glass window
will read, "Donated in memory
of John D. Schrock and Taul E.
Hollott 1966 by Rev. and Mrs.
Gillis Wilmouth and Mrs.
Floyd Johnson"

North Grove Church was built
in the Spring of 1870 and the
McGrawsville Methodist was
built in the "all of that
year. The first remodeling
included a vase ment and the
raising of the church to a
new foundation, the addition
of an extended pulpit to the
north rather than the original
west side. We are not sure
concerning the first furnace
but the minutes of 1929 and
1958 reveal the purchase of
new furnaces. In 1914 the
belfrey and vestibule were
added. The Church was 44
years old when this was done
and it is interesting to
note that 47 years passed
before any other remodeling
was done. The first was
dedicated by Bishop O.G.
Alwood on May 31, 1914 and

Mrs. Johnson and Rev. and Mrs.
Gillis Wilmouth donated the
stained glass window in 1966

Rev. Fred Miller lost a daughter
and his father in law in a wreck
near Peru.

1955-New Church doors installed
by the young people.

New Oil Furnace
Fellowship Hall in this period.
Kitchen and Rest Rooms added.
Parsonage Purchased 1965
Parsonage Storm Windows 1966
First Church History-1967
Stained Glass- Easter 1966
Parsonage Septic Tank 1966
Vestibule Paneling 1966

The second dedication was
By Bishop R.W. Rash on
May 28, 1961.

DEDICATION SERVICE:

Hymn...Praise Him
Prayer...Rev. Orion Fuller
Remarks...Rev. L.J. Martin
Conference Supt.
Ladies Trio...Friends Church
Amboy Indiana
Hymn...Still sweeter every day

Kings Men Quartet- Kokomo
Chorus..Something happened.
Ladies Trio..Friends Church
Speaker..Bishop R.W. Rash
Prayer..Rev. J.McAdams of the
Friends Church
Note..The Friends Church
contributed 100.00 for
the addition and the
Methodist Church of Amboy
contributed \$25.00.

NORTH GROVE BAND ¹⁹¹⁰ 1910

(See Picture)

BAND MEMBERS WERE - Mr. Carson, Instructor, Eli: Slabaugh, Jesse Buzbee, Perry Elstroth, Alonzo Rader, Ira Rader, Albert Depoy, Elbert Brown Harry Zimmerman, Harvey Boyer, Ottis Marks, Gordon Jones and Walter Oden.

Identification - Alonzo Rader was a barber in North Grove and Ira, his brother was a painter, sister, Tillie married Sam

Zimmerman whose pictures appear in this issue.

Walter Oden, the tall man in the middle and his family attended

North Grove Church. Mr. Oden's children were Max, Aldine, George and Mildred. Max and Mildred now live in Kokomo. Gordon Jones father had the Grocery in North Grove. Jesse Buzbee married Jessie Stanley and both attended North Grove Church. Albert Depoy's sister is Mrs. Elta Haines, the mother of Marshall and Walter Haines. Perry Elstroth was an uncle to Thelma Lenon or Mrs. Harry Myers. Many of the pictures that were available for this issue were unidentified, therefore they were not used. Mr. Harvey Boyer lives in Peru.

BAND CONCERT?

One of the incidents that one person remembered was that of a July 4 Celebration. The band met on a wagon and the fireworks set the hay on fire! I wonder what the tune was?

NORTH GROVE CENTENNIAL I

1967 -

Mr. A.M. Goodrich, a surveyor from Perth, Amboy New Jersey bought the right of way for the Railroad through Moorefield and this vicinity in 1862 and because of the Civil War the tracks were not begun until 1867. Amboy was named by this gentleman and North Grove received anew name because of the existence of another Moorefield.

1902-Some can remember the "Nestleroad Grove Revivals" or meetings north of North Grove.

January 22, 1900 - Andy Alvins Saloon in Macy was visited by women who held a prayer meeting. "Good old days"? Neither North Grove nor Amboy have any Saloons today!

PONY EXPRESS?

May - 1907 McGrawsville Post Office discontinued.

July - 1907 Waupecong Post Office discontinued.

July 9, 1920 North Grove Bank closed and quit business.

Dec. 21, 1920 Amboy Creamery Burned.

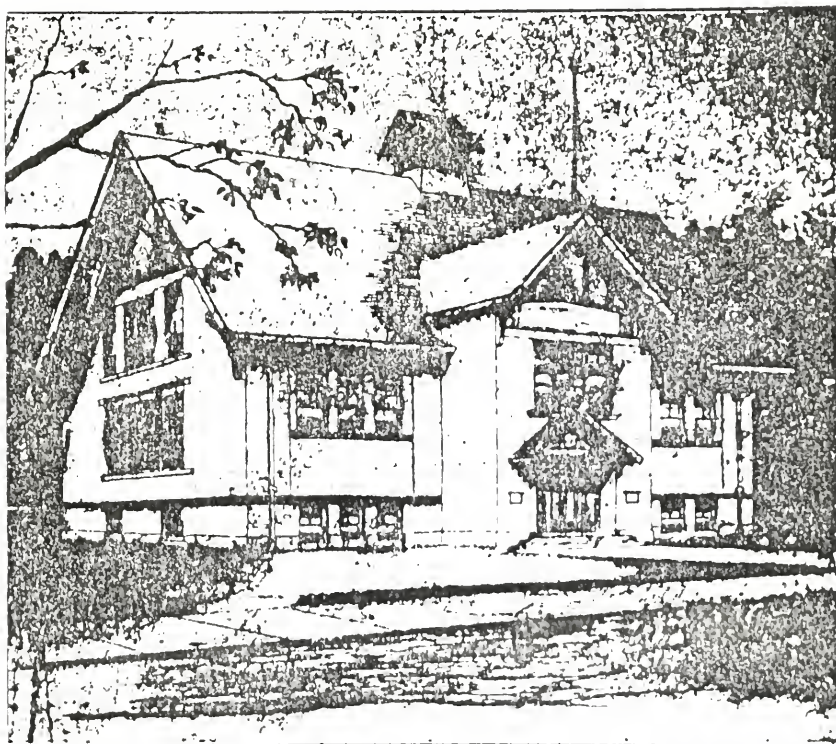
November 8, 1931 Amboy Elevator Burned.

Nov. 11, 1960 North Grove Elevator Burned.

September 21, 1934 Dave York died. It is reported that Mr. York of North Grove invented (see picture) an automatic coupling for Railroad cars and also a tire. Two Railroad men took advantage of Mr. York's taste for whiskey and stole the invention from him.



North Grove Band, Taken around 1912. Members are Identified on opposite page.



North Grove School, Dedicated in 1912. Remodeled and third floor added in 1925.

1903-1904 MISSIONRY DONORS
FOR NORTH GROVE U.B. CHURCH

Norman Bragg
Emilene Bragg
T.S. Blackburn
Anna Boyer
Theodore Boyer
Orla Boyer
Jessie Boyer (Mrs. Elijah
Draper)

Mrs. Mary Crane
Mary Crane
Leona Crane
Edward Davis
Anna Davis
Sarah Elstroth
Clara Elstroth (Mrs. Charles
Stanley)

Newton freeman
Jennie Frierwood
Pliny Freeman
Nelissa Hones
J. W. Hester
Abel Landrum
Stella Landrum
Lillie Marks
Ona Miller
Elizabeth McCammon
Amelia Miner
Joyce Miner
Ulysses Miner
Cora Miner
Walter Oden
J.W. Phares
Lora Rank
Lydia Ross
Rev. H.W. Robbins
Leese Snyder
Orpha Snyder
Rev. A.L. Stanley
Nellie Stanley
Charles Stanley
John Stanley
Madge (Weaver) Hanaway.
Della Weaver
Thomas Winslow
Sterilda Winslow
Charles York
Lydia York
Agness Zimmerman (Mrs. Dan T.
Irwin)

Wilbur Hooper (Dr. in Amboy).
Emanuel Snyder
Ross Snyder

JOHN D. SCHROCK'S CLASS OF
1925-

Jessie Boyer
Orla Boyer
Jessie Buzbee
Glen Bussick
Lela Bussick
Ethel Boyer
June Crane
Grace Fisher
Florence Fisher
Pliny Freeman
Anna Grandstaff
George Graham
Dora Myers
Edith Marks
Walter Oden
Iona Perry
Jesse Stitt
Clara Stanley
William Skull
Edith Skull
Ross Snyder
Madge Shaneman
Jessie Stanley
Daisy Malott
Nellie Zimmerman

1930 ADDITIONAL NAMES

Lula Boyer
Florence Buzbee
Rella Buzbee
Leona Crane
Nettie Graham
Ethel Hoffer
Marie Jones
Hattie Lahring
Mary Lahring
Dave Landrum
Hazel Landrum
Edna Malott
1933 ADDITIONAL NAMES
Lucille Depoy
Sarah Elstroth
Guy Glassburn
Ceste Glassburn
Earl Knight
Gertie Knight
Nettie Miller
T.V. Rector
Rose Rector
Pearl Wilkinson
IN 1934-
Mrs. Ada Freeman
(Pliny's daughter).



1942 SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP - Top Row - Left to Right: Mrs. Rachael Stanley, Mrs. D.L. Chambers and daughter, Mr. Charles Wallace
 Row Two: Mrs. Maude Millet, Mrs. Charles Wallace, Mr. Ralph Harter, Mr. Arthur Wilkinson
 Third Row: Mrs. Rase Rector, Mrs. Viola Harter, Miss Tillie Harter and Mrs. Lavina Harter
 Front Row: Mrs. Alcinda Ramier and Ralph Harter, Jr.



1958 - North Grave Group Visiting the Wilmouth's at Pleasant Hill Parsonage.
 Left to Right: John Haines, Mrs. Tillie Malatt, Beverley Stodgell, Janet Haines, Jack Stodgell; Front Row: Marcia Malatt, and Paul Malatt.

June 14, 1967 Sunday School
Picture (43 Present)
Pictured left to right-

- *Mrs. Mary Wideman
- Miss Pamela Harter
- Mr. Jerry Smiley
- *Mr. Floyd Knight
- Miss Kathy Rohrer
- Miss Janet Haines
- *Miss Darlene Falconberry
- *Mrs. Evelyn Reminger
- *Mrs. Edna Wilmouth
- *Mrs. Dorothy Spencer
- *Miss Rosa Detamore
- *Mrs. Elsie Detamore
- *Mrs. Tillie Malott
- Mrs. Paulette Smiley
- Miss Angela Smiley
- Miss Marcia Malott
- *Mrs. Beulah Cain
- *Mrs. A.C. Finkenbinder
- *Mrs. Betty Knight
- Mrs. Okla Stodgell
- *Miss Patricia Wilmouth
- *Miss Janis Knight
- *Miss Deena Spencer
- *Mr. Robert Falconberry
- Floyd Detamore
- LeRoy Detamore
- *Mike Newman
- Annette Martin
- *Miss Kathy Hager
- Miss Jody Natress
- Miss Debra Murray
- *Timothy Knight
- *Lowell Knight
- Miss Amanda Detamore
- Miss Vernice Detamore
- Miss Paula Murray
- Michael Martin
- Vincent Martin
- Chris Cramer
- *Miss Gillisa Wilmouth
- Miss Jackie Cramer
- Not Pictured-Clarence Cain
- *Rev. Wilmouth

* Denotes those receiving
Bibles for perfect attend-
ance May 14-June 18, 1967.

NORTH GROVE U.B. PARSONAGE
(Pictured on reverse side)
in 1910 and 1965.

