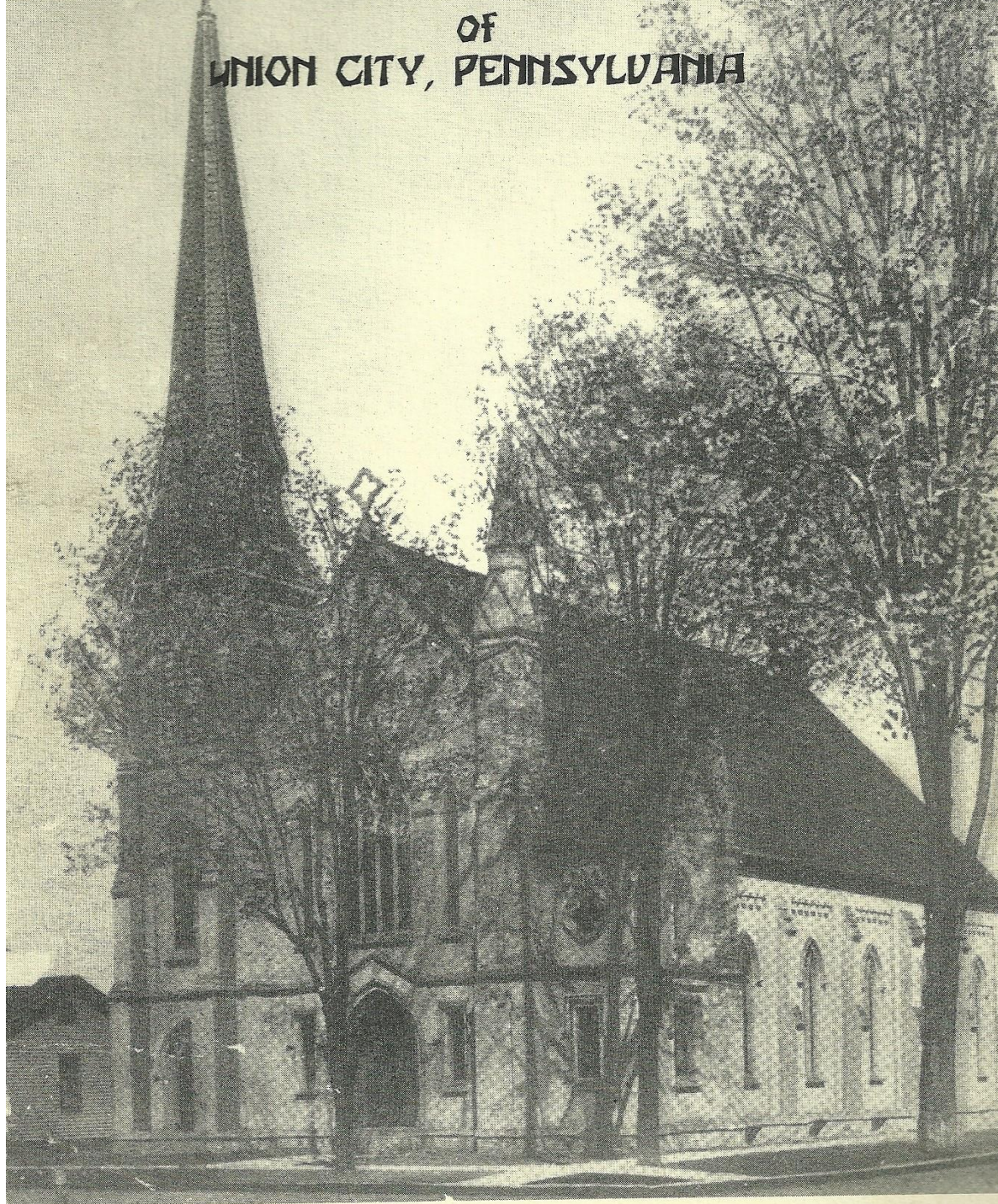


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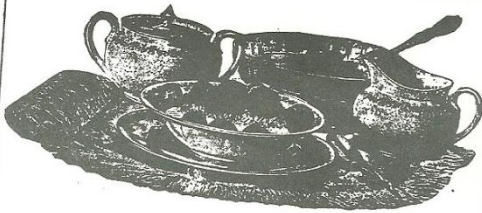
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Chapter One: Presbyterians Come to Union Township

Since the time of John Calvin in Geneva, Presbyterians have fought heavenly and earthly battles for their faith. Presbyterians defied the King of England and the Anglican Church and held



forbidden “field meetings” in England, Ireland, and Scotland to worship as they pleased. They paid a high price for this rebellion. Some of them were fined, some imprisoned, and some banished to Barbados and Virginia in the New World for daring to disagree with the established church in the Old World.

Presbyterian ministers like Samuel Davies in Virginia established a strong tradition of educated membership and individual and communal spiritual responsibility for the growing church to follow. These early Presbyterians had both evangelistic and adventurous spirits, so it isn’t surprising that many of them decided to settle in the wilds of Virginia, which in the early eighteenth century included parts of Pennsylvania.

When the first Presbyterians came to Erie County in 1798, no churches welcomed them. Nothing welcomed them but a trackless wilderness, but they immediately set to work to hack out clearings and build their cabins. After they had gathered enough food to keep from starving, they looked to fill their spiritual needs. Since they came from a tradition of field meetings, it didn’t seem too much of a hardship to meet in the woods. If the weather didn’t permit an outdoor meeting, they met in private homes. People came from miles around to hear a preaching.

In 1802, the churches organized the Erie Presbytery, with five members and a territory that took in all of the area of Pennsylvania north and west of the Ohio and Allegheny Rivers. The Presbytery minutes of 1803 noted that preaching was wanted at Matthew Gray’s in Union Township.

Matthew and Elizabeth Gray had made a pioneering journey through the Pennsylvania wilderness on horseback. They brought only as much of their goods as their horses could carry. The rest of them they floated down the Allegheny River by raft and then from the river to the south branch of French Creek as far as it was navigable. From there, the goods were carried on horseback.

The entire family was tired after the long journey and the deep lines in Matthew's face that made him look older than his years deepened more when he thought about the task ahead of him. Matthew looked over the wild land that he had to clear and absently fingered the dent in his right cheek, the result of an ulcerated tooth he had suffered some years ago. He called his wife, Elizabeth, to help him unload the horses.

Elizabeth Gray or Betty, as Matthew called her, was not a pretty woman. Her hair was a mousy shade between brunet and blonde and she had a large mole on her chin and another on her cheek bone. But her face radiated kindness, serenity, and an inner strength. She put a protective arm around her children William, Francis B., and Eleanor. Matthew's sister, Rachel, who had come with the Grays to their new home in the wilderness, offered to help unload the horses.

Joseph Lane, Matthew's apprenticed boy, who had also come with the Grays, hurried to help. Working quickly, they unloaded the horses, tied a bell around the neck of one of them, and turned them loose to graze on the wild grass. After they had unpacked their few belongings and arranged them in the cabin, Matthew asked God's blessing on their new home in the wilderness.

Union Presbyterian Church is Organized



1803-Presbytery Minutes. Preaching wanted at Matthew Gray's in Union Township.

Reverend John Mathews -1810

Life in the new country was difficult, so people didn't flock to settle it. There were only 13 voters in Union Township in 1803, but the population slowly increased along the lake. The rolls of Erie Presbytery increased too. In 1810, Reverend John Mathews settled at Waterford and Gravel Run and organized the church at Union in April 1811. The new church had eight members. These original members were Matthew and Elizabeth Gray, John and Rachel Cook, James and Catharine Brain, Mrs. Sarah Thompson, the wife of John Thompson and sisters to Mrs. Mathews, and Mrs. Hannah Thompson, the sister of John Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Brian lived near Oil Creek Lake, now Canadohta Lake. Catharine Brian was a

Bloomfield and gloried in the fact that she was descended from the Cameronians of Scotland, a group that the English crown had persecuted more bitterly than any other branch of the Presbyterian family tree.

The founding church members elected Matthew Gray an elder, and the Erie Presbytery ordained him as one. He died on October 11, 1803 at the age of 56, and his wife, Elizabeth, died a few years later. They were both buried on their farm on the Concord Road in Union township, and Francis, their son, set a marble stone at the head of their graves. Eventually, the land was sold and the marble broken and lost. Now, no one knows exactly where they are buried.

The Thompson family also joined with the Presbyterian Church at Union from its very beginning. In 1797, Andrew Thompson and his wife, Martha, came to Union Township and braved the rigors of pioneer life with strong hearts and backs. Their oldest son, William was one of the first settlers at Union and three or four of their other children were married and settled in homes of their own. Only their sons John and Thomas and their daughter, Martha, were too young to go into society. Andrew Thompson had strong ideas about worship. He held family services in his home three times a day and would not fellowship with anyone who sang the Watts version of the Psalms. He also wouldn't let his children listen to the preaching of the preachers who sang the Watts version of the Psalms.

The events of the first of January, 1798, gave the Grays, the Thompsons, and the few other families in Union something to talk about. A storm dumped two and a half feet of snow on Northwestern Pennsylvania and cut off most of the communications between the settlers. There were no roads and unless they could lie in enough supplies from the boats, they would be forced to hunt for their food. Mrs. Gray and Rachel wondered how they could feed everybody.

One day, Joe, the hired boy, rushed in from the woods. "I saw the track of some kind of animal," he said. "It sure beats anything that I've ever seen or heard of. Each one of these tracks are two feet long and a foot wide around the toe."¹

Joe added that the tracks tapered off to an inch wide and the sole of the foot was rough and marked off in checkers. The steps were short and looked like the animal must have been going with great deliberation. "If the foot had been cloven I would have at once known what to call it!" Joe exclaimed.²

They didn't figure out what the mysterious tracks were until weeks later when an Indian told them about snowshoes. The Indians had taught the early settlers to make and use them so they could travel without roads. The Indians made the snowshoes by bending a stick of the right size and length and tying the ends together. After the Indians tied the ends, they wove splits or strips of rawhide between the sides like a chair bottom, and with one of these tied under each foot, a man could glide over the deepest snow. Probably Joe made a pair of the magic shoes for himself

¹ David Wilson. Reminiscences of Early Union Township

² David Wilson. Reminiscences of Early Union Township

and the Grays so the men could hunt for food in the woods.

The settlers survived the difficult winter and when spring came, they discovered they needed a blacksmith. One appeared on the scene in 1801 when Abel Thompson came to Union with his five sons and two daughters. He bought forty acres of land from William Miles and set up a blacksmith shop within a half mile of the mill site. Abel and his sons were mechanics and quite inventive and resourceful. His son, Joel, was also a blacksmith and they were both stonecutters. They found boulders in the woods and from them fashioned grinders for the new mills. Joel made all of the tombstones in the area out of natural stone. Abel and his sons also made the farming and household utensils for the community out of iron, including hoes, hay and manure forks, harrow pins, and plow irons which they had to sharpen frequently. They made shovels and tongs that were used at almost every pioneer hearth. And they continued to spiritually forge and temper the Presbyterian Church at Union.

Presbyterian Profile



Reverends McCurdy and Satterfield Help Build a Log Church

When they first arrived in Erie County, new settlers didn't have ministers or priests. They often met in their barns for prayer, scripture reading and hymn singing. Then in August 1801, Reverend McCurdy and Reverend Satterfield came to Venango Township and held religious services in a cleared place among the trees by a big spring. The two ministers had been

sent out by the Presbyteries of Ohio and Redstone, and they must have conducted an inspiring service because at its close, James Hunter arose in his place and asked them to meet him next Thursday with their axes and dinners. He said to the ministers, "The Lord has been mindful of us in this wilderness, and has sent his gospel to us by the mouth of one of his servants, and we have no place to meet in but under the beech trees in the open air. Now if we wish to prosper while we build houses for ourselves, we must build one for God."

The ministers met James Hunter and some other settlers the following Thursday and their labors were so effective that by the end of the day they had completed their house of worship, a small log structure. It was the first church ever built in Erie County by permanent settlers. About a year later, this building burned down and was replaced by a second and larger log church. It served as a church for perhaps forty years or more.

Reverend McCurdy and Reverend Satterfield weren't through laboring in this new land. On

September 27, 1801, Reverend Tate and Reverend Boyd joined them and the four ministers held a public service at the residence of William Dundass of North East. The ministers and the people celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and organized a church that they called "The Church of Upper and Lower Greenfield." This church still survives and today is known as the First Presbyterian church of North East. It is believed to be the first church organized within the borders of Erie County.

Chapter Two: 1810-1830



Reverend
John Mathews-1814

Reverend
Amos Chase

Reverend
Absolom McCrady-1826

Between 1811 and 1814, membership rolls in the Union City Presbyterian Church rose and fell like the spring time level of French Creek. The baptismal record shows that the membership continued to grow slowly. On July 8, 1811, James Brian and his wife Catharine and their five children were baptized. Their children were Sarah, Betsy, Thomas, Isaac, and Martarn.

In May 1812, Mrs. Sarah Thompson had her son William baptized, and in May 1814, Sarah and James Thompson had their son, Andrew, baptized. William Bracken and his wife presented their son for baptism in May 1912, and in January 1813, the Brian's had another child baptized. John Cook's daughter Margery Jane was baptized in May 1814, and his son John Matthews was christened in September 1815. The entire congregation mourned when Hannah Thompson died on April 13, 1815.

Reverend John Mathews resigned his charge at Gravel Run in 1814, but he still preached occasionally at the church at Union until he moved West in the spring of 1817. When the War of 1812 ended, the Presbyterians at Union were still fighting a population problem in their church. Founding members Matthew Gray and Hannah Thompson had died and Sarah Thompson and her husband, James, moved West with Reverend Mathews, but eventually the membership began to increase again.

Reverend Amos Chase came from the East and settled at Centreville. He worked part time as an agent of the Holland Land Company, but he devoted most of his time to missionary work. He reported to his home mission office that to the east, northeast, and south from where he lived there was no minister of Christ for 100 miles. To the southwest, west, and northeast, there were three Presbyterian ministers who had to care for three or four congregations over vast distances.

Sizing up the situation in Union, Reverend Chase gathered the few Presbyterians there together. He also included those people with friendly ears and hearts to the word of God. He sought out many families in the woods and talked to them about the importance of having God in their lives. In his circuit work, he rode many miles along paths marked out by slashes on trees. In winter, he held his meetings in the homes of Francis B. or James Gray, and in the summer, he held his meetings in barns. Often, he would preach a sermon punctuated by the noises of sheep and cows or the cries of wild animals in the woods.

Once a year Reverend Chase would administer the Lord's Supper. He would borrow an elder or two from Waterford and set up the table. A long table was used, and the people who expected to receive communion had to see the minister or an elder and get a "token." After he was seated at the table he had to give the token back to the elder.

Reverend Chase baptized both adults and infants, but there is no record of the baptisms. In fact, no church records were kept at all from the death of Matthew Gray in 1815, until 1826 when Reverend Absalom McCready took charge of the Union Church.

By 1826, Sarah Thompson had moved away and James and Catharine Brian had left the Presbyterian Church to join the Baptist Church in Bloomfield. Matthew Gray and Hannah Thompson were dead. In spite of these membership ups and downs, the church had twelve members in good standing. These members were John and Rachel cook, Francis and Jane Gray, Charlotte Shrieves, William Shireves and wife, Richard and Peggy shrieves, Hugh Wilson, _____Clark, and Margery Cook.

In 1826, Reverend Absalom McCready settled at Wattsburg and divided his time in quarters between Middlebrook, Beaverdam, Wattsburg, and Union. He was young, energetic, zealous, and friendly. He liked people, but wasn't afraid to reprove or admonish them when he felt they needed it in the Lord. He visited all of the families who had ever attended his preaching and talked at length with them and their children about personal piety and faith in Christ.

One way he used to reach his widely scattered congregations was holding a four-day protracted meeting in each of them once a year. The Presbytery had recommended that its churches hold four-day meetings where the Lord's Supper could be administered, and two or three ministers could officiate.

The people and preaches attending the four-day meetings usually kept a schedule. On Friday, they observed a fast day. This didn't mean they stopped eating, but instead they stopped working. On Saturday the ministers held a divine service to prepare everyone for communion. On Sunday they held the communion service and on Monday they held another service. The Sunday service, especially, was a long one and the addresses at the communion table tended to be long and varied. The congregation was expected to drop the daily cares of life and give all of its attention to the meetings while they continued. Families living near the place the meetings were held always put up strangers and sometimes their houses were full to the rafters for two or three days in a row.

Reverend McCready began to notice more people attending the meetings. By now, Union had so gained in population that in 1829, there were 29 people casting votes in the presidential election and arguing over the merits and demerits of Andrew Jackson for chief executive. The early pioneers of Union had chopped out main roads, but still had not done much turnpiking or bridging. For some people, the four-day protracted meeting was their yearly link with the outside world and Reverend McCready their social as well as spiritual guide.