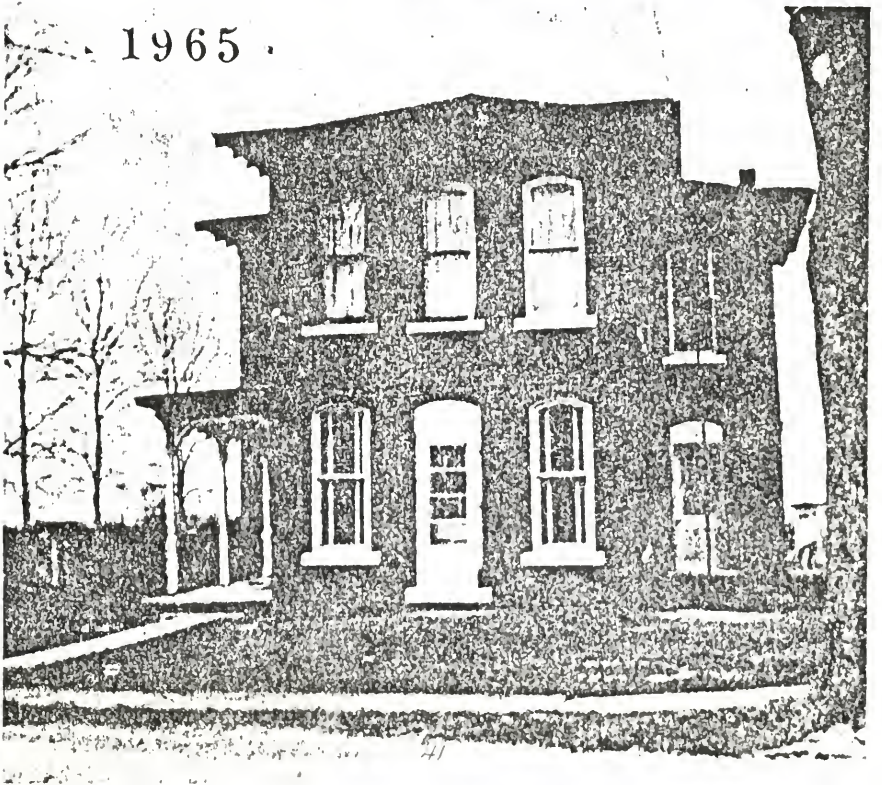
The North Grove Church
purchased their first house
in September, 1965. The lots
west and south of the church
were included in the purchase.
The property, when purchased
was in need of general repair
and decoration. Twenty-six
people formed a parsonage
Committee:

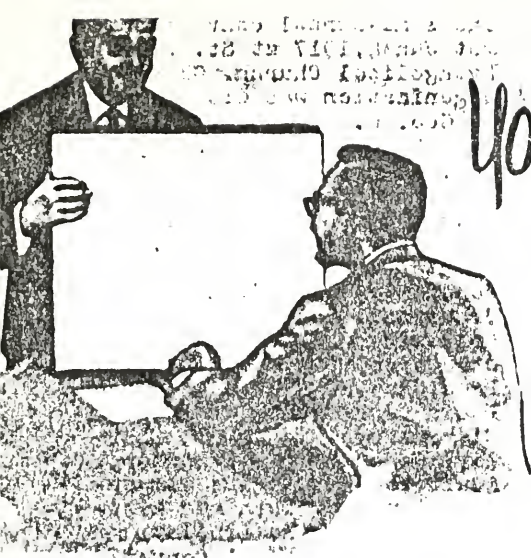
- Clarence Cain
 - Beulah Cain
 - Donna Wolf
 - Floyd Knight
 - Betty Knight
 - Lowell Knight
 - Mary Wideman
 - Don Wideman
 - George Reminger
 - Evelyn Reminger
 - Clayton Stodgell
 - Jack Stodgell
 - Okla Stodgell
 - Francis Stodgell
 - Lewis Singleton
 - Max Eiklebarger
 - Diane Eiklebarger
 - Ben Hayden
 - Coleen Lee
 - Nora Hawkins
 - Goldie Hawkins
 - Edna Wilmouth
 - Sam Sommers
 - Thane Sommers
 - Elsie Detamore
 - Gillisa Wilmouth
- Approximately \$800.00 has
been used in redecoration.

1910



1965





You'll Be Interested
in This!

**THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP SUNDAY
SCHOOL CONVENTIONS 1914-1925**

The following records were in the possession of Mr. John D. Schrock who served as the last Secretary for the Conventions.

The Harrison Township Sunday School Convention was organized June, 14 at the North Grove U.B. Church. Its first officers Pres. George W. Feller. Vice-Pres. Leone Overman. Cradle-Roll Supt. Lulu Haskett. Secy Treas. Marie Jones.

Churches Participating were North Grove U.B. McGrawsville Meth. South Union Friends, St. Paul Evangelical, Mennonite and Dunkard. The North Grove Christian Holiness Was Mentioned for one Convention in 1915. 1914 Annual Report for Sunday Schools Follows.....
North Grove United Brethren:
Superintendent...John Schrock
Secretary.....Lois Malott
Treasurer...Emanuel Snyder
Average Attendance.....48

McGrawsville Methodist;
Supt.Jacob W. Cress
Treas.....A.B. Fewell
Sec'y..Miss. Merle Shively
Attendance Average.....48

St. Paul Evangelical;
Supt.....L.W. Ramsey
Treas.....John Springer
Sec'y...MauFina Stinmann
Average Attendance....42

South Union Friends;
Supt. & Treas. Wm. R. Redick
Sec'y.....Ruth Overman.

Mennonite;
Supt.....Earl Mast
Sec'y. & Treas. John Horner
Average Attendance...224

Dunkard;
Supt....Arthur Klingpeel
Sec'y.....Leo Kendall
Treas. ...Forest Hostetler
Average Attendance.....35

This Concludes Reports of Sun. School Officers and Attendance. Information following gives names of Pastors, Officers

who spoke at the Conventions that were held on Sun. Afternoon and evening every six Mo. Offering and other finances will be omitted from this report.

The first public meeting of the convention was Oct. 18, 1914 at the St. Paul Evangelical church. Rev. Edna Reddick gave the devotions. The evening speaker was Rev. Ralph Richardson of North Grove U.B.

The Oct 31, 1915 meeting was held at McGrawsville Methodist. Speakers were; Rev. G.W. Bailor, Rev. J.H. Heldt, Rev. Clyde Horn; of Evangelical Church. Mr. John Springer and Mr. J.O. Jenkins spoke on the advantage of graded lessons. Mr. Norman Bragg spoke on "How we can prevent non-attendance in Sun. Schools. Mr. Thomas Holler spoke on "Who shall attend or Teach Sun. Schools. The eve. speaker was Rev. Jacob Life, Pastor of North Grove U.B. Officers elected for the next year; Pres. Geo. Feller; Vice Pres; Daniel Fiser; Sec'y Treas. Louis Overman.

On May 21, 1916 the meeting was held at North Grove U.B. and Chas. Haskett gave devotions. Eli Springer spoke on "How we may keep up the Rural Sun. schools" Rev. C.A. Byrt talked on "How we master Sun. School lessons. Mr. A.M. Zehring of Peru spoke on The County Work. Specials in music by Kelsay Bro. St Paul Ladies and U. B. quartets. Miss Virginia North gave a special number in music. Recitations by Hazel Holler, Zella Dawson, and Bessie Baker. The eve. Sermon was by Rev. A.W. Bender of the Evangelical Church.

The Fall Session was held at South Union Friends on Nov. 4 1916. Topics of discussion were led by Rev. Clyde Horn, Rev. C.A. Byrt, and A.M. Zehring. Rev. Abraham Rust, North Grove gave the eve. address "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."

The semi-annual convention met June 4, 1917 at St. Paul Evangelical Church. Class organization was discussed by Geo. W. Freeman of Kokomo. The devotions were by Rev. Abraham Rust.

The annual session was held at McGrawsville M.E. Nov. 18, 1917. Mr. Geo. N. Burnie spoke on "The Sunday School Organized". The North Grove male quartet sang. The following officers were elected Pres. J.O. Jenkins; Vice Pres. Chas. Haskett; Sec'y Treas Louis Overman. Supt of Dept's Elementary, Miss Merle Shively, Secondary, Lena Sepler, Adult, John Springer; Temperance, Laura Strebin and Missionary, Catherine Lindley.

The semi-annual Convention met at North Grove, U.B. June 9 1918, Miss Ella Brewer of Marion spoke on "Cutting straight edges", Rev. C. H. Smith of Peru. On "What the Sun. School stands for".

Annual Convention was held June 15, 1919 at the South Union Friends. The Devotions were by Rev. E.C. Fisher (McGrawsville And Santa Fe. Methodist) Address by O.S. Ellis of Bremen. The present officers to serve additional six Months.

Another Convention was held at St. Paul Evan. church Oct. 26, 1919. Piano solo by Kathleen Stinemman. Address by Rev. Fred Thornburg of Peru. Rev. Clifford Pearson spoke in the eve. Reading by Vera Kelly. All Officers except Anna Rose Secondary who took the place of Lena Stepler.

On May 23, 1920 meeting was held at McGrawsville ME church. Rev. Lewis Stout of Kokomo spoke on "Interchurch World Movement and it's relation to Sunday School.

Rev. A. E. Wade of Rich Valley gave a talk on "The Modern Sunday School" Rev. C. R. Pearson of So. Union gave the eve. address; "In the Morning sow Thy Seed and in the Evening Withhold Not Thy Hand"

North Grove U. B. Oct. 24, 1920. Object lessons were given by Mr. Clarence Banthem Mr. A. B. Cornelius, state adult Supt. spoke on "The value of Organization in adult work." Present officers were re-elected except Laura Whitzel who was elected Temperance Supt.

St. Paul Evangelical Church, Oct. 16, 1921. Devotions by Rev. Griesner. Song by Ladies quartet of So. Union. Reading by Glennis Powell. Rev. Ben Kendall of Loganport spoke on "Sun. School methods and the Rural Church Following this Eva Lavengood and Orville Snyder gave Readings. Rev. McKinley of So. Union gave the Invocation for the Eve. service. Lola Springer gave a Reading Rev. Kendall spoke on "Conseving Our Spiritual Forces" Reading by Thelma Crane. Geo. and Chestine Kendall sang. Elections: Pres. J. O. Jenkins Sec'y-Treas. J. D. Schrock. Elementary Supt. Leone Overman, Secondary Anna Roza. Adult, John Springer. Temp. Edna Malott.

McGrawsville Methodist June 18, 1922. Rev. Singer Pastor Gave Devotions. Song by Fred Malott. Rev. Charles Tinkham of Peru gave the message. Song by Alma Springer. Piano duet by Lola and Volma Springer. Emerson Larri-son gave a Reading. Vera, Myra

and Leo Lippold closed with an instrumental number. Mr. Wesley Jenkins opened the eve. session with devotions. Duet by Herman and Therman Agness. Reading by Flossie Lottridge gave a reading. Bernice Worl a. whistling solo. Evening address by Re. Tin khams entitled "The Community Spirit." Reading by Ezra Feller.

The Semi-annual was held at North Grove, Oct. 22, 1922. Rev. Clyde Meadows, Pastor of North Grove and Alexandria Circuit gave the invocation. Vocal solos by Mrs. Arlington Singer and Fred Malott. Reading by Dorothy Overman. Rev. Ben Kendall spoke on "My part in Bible School". Thelma and Georgia Powell gave a Piano Duet. Readings by Mrs. Ira Larri-son and Lola Springer. The meeting closed with a song by the St. Paul Sun. School. Rev. Clyde Meadows gave the evening invocation. A reading was given by Donald Lot-tridge. Piano solo by Eva Laven-good. After the message, readings were given by Pearl Malott and Flossie Lottridge.

The June 10 1923 Convention met at McGrawville Methodist. Rev. Clyde Meadows gave the invocation. A reading was given by Helen Gor-don. Rev. R. W. Clarke, Bunker Hill spoke on "The Teachers Challenge!" Musical Number by Vera and Myra Lippold. Rev. Arlington Singer gave the evening invocation. Mrs. Maude Banthem gave a vocal solo. A Missionary pageant was presented by the Standard Bearers of McGraw-ville.

Rev. Clarke spoke on "The Teachers Obligation". Flossie Lottridge gave a reading. Benediction by Rev. Singer.

North Grove U. B. Church, Oct. 14, 1923. Invocation by Rev. Gries-mer.

Rev. G.C. Cook addressed the Convention on the subject "Pathways to the best". A reading by Donald Lottridge. George Feller gave the evening devotions. A reading by Flossie Lottridge. A clarinet solo by Edward Lippold. Rev. Cook spoke on "Shirking a Great Duty". Edna Malott and Pauline Lottridge sang a duet. Thelma Powell Gave a Reading. Officers elected were; Pres. Eli Springer, Vice Pres. J.O. Jenkins. Sec'y Treas. John D. Schrock. Elementary Supt. Thelma Powell Secondary Supt. Anna Rose. Adult E.W. Jenkins and Temperance Edna Malott.

The Semi-Annual Convention was held at St. Paul May 25, 1924. Rev. Griesmer gave devotions. Reading by Thelma Powell. Whistling solo by Donald Lottridge. A reading by Alma Springer. Instrumental music by Addie Fiser. Rev. A.E. Leese gave an address on "The Modern Sun-School". Rev. Bunner gave the evening devotions. Velma Springer gave a reading. A vocal solo by Madge B anthem. A reading by Flossie Lottridge. Rev. A.E. Leese then spoke on "Some Present Day Needs."

McGrasville Methodist Nov. 9, 1924. Rev. I.H. Griesmer gave the devotions. Readings were given by Mae Gerhaht and Alice Larrison. Rev. G.L. Long spoke on "Ten Commandments for Sunday School Workers". A Piano solo by Addie Fiser. Rev. Buner Gave The Benediction.

Mr. Laurel Ramsey led the Evening service in prayer.

Readings by Velma Springer and Flossie Lottridge. Duet by Flossie and Pauline Lottridge. Thelma and George Powell gave a piano duet. Rev Long's evening address was entitled "Evangelism in and through the Sunday School".

THE LAST MEETING

according to these minutes, was held at McGrawsville Methodist Church, Oct. 4, 1925. Rev. I.H. Griesmer gave the devotions. H.G. Rows spoke on "Religious Education". A vocal duet was by Rev. and Mrs. Bunner. Rev. C E. Stratton, Pastor at North Grove gave the benediction. The evening session was opened with devotions by Rev. E.A. Bunner. Readings were given by Thelma Powell and Velma Springer. H.G. Rows subject was "Trained Leadership". Elections: Pres. George W. Powell. Vice Pres. Eli Springer. Sec'y Treasurer John D. Schrock, North Grove Childrens Supt. Thelma Powell Bunker Hill. Young Peoples, Anna Rose, Amboy. Adults, Edna Malott, North Grove. Administrative, Mrs. Laura Overman, McGrawsville. Education, Bernice Jenkins. Peru, R.R. 9.

End Of Minutes.



Now, all together

Happy Birthday

THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH IS 200 YEARS OLD ON MAY 14, 1967.
To celebrate this occasion the Church is planning a six day meeting at the Rhodes Grove Campground, Chambersburg Pennsylvania August 16 - 21, 1967 (see denominational history in this issue)

WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE IS 121 YEARS OLD.....FEB. 1967 !

U.B WOMENS MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION WAS 95 YEARS OLD ON MAY 9, 1967 !

NORTH GROVE U.B. LADIES AID WAS 40 YEARS OLD JAN.6,1967!

NORTH GROVE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST LADIES AID -

The Ladies Aid was organized January 6, 1927 in the home of a United Brethren Pastor, Rev. T.V. Rector, who supplied North Grove U.B. for several years.(see Pastoral lists)
The Aid began with twelve members whose names are not available, but more than

included in the 1928 list on the following page. The purpose of the Ladies Aid is to help in the financial interests of the church. One of the first projects of the Ladies Aid was the building of new church steps at a cost of \$15.00. Other aid has ranged from buying coal for the church to the help of Ministers salaries. The meetings of the Ladies Aid were held in the homes until 1960 when the annex of the church became available. The Aid helped in this project by giving over \$1000.00 to the church.

Since there is no provision in our discipline for an Aid, the Aid is considered as being governed as any other organization within the church. We are thankful for the participation of those that are not members of the church and feel that many have made a worthwhile contribution to the church. We feel that the Aid and the church are dependent upon each other.

North Grove U.B. Ladies Aid
Names from the Minutes and
the Amboy Independent Papers
1928-1929

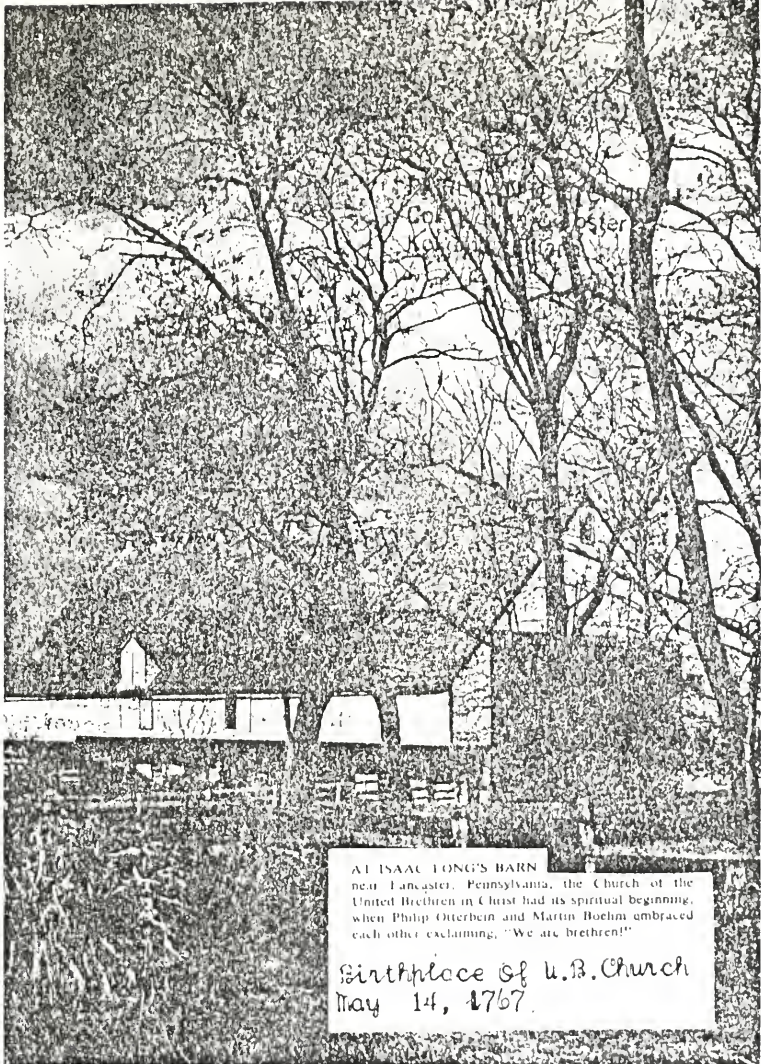
Pauline Buzbee
Emiline Bragg
Rose Rector
June Clingamen
Ora Nestleroad
Bessie Dragstream
Sarah Elstroth
Allie Lottridge
Mary Little
Gertrude Knight
Glenna Knight
Nettie Miller
Clara Stanley
Pearl Wilkinson
Rachael Stanley

1935-1966

Thelma Allen
Audrey Bolner
Betty Bailey
Lilly Baker
Mrs. Lloyd Bradley
Anna Cain
Beulah Cain
Maxine Cain
Bessie Carnine
Jessie Draper
Elsie Detamore
Florence Foust
Edna Graham
Ilene Grandstaff
Joan Glassburn
Beulah Glassburn
Cesta Glassburn
Juanita Glassburn
Garnet Glassburn
Cora Gamble
Pauline Greer
Ada Freeman
Lavina Harter
Margaret Freeman
Lola Hopper
Lulu Haskett
Edith Hartwick
Agness Hershberger
Doris Haines
Viola Harter
Louise Hager
Carol Hiatt
Goldie Hawkins
Nora Hawkins

Betty Hawkins
Diane Hawkins
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Melvina Lague
Sarah Lague
Elba Lague
Lillie Lenon
Ruth Avery
Allie Lottridge
Mary Janoway
Tillie Malott
Grace Rinker
Lela Phelps
Grace Singleton
Minnie Poffenberger
Pearl Stitt
Edith Wallace
Anna Stout
Pearlene Shaefer
Thanet Sommers
Francis Stodgell
Okla Stodgell
Janice Smith
Jane Powell
Ruth Overman
Tillie Zimmerman
Mrs. Harold Zimmerman
Generva Schrock
Margaret Wilson
Wilma Wilkinson
Amy Wilson
Donna Wolfe
Martha Lamb
Leah Springer
Hazel Zody
Floeta Zody
Elizabeth Zody
Evelyn Reminger
Edna Wilmouth
Mary Wideman
Elsie Malott
Maude Millet
Thelma Myers
Betty Miller
Ada Miller
Mary Miller (Robbins)
Mrs. Atlee Miller

Note: These names were from records available. We do not have records of others who may have participated in the North Grove United Brethren in Christ Ladies Aid.



AT ISAAC LONG'S BARN
near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the Church of the
United Brethren in Christ had its spiritual beginning,
when Philip Otterbein and Martin Boehm embraced
each other exclaiming, "We are brethren!"

Birthplace of U.B. Church
May 14, 1767.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST
CHURCH -

DID YOU KNOW THAT ---?

1. The U.B. In Christ Church was the first Church to be organized in the United States?

2. The first Mid-week Prayer Services were conducted by Phillip William Otterbein, one of our first Bishops?

3. That our Church stands by Original Confession of Faith and the Constitution of 1841?

4. The first Sunday School in Indiana was conducted by a pioneer U. B. Preacher, Mr. John Pfrimmer of Corydon, Indiana. The school was located near the state capitol of Corydon. On May 21-23, 1920 a Centennial was held at Corydon to honor the Sunday School. The Governor attended and spoke to the Representatives from twenty-eight United Brethren Churches. Many from other denominations attended. Coins were minted for the occasion, but only one is now in the possession of the Church.

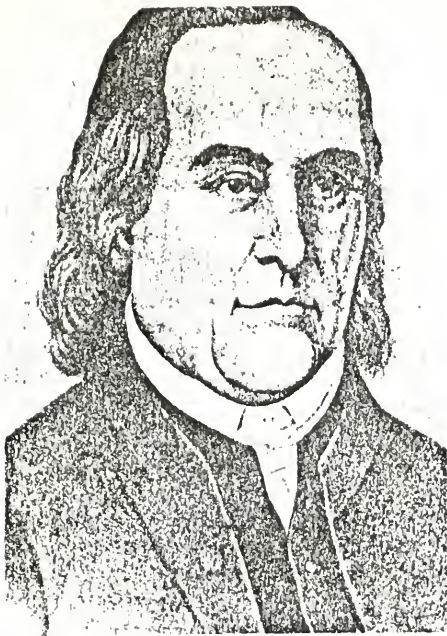
5. On December 31, 1834 the first issue of the Religious Telescope was issued. (It is now called The United Brethren.)