The official notation in the Session Records says that on July 14, 1826, the Presbyterian Church at Union hired Reverend Absalom McCready to preach the gospel one fourth of his time at the Union congregation for \$75 a year. His full salary amounted to \$400 a year, and to earn this he served four congregations separated by miles of thick woods. He attended Presbytery regularly, sometimes riding as far away as Mercer, and always on horseback. He seemed to live on horseback, either going to preach or visiting the people of all his congregations. And in the middle of his riding, he baptized new members and received them into the church at Union.

In 1826, William Bracken who had moved away 12 years before, came back to Union. He had been an elder in the Waterford Church for many years and sometimes had come to the meetings at Union when Reverend Chase held them. Betsy Gray, John Gray,, Elenor Cook and Sarah Ann Cook were received in the full communion of the church at Union in January 1827. In June 1827, Robert and Jane Gray joined the church and also in June, their daughter Mary was baptized. In June 1827, Francis and Jane Gray had their son, Henry, baptized and on September 14, 1828, Sarah Shrieves was baptized. On the same day communion was served and Robert McCrary of Broken Straw and William Bracken and his wife were received into church membership. Reverend McCready also baptized two children for Richard Shrieves.

In May 1829, William Cook joined into full communion with the Presbyterian Church and Reverend McCready welcomed Sarah Thompson and her children back into the fellowship at Union. Sarah had been one of the first members of the church and had gone west with Reverend Mathews. While in Missouri she had lost her husband and struggled with sickness and disease for several more years. Finally, she returned to Union with her six children and rejoined the church.

In the 1820s, the Presbyterian Church was the center of religious revival in Union. The winds of revival swept through the Erie Presbytery and spread to the Union congregation. The citizens of Union had built a school before Reverend McCready arrived and they invited him to hold his meetings in it as often as he wanted. He did this for about five years, added many new members to his church, and touched the flinty hearts of many community people. By now, there were whispers in the community that the Presbyterians were a “priest-ridden people,” but Reverend McCready worried more about their souls than their tongues and continued to preach and pray for them.

Chapter Three: 1830-1840



Reverend Absalom McCrady-1826-1835

Reverend Pierce Chamberlain-1836-1840

In 1830, the murmur in the congregation calling for a church building of its own had swelled to a shout. The people began to look around for ways and means to build a church.

The congregation that now numbered about 40 was poor, so it would be an uphill struggle for them to build an inexpensive, comfortable place to worship. William Miles, although not a member of the church, gave an acre of ground and pledged \$50.00. John Cook, F.B. Gray, and Hugh Wilson each subscribed \$50.00 and others gave what they could. The subscriber furnished the materials at a set price which they received credit for on their subscription. The only things they didn't get credit for were glass, nails, and time. Mechanics from the congregation did the work except for laying out the frame of the 30x40 foot square building.

John Cook superintended the work and by fall they had the building enclosed so they could hold meetings in it. The new church was located on what is now Market Street, atop a hill across from the Pennsylvania Freight House on land where the Union City Chair Company is now located. Everyone called the new church "The Presbyterian Meeting House." It wasn't finished inside for several years.

On April 11, 1831, the members of the congregation met to elect elders for their church. William Gray, Francis B. Gray, and their cousin John Gray were elected and they were ordained on May 15, 1831. The new session met on August 20, 1831, and it received Nathaniel Wilson and his wife, Catherine; Andrew Thompson, Matthew cook and Margery Jane Cook into the church.

On September 12, 1831, six more members were received into the church. These six new members were John Wilson, James Wilson, David Wilson, Mary Wilson, Ann Thompson and Mary gray. Then on October 20, 1831, John M. cook was received into communion with the church.

The Presbyterian Church continued to grow right along with Union Mills during the next few years. In June 1832, James Thompson, Alex Thompson, Philinda Corbich, and John Thompson presented themselves and they were received into the church. September 10, 1822, brought William Thompson, Eliza Jane Thompson, Hariot Shrieves, and William Emerson to the Session to ask to be received into the church. The session examined them and was satisfied as to their experiential knowledge of religion and received them and accorded them the privileges of the church.

More changes came to the church at Union in 1834. In June, Mr. Foster and his wife and Richard Smith were received as members of the church by certificate. William Cook died in March 1834 and after he died, John Cook began to keep the session records. Then John Cook died in July 1835, and Francis B. Gray kept the session records from that time until his death.

By now, Reverend Absalom McCready had preached at Union for eight- and one-half years. When he first arrived in Union the church had only about 48 members. When he left, the membership had grown by about 15 members, a church building was in use, and the faith of the members of his congregation was growing like the town around their church.

The session record of January 1835 shows that Reverend Absalom McCready left the Union congregation to preach in Warren, Pennsylvania, by advice of the Presbytery, having preached one fourth of the time in the congregation for eight years and six months. The Union congregation regretfully let him go.

The months after Reverend McCready's departure were filled with confusion and turmoil for the Union congregation. The people had no minister to guide them and many of them felt like a child without parents. It took them several months to make up their minds what to do.

To add to their worries, John Cook, one of the original members of the congregation, died on July 3, 1835, at the age of 51 years. He had always been an active member of the church. He had supervised the building of the church on Market Street and he had been one of the active fathers of church work in the community. He lived to see six of his children become members of the church, and when he died, the entire congregation and community mourned him.

Finally, in September the Union congregation began to have ministers speak to them again. On September 6, 1835 Reverend Thompson preached and baptized a child named Emily for Francis B. Gray. On October 8 1835, Reverend George Lion preached on Sunday by an appointment of the Presbytery to the Union congregation. On October 26, 1835, Reverend McCready returned to preach on Sunday and baptized a child named Mary Ann for William Gray.

The day before Christmas 1835, Reverend W.R. Adair preached and on March 2, 1836, Reverend Pierce Chamberlain preached on Sunday by appointment of the Presbytery. On May 11, 1836, Reverend Chamberlain preached again to the Union congregation and was called to spend one fourth of his time in Union as a supply minister for one year.

Reverend Pierce Chamberlain was a warm hearted Christian ready to do his duty and help others, but he was rather reserved and not inclined to be sociable. He was raised in the Quaker faith and always felt it was wrong to speak an unnecessary word. On Sunday morning he would often come to Union from Waterford to preach. He would greet people he chanced to meet before going into the pulpit. Then he would go through the forenoon exercises, announce a twenty-minute break, and sit and eat his lunch. He wouldn't leave the pulpit until it was time to resume the services.

He was not in the best of health, but Reverend Chamberlain didn't let this affect his conduct. No one dared to find fault with him as a man and as a Christian, but several discouraging things

happened during his ministry at Union. He had an evangelist hold meetings in the congregation for about two weeks, but apparently the meetings weren't successful, because they weren't repeated.

In April 1837, Reverend Chamberlain agreed to spend another year in Union. In May 1837, he baptized a child for William Gray named William Bracken and in June 1838, he conducted the funeral of Elizabeth, the wife of John Gray. She was an excellent Christian woman who was only 39 years old when she died. On September 16 1838, Sally and Hannah Gray came before the session and were received into church membership. Reverend Chamberlain baptized George Wilson in November 1838. On January 6, 1839, he baptized James Thompson the son of Andrew Thompson and in June 1839, he baptized a child for John Wilson named Ezra.

Altogether, Reverend Chamberlain received 14 new members into the congregation during the four years he spent in Union. The new members included Eleanor Cook, William Putnam and his daughter Elizabeth, John Mills and his wife, and Hugh Gray.

In November 1840, Reverend Chamberlain baptized Jane, the daughter of Andrew Thompson, and in the same month he buried Ezra, the two- and one-half year-old son of John Wilson. He also married a couple who both had belonged to the church since they were babies. The couple was David Wilson and Eliza Jane Thompson.

The Presbyterian session also had to deal with some serious problems. In June 1839, it considered the case of William Emerson. The session cited him for un-Christian and immoral conduct, and he refused to comply with its ruling. Because he refused to repent of his conduct, he was suspended from the communion of the church until he would give evidence of repentance. The session members prayed that this dismissal would be a means of cleansing and saving him.

Another William, William Foster, came before the session in June 1841, and he too, was admonished for his conduct. Mr. Foster had sold ardent spirits and held balls in his house. The session suspended him until he should show evidence of repenting his sin. There is no record that either William repented.

Reverend Chamberlain left Union in October 1840, and in November of the same, Reverend Thomas Spencer arrived. He came to preach on the strength of a letter written to him by Reverend Craighead. In January 1841, Reverend Spencer began his ministerial labors in Union for the period of one year. After he had preached in Union for about six months, he went east to Vermont to visit his parents, about a 500 miles journey. He expected to return in about four weeks, but while he was visiting his parents he took sick. His condition grew so serious that he sent his brother to bring back his wife, but by the time she arrived he was recovering. He didn't return to Union because of the long trip and the stern climate.

Presbyterian Profiles



A Presbyterian Bear Story

By the year 1831, bear were getting scarce in Union Township. A young man by the name of John Wilson arose one morning in June before daylight and went to a nearby deer lick. He got into the blind and a deer soon appeared. John shot the deer, hauled it out of the lick, bled it, and started out for a horse to carry it home. The path led through the farm of John Tuttle, which was then completely in the woods.

Suddenly John saw a bear on the path in front of him. The bear spied John at the same time and leisurely climbed up a large basswood tree to where it forked, about fifty feet high.

Now John faced a dilemma. He had brought no ammunition with him. His gun was empty. If he went home to get a supply of ammunition, the bar might come down and go away. The alternative was to holler so loudly as to wake up his younger brothers, three quarters of a mile away and probably in the middle of their morning nap. John knew he had the throat and lungs to holler loudly enough, so he went ahead and hollered. It wasn't too long until his brothers appeared on the path, one a little ahead of the other, without shoes or hats and fastening their suspenders as they ran.

In the meantime, Aaron Taylor, the early riser who lived two miles away on the edge of Crawford County, had gone to the field for his cows and heard a noise. Thinking someone was in distress, he jumped on a young horse in the pasture and without saddle or bridle guided him to a path that led in that direction. After going about a mile, he came to some fallen timbers that the horse couldn't get over, so he left the horse and went on foot at the top of his speed. When he reached John and the bear, a goodly number of men who lived closer were already on the ground with plenty of ammunition.

A well-directed rifle ball took the bear between the eyes and brought him to the ground. He was taken to old Mr. Wilson's where they met Jacob Shephard, now 60 years old, and who many years before had been the hero of the battle of Oil Creek Lake. He was making his way to the scene of the action as best he could.

After partaking of a good breakfast prepared by Mrs. Wilson, all returned to their homes.

In that neighborhood for many years after if anyone got excited and talked loudly, everyone would say, "They had treed the bear!"

The Session Suspends William Emerson

June, 1839- The session met and heard the case of William Emerson which has been under consideration and was resumed. It was ascertained that the last citation was duly served and this being his second one, and he refused to obey the citation of session, it was resolved to proceed in his case. It appeared that he had acknowledged to the committee of session some instances of un-Christian and immoral conduct, which conformed in part the common frame of which process had been commenced against him.

His own acknowledgment together with his refusal to comply with the citations of the session have been regarded as just grounds for his suspension from the communion of the church and in the judgment of the session, the honor of religion and the interest of the church demand his suspension.

After prayer for the direction and blessing of the great head of the church, it was resolved unanimously that for the reasons before stated William Emerson be suspended from the communion of the church until he shall give evidence of repentance for his sins and may God of His mercy make this act of dissolution a means of reclaiming and saving him.

Approved. Th. Anderson- Mod.

David Wilson Writes a History

David Wilson wrote the early history of Union Township, a history of the Presbyterian Church at Union, and historical articles for the Union City Times under the pen name of "Plumbago." He was born on the family homestead in Union Township on Marcy 20, 1812, a son of Hugh and Hannah Wilson, early pioneers in the area.

His father Hugh Wilson was born October 16, 1773, in County Down, Ireland, and traveled to Wilmington, Delaware in 1792. Two years later in 1794, he joined General George Washington on his way to squash the Whiskey Rebellion at Pittsburgh. Hugh married Hannah Frampton, who was born July 22, 1774, in Mifflin County, Pa. Hugh and Hannah settled in Erie County after acquiring 200 acres of land from the Holland Land Company and 400 acres of state lands. In 1798, Hugh brought Hannah 200 miles through the wilderness to her new home in Union Township. They had nine children, including the first white child born in Union Township. The Wilson joined the Presbyterian Church at Union under Reverend Amos Chase in 1820.

David Wilson was brought up in the wilderness with no educational advantages, but he began to study surveying. In 1838, he acquired a practical knowledge of his profession as axman with the surveyors of the Pennsylvania & Erie Railroad. Later the Holland Land Company hired him to

survey tracts in Erie and Crawford Counties. By teaching school through the winters, he earned enough money to pay for his farm, at \$2.50 an acre. He cleared the land and lived on it from 1839 to his death.

On November 21, 1839, David married Eliza Jane Thompson, who was born at St. Charles, Missouri, on February 23, 1821. Their children were Hugh, Sarah, Hannah, and Lee. The Wilsons joined the Presbyterian Church early in their lives and David served as elder and clerk of the session for many years.

In 1850 David was elected and served for three years as county surveyor. He surveyed and laid out Evergreen Cemetery in Union City, and through the years he held various offices of trust, including Auditor and Justice of the Peace of Union Township for twenty years. His sons inherited his instruments and followed his surveying profession.

Chapter Four: 1840-1850



Reverend Thomas Spencer-1841

Reverend Thomas Anderson-1842-1843

Reverend Pierce Chamberlain-1845

Reverend George W. Cleveland-1845

Summer blazed into autumn of 1841, and on October 13, 1841, Reverend Thomas Spencer administered the Lord's Supper and preached during the Friday, Saturday, and Monday services. The congregation met on Monday and called Reverend Anderson to labor in Union and Beaver Dam.

The session met on October 16 1841, to consider a case. Charles Colten presented the session with a paper containing two charges against Richard Shrieves for using profane language and for being intoxicated. The paper mentioned Alexander Shepard and Palmer Shepard as witnesses to the charges. The members of the session united and conversed with Richard Shrieves about the charges. The session decided to continue the case until the November 18, 1841 session meeting.

When the session met on November 18, 1841, at 2:00 p.m., Reverend Chamberlain was invited to serve as moderator and all of the concerned parties were present. Alexander Shepard was called and swore as a witness that at Charles Crosby's rising which he thought was September last, he had heard Mr. Shrieves call Mr. Watters a profane name. At this time, he supposed him to be intoxicated because he saw him drink spirits and heard him use such foolish and profane language.

Palmer Shepard being present, testified substantiating the same things as stated by Alexander Shepard. The parties had substantial opportunity to question witnesses until they were satisfied. The session deliberated and decided that the first charge was established for the use of profane language, but the second, for intoxication, was not so fully proved.

F.B. Lowery was appointed to confer with Mr. Shrieves. He reported that Mr. Shrieves was willing to make a confession as he conscientiously could and to pledge his word that he would abstain from the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

The session record also contains Mr. Shrieve's confession. He admitted that he realized that being a Christian and using profane language and ardent spirits were not consistent, and he could not deny using the profanity, although he didn't specifically remember using it. He concluded by saying that "in this I have erred and I propose by the grace of God to abstain from such use of

ardent spirits.”

Reverend Thomas Anderson began his ministerial work in Union for one half of his time and half of the time in Beaver Dam in January 1842. The times were extremely hard because the country was still recovering from the Panic of 1837 and the state of Pennsylvania was recovering from the crash of the state banks. Reverend Anderson had a large family which he found difficult to support on his meager minister’s salary.

During his ministry he received eleven people into the church by letter, including Philander Sanderson, Betsey Brooks and Jacob Woodard and his wife. He baptized Charles Spencer, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plottin. In June 1843, he baptized James, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lavay.

In July 1842, Ann Gray, the wife of William Gray, one of the elders of the church, died. In March of 1843, William Gray died and in June, Mrs. Andrew Thompson, one of the first members of the church followed William in death. That same June, Reverend Anderson applied to the Presbytery for dismissal as pastor over the church of Union and Beaver Dam and his request was granted. In the autumn of 1843, he left for Huntington County, Indiana.

January 1845 brought Reverend Pierce Chamberlain back to the Union church to substitute until the session could name a permanent minister. Reverend Chamberlain baptized a child for Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, a daughter named Elizabeth. He also baptized two children for Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, named Julia and Henry.

The congregation transacted other important business in 1845. The session records say that the congregation took out a subscription for the last of September requesting the Presbytery to furnish them with a gospel minister. The Presbytery sent Reverend George Cleaveland to being his ministerial labors at Union one-third of his time.

Reverend Cleaveland probably thought that he sailed the stormy Sea of Galilee with his Master after spending four years at the Presbyterian Church at Union. He was a faithful and devoted minister and did all he could reasonably be expected to do to build up the church. The meeting house was full every Sabbath that he preached and the loving spirit of the congregation warmly supported him.