6. The growth of our Church South of the Mason-Dixon line was hindered by the stand taken in 1821, General Conference on the issue of slavery and race relations. The decision resulted in the fact that no member could hold any man slave and as a result of this, a group

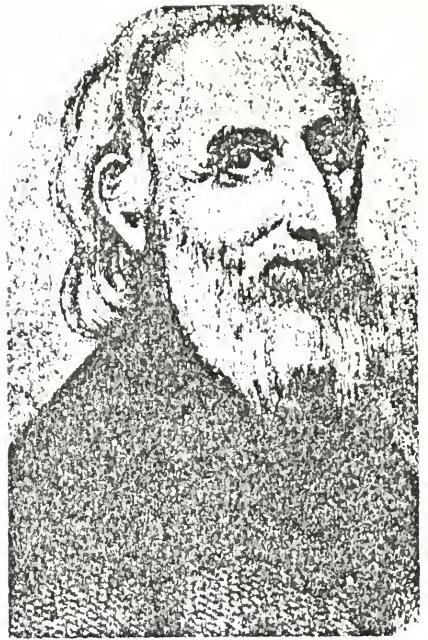
in Ohio withdrew from the Church and formed their own Church.

7. That other groups have, for various reasons withdrawn to form their own Church? Several years ago in Indianapolis a group withdrew and called themselves the Republican U.B. Church.....The reason "Our Bishops were getting too much money". This article appeared in the UNITED BRETHREN.. "One writer of the 1800's wrote, "Some United Brethren Preachers got little, others no pay. I remember hearing one say, who is yet living (In 1858) that he was "Out of the pocket for his preaching, nine hundred dollars." The first year that J.J. Glossbrenner was Bishop (1845) he received 36 dollars in salary.

8. During the beginning period of the United Brethren denomination, most of the meetings were held in private dwellings, barns and groves. Houses were built with large living rooms to accommodate the meetings of the Church and when this was insufficient, they moved to the barn. The Issac Long barn that is pictured on the previous page is two hundred years old. The Issac Long barn and house are still standing. The house has a tile roof and the barn is pinned together with wooden pegs. As late as 1902 meetings were held annually in the Nestleroad Grove near North Grove.



WILLIAM OTTERBEIN



MARTIN BOEHM

“WE ARE Brethren”

On July, 1752 a ship dropped anchor in New York; among those landing was Phillip W. Otterbein, one of six German reformed Missionaries sent to minister to the Churches in Pennsylvania. Thirty Thousand German Reformed people had not gone unnoticed by the Church. in Germany One month later Otterbein was assigned to a Church in Lancaster, Pa. The popular theology of that day laid no emphasis on a new birth and Otterbein faced a spiritual crisis. The prominent factors that were stressed were baptism and Church membership and much

irreligion and laxity was evidenced. After six years as Pastor, Otterbein resigned. After his resignation he went from house to house presenting the Gospel and establishing new relationships. It was during this period that he began the mid-week prayer service. From 1760-1766 he Pastored at Fredericktown, Maryland and then went to York, while Pastoring at York in 1767, he met Martin Boehm at the Isaac Long barn near Lancaster, Penn. Martin Boehm was reared in a devout Mennonite Faith on his father's farm. He also worked as a Blacksmith and did not

have the opportunities that Otterbein had. He was chosen by lot at the age of 33 to Pastor his home congregation. While plowing on his father's farm one day he experienced forgiveness when he fell to the ground and cried "Lord Save"! From that moment, he had freedom to preach. He went to churches in Penn. and Virginia.

God had been using Boehm and Otterbein and the outgrowth led to the great "Week-end" meetings. It was at such a meeting that these two men were brought together. The occasion was Pentecost, or Whit-Sunday in the year 1767 at Issac Long's barn near Lancaster, Penn. Following the sermon by Martin Boehm, William Otterbein went to him, embraced him and said "We are Brethren". The stream of Revival brought together Lutherans, German Reformed, Mennotites, Tinkers, Amish and others. The ministers formed an evangelistic union. They agreed upon the principle of liberty in baptism, and other simple guiding directives. Otterbein accepted the call to an Independent Reformed Church in Baltimore and served it until he died. Boehm continued to minister in the Mennonite Church until he was expelled in 1775-1780. The first formal Conference met in Baltimore in 1779, with seven ministers attending and fifteen recognized. Out of this meeting came a confession of faith and a few rules of Discipline. The second Conference of twenty-two ministers met at York County, Penn. The next Conference was in 1800. The name United Brethren in Christ

was agreed upon and Otterbein and Boehm were the first official Bishops. Otterbein attended his last General Conference in 1805 at the age of 79. Boehm died in 1812. Bishop Newcomer was elected in 1813. The Church was then divided into ten geographical areas. Seven districts were represented at the conference of June 6, 1815 at Mt. Pleasant, Penn. At this Conference the Church received her first discipline, which differed little from the first confession of Faith. It provided for the appointment of Bishops and the licensing of ministers. The first book of discipline was published in German in 1816. In 1817 the Conference ordered 100 copies of the discipline to be printed in English. Before his death; Bishop Otterbein ordained Christian Newcomer, Joseph Hoffman and Fredrick Schaffer on October 2, 1813.

The 1821 General Conference adopted a rule prohibiting the owning of slaves by the members of the Church. Thus forty years before the Civil war, the Church raised its voice in opposition. Another rule prohibited ministers or laymen from engaging in the distilling of alcoholic beverages. Shortly after this Conference, the Scioto, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Indiana and Sandusky Conferences were organized.

The Gen Conference of 1841 met for ten days and adopted a constitution. One important factor in our History was, that there should be no change in our constitution unless by a two-thirds vote of

The whole society. Another there was also a rule concerning membership in secret societies.

After the conference of 1845 twenty-five colleges were formed. In 1853, a Home Frontier and Foreign Missionary Society was formed. The board met in 1854, and plans were made for missionary activity in Africa and Canada. W.J. Shuey, D.K. Fleckenger and D.C. Kumler arrived in Africa in Feb. of 1856.

Each succeeding conference from 1841 to 1889 contained more and more delegates who favored a change in policy concerning the issue of Secret Societies. By 1889, when the issue came to a vote only 54,369 of 200,800 voiced their opinion. On May 12, 1889 the Board of Bishops adopted a new confession of faith and discipline. When the reading of this proclamation was given Bishop Milton Wright and fourteen others retired from the Conference. Bishop Wright had not signed the proclamation. From that moment, there were two branches of the church, each claiming to be the true one. Claims and counter-claims were hurled at one another until the issue had to be settled in court.

A small group began to rebuild on the constitution of 1841. In 1946 the group operating under the Confession of 1889 merged with the Evangelicals and became known as the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

God has blessed and increased our opportunities, and today our message reaches China,

Africa, Jamaica, and Honduras. We have nearly four hundred churches. Our denominational Headquarters are at Huntington, Indiana. We have a Christian college in Huntington that was established in 1897. We are a Reformed Church, Fundamental in doctrine and evangelistic in outreach. We believe in the trinity as we believe the whole Bible to be the word of God. It is Christ and only Christ that unites us; and then we can say, "We Are Brethren." This portion of our denominational history was adopted from the May 21, 1958 issue of the United Brethren, Our denominational magazine.

It is for your information and clarification that this is enclosed. Our denominations membership has doubled in a ten year period and is growing because it stands for Christ and represents Him as our Saviour. We cannot say this of any cult or sect today.

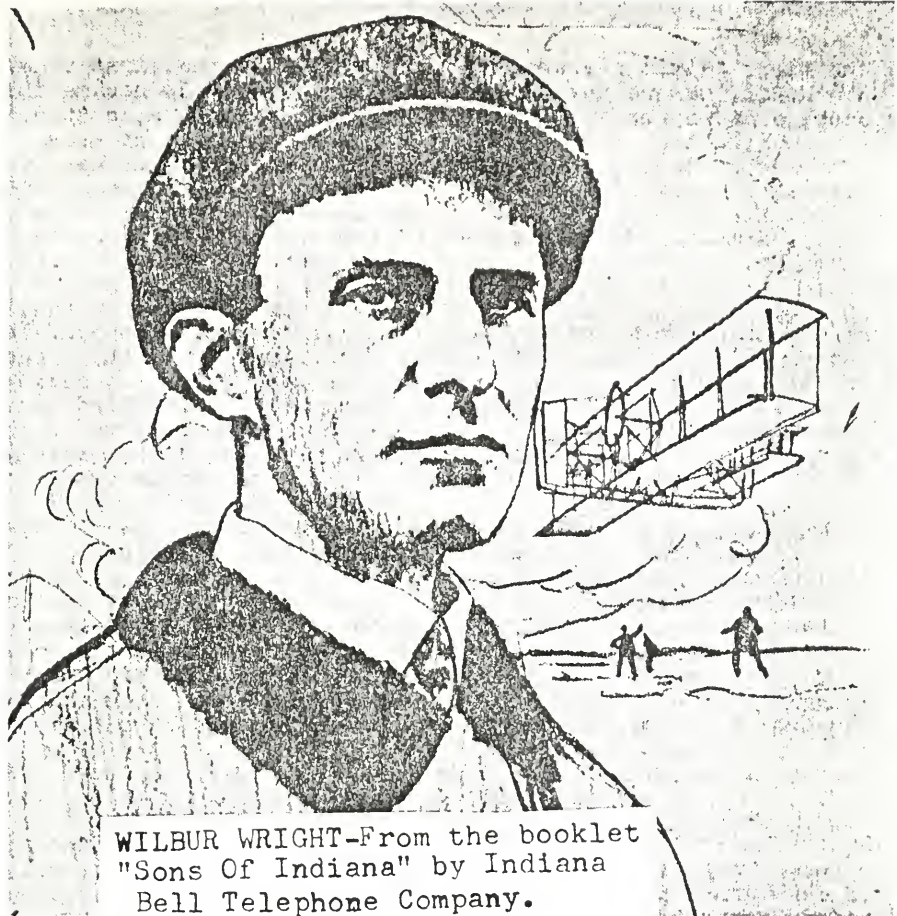
I Corinthians 3:11
"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is JESUS CHRIST".

THE UNITED BROTHERN IN CHRIST
AND SECRET SOCIETIES

It was upon the ground of loyalty to Jesus Christ and separation from the world that the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has been opposed to Secret Societies, notably the Masonic Fraternity. P. 39. The United Brethren in the first place could never see why any good in a Society should be kept secret and in the Conference of 1826 took official action against Free Masonry. Jesus Christ said, "I spake openly to the world and in secret have I said nothing."

The Church has a far more weighty and grave reason for opposing the secret lodge system. A study of Masonic salvation as told by their own philosophers prove that man must sacrifice his faith and compromise his loyalty to Christ in order to become a Mason. Masonry is a religion. In Webb's Monitor of Free Masonry we read on Page 284, "The meeting of the Masonic Fraternity is strictly a religious ceremony". According to Mackey in the Lexicon of Free Masonry, there is only one article of belief presented, Belief in God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Masonry is a broad religion, accepting into it's membership all religionists of the world, wheather they are Mohammedian, Budhist, Confusian, Parsee, etc. It is very evident that there is room for all the religionists of the world, with one exception and that is Christ, the Worlds Redeemer. Masonry is theistic, that is a belief in a God, not necessarily the God of the Bible, but belief in a God real or imaginary that people all over the world, heathen or Civilized would call God. Masonry is the universal religion only and so long as it embraces all religions.

Masonic religion ignores, sets aside, Positively rejects the deity, atonement and redemptive work of Christ. His name is excluded from every prayer and ceremony of it's Pagan ritual This should be enough to condemn the entire system in the sight of all Christians. The Church of the United Brethren in Christ can't endorse an institution or an organization of men, who with sacreligious liscense, will take the authority to destroy the Bible, by excluding the name of Christ and then use the vituated scriptures in the ritual of their own pagan religion. Free Masonry declares that the new birth is being accomplished where men of all religions meet upon the broad platform of a creed that receives universal consent of all men, and this regeneration of human nature is accomplished through the agency of pagan initiation into a Christless Fraternity. If Free Masonry is not anti-Christ, by it's own testimony it will be impossible to understand what anti-Christ means, and every man, Minister or Layman, Deacon or drunkard, Class leader or gambler taken into Masonry swears under the most terrible penalties, to maintain and support the anti-Christ forever. It is our mission to bear a mighty testimony of assurance of salvation to believers of Christ and the Bible, in these days of religious degeneracy and back-slidden Churches. This is a reformed Church. We believe in the Gospel and it's Power to save, also in the applied Gospel; The inner results of Salvation can be judged by our attitudes and relations with man. "The U. B. in Christ Church, It's Teachings and Progress".



WILBUR WRIGHT-From the booklet
"Sons Of Indiana" by Indiana
Bell Telephone Company.

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS.

The Wright brothers were the sons of Bishop Milton Wright. Wilbur was born at Millville, Indiana, April 16, 1867 and Orville was born at Dayton, Ohio August 19, 1871. The brothers helped their father fold the RELIGIOUS TELESCOPE, now the UNITED BROTHERS and rather than fold it by hand they invented a folding machine. Orville at fifteen invented a printing press and published his own four page paper. One source revealed Milton invented a Typewriter,

but never patented it. As a result of their father giving them a bamboo airship, the boys experimented with kites and gliders until they invented the first airplane. The Wright Brothers went to Kitty Hawk, N.C. to make their tests. By 1903 there were automobile motors available, but they did not suit the needs for a plane, so the brothers invented a four cylinder motor with a propeller. On December 17, 1903 they made their first public flight and stayed in the air for fifty nine seconds.

The first flight averaged 6.8 M.P.H. There was much doubt that anyone could ever fly and the brothers doubted that anyone could fly at night. The work of the Wright brothers had been accomplished under much sneering of the public. In 1908 Wilber won a prize for flying the fastest. In 1889 Wilber served on the Foreign Mission Board of our Church. Wilber worked with Orville from 1903-1912 when he died. The U.S. Government had offered \$25,000 for a plane that would go 125 miles without stopping at forty miles per hour. The brothers sold a plane to the Government for \$30,000. Orville died in 1948 and had been the chief engineer for the Wright Airplane company in Dayton. The father had died at Orvilles home in Dayton and the home later used as a guest home by the National Cash Register Company.

Bishop Milton Wright
Nov. 1828-----April, 1917
Milton Wright was born in Rush County, Indiana. He received his licence to preach in 1849 and joined the White River Conference in 1853. Rev. Wright was ordained by Bishop David Edwards in 1856. In 1959 Milton Wright married Susan Koerner at Hartsville, Indiana. Milton and Susan had seven children; twins died, Lorin, Rouchlin, Catherine, Wilber and Orville survived. Milton Wright became the first officially recognized Professor of Theology in the U .B. Church and taught at Hartsville College. He also Pastored the Hartsville College Church. From 1868 he took part in the Anti- Secret Society and in 1869 he became Editor of the Religious Telescope. He served

as Bishop for the first time from 1877-1880. He became the Editor of the Richmond Star, a publication against secret societies. In 1885 he was re- elected Bishop and served until 1905. On May 13, 1889 Bishop Wright and others took their stand against a revised Confession of Faith and Constitution for the United Brethren in Christ Church. The original action of the preceding Conferences provided changes only by a two- thirds vote of the Denomination. The report of the vote for a change only showed 25% of the Denomination voting. As a result of this action the Church was divided. Bishop Wright lead in the re-Organization of the Church by the Constitution of 1841. Bishop Wright brought the Church through a crucial period of it's History, and was respected by both churches. By the convictions of Bishop Wright and some other men, the Church has rebuilt and has been preserved to his memory. In 1949 The Boys Dormitory at Hunington College Hunington, Indiana was named for Milton Wright. Orville Wright donated several hundred dollars to the Church that was his fathers choice. Bishop Wright as well as his sons stood firm under ridicule and rejection. As the three in the fiery furnace, they didn't bow, They Didn't bend, they didn't burn. Wright and Sons accomplished their purpose. Bishop Wright not only stood against the legal actions, but he stood against the doctrinal issues involved in the teachings of the Lodge. (See the United Brethren Church and Secret Societies) In this issue.



Bishop Clyde W. Meadows



Bishop Albert L. Johnson

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows was Pastor of North Grove and Alexandria Churches in 1922-'23. He was born 1901 in Virginia. For 33 years he Pastored the King St. U. B. Church in Chambersburg, Pa., and was Conference Supt. for 27 years. Being a lover of music he wrote the Hymn "To Thee O Lord". He is now the International President of The Christian Endeavor in 75 countries and is known as the Flying Bishop. he was elected Bishop of the East Dist. of the United Brethren In Christ Church in 1961 and Re-elected in 1965. It was during his Pastorate that North Grove experienced one of it's largest revivals that began in June and lasted six weeks. Rev. Plumbey was the Evangelist and Rev. Meadows was part of a Hurington College Quartet that sang during the revival. Rev. C. Meadows Mother also preached.

Bishop Albert L. Johnson - July 29, 1882 - Dec 18, 1954
 Rev. Johnson was the son of Elihu and Pearl L. Johnson and was born at Willshire, Ohio. He took a college Correspondence course and attended Tri-State college. A.M. Johnson became a Pastor in 1904. In 1909, he married Ollie Stetler. They had three daughters, Maxine, Doris and Betty. Rev. Johnson served the Auglaize Conference in Ohio and the White River Conference. One cold winter night while Pastoring the Warren Circuit Church, Rev Johnson was walking from the Mount Zion Church to Warren, a distance of six miles in a snowstorm. Rev. W. S. Plumbey, a Duckard Minister who lived on the way, took him in out of the cold. Mrs. Elta Haines and others report that Rev. Johnson was blue from the cold, but wanted to get to his home.

and family. Rev. Albert Johnson was elected Bishop in 1929. As Bishop of the Pacific District 1937-1945, he succeeded in strengthening the West Coast Conferences and bonds of fellowship between these and other Conferences. Bishop Johnson was one of the most widely known Bishops and he visited almost every United Brethren Church in The United States and Canada. He was known for his sense of humor and being portly in stature often remarked, "I'm not only Bishop, I'm Arch Bishop". His sermons were delivered to near capacity audiences and he is remembered by many as a great friend. One trip to the West Coast was recalled by his daughter who remembered that he started in a new car and when he returned had to replace a muffler. Betty Johnson, his daughter, married Floyd Knight. Mr. Knight is our Sun. School Superintendent and Mrs. Betty Knight, a teacher and pianist. They have three children: Janis, Lowell and Timothy.

BISHOP OLIN G. ALWOOD . . .
Aug. 13, 1870 - July 2, 1945.
Rev. Alwood was born in Delta, Ohio. His Father, Rev. J.K. Alwood wrote the Hymn "The Unclouded Day". The Alwood family were the first in their county to use glass jars. Olin G. Alwood attended the college at Hartsville, Indiana. He served as Bishop from 1905-1921 and as Editor of the Christian Conservator 1921 - 1925. Bishop O.G. Alwood dedicated the addition of the North Grove U.B. Church on May 31, 1914.

REV. EARL E. KNIGHT
June 22, 1880-1964
Earl was born at Santa Fe, the son of James and Rebekah Knight. He was married to Miss Gertrude Barnhart on October 31, 1900. The Knights had four sons; Charles, Donald and Buniest Knight and Floyd Knight. Buniest died in 1925, Charles in 1949 and Donald in 1966. Mr. Earl Knight taught at the Butler Township school in Miami County and the Innisdale School at Alexandria, Ind. Earl was converted at North Grove in March of 1929, under the Ministry of Rev. Orion Fuller. He joined the North Grove Church in 1931 and received his license to preach under Rev. H.A. Collins. He was ordained in 1947 under Bishop Musgrave. Rev. Knight pastored Rugby Church in 1943-1944 and the Muncie Church in 1944-1945. He pastored the Etna Avenue Church in Huntington 1945-1952. The Rugby Church remodeled under his ministry and built a parsonage and the Etna Church had many improvements while he was there. He Pastored North Grove U.B. 1952-1953, in 1954-1955 he was at Rugby. From 1955-1957 he was at the Galloway Church. At various intervals he was at the Elkardt Mission until his death in 1964.

Mrs. Knight had passed away in 1963. Rev. and Mrs. Knight made their home in Amboy, after moving from North Grove.



BISHOP ROBERT W. RASH

Bishop W. Rash was born March 16, 1904 in Auglaize County Ohio. Robert Rash was converted under the preaching of Rev. Frank Swaggart in 1923. In 1924 Robert Rash delivered the Baccalaureate address for his graduation from High School. He married in 1924. Received his quarterly licenses to preach from Bishop A.M. Johnson in 1925. and he was ordained in 1934. He pastored churches for almost twenty years. He served as the General Secretary of Christian Education for sixteen years and taught at his Alma Mater, Huntington College. He has been Evangelist in every Conference except three Mission Conferences. He has served in all U.B. Comps in the U.S. and Ontario except one. He was elected Bishop in 1957 and again in 1965. He Dedicated the addition at North Grove on May 28, 1961.

BISHOP CLARENCE E. CARLSON

Clarence E. Carlson was born August 9, 1897 at Paxton Illinois. His parents came from Sweden when they were eighteen years of age. He was converted in 1923. In 1931, he married Emma Burton who was serving in Africa as a Missionary. Rev. Carlson served in Sierre Leone, 1935- 1951. On furloughs from the Mission Field he served the College Park Church, Huntington and other Churches. In 1952-1953 he served as an assistant to Dr. Fleming of Mission Board. He also served as General Treasurer of the Church 1953-1957. He was elected Bishop in 1957 and served until 1965 when he asked for a retired relationship and was honored with the title " Bishop Emeritus". He now resides in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

REV. A.L. STANLEY, NORTH GROVE

Rev. Stanley joined the White River Conference in 1891. He Pastored the Mount Zion Church near Warren, Sugar Grove Church, North Grove Church, Marion and Brookville, Also served as Conference Evangelist for the last ten years of his active Ministry. While serving as Evangelist, He often lodged at the Milton Wright home near Millville, Indiana. While staying Over-night at the Wright home some time there wasn't enough bed space, and one night he had to sleep with the Wright Brothers. Rev. and Mrs. Phoebe Stanley had three sons and a daughter. John, Charles Floyd and Jessie. Floyd married and moved to Sweetzer in 1917. John and Rachael, and Charles and Clara were active in the North Grove Church. Jessie married Jesse Buzbae and they also attended. Floyd remembers helping cook meals for Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Richardson and others. The picture of the Richardsons in this issue, was taken at John and Rachael Stanley's home opposite the North Grove School. Mrs. Phoebe Stanley died in 1922. On November 3, 1929 on a windy night Rev. Alfred Leroy Stanley walked behind one train into the path of another, at North Grove and was killed. John passed away in 1934 and Rachael in 1954. Floyd and his wife raised their family in the Richland Methodist Church and their son Donald resides in Amboy, Indiana.

Rev. ORION FULLER

Rev. Orion Fuller's first Pastorate was North Grove U.B. in 1919. In 1925 he was elected as Presiding Elder of Conference Supt. as they are now known. In 1930 he gave his report to the Annual Conference:

- 60 Quarterly Conferences held
- 276 Sermons
- 280 Homes visited
- 3 Marriages
- 5 Funerals
- 19 Weeks Revival
- 10,7000 Miles traveled.
- Salary for the year
- Grand Total.....\$774.35

REV. ELIAS HOOVER.

The first Pastor of North Grove U.B. Church Can be traced by the Miami Co. Histories and the Miami Co. Directory. Eli Hoover entered Clay Township in 1830. He lived near Bennetts Switch and he and John Condo built the Mount Zion "Stringtown" U.B. Church. Omer Holman's book, "Coming of the White Poineers" records his death on Jan. 28, 1880.

BISHOP WILLIAM HANBY.

William Hanby joined the Scioto Conference in Ohio In 1831. In 1833 he was given a charge, with 28 appointments and in 1834, he was Presiding Elder over Scioto Conference. In 1837 he became Treasurer of the Publishing establishment. Later he served as Bishop in 1845-1849. He was the Author of "My Darling, Nellie Gray" which reflects the issue of Slavery in his day.