But circumstances conspired against him. William Gray, the elder, was dead and the other two elders Francis and John Gray, began to be jealous of each other. Their rivalry grew so strong and heated that John Gray accused Francis of wrong doing. John wanted Francis to be tried for the supposed wrong doing, but he would not conduct the hearing himself. Instead, he wanted Reverend Cleaveland to hold a hearing.

Reverend Cleaveland declined, and John turned against him as well. The session records don’t specify how and where the proceedings between John and Francis were tried, but a trial did take place. There is a note in the record that says the Presbytery at Millcreek met on June 27, 1849. It examined and approved the session records, with the exception of the proceedings in the case of John Wilson, which the Presbytery retained for further examination. The note was signed by J.

Vance, Moderator.

Another prominent member in the church, Nathanael Wilson, prided himself on his extreme abolitionism. He accused Reverend Cleaveland of doing nothing because he didn't preach about the sin of slavery every Sabbath. Nathanael felt free to criticize Reverend Cleaveland loudly and throughout the congregation.

During Reverend Cleaveland's ministry, seven people were added to the church by letter and six children were baptized. In April 1846, Hugh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson, was baptized and Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson presented their daughter Nance for baptism.

Reverend Cleaveland had to endure another trial. In July 1846, David Wilson presented charges against his brother, John Wilson. Both were members of the Presbyterian congregation and the controversy created division in the church. David Wilson in a written statement said that John charged that he had found the bones and other remains of a sheep around David's field and that he had sent a very indecent and vulgar expression to David through one of his sons. David listed his witnesses as Nathanael and Catherine Wilson and Sarah Woodard.

He made a second charge that said his brother John claimed that a certain fence of David's which divided their pasture fields was in some places not more than a foot high. David said the fence went four feet high in many places as John well knew. David's witnesses to this charge were Hugh Wilson, Andrew Thompson, Mr. Avery and F.B. Gray. David's third charge said that John used abusive language to him and about him when he took Mr. Gray and Mr. Woodard along to talk to him. Witnesses to this charge were Jacob Woodard and Francis B. Gray.

The session continued the case until August 1846, when it agreed to issue citations and conduct a trial. After a long and tedious trial, John Wilson was suspended.

The congregation also lost other members. In February 1849, Elder Francis B. Gray, his wife, Jane, and their daughter Sarah were dismissed by letter because they moved to Painesville, Ohio. Nathanael Wilson and his wife moved to Erie. Many people thought that with the loss of some congregation members, and the arguing between others, the church wouldn't survive, but it did.

Presbyterian Participation



- June 1841 – The session having previously on demand to William Foster in a Christian manner for undertaking to sell ardent spirits and persisting in this action. The session suspended him for using and selling ardent spirits and for having balls in his house.
- October 16, 1841 – The following confession:

If I did use profane language as charged and testified against me of which I am not conscious though I cannot deny it, I confess it. Was very wicked and provoking to God and deserving the severest session from the church I am sensible have even that I

did use language wrong, improper. I am truly sorry because I have offended god, broken my covenant vow and brought disgrace on the cause of Christ. I believe now that it is inconsistent for a professing Christian to make use of ardent spirits as a beverage. In this I have erred and I propose by the grace of God to abstain from such use of ardent spirits.

Richard Shrieves (Signed)

- January 1845- William Bracken and his wife left the church at Union and finally settled in the Waterford Church.
- July 1847 – Received from the congregation at Union for foreign missions: \$5.87.
- October 1847 – Received from home missions from the congregation at Union: \$10.75.
- June 1848 – David Wilson had a child baptized named Sarah.
- February 1849-Dismissed by letter F.B. Gray, his wife, Jane Gray and daughter, Sarah Gray.

Presbyterian Pastor



June 1843- Reverend Thomas Anderson made appeal to the Presbytery for a dismissal as pastor over the church of Union and Beaver Dam which request was granted, it being the wish of the congregation. In the meantime, Reverend Anderson preached one third of the time until the autumn following, then left for Huntington County Indiana.

Presbyterian Profile



Robert Gray

Robert Gray was born December 2, 1798, and was over eighty years old when he died in April 1879. He was next to the youngest of a family of eight children and in 1806 came with his father's family to Northwestern Pennsylvania, where they settled at Beaver Dam. In 1820, the family moved to Waterford. Robert lived with his family until the winter of 1823, when he married Miss Jane Smith, a daughter of another of the early pioneers of Erie County.

After they were married, the newly-weds moved to a farm two miles south of Union, which came to be known as "The Gray Farm." Robert had built the house himself and it wasn't yet completed. The area itself was nothing more than a wilderness, but soon Robert had cleared and planted the land and he and his family lived there for nearly 50 years. Then in 1870, he moved to the corner of Third Avenue and South Street in Union City.

Early in life Robert joined the Presbyterian Church and remained devotedly attached to it all of his life. Everyone who knew him remarked on his sincere, earnest and devoted Christian testimony. He and his wife, Jane, were the only members from the first Presbyterian Church on Market Street in 1831 who also witnessed the dedication of the new church on West High Street in 1874. He also contributed liberally to the building of the new church.

Robert was the last surviving member of his family. He and Jane never had any children of their own, but they opened their hearts and their home toward several children and acted as their foster parents. Among their foster children were J.S. Thompson and his sister Sarah Jane Thompson, Miss Hannah Jane Gray and others who grew up to occupy useful and respectable positions in the community.

Through industry prudence and good management, Robert earned a comfortable living and accumulated a handsome nest egg. He was a man of sterling integrity and strictest honor. He always enjoyed in a high degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens being frequently elected to various township offices. He was also elected county commissioner one term and county auditor for one term.

Most fittingly, his funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church where he had so long and prominently served. A large congregation came to pay their last respects to this aged and revered citizen. His pastor, Reverend R.B. Dilworth, preached an appropriate sermon from Acts 10:22, and truthfully called Robert Gray one of the "Fathers of the Church." (Note: The obituary of Robert Gray in the Union City Times dated April 10, 1879, lists Robert Gray's birth date as December 21, 1798. The dedication on the Gray Chapel written by his wife, Jane, lists it as December 2, 1798.)

Chapter Five: 1850-1860

Reverend George W. Cleaveland

Reverend Samuel Jones-1850



Reverend Charles F. Diver-1850

Reverend Thomas T. Bradford-1853-1859

The next minister to serve the Union Congregation was Reverend Samuel Jones. Reverend Jones and Reverend Drake served communion in June 1850. They baptized a child for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Northrop, named Marquis, and a child for Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, named Oliver.

According to the session records, Reverend Jones preached at Beaverdam, Waterford, and Union congregations. He began at the Union congregation in June 1850 and by November 1850 the congregation had another minister, Reverend Charles Diver. Reverend Diver lived in Waterford and labored in Union one-quarter of his time.

Reverend Jones was a bachelor and so plain in his manners that he didn't suit the fastidious members of the Waterford Church. The people at Union weren't troubled with his lack of manners, but he wasn't popular at union either. The Union congregation thought that some of his sermons were weary and others so full of Welsh idioms that he didn't know enough English words to express his ideas.

When Reverend Diver first came to Union, he immediately saw the problem of having only one elder, but didn't feel that it was his duty to propose an election. He was by nature a conservative man and he had been so disillusioned with the extravagant language of what he termed as "the evangelists" in the last decade that he tried to express his ideas in as tame language as he could. He was appalled that the phenomena of 'spirit rappings' had reached Union from Buffalo and was affecting some of the people in the Union congregation. A member asked him to preach a sermon explaining the scripture view of spirit rappings and he promised to do so. When he preached the sermon, his language was so obscure, blind and tame that according to David Wilson, nobody knew what he was preaching about.

On July 28, 1851, High Wilson died at age 78. He had been a member in good standing in the church for 31 years, although a quiet one. Reverend Diver attended his funeral and probably preached the funeral sermon. He also received six members into the church by letter and one by profession.

Reverend Thomas Bradford began his labors of supplying the church at Union for a fourth of his time on December 11, 1853. He lived at Waterford and was a man full of energy and zeal,

although his health was poor. He had a scholarly mind and the lack of elders and the imperfections of the records in the Union Church jarred him. On January 31, 1854, the Presbytery at Waterford examined and approved the Union session records, but at the same time recommended that the entries be dated with the day of the month and the year, and that the names of the church members or session members transacting business with the church be recorded. This motion was approved and the Union records had to be adjusted accordingly.

Reverend Bradford soon remedied the elder situation at Union as well. He called a meeting of the male members of the congregation for February 27, 1854, and John Gray moved that David Wilson be elected clerk of the session, which he was. Reverend Bradford and the elders discovered that there were many gaps in the membership and business records of the church to fill. Several people had moved away and there was no record to show whether or not they took letters. David Wilson knew everyone in the church, so he counted at least 28 people who claimed church privileges.

In October 1854, elders John Gray, Alvin Northrop and Clerk, David Wilson, met and Reverend Bradford opened the meeting with prayer. Michal Ann Thompson and William B. Gray presented themselves requesting to become church members. After the divine services, William B. Gray and Michal Ann Thompson made a public profession of their faith and the Lord's Supper was administered.

The outside pressures and internal disagreements slowed the spiritual and numerical growth of the church. According to David Wilson, all of the Sunday School children who weren't from Presbyterian families were lured away and those who stayed were tempted. The outsiders flattered and tempted William B. Gray, who was then about eighteen and invited him to go to other churches until he joined the Presbyterian Church. After he joined the Presbyterian Church, the same tongues that had flattered him turned against him and then attacked some of the elders. The gossips particularly singled out John Gray and Andrew Thompson.

But Andrew Thompson fought back. He watched carefully until he could charge them with something concrete and summoned them to court. Just before the trial was about to begin, Andrew's adversaries settled the case by paying all the costs and signing a paper to be filed in court. The paper said that "the words spoken by him concerning said Andrew Thompson were false, malicious and untrue." This stopped the slander for a while.

At this point, the Union Presbyterians had to turn their attention to their meeting house. It had stood for 25 years without any major repairs, because the members of the church weren't very good at soliciting money from outsiders. By this time A.L. Summerton had come to Union to live. Immediately he saw the need for repairs on the meeting house and moved to get the job done. In 1856, he raised enough money on subscriptions in and out of church to repaint and reroof the buildings and to buy a belfry and a bell.

By now, the church officials had decided that the Sabbath School should be held in summer and winter both and public services every Sabbath. The number of church services increased, but the elders still couldn't hire a preacher more than one quarter of the time. They decided to take turns and hold regular devotional exercises and read a sermon every Sunday. Mr. Northrop didn't like

the way he read in public, but he finally agreed to lead the devotions if the elders would get someone else to read the sermon. The vacant Sundays were filled in this way for many years until Reverend Grassle began to preach at the Union Church full-time.

In the meantime, Reverend Bradford ended his ministry at Union in January 1859, after a little more than five years. While he was at Union he received twelve members into the church by profession and three by letter. He dismissed six by letter and two, James M. Thompson and his wife, left and joined another denomination.

On May 2, 1854, Reverend Bradford attended the funeral services of Mrs. Sarah Thompson, the last of the original eight members who had organized the church. She lived to be 72 and enjoyed a varied and romantic life. She had been a woman of excellent Christian character all of her life and had great strength. She was living proof of the saying "still waters run deep," because she was a quiet woman. She had been a member of the church for 25 years after she returned from the West and had witnessed all of her children make a public profession of faith years before she died. Mrs. Sarah (Berry) Thompson, the wife of Andrew Thompson, also died while Reverend Bradford preached at Union.

Presbyterian Participation



- June 1850- Communion was served with Reverend Jones and Reverend Drake present. Mr. Alvin Northrop and Suphronia, his wife, and Mrs. Sarah Curtis, united with the church by letter. Alvin Northrop had a child named Marquis Crane baptized. James Wilson had a child named Oliver baptized.
- March 1855-Schoolhouse on Centreville Road. The session met by agreement at the close of the prayer meeting. Present were John Gray, Alvin Northrop, and David Wilson. David Wilson was approved as a delegate to the Presbytery, which is to meet at Erie on the 10th of April next. Adjourned. David Wilson, Clerk.
- July 11, 1857. Meeting house, Union. The session met at the call of the moderator at the close of public religious exercises.

Present were T.T. Bradford, minister; John Gray; Alvin Northrop; and David Wilson, Elders. The cause of James M. Thompson and Michal Ann, his wife, was taken up. When in viewing the facts, the session found that they voluntarily absented themselves from the ordinances of the church for about two years and a half. They have declared their preference for another ecclesiastical body. They have said and done many things to injure the reputation of this church and its members and still persist in doing so, notwithstanding each member of the session has labored with them, and in each case where the session attempted to labor with them they have manifested an unchristian spirit. It was resolved that James M. Thompson and Michal Ann Thompson be suspended

from the church until they give evidence of repentance, Closed with prayer. David Wilson, Clerk.

- Presbyterian Participation 1859 July 1859. Meeting House. At the session meeting, George H. Hammar, a minister from Titusville, was present. He later became pastor of the Union Church. Reverend George H. Hammar began his labors with the Union congregation about the first of August, 1859.

Presbyterian Pastor



January 1859. Reverend Mr. Bradford closed his ministerial labors with us, having preached to our S.S. one fourth of his time for five years. David Wilson, Clerk.

Presbyterian Profile



Sarah Thompson

It was in the year 1815 that William Thompson decided to pull up stakes and move to Missouri Territory. He did so successfully and wrote such enthusiastic accounts of the climate and soil to his brother, John, in Union Township that

John and the Reverend John Mathews pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Union, and a man named Watson and his family, decided to join him.

In 1816, John Thompson and Mr. Watson built a boat at Waterford, settled their families including John's wife Sarah, one of the original members of the Union Presbyterian Church, and possessions on board, and floated down LeBoeuf and French Creeks, and the length of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers. Then they journeyed down the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers to St. Charles, which was situated on the bottom land between the two rivers.

To them, the soil and climate of St. Charles was ideal, but in reality, St. Charles was a very unhealthy place to live. When the river was high, the dried-up channel of the Missouri which St. Charles rested upon, filled with water. And when the water level fell, some water remained and stagnated, a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes and malaria. John Thompson's family had malaria every year they lived in St. Charles and in 1823, John died and left his widow Sarah with six children to raise.

Sarah stayed on in St. Charles for four more years, fighting malaria and trying to sell the land, without much success at either. Finally, she packed all of her worldly possession and her children in a covered wagon and traveled back to Pennsylvania. She lived in Washington County, Pennsylvania, for two years. Then she returned to the old farm in Union which she and John had left fourteen years before. She lived there, rejoined the Presbyterian Church, and raised her children. When her sons were grown, she allowed them to divide the old farm and sell the homestead part.

Sarah died in May 1854, much loved and respected by her neighbors.

Chapter Six: 1860-1870

Reverend George H. Hammer-1859-1861

Thomas Grassle-1862



Reverend James F. Read-1862-1865

Reverend Sylvanus Warren-1866-1868

Reverend James M. Gillette-1868

In 1859, Reverend George H. Hammer of Titusville came to the Union City Presbyterian Church. He gave one third of his time to the church for about two years, leaving in June 1861. David Wilson says that he was “a man of talents but he a little too much oil in the brain!” This comment isn’t too surprising since Reverend Hammer came from Titusville where oil had recently been discovered in a money-making way.

One of Reverend Hammer’s opportunities in Union was to combat community gossip about the Presbyterians and their beliefs. Some of the people in the community had loudly insisted that Presbyterians believed that babies who died were sent automatically to Hell and that their families and friends had to believe that in order to be Presbyterian. If church members denied this, the gossips replied, “You don’t know what your church does believe!”

Reverend Hammer countered that he would preach on “infant salvation” at a certain time. The time came and the church was full. He so clearly stated, proved, and explained the doctrine and teachings of the Presbyterian Church since the Reformation that no one else ever brought up the subject of infant damnation. During his time in Union, Reverend Hammer received fourteen people into the church by profession and seven by letter and baptized five adults. In June 1861, he left to go into the army as a chaplain.

The next February, February 1862, Reverend Joseph Vance of Belle Valley preached in the Union Church for a day, administered the Lord’s Supper and received three people into the church by letter. In April 1862, Thomas Grassle preached one sermon every Sunday for about six months. The congregation wanted him to stay, but he refused because he intended to go to Indiana as a missionary. While he was in Union, Mr. Grassle presided at a meeting of the session. At the meeting he received three farmers into membership by letter and one who had been baptized by profession. The Presbytery rebuked the session for allowing him to do so, because he wasn’t ordained. It did acknowledge at the same meeting that he was over thirty years old, possessed extra learning, and was pious and discreet, but the bottom line was that he still wasn’t ordained.