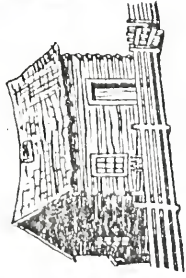
HIGHLIGHTS

OF OUR UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH HISTORY

ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, 1767 AT ISAAC LONG'S BARN NEAR LANCASTER, PA. AT THE CLOSE OF A MESSAGE BY MARTIN BOEHM, PHILIP W. OTTERBEIN WENT TO BOEHM, EMBRACED HIM AND SAID, "WE ARE BRETHREN." SOON THESE TWO MEN WERE CO-LEADERS OF A REVIVAL MOVEMENT WHICH LED TO THE FOUNDING OF OUR CHURCH.

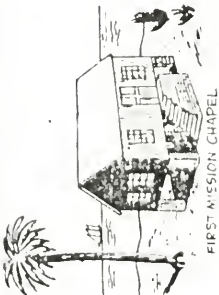


THE FIRST GEN. CONF. MET JUNE 6-10, 1815 NEAR MT. PLEASANT, PA. THIS CONF. GAVE THE CHURCH HER FIRST BOOK OF DISCIPLINE AND DOCTRINE.

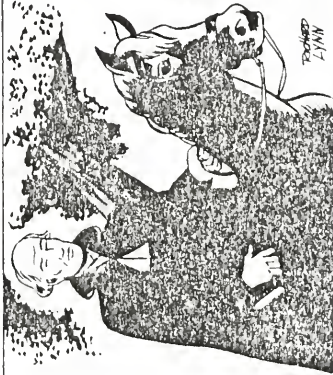


BONNETT'S SCHOOLHOUSE

OUR FIRST FOREIGN MISSION WAS BEGUN IN 1855 IN SIERRA LEONE, WEST AFRICA BY REVS. W.J. SHUEY, D.K. FLICKINGER AND D.C. KUMLER.



FIRST MISSION CHAPEL

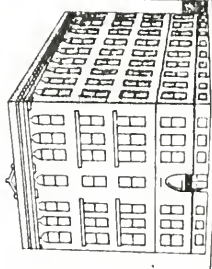


CHRISTIAN NEWCOMER, THE FATHER OF OUR ITINERANT PREACHING SYSTEM, FOR 53 YEARS WAS ALMOST CONSTANTLY IN THE SADDLE, BEARING THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION TO MULTITUDES IN PA., MD., VA., KY, OHIO AND IND.

OUR CHURCH WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE WEST IN 1853, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF REV. T. J. CONNOR AND REV. J. KENOYER, WHEN ABOUT 100 UNITED BRETHREN LEFT THEIR HOMES IN THE MIDWEST AND WENT TO OREGON.



OUR FOREIGN MISSION IN THE WEST INDIES BEGAN IN 1944. ORIGINAL PLANS TO BEGIN IN THE BAHAMAS WERE CHANGED WHEN WAR RESTRICTIONS AND GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE DURING A SHIP WRECK LED REV. JAMES O'SULLIVAN TO JAMAICA WHERE A DOOR OPENED WIDE FOR OUR CHURCH.



THE PRESENT HOME OF OUR PUBLISHING ESTABLISHMENT IS LARGELY THE RESULT OF THE INTEREST AND GIFTS OF A UNITED BRETHREN LAYMAN AND HIS WIFE, MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. NULL. THIS BUILDING AT HUNTINGTON, IND. WAS DEDICATED IN 1917.

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The total information is beyond what I hoped to obtain, covering a period of ninety seven years for the Church and Community. What started to be a Church History, lead to a Community History and the additional Photos made it possible for the Centennial section.

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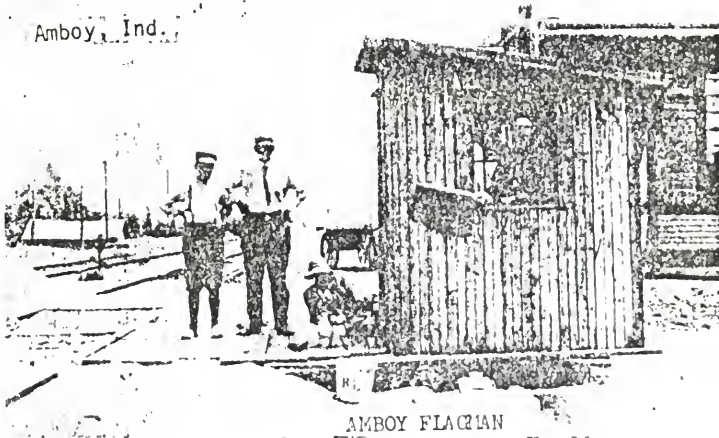
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OF AMBOY AND IT IS MY DESIRE TO
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-REV. GILLIS WILMOUTH, PASTOR
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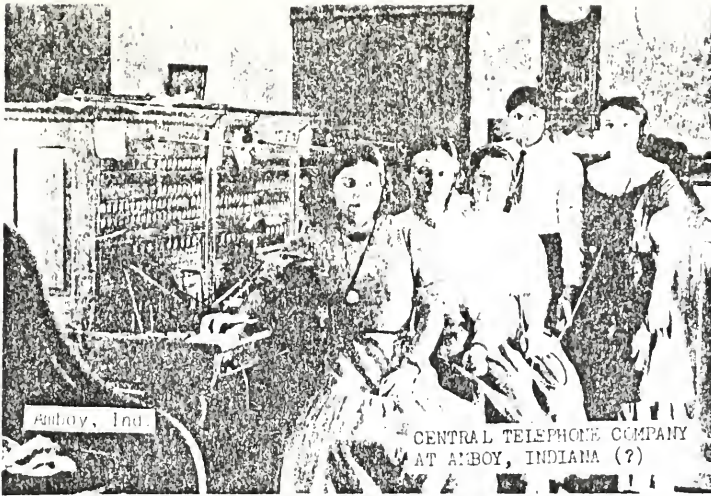


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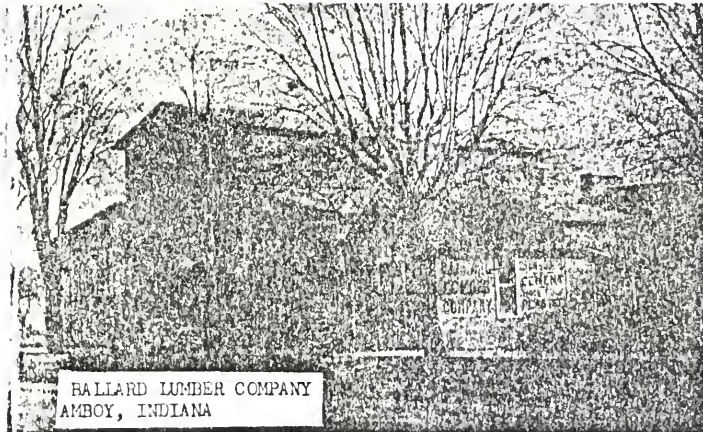


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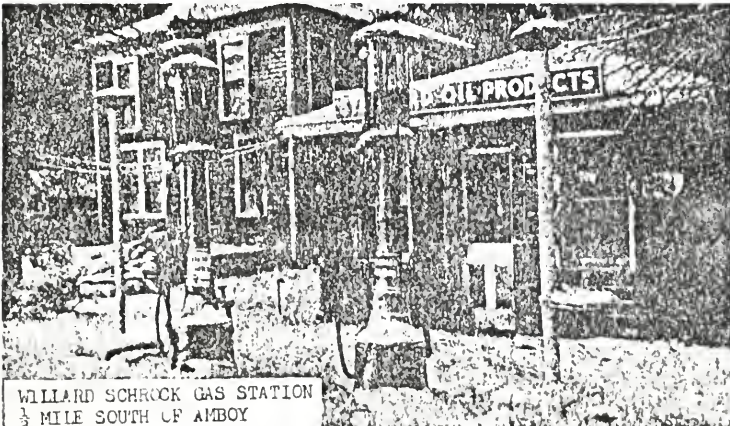


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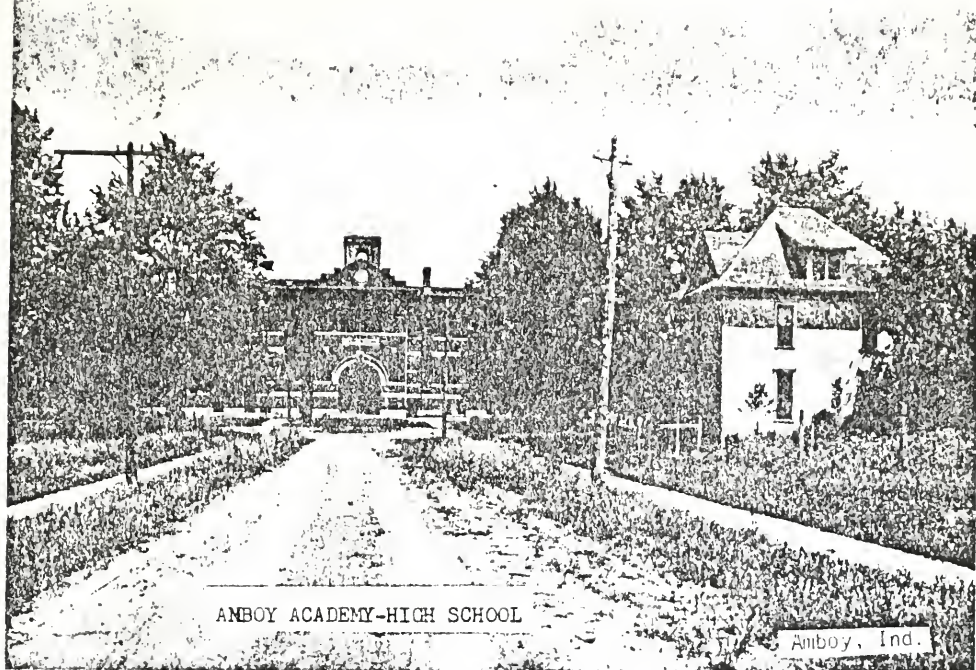
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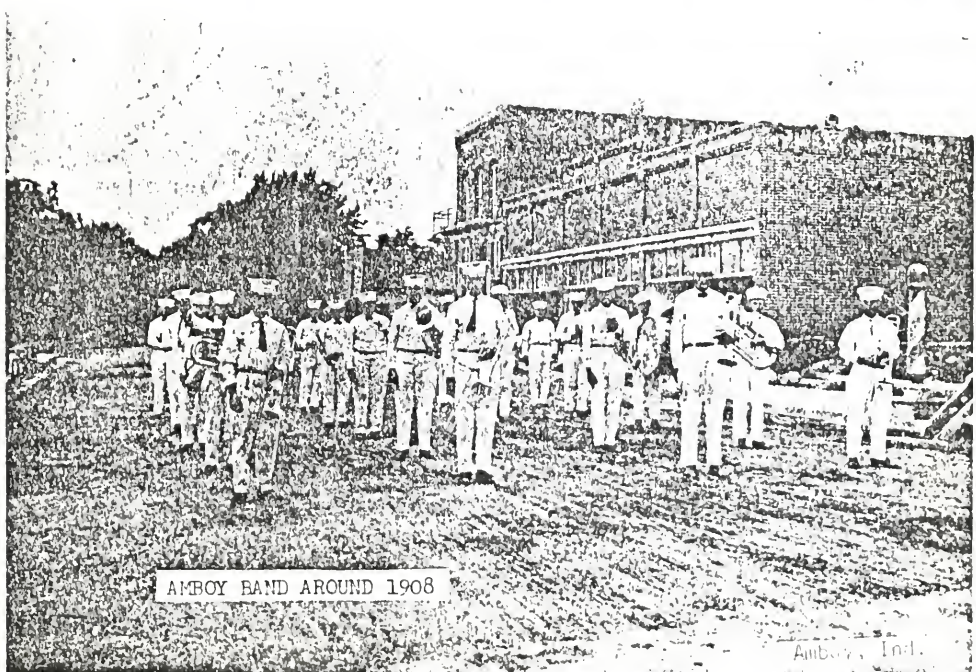