Alvin Northrop died in October 1862 after serving eight years as an elder. The church suffered a great loss when he died because he was a good man with much discretion.

Dr. James F. Read came as minister to the Presbyterian Church at Union, next. He hailed from Birmingham, near Pittsburgh, and he arrived in December 1862, but didn't assume his ministerial duties until February 1863. The number of elders had dwindled to two again, so the session met and elected Andrew Thompson who had been a church member for 32 years, and Jonathan A. Marsh, a more recent member, as elders. On July 31, 1863, they were ordained ruling elders of the church at Union.

In the early part of 1863, the church officials decided to have the church incorporated. Until this point, the church was not known as a legal entity, but only as individuals. David Wilson drew up articles of incorporation which were signed by Robert Gray, Andrew Thompson, H.D. Hall, John Gray, James Gray, F.G. Porter, James E. Thompson, C.L. Read, E.N. Jones, and David Wilson. The court sent articles of incorporation with the seal of the court attached and dated August 3, 1864. Reverend Read served the Union Church for about three- and one-half years. Twenty members joined the church during his ministry and ten were dismissed by letter. John Gray died on June 2, 1865. He had been a member of the church for 36 years and during the time served as elder and led the singing. David Wilson summed up his time at the church: "John was not without his faults and sometimes seemed to lack discretion, but he was a man of integrity and piety and was very useful to the church."

The Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship between Dr. Read and the Union Church on April 13, 1865. After the usual amount of inquiry and trial, Reverend Sylvanus Warren began to preach at Union on July 16, 1866. Reverend Warren had energy and zeal and evangelized to all who would listen. During his two year stay at Union, 34 people joined the church. Reverend Warren left after two years because according to David Wilson, his usefulness to the church was ended by "an unfortunate domestic affiliation."

In 1868, Reverend J.M. Gillette began to preach at the Union Church. Again, according to David Wilson, he preached good sermons, but was so reserved that "he didn't become acquainted with the congregation or their wants." During the five and one-half years that Reverend Gillette served the Union Church, 24 people joined by letter and 17 by profession. The congregation built a new church building while Reverend Gillette ministered at Union.

May 28, 1868, turned out to be the day of the miracle in Union. While workmen were building the church, the principal rafters fell with a crash upon the staging, breaking it through the center of the building. None of the workmen were injured or killed. Raising funds for the new Presbyterian Church turned out to be a community and even area effort. Reverend Hopkins of Corry helped solicit funds for the new building which cost \$12,000. John and Joseph Sill and their mother in Erie encouraged the church by donating liberally. Joseph took his position of clerk at the bank on the day of dedication. He added up the subscriptions as they were given and announced that the entire debt was covered. The new church was dedicated on February 24, 1874. In the forenoon, the congregation still owed about \$6,000 on the church, all of which was provided before the dedication service began. This made the congregation very happy. Reverend Kimball of Erie preached the dedication sermon and Reverend Delameter of Waterford offered

the dedicatory prayer.

The church had a problem selling the old meeting house and its land. Mr. Miles had given an acre of land to build it upon, and he stated in the deed that the land was for a Presbyterian meeting house and no other purpose. The Presbyterians couldn't sell the land. William Miles had been dead for some time, and so was his son and heir, James. But finally, J. Robert Hall, one of Miles' executors, asked all of the heirs of James Miles for help. They eventually gave the Presbyterians clear deed of conveyance for the lot. The meeting house and lot were sold for \$2,000 which helped to pay for building the new church. The Presbyterians didn't save anything from their old meeting house except the bell. The bell didn't seem to match the new church, but it still had good wear and use in it and Scots-Irish frugality dictated it would be used!

The day came for the Presbyterians in Union to leave the old meeting house on Market Street and move to the new one on West High and Orchard Streets. A host of Presbyterians shed tears at the last meeting in the old meeting house. Many of them had helped build the old meeting house and many had worshipped in it for forty-three years. Many of them considered the church their spiritual birthplace. The old meeting house held a myriad of memories of David Wilson. Even though the meeting house had burned, been renovated, and later used for an opera house, he remembered sacred things about it. He sat in that meeting house when he was young and listened to the voices of the fathers and mothers raised in prayer and praise. He wondered if he would ever be the kind of Christian they were. In that meeting house he had listened to more than two thousand good, sound, Presbyterian sermons. And he certainly didn't discount the sermons from other evangelical denominations and lectures from sincere and learned men that he had heard there.

Here, too, he had worked in the Sunday School in every position that he had been asked to fill. Here, his future wife, Eliza Jane Thompson, had worshipped when she was a girl. When they married, she had simply changed her seat from the side of her venerable mother to his side. As God gave them children, she stood with him and their children before the altar and dedicated each of their children to God's service. They watched their grandchildren being dedicated at the same altar and enjoyed the blessing of their family seated together at the Lord's Table.

David Wilson concluded his tribute to the old meeting house: "But it is for Christians to forget the things that are behind and press forward; remembering that all things earthly must pass away. God is everywhere and can in all places give answer to prayer. And we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."³

³ An article dated Thursday, April 7, 1927, in the Union City Times and Enterprise says that in 1892, the Borough authorities purchased the old Presbyterian burying grounds located on the hill where the lumber yards of the Union City chair Factory now stand. The Court at Erie appointed William C. Jackson, Esq., to superintend the removal of all bodies found there to Evergreen Cemetery. Another article dated Monday, January 7, 1929, says that the cemetery was in the rear of the Presbyterian Church. When the land was sold to the Union city Chair Company, all of the remains found in the cemetery were carefully preserved and re-interred in Evergreen Cemetery.

Presbyterian Participation



- April 15, 1862. In Presbytery at Harborcreek. The presbytery examined and approved the following ministers with the following exceptions, viz: That on pages 16 & 17, the record shows that Mr. Thomas Grassle, a candidate for the ministry acting as Moderator of the session, Mr. Grassle not being ecclesiastically competent for that function. O.W. Norton, Moderator. June 27, 1862.

- Was killed in battle near Richmond, Va., the 27th day of June 1862, Wm. B. Gray, a member of this church in the 26th year of his age. David Wilson, Clerk.

- July 13, 1867. Session met at the call of the moderator. Present S. Warren, Moderator; A. Thompson; J.A. Marsh, and

David Wilson, Elders. Mrs. Margaret Gordon presented a letter from Ireland with a request to be admitted as a member of the church. The letter being too old, she was examined in regard to her experiential acquaintance with piety, her knowledge of the scripture and her motives in wishing to become a member, and was received. Also, Mrs. Emma Aplair was received by a letter from the Presbyterian Church of Meadville. David Wilson, Clerk.

- May 8, 1869. Session met at the call of the moderator at the close of Divine services. Present were J.M. Gillette, minister; and A. Thompson, J.A. Marsh and David Wilson, elders. The session directed the clerk to issue a citation to Mrs. Lydia M. Landsrath to appear before the session on Saturday the 22nd of May at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to give reason, if she has any, why she is so long absent from the house of God and His ordinances. David Wilson, clerk.
- May 22, 1869. Session met with all members present. Mrs. Lydia H. Landsrath being sick and away from home, although duly cited, her case is indefinitely postponed.
- August 27, 1870. Session met at the call of the moderator at the close of Divine services. Present were J.M. Gillette, minister; A. Thompson; J.A. Marsh, and David Wilson, elders. Miss Harriet H. Gillette presented herself with a request to become a member of the church. Being examined regarding her experiential acquaintance with piety, her

An article in the Union City Times and Enterprise dated Monday, January 7, 1929, says construction accident happened while the Presbyterian Church was being built in 1873. A scaffolding gave way and Mr. Middleton one of the carpenters employed, was thrown to the basement, suffering injuries that resulted in his death a few days later.

An article in the Union City Times and Enterprise dated Monday, January 7, 1929, says that Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray were the only original members of the Presbyterian Church who lived to worship in the new building. "Labour", "Defence,," and "Abscent" are the original spellings in the Session Records.

knowledge of the scripture and her motives for membership, she was received.

Presbyterian Pastors



February 1, 1863. Reverend James M. Read commenced his ministerial labors with us. David Wilson, Clerk.

May 1863. Mrs. Mary Read, Miss Hannah S. Read, Martha Read, and Caleb L. Read presented letters from the Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Pa., and were received into this

church. April 10, 1866. The Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relations of Rev. Read with this church.

July 10, 1866. Rev. Sylvanus S. Warren began ministerial labors with us.

May 10, 1868. Rev. S. Warren closed his labors with us today.

September 15, 1868. Rev. J.M. Gillette began his ministerial labors with us.

Membership Records from April 11, 1854 to June 19, 1867. By
profession of faith-54

By letter-37

Dismissed by letter- 27

Died-10

Went back to the world -5

Went to another church-2

Net gain in 13 years - 7

Chapter Seven: 1870-1880



J.M. Gillette – 1868-1873

Richard E. Dilworth – 1874-1884

Charles E. Bruce – 1885-1888

The Presbyterians at Union City had an elegant new church, but no pastor to serve it. The elders and congregation tried to get one or two they wanted but couldn't get and they failed to get two or three they didn't want. This state of affairs continued until July 1874, when Reverend Richard B. Dilworth came to Union City from Jamestown in Mercer County.ⁱ

Reverend Dilworth proved to be the preacher the Union City Presbyterians wanted and in due time, they called him and ordained and installed him as their pastor. The church promised to give him a salary of \$1,200 a year, but government red-tape intervened, even in such a personal matter as the pastor's salary. The government had been contracting the currency since 1866 and up to the financial crash of 1873. Until this point, Union City people didn't feel the crash very severely, but now the crash and panic affected Union City currency too. The church found itself unable to pay Reverend Dilworth's full salary.

Being a perceptive man as well as a minister, Reverend Dilworth understood the situation and he also understood that \$900 was as hard to raise as \$1,200 would have been if times had remained as they had been. He renegotiated his contract with the church and said that if the congregation could pay him \$900 he would be contented. The congregation agreed, and everyone was well satisfied with Reverend and Mrs. Dilworth.

The entire congregation sympathized with Reverend Dilworth and his wife when two of their children died from disease. After ten years in Union City, Reverend Dilworth left because he thought his usefulness was greatly injured through no fault of his own or the congregation's.

In 1882, The Presbytery of Erie sent a notice to the church at Union that Reverend Dilworth had resigned his pastoral charge and also notified the church to appear by its delegates before the Presbytery on May 9, 1882, to give reasons why the relationship should not be resolved.

The church and congregation met at the church on Tuesday, May 25, filling the parlors to overflowing. Mr. E.I. Hall was called to the chair and J.S. Thompson acted as secretary. Dr. Read offered prayer and fervently asked the Lord to grant wisdom in the time of trial, and to order all things for His own glory and the good of His church. A letter from Reverend Dilworth

stating is reasons for resignation, was read. He stated in his letter that there was opposition to him which, if persisted in, must lead to a collision, and that he did not believe it would be for the peace and prosperity of the church to be engaged in a running fight. Several people read short letters from other church members who could not be present, wishing to have their votes recorded in favor of having Reverend Dilworth still remain the pastor if possible.

John Landsrath and Hugh Wilson were then chosen as delegates to the Presbytery. David Wilson read a paper and moved that it be put into the hands of the delegates to be laid before the Presbytery as expressing the feelings and desires of the church. The paper said, "The church at Union respectfully and earnestly asks that the pastoral relation between the Rev. R.B. Dilworth may NOT be dissolved...There is no division among us in this matter. In the past eight years we have found him to be an indefatigable worker in the cause of truth; a kind and affectionate pastor, and a sound, instructive and independent preacher. And we esteem him more highly for these good qualities now, than we did the day he was installed over us. And if he should leave us now, we would consider it the greatest calamity that has ever befallen us as a church."

The paper was thoroughly discussed, fifteen or more speaking upon it all on the same side, as none were found to oppose. When the vote was at length called for, the chairman told all who were in favor of the motion to rise. All that were in the house immediately arose to their feet. Reverend Dilworth served the Union Church for two more years before he resigned.

While Reverend Dilworth served the Presbyterian congregation at Union City, Robert Gray died on April 3, 1879, at the age of 81 years. He and his wife, Jane Smith Gray, had been faithful and consistent members of the church since June, 1827, a period of 52 years. Robert had farmed successfully and by hard work and thrift had accumulated enough money to leave his widow in comfort. She had more than she thought was enough, so she decided to contribute \$2,000 to build a chapel onto the church. The chapel was built and furnished in the fall of 1879.

The congregation also elected and ordained new elders. In September 1876, E. Hall and C.W. Dabney became church elders and on March 14, 1881, Hugh Wilson was ordained a ruling elder. During Reverend Dilworth's ministry at the church, 121 new members were added by profession and 22 by letter. Twelve members died, and many received letters and moved away.

After a few refusals the congregation finally accepted Reverend Dilworth's resignation with much regret and Reverend W.A. Rankin filled the pulpit in the spring, summer, and fall of 1884 until Reverend C.M. Bruce was called to fill the pastorate.

Presbyterian Participation



- March 27, 1871. The church and congregation met and elected James Shreve to the office of ruling elder.
- August 4, 1871. James Shreve was ordained as ruling elder of the church at the close of the divine service in the presence of the congregation.
- March 17, 1872. At the close of divine services Charles Kellogg Brown received the ordinance of baptism.
- February 25, 1874. The new church was dedicated.
- Presbyterian Pastors April 1874. Rev. J.M. Gillette closed his labors with the Union City Presbyterian Church.
- September 20, 1874. Motion made and carried at the session meeting that the church adopt the new hymn book.
- March 20, 1875. Mrs. Mary G. Dilworth was received on a letter from the First Presbyterian Church of Emporia, Kansas.
- March 18, 1876. Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilson departed this life, being fifty-five years of age and having been a consistent member of this particular church for forty-five years. Written by her husband, David Wilson, clerk, by order of the session of the church.
- March 4, 1877. Session met at the call of the moderator. All the members present. Opened with prayer. The session was then informed that Horace Corwin, who is not a member of the church, but who is one of the trustees, and leads the choir, signed a petition for license for Pat Coleman to sell liquor. When it was unanimously resolved that James Shreve be a committee instructed to see Mr. Corwin and inform him that it was the unanimous opinion of this session that it inconsistent to sign such a petition and hold the position which he does towards the church and to request him to erase his name from said petition before it goes to court. Closed with prayer.
David Wilson, Clerk
- July 31, 1879. Mr. E.P. Browning has been engaged to lead the Presbyterian Choir for the coming year. Mr. Browning will no doubt have one of the best drilled choirs in the city before long, as he is an excellent instructor for one so young.
- Thursday, January 8, 1880. The fourth of the series of lectures will be delivered in the Presbyterian Church Friday evening by Miss M.J. Sanford. Her subject is "Rome." Miss Sanford will be remembered as delivering two lectures before the recent Teacher's Institute. She will during the lecture use a stereopticon, giving a number of historical views that will interest all.

Presbyterian Pastor



December 10, 1876

Session met at the call of the moderator. Present R.B. Dilworth, minister; and David Wilson, James Shreve, Andrew Thompson, E.I. Hall, and C.W. Dabney, elders.

On motion, the pastor requested permission to unite with the other pastors of Union City in Temperance Meetings as often as may be deemed expedient.

On motion, the session agrees to hold stated

meetings monthly for transaction of business.

Closed with prayer.

R.B. Dilworth, Pastor

Presbyterian Profile

The Censure of Caleb Read

The Censure of Caleb Read May 26, 1871. Session met at the call of the moderator. Present were J.M. Gillette, minister and Andrew Thompson, J.A. Marsh and David Wilson, elders. James Shreve was absent. J.A. Marsh, who was the committee appointed at the last meeting to talk with Caleb L. Read and enquire of him why he so long absented himself from the ordinances of God's house, made his report. He had done his duty and gone to see Caleb L. Read. Caleb L. Read acknowledged that he had absented himself for the last two years from the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and declared that he never would attend upon that ordinance in this church as long as a certain man remained a member of the session.



The session instructed the moderator to issue a citation to Caleb L. Read to meet the session in the meeting house on Friday the 7th day of June next at 2 o'clock p.m. to answer in this matter.

June 9, 1871. The session met according to the adjournment. Present were Rev. J.M. Gillette, minister, and A. Thompson, J.A. Marsh, James Shreve and David Wilson, elders. The moderator reported that he made out a citation in due form for Caleb L. Read and had given it to J.A. Marsh, elder, to serve on him. J.A. Marsh reported that he served the citation more than ten days before the present meeting. Caleb L. Read didn't appear before the session, so the session

instructed the moderator to make out another citation requiring Caleb Read to meet before it on Friday the 23rd day of June at 2 o'clock.

June 23, 1871. The moderator reported that he had issued a citation in due form to Caleb L. Read, to appear before the session today and had given the same to J.A. Marsh, who reported that he had served the citation more than ten days before the present meeting.

The charge was as follows, viz: Beach of Covenant In willfully absenting himself from the communion of the church for about the space of two years. Witnesses named: A. Thompson, J.A. Marsh, and David Wilson Caleb L. Read the accused not being present, J.A. Marsh was appointed the committee to conduct the case on the part of the prosecution. And A. Thompson was assigned the duty of engaging the defense.

The prosecution then called J.A. Marsh who being duly sworn, testified that he is an elder of the church. That according to his impression, Caleb L. Read has absented himself from the communion of the church for more than two years. That he has frequently attended services in the morning and has gone away before the communion of the Lord's Supper on the same day.

David Wilson, being duly sworn, testified that he is an elder of the church and that he has taken particular notice that Caleb L. Read has absented himself from the communion of the church for more than two years. That he has often seen him at church in the morning and that he has gone away before the communion service of the same day.

The prosecution then offered a letter which was directed to the session of the church and signed "Caleb," it being Caleb Read's handwriting and handed by him to a member of the session. In the letter he acknowledges to having absented himself from the communion for two years. The Défense then offered the same letter above referred to and pleaded that the accused therein declared that his absence from the communion was not through willfulness. His letter was ordered by the session to be kept on file for one year.

It was then resolved by the session that we find Caleb L. Read guilty of the charge preferred against him. And that his sentence be suspension from the privileges of the church hoping that he may see his error and return to duty. Resolved that we also find him guilty of contumacy in refusing to appear before the session after having been twice cited to do so. David Wilson, Clerk.

Chapter Eight: 1880-1890



Reverend Richard Dilworth – 1875-1885

Reverend Charles E. Bruce – 1885-1887

Reverend Edward P. Clark- 1887-1894

Reverend Charles R. Hunt – 1894-1895

Reverend A.J. Herries – 1895-1905

Reverend Charles E. Bruce began his pastoral duties at the Union City Presbyterian Church in March 1885. One of his first sermons was a Temperance message, and then in January 1886, he held evangelistic meetings in the evenings for several weeks with good success.

Tragedy struck the Bruces in May of 1886, when their little daughter, an only child, sickened and died. Both Reverend and Mrs. Bruce failed in health for a time because of this blow. When they had fully recovered, they moved away from Union City. David Wilson explained the situation in 1887 when he said, “So we are again without a preacher and applicants are not plenty.”

David Wilson also examined some church numbers as of May 1, 1887. He stated that 33 years had passed since he and Alvin Northrop were made elders and the “records have been correctly kept.” When he and Alvin Northrop became elders, the church had 28 members. In the 33 years since then, the church had received 224 members by profession and 111 by letter, for a total of 335.

Also over 33 years, 37 members had died and 150 went on “As we trust, to enjoy the fellowship and help in the labors of other churches.” Two members went back to the world, which left 166 members as of the first of May 1887.

After the Reverend Wakefield declined the call to the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, the congregation searched for two more months. Then at a meeting of the congregation held June 27, 1887, Reverend E.P. Clark was unanimously elected to become pastor of the Presbyterian Church and a call extended to him. Reverend Clark accepted the call. His parishioners in Homer, Michigan, complimented him by publishing a notice in their hometown paper, The Homer Index. The notice said in part, “The Reverend E.P. Clark being about to leave this place for another field of labor, we therefore, members of the church and congregation, do hereby testify our regard for him as an able preacher of the Gospel and a faithful and devoted minister of Christ-conscientious in the discharge of his duty in the church, and exemplifying in his life, among us the pulpit and teaching of our Divine Redeemer.”

The newspaper article also expressed the esteem and regard of the people for Mrs. Clark, who “has proven herself an active and earnest co-laborer with her husband in his ministerial work.”

By September 1887, Reverend Clark and his family were settled in at the Union City Presbyterian Church and he attended the meeting of the Presbytery of North East with E.I. Ha.. At the meeting of the Erie Presbytery held on Wednesday, October 12, 1887, Reverend Clark was officially installed as pastor.

Reverend Clark immediately had some serious church issues to ponder and preach about. In early November 1887, the Presbyterian Synod of Pennsylvania met in Williamsport and appointed a committee to draft resolutions to explain the Synod’s position on the Personal Liberty league. The church considered the Personal Liberty league a new form of organized effort to destroy the Sabbath and the nation. The Synod said that good citizens and Christians everywhere should resist the efforts of the Personal Liberty League. The Synod also resolved to urge all of its pastors to call attention of their people to this new enemy of home, church, and country. Reverend Clark preached against the Personal Liberty league on the following Sunday evening.

He was an able speaker and preached some interesting sermons that stirred people’s hearts and touched their lives. In April 1888, Reverend Clark began a series of addresses on the general subject of “National Perils and Christian Duty.” He called the first address “The Present Crisis in Our National Destiny.” In November of the same year, The Erie Presbytery decided to use the theme of the family. On Sunday, November 1, 1888, Reverend Clark preached on the subject of “Family Worship.”

Then to ring in the new year of 1889, Reverend Clark introduced a new kind of sermon. He began a series of Sunday evening lectures on the Bible, using large paintings for illustrations. The illustrated sermons were popular in the East and many ministers had used them for some time with good results. The subject of Reverend Clark’s sermon was “The Great Meeting at Mount Sinai.” The painting showed first the people who had gathered at the river to wash their clothes, preparing to meet God on Sinai. The second painting showed the march of the multitude to Sinai, and the third, Sinai as it appeared on the morning that God manifested himself in a cloud of fire and smoke to the people. The paintings visually portrayed these three events, and with the excellent sermon by Reverend Clark added depth and dimension to the meeting. The subject for the next Sunday evening lecture was “A Man Alone with God.”

At the February, 1889 annual meeting, the trustees reported that the church was in better financial shape than it had been for a number of years and the average attendance during the past year showed a marked increase. The trustees arranged to have the church debt of \$800 depreciated and J.R. Mulkie and F.E. McLean were elected trustees to serve three years.

May 1889 proved to be a busy month for Union City Presbyterians. Reverend Clark preached a Sunday morning sermon in the Disciple Church at Elgin in May 1889. Also, in May, Mrs. J.R. Mulkie opened her home and heart to fellow Presbyterians and they organized a Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The twenty-seven new members elected officers. They chose Miss Julia Smith to serve as president; Miss Delia Fausett, as Vice-President; Florence Clark,

secretary; May Thompson, recording secretary; and Mrs. Belle Everson, treasurer. Mrs. Mulkie entertained the members at tea and everyone had a very pleasant and profitable time. The Home and Foreign Missionary Society elected to meet on the first and third Friday evenings of each month at Gray Chapel.

Presbyterian Participation-1880-1890

1880



- Wednesday, May 26, 1880. The Presbyterian Sunday School has recently purchased a new library.
- Wednesday, July 14, 1880. The praise meeting of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening was well attended and the exercises, though cut short on account of the extreme heat of the evening, were interesting and instructive.
- Thursday, September 23, 1880. The Presbyterian Sabbath School has just had a catalogue of its library printed. It contains about 200 choice volumes.
- Thursday, November 25, 1880. The regular monthly temperance meeting will be held next Sunday evening in the Presbyterian Church. Reverend N.R. Luce is to deliver the

address. All should go.

- Thursday, December 23, 1880. The members of the Presbyterian Society are to give a Christmas dinner to the Sunday school children and will have the pleasure of a sleigh ride. All the members of the congregation were requested to be present and enjoy a good time.

1881

- Thursday, February 3, 1881. Chicken pie social at the Presbyterian Church parlors tomorrow night. Miss Mary Olds will give select readings.

1882

- January 19, 1882. The young men's social at the Presbyterian Church last Friday night was a most enjoyable affair, and the boys did things up "brown" all the way through and are entitled to much credit. The tables were handsomely decorated, as well as loaded with good things showing that these young men were adept at kitchen or dining room work.
- January 10, 1882. Last Saturday night, the Presbyterian choir made their leader, Mr. A.G. Sweet, a handsome present. It was a beautiful, gold-headed cane. The presentation remarks were made by Frank Glenn in a very neat manner. Mr. Sweet thanked the choir heartily for the gift and said it would always be a reminder of the friendship that existed between them. The cane was intended as a New Year's present to Mr. Sweet, but unfortunately was delayed and did not get here in time. It bore the inscription tastefully

engraved: A.G.S. A Happy New Year from the Choir

Our friend Sweet feels very proud over his present, and well he may, as it is one of the handsomest we ever saw, and we hope it may be his lot to live many long years and when on the downhill side of life, it may indeed prove a blessing to him as a strong staff to guide his then trembling steps.

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- Thursday, June 22, 1882. The Union City Times printed a catalogue of the books contained in the Presbyterian Sabbath School library from which everyone saw that the library contains two hundred and twenty-two choice volumes.
- Thursday, July 20, 1882. Last Thursday evening several ladies were returning from the Presbyterian prayer meeting, when near the High Street bridge three objects raised up in front of them which were dressed in some frightful costume. The ladies were terribly frightened, and started on at a rapid pace. When they got to Main Street they informed a gentleman of what had happened, and he started after the objects. The objects ran up the street. As near as the gentleman could determine, the objects were some young ladies who had dressed up for the purpose of frightening someone. It will not be well for them to try it again!
- Thursday, July 20, 1882. Children's prayer meetings are being held every evening this week at the Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday, July 27 1882. The social at the Presbyterian Church parlors last Wednesday evening was largely attended, and everything passed off very pleasantly. The proceeds amounted to about \$33.00.
- Thursday, August 17, 1882. There will be a temperance meeting in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening at which time Mr. Hosmer, better known as the "Little Corporal," recently of the Dayton, Ohio, Soldiers Home, will deliver the address. Let there be a full house.
- Thursday, September 14, 1882. The Presbyterian Sabbath School class taught by Mrs. J.J. Lyons picnicked in Mark Smith's grove near Beaverdam last Saturday, and enjoyed themselves very much.
- Thursday, October 26, 1882. The Prohibitionists held a meeting in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening last. The speaker Patton reviewed the objects of the Prohibition movement and assured his audience that the party was gaining every day. While some of his statements, like all political speakers indulge in, were a little wide of the mark, on the whole, his address was a fair one and elicited earnest attention. At the close of the speech a Prohibition Club was formed with thirty-two members. David Wilson was elected president of the club.

1883

- Thursday, January 25, 1883- The cornet in the choir at the Presbyterian Church adds materially to the music rendered by them. This choir is now one of the best in the city, and under the leadership of Professor A. Sweet is growing better each week.
- Thursday, February 15, 1883- The leaders of the Presbyterian Society will give a weight social in the parlors of the church tomorrow evening. The ladies will be weighed and the gentleman will pay one half cent per pound for the weight which will include tickets for supper. Oysters will be served and a general good time enjoyed.
- Thursday, June 14, 1883-The Presbyterian General Assembly has finally agreed. Music will be admitted into the service of the United Presbyterian churches. The vote stood 149 for music and 71 against. The world moves.
- Thursday, December 27, 1883-The Christmas program in the Presbyterian Church was excellent. The Christmas trees looked beautiful and the decorations were grand. On entering the church, the first to attract attention was a large evergreen arch over the main aisle, containing in large gilt letters the word "Welcome." Passing this, the eye at once rested upon the words, "Glory to god in the Highest," arranged in a semicircle form, back of the pulpit, underneath of which was a beautiful star and an evergreen cross, and on either side of the church were evergreen wreathes. When old St. Nick came in the little ones were nearly wild with joy, and gave vent to their feelings by clapping hands, etc. Each scholar of the school was given a present.

1884

- April 17 1884-The Easter services at the Presbyterian Church consisting of music, responsive readings, and a short address by the pastor, Reverend Rankin, was highly interesting, not only to the little ones but older ones as well. The flowers were tastefully arranged, which added much to the beauty of the church.
- May 1, 1884- The ordinance of baptism was observed at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last.
- May 8, 1884-The officers elected in the Presbyterian Sunday School for the coming year are Superintendent, John R. Mulkie and Assistant F.E. McLean. Mrs. W.T. Boyd was elected Assistant Superintendent of the Juvenile Department; W.J. Olds was elected secretary, and Gertie Boyd, treasurer. Frank Glenn was elected librarian and Sarah Rogers, assistant librarian. Mrs. C.C. Van Dusen was elected organist and A.G. Sweet, Chorister. Church members felt that Mr. Mulkie had made a most excellent superintendent, and the school was to be congratulated on retaining him in the position longer.
- Thursday, June 12, 1884-The services of the Presbyterian Church on last Sabbath, Children's Day, were of a highly interesting character. The recitations and singing by the little ones were fine and the sermon by Reverend Rankin was excellent and fitting for the occasion. The choir rendered two of their best anthems in very fine style and the entire program was well carried out and highly appreciated by the large number in attendance.

- Thursday, September 4, 1884-The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Presbyterian Church on Sabbath morning next. The preparatory lecture will be held in the chapel on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
- Thursday, September 25, 1884- Reverend Rankin performed the solemn rite of baptism on Sunday last at four o'clock. Miss pearl Webster was the candidate.
- Thursday, October 30, 1884-Reverend W.A. Rankin at the close of his sermon last Sunday morning spoke in the congregation in a friendly way about too few attending the Sabbath evening services. The services are well attended in the morning, but in the evening plenty of empty pews can be found, which should not be so. "If for nothing else, turn out to the evening services out of respect for the feelings of your pastor."
- January 15, 1885-Everybody should avail themselves of the opportunity to take lunch at the Presbyterian Church parlors tomorrow night. Only 10 cents.

1885

- March 15, 1885-The Session met at the call of the moderator. Present were Reverend C.H. Bruce, moderator. Elders C.W. Dabney, Hugh Wilson, and David Wilson were present. A sum of \$100 having been previously raised for church work. It was distributed by the session as follows:

To the Board of Home Missions	24.00
Foreign Missions	20.00
Education	6.00
Church Erection	15.00
Ministerial Relief	10.00
Freedmen	7.00
Aid for Colleges	8.00
Commissioners Fund	10.00

- Hugh Wilson was appointed a delegate to a Presbyterian Temperance convention to meet at Corry the 24th of March. David Wilson is his alternate. Mrs. C.W. Dabney was appointed as a lady delegate from the Presbyterian Church to the same convention, and Mrs. Jn Mulkie her alternate. John Mulkie, Superintendent of the Sabbath School, was invited to attend. The meeting closed with prayer.

David Wilson, Clerk

- Thursday February 5, 1885- See the floral display at the Presbyterian Church parlors one week from tomorrow. (Friday night). The "Chinese Lilly" will be on exhibition then.

- Thursday, March 26, 1885-Hereafter, services will commence in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evenings at 7:30 instead of seven o'clock.

Thursday, April 9, 1885-The Easter exercises in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday last were highly interesting and instructive. There was at a place a profusion of choice flowers, and house plants with which to beautify the church. At the Presbyterian Church the exercises were held in the morning and the following program was carried out:

Anthem....."Now is Christ Risen".....Choir

Prayer.....Reverend Bruce

Hymn....."Sound the Loud Praises".....Choir

Song....."Climbing Up Zion's Hill".....Arthur Clark

Responsive Reading.....

Recitation....."Christ Is Risen".....13 Boys

Singing....."Children May Come".....Mattie Clark

Maud Gillett, Lillie Persons

Address to the Children.....Reverend Bruce.....

Marching Song.....Infant Classes

Hymn....."Arise and Shine".....Choir

Recitation....."The Two Gates".....Alice Clark

Song....."A Boys Best Friend Is His Mother".....Fred Camp

Recitation.....Daisy Sherwood

Song....."Song of the Clock".....Gertrude Church

Dialogue.....By Six Girls

Solo.....Kate Agard

Anthem....."Hail the Day I Saw Him Rise".....Choir

- Thursday, May 21, 1885-The Presbyterian Church is to be somewhat overhauled this spring, work having already commenced. A new roof will be put on, the inside painted, and the steeple which blew off last winter put back in its place again.
- Thursday, June 18, 1885-Children's Day at the Presbyterian Church was celebrated with special programs. The church held its exercises in the morning, continuing them into the Sunday School. Reverend C.H. Bruce talked to the church on the subject of temperance in words full of meaning, and which will no doubt be remembered and heeded by them in after years.
- Thursday, September 3, 1885-The gentlemen's social at the Presbyterian Church last Friday night was largely attended, and greatly enjoyed by all present. The gentlemen did well in the role of waiters, cooks, dish washers, etc., and received many compliments from the ladies. The financial part of the affair was very gratifying to those interested, there being about \$40 realized.
- Thursday, October 29, 1885- Reverend C.H. Bruce preached an eloquent sermon on the subject of "Profanity" at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. Those who were present and heard it will no doubt be the better for it.
- Thursday November 12, 1885-The Presbyterian services will be held in the City Hall again next Sunday, the church not being ready yet for use.
- Thursday, November 26, 1885-The Presbyterian Church which has been undergoing repairs for the past four weeks will be finished and ready for regular services to be held in it again on Sunday next. The church now presents a handsome appearance on the interior with the walls and ceiling newly frescoed, and the wood work brushed up with a fresh coat of paint and varnish.