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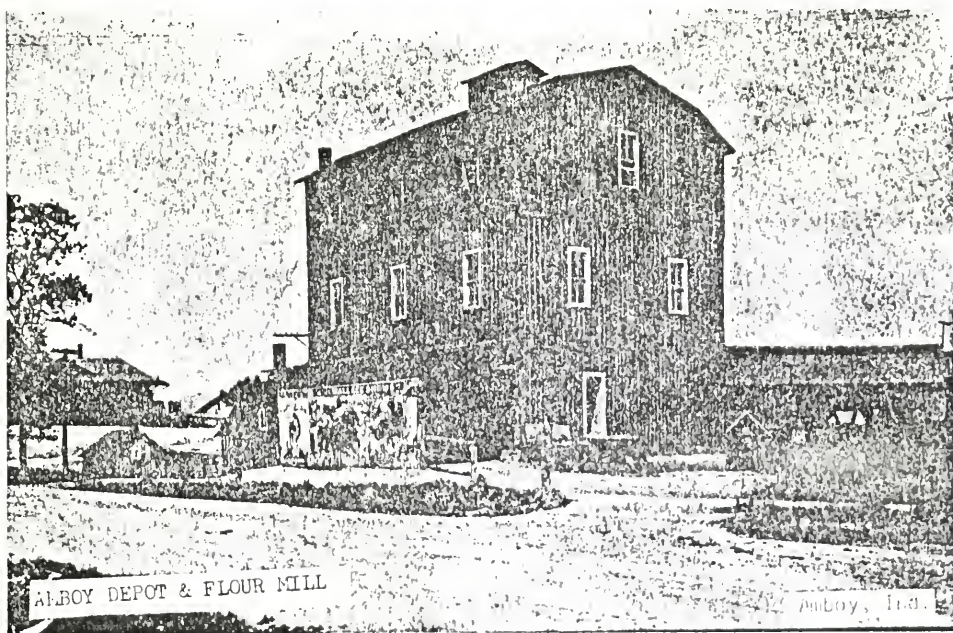
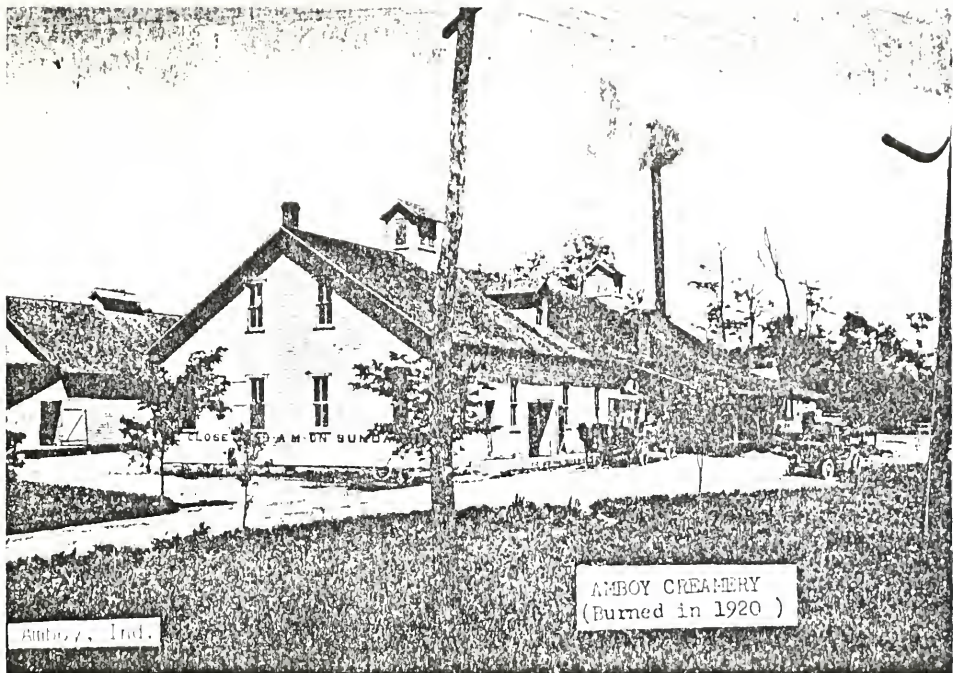
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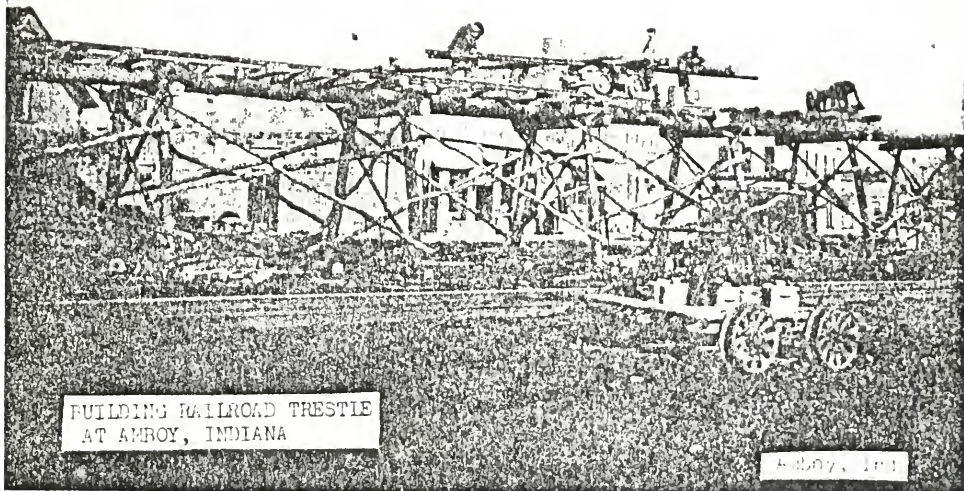


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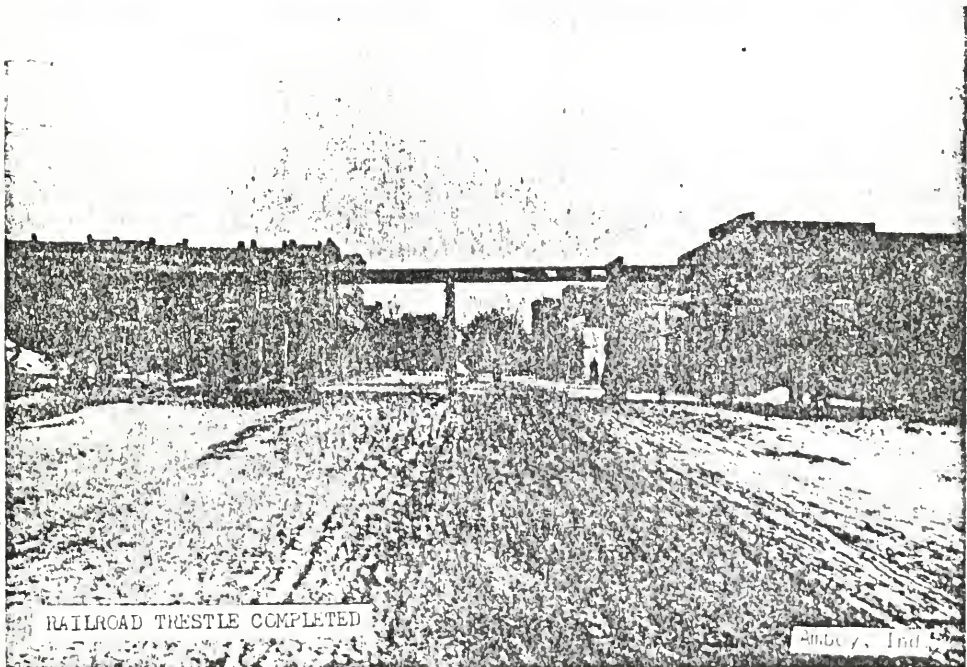
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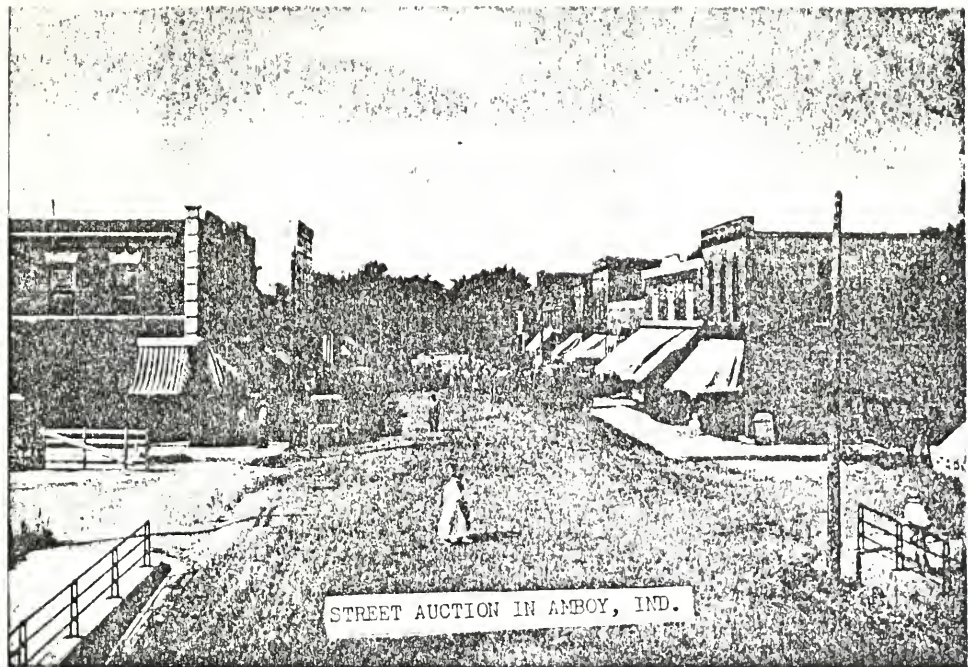
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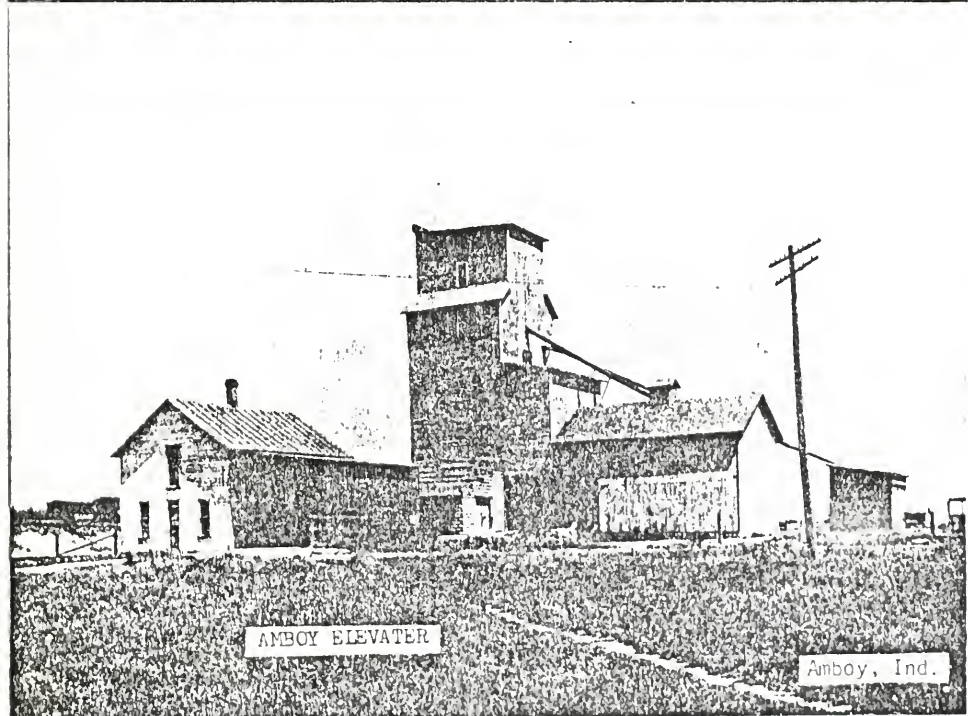