1886

- Thursday, February 18, 1886-The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a chicken pie social on Friday evening next. Supper is from 6 o'clock on, and admission is ten cents; supper 15 cents. For children, the admission will be 5 cents and supper, 10 cents. During the evening this program will be presented:

Chorus....."Come Rise with the Lark".....

Solo....."The Last Rose of Summer".....Miss Clara Sisson

Solo....."The Scissors Grinder".....Daisy, Drew, and Belle Sherwood

Solo....."When the Robins Nest Again".....Miss Gertrude Boyd

Chorus....."Whistle and Hoe".....

Bass Solo....."The Old Sexton".....George Warden

Chorus....."Zelekiah".....

Solo....."Beware".....Miss Kate Agard

Solo....."Invitations to Bachelors".....The Old Maids

Solo....."Down in the Butter Cup Meadow"Daisy Sherwood

Chorus....."The Social Hash"

- Thursday, March 4, 1886-The young ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a broom drill entertainment in the near future, preparations for which are now being made.
- March 7, 1886-The following members were baptized in the presence of the congregation:

William Lewis Fuller

Miss Belle Anna Fuller

Omer Blain Alden

Mrs. Christine Alden

Ernest Byron Smith

Mrs. Annice Eugenia Smith

Miss Emily Elvira Gertrude White

- Thursday, March 11, 1886-The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will have a maple sugar social in the parlors on Friday evening of next week. This is the first sugar social of the season and everybody should attend and "sweeten up."
- Thursday, March 11, 1886-At the Presbyterian Church last Sunday the ordinance of baptism was observed, there being nine candidates. There were also seventeen persons who joined the church, fifteen on profession of their faith, and two by letter.
- Thursday, September 9, 1886-Mrs. C.H. Bruce, who has been absent on an eastern visit for the past two months, returned home last week much improved in health.
- G.W. Reed, C.B. Geer, and Reverend C.H. Bruce, who were in the wilds of Michigan on a fishing and hunting expedition for the past four weeks, returned home last Saturday and report having had an interesting time and all return much recuperated in health.
- Thursday, October 14, 1886-Four fine specimens of the "coon" family were captured in the old Presbyterian Cemetery near the chair factory one day last week. They had seemingly been making their home in the large lumber piles close by.
- The infant department of the Presbyterian Sunday School enjoyed a very pleasant picnic last Saturday afternoon at the parsonage.
- At the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening, Reverend C.H. Bruce will deliver a sermon on the subject, "The Fruit of the Saloon."
- November 4, 1886-Mrs. Alduretta Fuller after being examined in regard to her faith, knowledge and piety was received into the church, she having been previously baptized.

1887

- January 23, 1887- William E. Everson presented a letter from the M.E. Church of Union City and was received into the Presbyterian Church.
- May 5, 1887-At the annual business meeting of the Presbyterian Sunday school last Sunday the officers for the coming year were elected. They were:

Superintendent - D.A. Wright

Assistant Superintendent – Will Everson

Secretary – W.. Fuller

Treasurer – H.S. Thompson

Librarian – Miss Clara Sisson

Chorister – A.G. Sweet

Superintendent, Juvenile Department – Mrs. A.C. Sherwood

Organist – Miss Kate Agard

- Thursday, July 28, 1887 – The Juvenile Department of the Presbyterian Sunday School went out to Mitchell's Corners yesterday to have a picnic and had a very pleasant time.
- Thursday, October 6, 1887-The new society in connection with the Presbyterian Church to be known as the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor met Monday evening and elected officers as follows:

President- Reverend E.P. Clark

Vice President – W.E. Everson

Secretary – Adelia Fausett

Treasurer – W.. Fuller

Prayer Committee – Jesse Olds, Nellie Slack and Sarah Rogers

Lookout Committee – W.L. Fuller, Harley S. Thompson, Nellie Morton, Adelia Fausett, Mattie Gray

- Thursday, November 17, 1887 – at a meeting of Presbyterian ministers held in Pittsburgh last Sunday, resolutions were unanimously adopted denouncing Sunday newspapers and protesting against their publication, sale, and reading on the Sabbath day. All lovers of social order and the Sabbath will be urged to withdraw their patronage from such papers and threaten to appeal to the authorities to have them suppressed.

- Thursday, December 5, 1887 - The organ is an instrument of discord in the United Presbyterian Church. The Anti-Music Convention in Dayton, Ohio, was very empathic in its destruction of the instrument, and goes so far as to threaten to withdraw from the church if the anti-organ people are not granted relief by the General Assembly.
- Thursday, December 5, 1887 – The ladies of the Presbyterian Church desire to have the persons who borrowed the coffee pot, large dish pan, table cloths and napkins belonging to the church return them before Wednesday noon, as they will be needed at the social Wednesday evening. Please don't disappoint us, but return the goods.
- Thursday, December 25, 1887- The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian Church were held Sabbath evening and consisted of responsive readings and songs. The pastor made a brief address and the children recited 'The Star' and three boys and four girls recited 'The Coming of the Shepherds.' The audience was large, nearly filling the house. A fine arch of evergreens spanned the rostrum and within it shone a large silver star. Beautiful department each received a box of confectionery.

1888

- March 4, 1888. Andrew Jackson Sherwood, a boy of ten, who was baptized in infancy in this church, presented himself and being examined as to his knowledge of scripture and piety, he was admitted to the full communion of the church. Closed with prayer. David Wilson, Clerk.
- Thursday, March 8, 1888. The Presbyterian Society of Christian Endeavor met at the residence of W.E. Everson Tuesday evening and spent a few hours very pleasantly.
- Thursday, March 8, 1888. In addition to the communion service at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, the solemn ordinance of Baptism was observed and eleven members were added to the church on profession of faith.
- Thursday, April 19, 1888. David Wilson Esq. of Union Township was chosen at the recent meeting of the Erie Presbytery at Bradford, a delegate to the General Assembly which convenes in Philadelphia on May 17th. It is a great honor, but one worthily bestowed.
- Thursday, April 19, 1888. On Sabbath evening next, Reverend E.P. Clark will begin a series of addresses upon the general subject of "National Perils and Christian Duty." The first address at the Presbyterian Church will be called "The Present Crisis in Our National Destiny."
- Thursday June 28, 1888. The Reformed Presbyterian Church has decided through its highest body that women may be ordained deacons. The vote was 63 to 24.
- Thursday, August 30, 1888. Miss Martha A. McConnell was elected Deacon in the McKeesport Reformed Presbyterian Church, but the Presbytery refused to ordain her, as there was no precedent for such action and referred the matter to the Synod. The Synod turned the question over to the committee on discipline which has reported in favor of ordaining women as Deacons.

1889

- Thursday, April 18, 1889. The ministers and elders of the Erie Presbytery that commenced at Warren last week voted unanimously on the resolution to aid by votes,

influence and encouragement the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

- Thursday, May 2, 1889. Reverend E.P. Clark will preach next Sunday morning in the Disciple Church at Elgin.
- Thursday, May 9, 1889. Last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. J.R. Mulkie, a Home and Foreign Missionary Society was organized with a membership of 27. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Julia Smith; Vice-President, Delia Fausett; Secretary, Florence Clark; Recording Secretary, May Thompson; Treasurer, Mrs. Belle Everson. Mrs. Mulkie entertained the members at tea and a very pleasant and profitable time was had. The regular meetings are on the first and third Friday evenings of each month at Gray Chapel.
- Thursday, May 30, 1889. No good housekeeper should attempt to get along in this day and age of the world without having a copy of the Presbyterian Cook Book at her command. It is 25 cents.
- Thursday, June 13, 1889. Children's Day was appropriately observed last Sunday at the Presbyterian Church. The little ones seemed to enjoy their day very much. One of the features of the occasion was the presentation of the elegant Oxford Bible to all the children who had become eight years of age since last Children's Day. This custom will be kept up in the church every year hereafter.
- Thursday, August 29, 1889. The lecture at the Presbyterian Church last evening by Timotheus Taminosian, a native of Antioch, Syria, was highly instructional and entertaining. A large audience was present.
- Thursday, August 29, 1889. The Department of State at Washington was informed last Tuesday of the generous gift of his majesty the King of Siam for the use of the American Presbyterian Mission of one of the royal palaces together with extensive grounds and buildings.
- Thursday, September 12, 1889. The United Presbyterians at their last assembly decided to submit the tobacco question as an overture to the Presbyteries. If the measure carries, no one can be licensed to preach or ordained to the eldership who uses the weed.
- Thursday, October 17, 1889. Reverend Dr. Read filled the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning and presented an excellent sermon. The Presbyterian Sunday School has decided to take a course of lessons in singing and will meet every Sunday afternoon hereafter at 3:30 for that purpose. Henry Goss will act as musical director.
- Thursday, December 23, 1889. The Presbyterians have issued neatly printed invitations to all the children, bidding them come to the feast that will be prepared for them in the parlors of the church on Christmas Eve afternoon and evening. A delicious supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock.

- Thursday, January 9, 1890. The illustrated lecture on Christian's Fight with Appollyon and the Valley of the Shadow, will be repeated at the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath evening.
- Thursday, January 16, 1890. On account of the number of sick people and the unfavorable condition of the weather, the evening meetings of the Presbyterian Church were not continued as originally intended this week.
- Thursday, February 6, 1890. Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association organized at the Presbyterian Church. All young men in the city favorable to the project are cordially invited to be present at that time.
- Thursday, February 27, 1890. The Y.M.C.A. meeting at the Presbyterian Church last evening was exceedingly interesting and the attendance was good.
- Thursday, March 6, 1890. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a praise service next Sunday morning. The solemn ordinance of baptism was observed at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning and twelve new members were added to the church, three by card and nine by profession of faith.
- Thursday, March 13, 1890. The collection taken at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning at the Woman's Missionary Praise Service amounted to nearly \$25.00.
- Thursday, March 20, 1890. The trustees of the Presbyterian Church have decided to make some alternations on the interior of the building. The pulpit will be forwarded, the platform extended sufficient to admit the choir at the rear of it. The gallery which now forms a sort of alcove in the front of the archival room will be partitioned off. It is believed by this that the acoustic properties of the church will be greatly benefitted.
- Thursday, March 27, 1890. During the present church year, the benevolent contribution of the Presbyterian Church in this city, including a box of clothing valued at \$15.30, amounted to \$158.02. Of this amount the ladies raised \$81.53, the children \$25.00, and the general collection last Sunday \$58.30. Last year the total amount raised for benevolent purposes was \$130.00. This is an excellent showing considering the fact that the church aside from the pastor's salary of \$1,000, and the current church expenses have also paid off a church indebtedness of over \$800.00.
- Thursday, March 27, 1890. The Erie Presbyterian ministers and elders have been notified that the Erie Presbytery will meet this year at Titusville and continue its session three days – April 8, 9, and 10th. The question of revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith will be among the matters before the Presbyteries was requested at the last meeting of the General Assembly and the feeling has been determined in the Erie Presbytery. Majority and minority reports will be presented. The majority report is in favor of revision. That of the minority is signed by one elder and one minister – two of the oldest and most conservative members of the Presbytery.
- Thursday, April 24, 1890. The Wednesday evening meetings of the Presbyterian Church parlors given by the Christian Endeavor Society are becoming very interesting and the attendance is good.
- Thursday May 1, 1890. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church will be held at Saratoga, commencing May 15th. The question of revision of the Confession of Faith will be finally decided. Out of 133 presbyteries which have acted, 89 voted for revision, 40 against, and 4 refused to vote. There are yet 53 Presbyteries to be heard from, and a

careful estimate points to the conclusion that at the close, the Presbyteries will stand about three in favor to one against revision.

- Thursday, July 10, 1890. Tobacco is henceforth tabooed among United Presbyterians and not only clergymen, elders, and students are prohibited from using the weed, but laymen must not indulge in it. The blow was given at a meeting of the General Assembly in Buffalo recently, and it was a knock out, straight from the shoulder, hit at tobacco.
- Thursday, July 24, 1890. The joint Sunday school picnic of the Baptists and Presbyterians of this city came off yesterday in Saegertown. There were 363 persons at the party and everyone had a good time. The only thing that in any way detracted from the pleasure of the occasion was the upsetting of a boat in which two ladies were seated, they both receiving quite a wetting. A slight accident also befell Reverend Dr. Read. Boat riding, swimming, playing games, etc., was indulged in by the little folks while the older ones renewed acquaintances and watched with joy the antics of the children. All arrived home at 8:20 in the evening, well pleased with the day's festivities. The train left the Nypano Depot at 9:24 a.m., and returned at 9:24 p.m.
- Thursday, August 14, 1890. The Juvenile Department of the Presbyterian Sunday School will picnic next Wednesday below town on the banks of French Creek.
- Thursday, October 16, 1890. The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society, at their meeting held last week, chose officers for the next six months as follows:

President – Reverend E.P. Clark

Vice President, W.S. Geiston

Secretary, Delia Fausett

Treasurer, Frank Glenn

Committees: Lookout: Maud Mulkie, Mattie Rogers, W.S. Geiston

Prayer Meeting: Sarah Rogers, May Thompson, Verne Musit.

Social: W.L. Fuller, Clara Fuller, Mrs. E.P. Clark, Jenny Clark, Hattie Davis

Visiting: Minnie Shreve, Gertrude Smith, Harley S. Thompson

- Thursday, December 4, 1890. The regular quarterly communion services will be held at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The preparatory lecture will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30.
- Thursday, December 4, 1890. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will be at the church parlors Friday afternoon to receive such articles as may be donated for the two missionary boxes they are preparing to send to Alabama and Virginia, the contents of which are to be distributed among the colored poor.

Presbyterian Pastors



Reverend John Grassle

Wednesday, August 25, 1880-Reverend John Grassle presented a very interesting sermon at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning last. Mr. Grassle was pastor of the church here some 18 years ago.

Reverend Richard B. Dilworth

Thursday, February 7, 1881-On Monday, February 4, 1881, the members of the

Presbyterian Church at Union City held their annual congregational meeting. The main order of business at the meeting was the resignation of Pastor Richard B. Dilworth. Reluctantly, the congregation accepted Reverend Dilworth's resignation.

The kindest feelings and tenderest sympathies existed between Reverend Dilworth and the church. Many people felt sad because they realized that they would probably never again see his face and listen to his counsel. Reverend Dilworth could have remained indefinitely as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Union city. He had the fullest confidence and heartiest good will of the church. Reverend Dilworth also assured the church of his good will and affectionate interest in its welfare. He said many of his reasons for leaving concerned his desire to find a climate more congenial to the health of his family.

During the pastorate of Reverend Dilworth, the affairs of the church prospered, and the membership steadily increased. The church had been strengthened spiritually and Reverend Dilworth gave the church the leadership and example of a hardworking and persevering pastor. "He has strong and comprehensive convictions, and he has the courage of his convictions. As a pastor, he has been faithful, earnest, sympathetic; a worthy example of unselfish devotion to others. He has been untiring and particularly successful in his efforts to instruct the young of his church and congregation, and to give them broad and higher views of life."

Thursday, February 24, 1881- The regular monthly temperance meeting will be held next Sunday evening in the Presbyterian Church, at which time speeches will be made by Rev. J.C. Scofield, Rev. R.B. Dilworth and Rev. T.A. Edwards. The meeting will be one of unusual interest and all should attend.

Thursday, May 12, 1881- Rev. R.B. Dilworth preached a most excellent sermon on Sunday evening last, and we only regret that those boys who are always standing on the front steps of the church during the evening service smoking and telling stories did not hear it.

Thursday, June 22, 1882- Rev. T.E.A. Edwards occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church

last Sabbath morning in the absence of Reverend Dilworth, who was summoned to Pittsburgh to the bedside of his wife's father who was very ill. Dr. Read preached from the pulpit in the Baptist church the same morning.

Thursday, June 29, 1882- Reverend R.B. Dilworth preached a most excellent and instructive sermon on Sunday evening last.

Reverend R.B. Dilworth's mother from Fort Scott, Kansas, is a guest at his home and will remain with him during the summer.

Thursday, July 13, 1882-The Pittsburgh Dispatch carried the death notice of James G. McLean, father of Mrs. R.B. Dilworth of Union City. The death notice said that James G. McLean, died on Wednesday, July 12, 1882, at his residence on Center Avenue. He had been a merchant on the line of the Erie & Pittsburgh Railroad at McLean's Corners, and continued in business until his health failed a few years ago and he moved to Pittsburgh. At the age of 30, James McClean became a ruling elder in his father Daniel McLean's church and since he moved to Pittsburgh had been an active member of the Third United Presbyterian congregation. He was survived by his wife, a son, John F. McLean, and seven daughters. His oldest daughter was the wife of Reverend R.B. Dilworth of Union City.

In March 1883, Reverend R.B. Dilworth announced his disapproval of "weight socials," as a means of raising church funds in a sermon at the Presbyterian Church.

In September 1883, 150 members of the Presbyterian Church met at the home of Reverend and Mrs. R.B. Dilworth to honor them on the tenth anniversary of his pastorate in Union City.

Thursday, October 25, 1883- The temperance sermon delivered by Reverend R.B. Dilworth at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening last, was one of the soundest ever heard. The speaker presented the matter in altogether a new light, and so plainly too that no one could fail to comprehend it. The churches are handled without gloves, he showed conclusively that the temperance cause went begging simply because the church would not work harmoniously in the matter. There were too many sects, each of which did not care to champion any ism unless that particular thing would rebound to the entire benefit of that particular church. What was needed, he said, was union, and until then, the temperance cause would never win, and this is the truth.

January 4, 1884-The Session called the church and congregation to consider the request that pastor Richard Dilworth made of the Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations between him and them. The church congregation agreed to acquiesce in said request. James Shreve, elder, was appointed to meet with the next Presbytery.

Thursday, January 31, 1884- Rev. R.B. Dilworth preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath morning. The church was filled to its utmost and all listened with special attention to his discourse, which was pronounced to be one of the best he ever delivered. The Baptist Church was closed so that the members might go and hear him.

Reverend C.H. Bruce

Thursday, March 11, 1886

During the first year of the pastorate of Reverend C.H. Bruce in the Presbyterian Church, there has been a great work done, and the church is in a very flourishing condition. During the year there has been added to its membership twenty-six new members. Reverend Bruce has worked zealously for the growing of the church and for the advancement of Christianity in the city, and it must be a great source of encouragement to him to see this reward of his efforts.

Thursday, May 6, 1886-On account of the death of the little daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Bruce, there were no services in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

January 27, 1887 – There will be a special meeting of the members of the Presbyterian Church tonight at which time a delegate to the Presbytery will be chosen, and also the resignation of Reverend Bruce as pastor of the church, notice of which was given on Sunday last, will be considered. He has received a call from the Fifth Presbyterian Church of Kansas City.

April 14, 1887- The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at a meeting held last night decided to extend a call to the Reverend Mr. Wakefield to become pastor of the church.

June 30, 1887-At a called meeting of the Presbyterian congregation held last Monday, Reverend E.P. Clark was unanimously elected pastor of the church. A call will at once be made out and extended to him, which he has indicated he will accept.

June 28, 1888. It will be gratifying news to the many friends of Reverend Charles Bruce, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, to know that since he took charge of the church of which he is now pastor in Kansas City, that he has been eminently successful. Under his pastorate over 200 persons have been added to the church.

Reverend A.J. Williamson

Thursday, June 6, 1889. Reverend A.J. Williamson of Union City has just graduated from Oberlin College. He has accepted the pastorate of a church at Clearfield, Ohio, and will assume charge at Clearfield at once.

Thursday, September 26, 1889. Vashon Island Chautauqua Idea for an assembly here was presented by Reverend Richard B. Dilworth, who is sort of a Presbyterian Bishop of this region going from station to station on island and mainland in his gospel boat, seeking the “sheep that are lost.” This was in January 1885, and the Puget Sound Charter assembly was fully organized the following July.

Presbyterian Profile



Thursday, August 4, 1881- The 70th Anniversary

The 70th anniversary or reunion of the Presbyterian Church, was celebrated on Friday evening last at the church and it was indeed a most interesting affair. The gentlemen of the society had the whole matter in charge and unbeknown to the ladies, secured the eatables for the occasion. The church and parlors were handsomely decorated with flowers, and in front were

torches and Chinese lanterns which added to the beauty of the grounds around. At nine o'clock the doors to the dining rooms were opened and all of the older members of the church and the invited guests took seats around the tables which were well laden with all the delicacies of the season.

Reverend Dilworth called upon Will Gillespie, of Mill Village, to say grace which was done in a few well-chosen words, appropriate to the occasion after which all partook of the repast before them. The gentlemen waiters, with their white aprons and delicate bouquets, did their best to please and although new business for them, they got along very well.

After the supper was over, a well-arranged program was carried out, consisting of toasts and responses, which was very interesting to both old and young. There were present during the evening about 300 people, all of whom seemed to enjoy the occasion well. The proceeds amounted to about \$50.

The "Old People's Class" at the Presbyterian Church
Thursday, April 26, 1883

The "Old People's" class at the Presbyterian Sunday School was organized in 1870 and still retained its original form in April of 1883. The organization of the class didn't change, but there were some great changes among its members.

Six of the original members entered into "the eternal Sabbath of rest which remains for the people of God in heaven." Barna Honeywell met with the class for five years and died November 14, 1875, at the age of 74 years. Mrs. Eliza Jane Wilson was the second original class member to die. She was born in St. Charles, Missouri, but returned to Union City when she was eleven years old. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church from the time she was eleven until she died in March 1876, at the age of 55. Mary Wilson was a class member for nine years. Born in Union Township, she was a member of the church for 48 years. She died in March 1879 at the age of 77 years.

Mrs. Eliza Glenn was a member for the class for seven years. The only daughter of John

Graham, she was born in Summit, Erie County, and came to Union City in 1873. She joined the Presbyterian Church and remained a member until she died in April 1889, at the age of 56.

The history of the Graham-Glenn connection in the Union City Presbyterian Church goes back beyond the “Old People’s Sunday School Class.” The good ship Wilmington sailed from the port of Belfast in Ireland on May 2, 1792. It carried over 200 passengers, and among these were the four Graham brothers. John Graham was one of these brothers. Other passengers were Hugh Wilson who later settled in Union, and William McClellen who settled in Girard. The Graham brothers and Hugh Wilson and William McClellen didn’t know each other in Ireland or on shipboard, but when they came to the wilds of Erie County, their children became acquainted. Together their children studied the same doctrines for which their forefathers were persecuted out of Scotland centuries ago.

Another class member, Mrs. Palmyra Lawrence, was born in Massachusetts and began her church life as a Congregationalist. She moved to Union City and joined the Presbyterian Church. “For forty-two years she exhibited an amount of patience and perseverance that was wonderful.” She began with the “Old People’s Sunday School Class” and attended for six or seven years until her health prohibited her coming. She died in November 1881, at the age of 63.

Mrs. Mary Shreve was born in Chautauqua County and joined the Union City Presbyterian Church in about 1866. She was a member of the Old People’s Class from its beginning until she died in January 1883 when she was 51 years old.

Some of the former class members joined at the beginning and attended faithfully until they moved away. Three of these former members were Asa Moses and his wife, and Mrs. James Culbertson. Other class members attended as long as their health permitted. Peter H. Frantz and his wife were in the class, but couldn’t attend for several years because of their health. Peter was 76 in 1883. David Wilson was 71, Andrew Thompson and E.I. Hall each 70, and Mrs. Hall not far behind when they attended in 1883. Samuel Glenn was 66.

Besides the older members, other class members were Solomon Shreve, Oscar Gleason, Hugh Wilson and wife, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Thompson. James Shreve attended the class regularly for twelve and a half years, and then went to teach another class.

The anonymous class member who wrote about the class for the Union City Times said that all class members “find great delight and profit in the study of the word.”

Union Sunday School Picnic

Thursday, July 22, 1886-The Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, United Brethren and Unity Society Sabbath Schools will take part in the Union Grove Sunday School Picnic on Wednesday, August 4th.

The Union Sunday School Picnic will be held this year on Wednesday, August 4, 1886, in the

woods near the fairgrounds, formerly known as Black's Woods. The picnic committee has done everything it can to make this one of the pleasantest days of the year, especially for the young people and children. The committee has put together a short spicy program for the older people. Mrs. Frank Davidson of Cleveland draws large houses and comes highly recommended. Everyone should come to hear him. The solos are of the very best and the program throughout should please all.

The Sunday Schools will all assemble at their respective churches and bring their lunch. The baskets will be carded with the owner's names and carried to the baggage room on the grounds, where they can be obtained at lunch time.

At 10 o'clock the church bells will ring and the schools will all march towards Main Street. The Coleman Band will head the procession and the schools will fall in line in the following order:

Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and U.B. School. Schools from other places will form with those of their denomination. The grounds are near, but those who think they cannot walk will be carried from the churches to the grounds.

Program for the Day

9:00 a.m.....Assemble at churches

10:00 a.m.....Ringing of church bells and start for the Grove

10:30 a.m.....Music by Coleman Band.....Prayer, Reverend Bruce

10:45 a.m.....Address of Welcome by Reverend Edwards

11:00 a.m.....Recitations and Vocal Entertainment by Frank S. Davidson of Cleveland

12:00 a.m.....Music by Band and Lunch

1:30 a.m.....Music by Band.....Solo by Mrs. Brown

2:00 a.m.....Short Address by Reverends Evans, Luce, and Pinney.....Solo by Miss Kate Agard

.....Excelsior Quartette.....Solo by Miss Hull

Chapter Nine: 1890-1900



Reverend E.P. Clark-1887-1894

Reverend Charles R. Hunt-1894-1895

Reverend A.J. Herries- 1895

David Wilson brought out his history of the Presbyterian Church on April 2, 1891, in the church paper. It was well received by all of the members of the church and by the older residents of Union City. April 1891 was also the month when Reverend George W. Chamberlain of San Pauli, Brazil, spent a few hours in Union City. Dr. Chamberlain had been a missionary in Brazil, spent a few hours in Union City. Dr. Chamberlain had been a missionary in Brazil since 1862 and was in America raising funds to establish a Protestant college there. He opened his mission school in 1870, with 10 pupils. In 1891, he had 429, with hundreds turned away for lack of room. Dr. Chamberlain was a native off Waterford. His father, Reverend Pierce Chamberlain, was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church there at an early date, and also for a time supplied the Union City Presbyterian Church.

In September of 1891, the Session met at the house of P.G. Stranahan, because he had requested to become a member and wasn't able to attend church. Reverend E.P. Clark, moderator, was present along with Elders E.I. Hall, C.W. Dabney and James Shreve. They examined Mr. Stranahan in regard to his knowledge and piety and he was received and baptized in the presence of the Session and his family.

The year 1892 began on a positive note for Union City Presbyterians and the good happenings continued throughout the year. On January 1, Reverend and Mrs. E.P. Clark kept an "open house" at the Presbyterian manse from two o'clock in the afternoon until ten o'clock in the evening. A January 1892, census of the Union City churches showed church membership in the borough distributed this way:

Methodist – 396 members

Presbyterian- 301 members

Baptists- 222 members

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church – 40 members

United Brethren Church – 35 members

St. Teresa's Catholic Church- About 200 families with about 600 communicants.

At a meeting of the Erie Presbytery held at Franklin, the Union City Presbyterian Church reported having received during 1891 an addition to their membership of 102 persons.

In this year of 1892, the Presbyterians still had to deal with the proper disposal of the bodies left in the old Presbyterian burying grounds located on the hill where the lumber yards of the Union City Chair factory are located. In 1812, the Union authorities purchased the old burying grounds and the court of Erie appointed William C. Jackson, Esq. to superintend the removal of all bodies found there to Evergreen Cemetery. Even in the 1890s, bodies occasionally appeared and had to be relocated.

In July of 1892, the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church voted to build a new parsonage at the corner of South Street and Third Avenue, and advertised the old residence on the lot for sale. On July 27, Reverend E.P. Clark gave a review of his five years of labor as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at the Sunday morning service. At the Thanksgiving Day services held in the church on Thursday morning, November 24, 1892, more than 150 people gave verbal testimony to God's great goodness to them.

Reverend E.P. Clark decided to accept a call from the Presbyterian Church of South Lyons, Michigan, in March 1894. He served the Presbyterian Church at Union City for six years, and delivered his farewell sermon Sunday, February 25. Reverend Clark and his family during their years in Union City had been zealous workers and won the confidence, care, and esteem, not only of their own church people, but of "our citizens in general. We now wish them success and happiness in their new field of labor. They will leave this afternoon on Train 3 for their new home in the west."

Reverend Charles R. Hunt, Ph.D. of Koeta, Iowa, became the new pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church. The congregation met in Gray Chapel on April 2, 1894, and extended a unanimous call to Charles Hunt, which he accepted.

Highlights of Dr. Hunt's pastorate at the Union City Presbyterian Church included building up the Christian Endeavor Society and conducting a series of revival meetings at North Warren in Michigan, 1895. However, things did not go well for Dr. Hunt at Union City, and on September 16, 1895, he called a session meeting to ask for advice on resigning from church. James Shreve, Hugh Wilson, J.S. Thompson, J.R. Mulkie and A.C. Sherwood were the session members present and they all felt that the best interests of the church dictated that Reverend Hunt resign at an early date. Reverend Hunt resigned effective November 1, 1895.

Reverend A.J. Herries was invited to supply the pulpit until the spring meeting of the Presbytery. In December 1895, the Union City Times noted that the attendance at the Presbyterian Church had been unusually large the past few weeks, especially in the evening service. According to the Times, the seats were nearly filled every night. Reverend Herries provided some very excellent sermons.

David Wilson died in December of 1895 and Reverend Herries conducted his funeral.

The New Year brought a new minister to the Union City Presbyterians in 1896. On January 21, the congregation assembled for a meeting called Reverend A.J. Herries to be their minister at a salary of \$1,500 per year with the use of the parsonage and one month's vacation. It took Reverend Herries until Sunday, April 5, 1896, to announce to his congregation that he had decided to accept the call, but he formally accepted it on that date. He was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Union on April 28, 1896.

At the annual congregational meeting on April 3, 1899, the Trustees of the church reported that the furnace in the church was in need of repairs and that the wood work of the building needed painting. After considerable discussion, the congregation moved and seconded that the maximum expense for the coming year be limited to \$25.00 and the trustees were instructed to make the necessary repairs.

Reverend A.J. Herries in a few remarks very kindly offered to reduce the salary paid to him, stating that if the congregation felt burdened by the amount that a change could be made in the conditions of his call and the matter be taken to the Presbytery for adjustment.

The congregation moved unanimously to thank Reverend Herries for his generosity in the past, his thoughtful reference to the present, and that his future salary be not reduced.

In December of 1899 Reverend Herries organized a Bible class in the church parlors to meet on Monday evening. The course extended over nine weeks, and the subject for study was "The Life of Christ."

Presbyterian Participation

1891



- Thursday, January 29, 1891. The revival services at both the M.E. and Presbyterian Churches continue this week and a deep interest is being felt by those who attend.
- Thursday, January 29, 1891. The first Christian Endeavor Society was organized at Portland, Maine, ten years ago, February 2, 1881. An observation of the 10th anniversary will be given at the Presbyterian Endeavor Society next Sunday evening.
- Thursday, February 5, 1891. The Presbyterian Banner will be furnished to all. New subscribers will pay \$1.15 for one year, lower than the regular subscribes price of \$2.15 a year. Any person desiring to subscribe can give their names to the pastor or any member of the committee on religious literature.

- Thursday, February 12, 1891. At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church last Monday, J.S. Thompson was re-elected Trustee for three years. The Trustee's report showed the church to be entirely free from debt and with a subscription list for the present year larger than ever before. Reverend Clark was elected as editor of the new church paper soon to be issued. The church is in a very prosperous condition.
- Thursday March 12, 1891. The guitar duet by Mr. Bert Titus and John Needham given last Friday night at the Presbyterian social was one of the chief features of the evening's program. The boys never played to better advantage, and all were highly pleased with their excellent music.
- Thursday, October 15, 1891. The pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist Episcopal Churches have arranged with the Evangelist M.S. Rees of Elmira, New York, to hold a series of meetings in this place beginning on Sabbath evening, November 1. Mr. Rees is accompanied by Professor Hesler Smith of New York who has charge of the singing. Mrs. Rees who is a soloist also accompanies them. The date has been chosen so as not to conflict with the meetings now in progress at the Baptist church, and in hope that the interest developed by the way be increased. It is hoped that the services may result in a general religious awakening throughout the whole community.
- Thursday, November 12, 1891. Most businessmen in town, including Rulaf Fuller and Fuller & Everson, closed their stores at 7:30 during the revival meetings. The meetings were held the first week in the Presbyterian Church and the second week in the Methodist. There were 50 converts all during November and over 100 seekers of new life.
- Thursday, December 3, 1891. Gospel meetings began five weeks ago at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. Every night the churches were filled to capacity and 243 people accepted Christ. The singing by Mrs. Rees and Professor Smith united the choirs of both churches.
- December 5, 1891. The Session met at the call of the moderator. Present were Reverent E.P. Clark, moderator and James Shreve, C.W. Dabney, Hugh Wilson, and David Wilson, Elders. At least fifty people, including Rulaf and Clara Fuller, were received into church membership.
- Monday, December 7, 1891. The Gospel meetings at the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches closed Sunday. There were over 300 converts made Sunday morning. About 66 people were received into the Methodist Church and 57 into the Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday, December 31, 1891. The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve were excellent. The hearts of the little ones swelled with pride as they caught a glimpse of old Santa as he made up appearance from the chimney of the log cabin.