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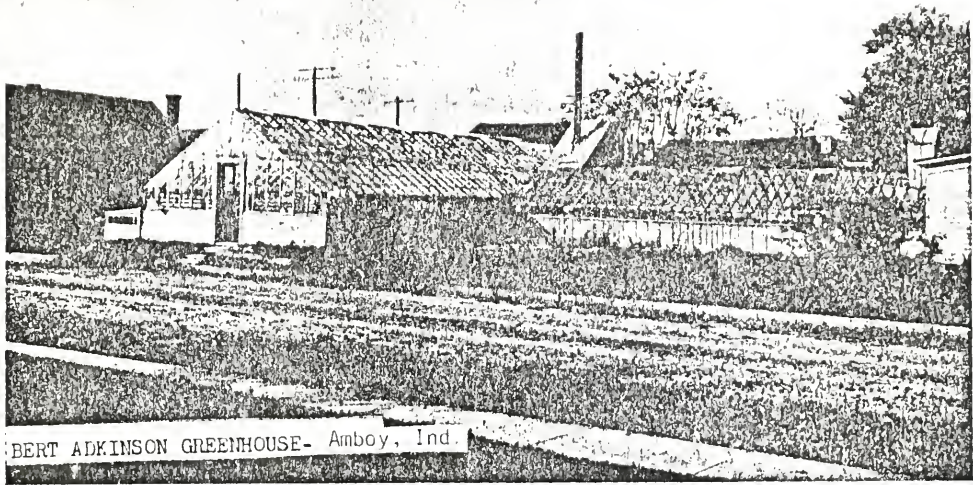


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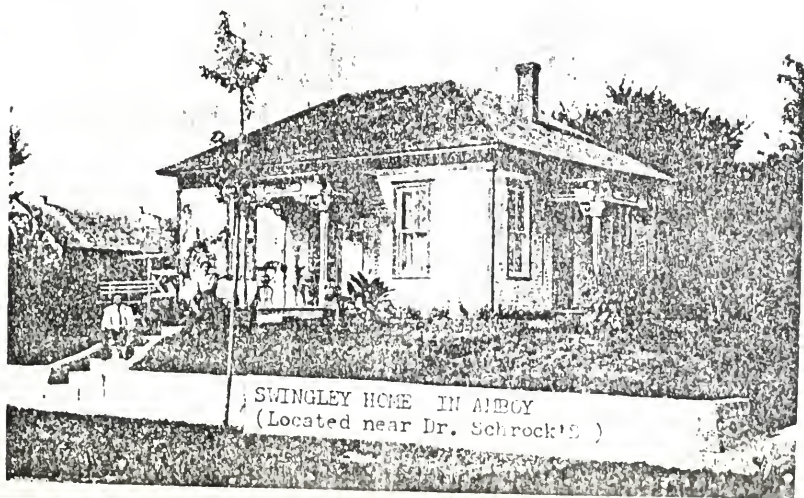
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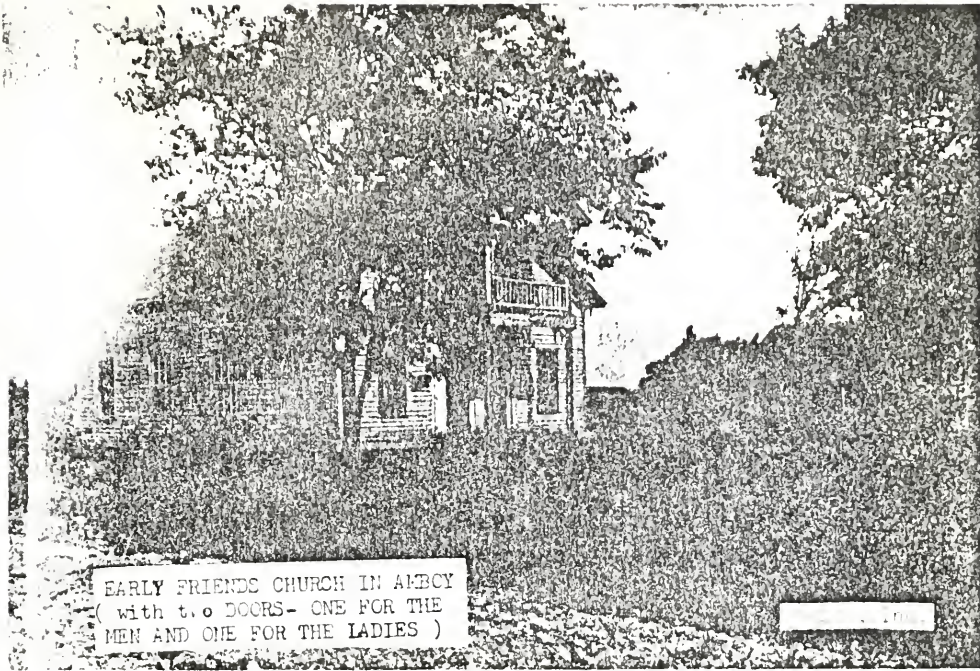
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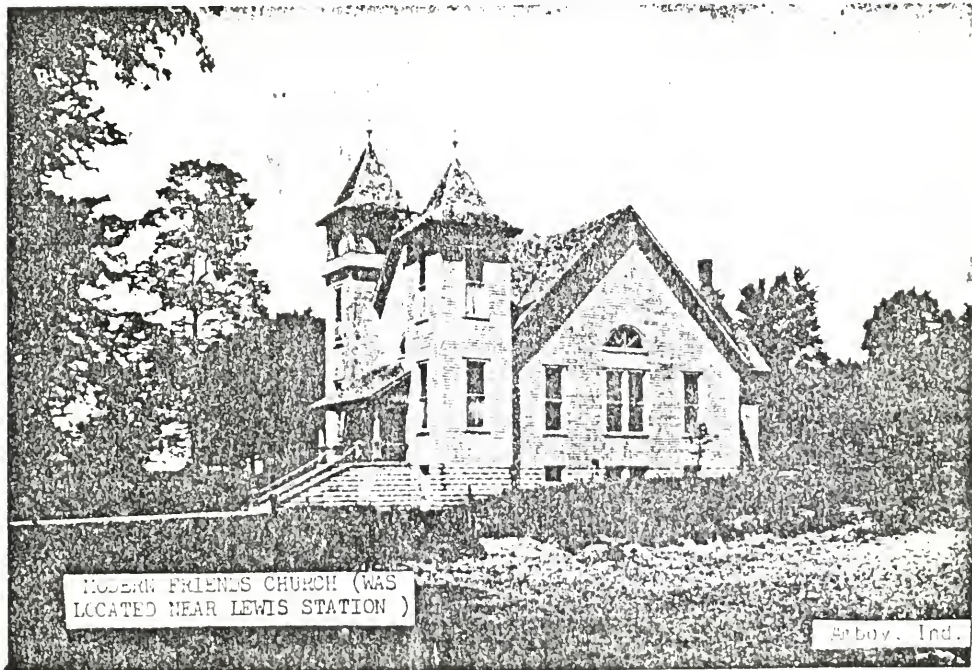


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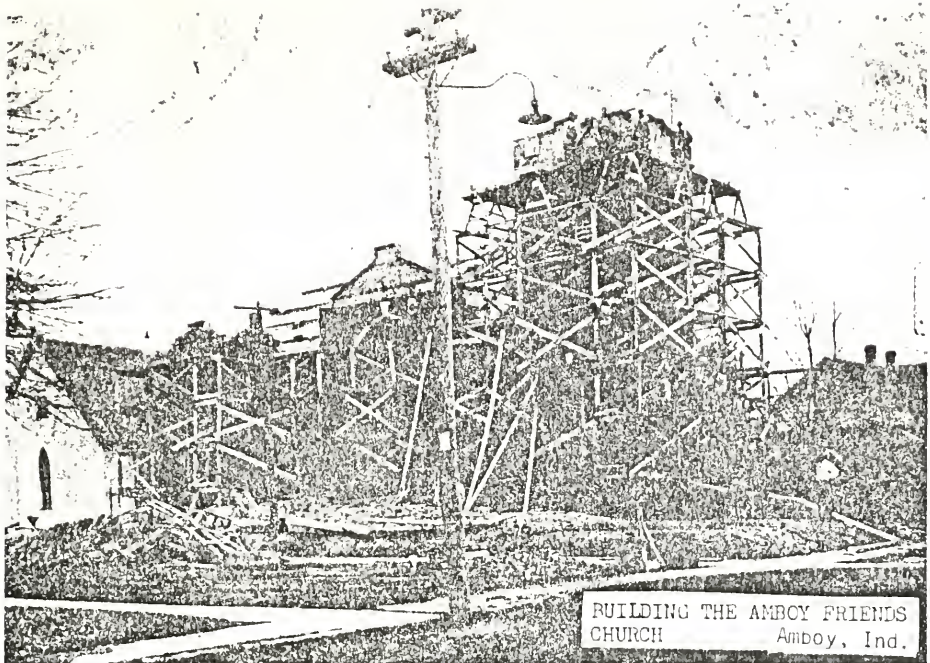
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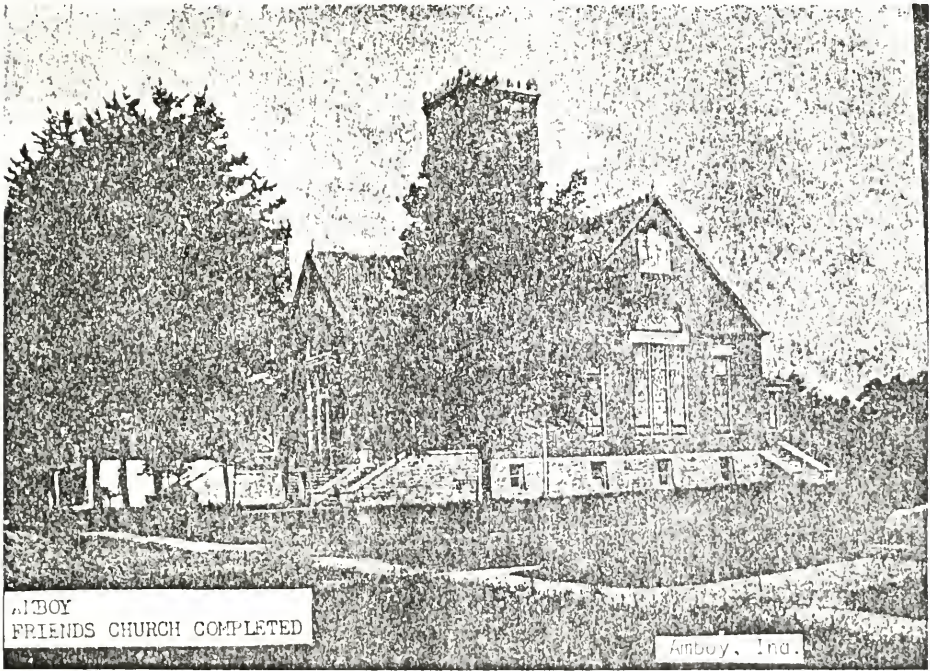


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