1892

- Thursday, January 14, 1892. With the great revival that has taken place here during the past few months, more than ordinary interest has been taken in church work. The result is exceedingly gratifying to all. Before the revival which began in October, membership at the Presbyterian Church was 204. Since the revival, 97 have been added, making a total of 301.

- Thursday, January 21, 1892. Every seat in the Presbyterian Church was filled last Friday evening for the reception given by Reverend and Mrs. M.S. Rees and Professor Hesler Smith. After a short song service, Reverend Rees spoke briefly and was followed by about seventy testimonies given by young converts. Then followed a general visit and social time for an hour or more in which all heartily joined. Reverend and Mrs. Rees and Professor Smith have won a warm place in the hearts of our people and will always be welcome visitors in our city.
- Thursday, February 11, 1892. At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church and congregation held last Monday, Rulaf Fuller and A.G. Sweet were elected Trustees for three years, and J.C. McLean was elected Auditor. The Trustees report showed the church finances to be in good shape.
- Thursday, February 18, 1892. Dr. A.C. Sherwood, Jas. S. Thompson, and John R. Mulkie were unanimously elected ruling elders in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday.
- Thursday, February 18, 1892. Next Sunday Reverend E.P. Clark will begin a series of four special Sunday night services. They will be better known as "Four Evenings with Hymn Writers." The subject for next Sunday evening will be "Charles Wesley." The service will consist of a brief biography of Charles Wesley, singing, and a responsive reading, the introduction of four or five of the author's most widely known hymns, and a brief outline of the cause which prompted the writing of each hymn. These services will be both highly instructive and entertaining. A general invitation to all the people of Union City is cordially given to be present.
- Thursday, March 31, 1892. The annual meeting of the Erie Presbytery will be held in Erie, opening on the 12th of April and continuing three days. The Presbytery is composed of the pastor and one elder from each Presbyterian Church in the counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer, Venango, and Warren, making a membership of about 120. J.S. Thompson will attend with Reverend E.P. Clark as delegates from the Union City Presbyterian Church.
- April 7, 1892. The regular monthly meeting of the Session was held in the lecture room of the church. Present were Reverend E.P. Clark, moderator and Elders E.I. Hall, James Shreve, David Wilson, C.W. Dabney, James Thompson, and A.C. Sherwood. Elder Hall opened with prayer.

David Wilson resigned his office as Clerk of Session. The resignation was accepted with regret that the infirmities of age render the resignation necessary. The Session expressed its sense of obligation to Elder David Wilson for his long and faithful service as its clerk, extending over a period of 38 years. Elder A.C. Sherwood was chosen Clerk of Session to succeed David Wilson.

- Thursday, April 14, 1892. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, connected with the Presbyterian Church, at a business meeting last Monday night elected the following officers and committees for the ensuing year:

President

Professor T.M. Morrison

Vice-President

Marshal Lyon

Secretary	Miss Carrie Wheeler
Treasurer	Roy Mulkie
Lookout Committee	Maud Mulkie, Mattie Rogers, Charles Blanchard
Prayer Meeting Committee	Mrs. L.A. Clark, Will Fuller, Adella Fausett
Social Committee Will Gillett,	Sarah Rogers, Morton Clark, Lizzie McLean, Clara Fuller and Mrs. Alta Waters

- Thursday, April 14, 1892. The Erie Presbytery now in session at Erie is composed of 53 ministers, 66 churches, and had a membership last year of 9,476. There has been a good increase during the past year.
- Thursday, May 5, 1892. The Presbyterian Sunday School last Sunday morning elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Superintendent: T.M. Morrison

Assistant: J.C. McLean

Superintendent Primary Department: Miss Maud Mulkie

Assistant: Miss Gertrude Boyd

Secretary: Marshal A. Lyon

Treasurer: W.F. Oldburg

Librarian: Miss Clara Fuller

Primary Department: Miss Lulu Sweet

Chorister: Professor Henry Goss

- July 17, 1892. Session met at 10:30 a.m. Present were Reverend E.P. Clark, moderator and Elders E.I. Hall, C.W. Dabney, and A.C. Sherwood. Will Titus appeared before the Session and confessed that he had recently been guilty of unchristian conduct, viz. intoxication and dealing in games of chance, but wished to be forgiven, and was trying by aid of prayer and God's help to do better.
- Thursday, July 28, 1892. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church have concluded to erect a new parsonage yet this fall on the corner of Third Avenue and South Street. They desire to sell the building on the premises and have it removed as speedily as possible. Parties interested will inquire of J.S. Thompson.

- Thursday, August 25, 1892. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church advertise this week for bids for the construction of a new parsonage. Their purpose is to let the contract and get the work underway at the earliest day practicable that the building may be enclosed before winter and finished before spring. The drawings may be seen at J.S. Thompson's store. Contractors will call upon or address him.
- Thursday August 25, 1892. This evening at the Presbyterian Church, a lecture on Persia will be given by a native of that country, Mr. Yonan Y. Auraham. He will present various phases of Persian customs and manner of living, religious ceremonies, conduct of schools, mission work, etc., illustrated with both Persian and Kurdish costume. Mr. A is a student in the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, preparing himself for Christian work among his fellow countrymen, no charge for admission will be made, but a collection will be taken for his benefit.
- Thursday, December 8, 1892. Reverend J. Henry House of Samokoo, Bulgaria, a missionary in that country for the past 20 years, will give an account of his work among that interesting people next Sabbath morning at the Presbyterian Church. Mr. House is a classmate of the pastor, indeed, for two years in the seminary they were chums. Reverend House is home on furlough and living in Painesville, Ohio. For eight or nine years past, Reverend House has headed the training school, an institution with both scientific and theological courses of study. He will probably preach in the M.E. Church in the evening at the Union Service.
- Thursday, December 15, 1892. Next Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church, the life of Christ will be exhibited in 60 large and handsome stereopticon views, followed by a series of 15 views illustrative of the hymn, "Rock of Ages." The views are given by William M. Hull Company of Hillsdale, Michigan. There will be a free will offering at the door.
- Thursday, December 15, 1892. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church have recently purchased a pipe organ for the church and this is now being built at the factory in Erie. This instrument is to be a fine one, and will add very much to the musical part of the service there.
- December 18, 1892. The Session met at the church chapel at 10:30 a.m. Present were Reverend E.P. Clark, the moderator and Elders E.I. Hall, C.W. Dabney, J.R. Mulkie, and A.C. Sherwood. Mrs. Lois M. Clark, Charles Dunbar, Mrs. Linda Dunbar, his wife, Ebenezer B. Mackey, Comer Henry Fuller, and Gilbert B. Tourtelotte, were admitted to the sealing ordinance of baptism.

1893

- Thursday, January 5, 1893. Electric lights are being installed in the Presbyterian Church.

- Thursday, January 19, 1893. The choir connected with the Presbyterian Church has arranged to give a vocalion recital in the church on Friday, January 27, 1893. Professor Cordingly of Boston will play four solos. Admission is 15 and 25 cents.
- Thursday, January 26, 1893. A new vocalion was just put into the Presbyterian Church. The concert given with it netted \$40.00.
- May 4, 1893. The regular monthly meeting of the Session was held in the chapel. Reverend E.P. Clark moderator and Elders E.I. Hall, J.S. Thompson, Hugh Wilson, James Shreve, and A.C. Sherwood were present.
The Moderator and the Elders discussed the general welfare of the church. Elder James Shreve stated that he was aware of a dissatisfaction in the church and congregation towards the pastor, Reverend E.P. Clark. The pastor requested that the Session go with him one at a time and make a personal canvass of the church and congregation relative to the alleged feeling of dissatisfaction. The Session agreed to go.
- Thursday, August 3, 1893. The picnic held in R.R. Lewis' orchard last Friday by the Primary Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church was a very pleasant affair. The little ones enjoyed themselves hugely. Mrs. N.S. Waters, the Superintendent, and Mrs. J.S. Thompson, Assistant, were untiring in their efforts to make the little ones happy.
- Thursday, August 22, 1893. Reverend E.P. Clark married William Jackson and Mrs. Etta Saunders.
- In September 1893, the Presbyterian Church was lighted by electricity for the first time.
- Sunday, September 17, 1893. Electric lights were used for the first time in the Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday, September 28, 1893. A great improvement has been made about the Presbyterian Church parsonage by cutting out and trimming up the shade trees and grading the lawn.
- In November 1893, Reverend and Mrs. E.P. Clark gave a reception in the new Presbyterian parsonage.
- Thursday, November 16, 1893. Reverend and Mrs. E.P. Clark having got nicely settled in the new parsonage, they on Monday night last held an informal reception from six o'clock until ten, during which time a large number of friends and neighbors called, paid their respects, and inspected the new parsonage which all pronounced very pleasant and commodious indeed.

1894

- Thursday, February 8, 1894. At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church held last Monday, J.S. Thompson was elected Trustee for three years.
- Thursday, March 1, 1894. Reverend Clark's Pastorate ended. Reverend E.P. Clark who has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Union City for the past six years has received and accepted a call from the Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, Michigan, and will commence his labors there on Sunday next. He delivered his farewell sermon to the congregation in Union City last Sunday morning. Mr. Clark and his family during their stay here have been zealous workers and have won the confidence, care and esteem, not

only of their own church people, but of our citizens in general. Everyone wishes them success and happiness in their new field of labor. They will leave this afternoon for their new home in the West.

- Thursday, March 15, 1894. There will be regular services in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning and evening. Sunday School will immediately follow the morning services. Reverend Charles R. Hunt, Ph.D. of Keota, Iowa, will preach. He will also remain and fill the pulpit again on the following Sunday.
- Thursday, April 5, 1894. At a congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church held in Gray Chapel last Monday night, a unanimous call was extended to Reverend Charles R. Hunt, Ph.D. of Keota, Iowa, to become the pastor of the church. The call has been forwarded and the members of the church hope he will accept.
- Thursday, April 12, 1894. Reverend Charles R. Hunt, Ph.D., has signified his purpose of accepting the call to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Union City. He will move his family here the last of April. There will be regular services next Sunday morning and evening in the Presbyterian Church and all members of the church and congregation are requested to be present. Reverend A.J. Williamson of Ohio, formerly of Union City, will fill the pulpit.
- Thursday, September 20, 1894. The social given by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church last Friday night was a delightful affair and all present enjoyed themselves hugely. The Japanese ladies with the chop sticks, tea and rice, were the leading attractions and much merriment was occasioned by their peculiar fashion. The ladies took in nearly \$23.00.
- Thursday, September 27, 1894. Presbyterian Market Saturday. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will conduct a market in the Lyon Block next Saturday from 11 o'clock a.m. until all is sold. Come and buy your Sunday dinner. The following articles will be on sale: Yeast, brown, and salt rising bread, apple and pumpkin pies, cakes of different kinds, cookies, white and ginger doughnuts, potato salad, boiled ham, omelet, boiled tongue, chicken, tapioca puddings, Boston baked beans, Dutch cheese. The ladies will please have all articles contributed there by 10:30. Everything must be in by one o'clock.
- Thursday, October 4, 1894. On tomorrow, Friday evening, the Reading Club will meet at the Presbyterian parsonage. Professor U.G. Smith will read an interesting and instructive essay on "The Kinds of Religion," after which the "Religions of the World," will be discussed by those present.
- Thursday, October 11, 1894. On Sunday evening next there will be an interesting music service at the Presbyterian Church, at which time the choir will use both the vocalion and piano and they will be assisted by Bartholme Brothers full orchestra. This service will be interesting and a cordial invitation is extended to all.
- Thursday, October 18, 1894. The choir at the Presbyterian Church will be assisted each Sunday evening hereafter by the Bartholme Brothers full orchestra. This will be a valued acquisition to the Sunday evening service in that church.
- Thursday, November 8, 1894. The district Christian Endeavor Convention now in session at the Presbyterian Church in Union City will be done tonight. The attendance of the delegates is good and the exercises are of a specially interesting character. Everyone should attend tonight.
- Thursday, November 15, 1894. About fifty new books have this week been added to the Presbyterian Sunday School Library.

- Thursday, November 8, 1894. The Presbyterian Church has secured a new set of hymnals, the new Landes Domini. It is a very handsome book and contains scripture selections to be used as responsive readings in the church service. The Century Company of which they were purchased printed in gilt letters the name of each person subscribing for a book on the outside of the front cover. The books are in the care of J.S. Thompson.

1895

- Thursday, February 7, 1895. Dr. C.H. Hunt of the Presbyterian Church is holding a series of evening meetings at the school house on Kimball Hill.
- Thursday, March 5, 1895. Dr. Charles H. Hunt, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Union City, is conducting a series of revival meetings at North Warren.
- Thursday, March 28, 1895. Dr. C.H. Hunt has a good harness and buggy he will sell at a bargain to anyone wishing to buy.
- Thursday, May 30, 1895. The Presbyterian General Assembly at Pittsburgh this week voted almost unanimously against the use of individual communion cups, and urged churches not to adopt them.
- Thursday, June 13, 1895. There was a union service at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening at which time Mrs. H.M. Gamble, of Mt. Morris, New York, delivered an interesting and instructive sermon on the temperance question.
- Thursday, July 4, 1895. The members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church met at the parsonage Tuesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing term as follows:

President: W.L. Fuller

Secretary: Mrs. Alta Waters

Vice Presidents" J.E. Beebe, Sarah Rogers

Treasurer: Miss Mary Edwards

- Thursday, August 1, 1895. It is estimated that at least 4,000 delegates and 6,000 friends and well-wishers will attend the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Erie on August 22 to 25. The Junior Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church of this city has been requested to furnish three numbers of the program on Junior Day.
- Thursday, August 1, 1895. The Union service held in the park last Sunday evening was a decided success. The seats were well filled. People drove up in carriages. Others stood on the walk. Bicycles and baby carriages brought still others. The services began promptly at seven o'clock. Dr. Thompson, State Superintendent of the Children's Home Society presented an able sermon and the service closed promptly at eight o'clock.

A committee has been appointed to attend to the singing books. They invite you to bring your gospel hymns and hope next Sunday evening to be able to furnish books to all who have more.

The lady members of the several choirs are invited to take seats on the platform. A choir of 50 voices and an orchestra of 15 pieces is wanted. Come early next Sunday evening to enjoy a service of song. Reverend C. Shreve will preach the sermon. If stormy, the service will be held in the U.B. Church.

- Thursday, October 31, 1895. The Presbyterians at their Synod in Butler a few days ago had quite a spirited debate over the use of unfermented wine in communion. It resulted in the adoption of a clause allowing its use by those desiring to use a non-alcoholic article.
- Monday, December 3, 1895. The Thanksgiving Union service at the Baptists Church was unusually well attended. The church was full. The sermon delivered by Reverend A.J. Herries of the Presbyterian Church was well received. It was replete with timely suggestions, was interesting, highly instructive. All who attended were well paid, indeed, for their time and trouble.
- Thursday, December 19, 1895. The attendance at the Presbyterian Church has been unusually large in the past few weeks, especially in the evening services. The seats have been nearly filled each night. Reverend Herries is certainly preaching some very excellent sermons.
- Monday, December 23, 1895. David Wilson died. Reverend Herries conducted his funeral.

1896

- January 21, 1896. A congregational meeting assembled. Reverend A.J. Herries was called at a salary of \$1,500 per year with the use of the parsonage and one month's vacation. The motion was carried unanimously.
- January 9, 1896. There was a reception given at the church parlors last Friday evening by the members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation to Reverend and Mrs. A.J. Herries, and notwithstanding the severe storm that prevailed, there was goodly number present. Everyone had a delightful time. Miss Helen Martin of Sugar Grove, New York, who is an elocutionist of rare qualifications, gave several readings. Light refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.
- Thursday, January 16, 1896. On Tuesday evening next, the members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation will hold a congregational meeting in the church for the purpose of considering the matter of calling a pastor. Reverend Mr. Stevenson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Titusville, will be present and deliver a sermon, after which he will call a moderator of the meeting. Every member of the church should be present.
- Thursday, February 27, 1896. W.L. Fuller will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening. The subject is "What is Involved in Loyalty to Christ?"
- April 25, 1896. Reverend A.J. Herries was installed as pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church.
- Thursday, May 14, 1896. Reverend A.J. Herries and C.B. Geer went out last Saturday on a fishing expedition and were quite successful in the catch.
- June 6, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Fuller presented their infant son George Rulaf Fuller for baptism. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Young presented their infant daughter Belle Jennette Young for baptism.

- Thursday, June 18, 1896. Reverend A.J. Herries will go to Waterford next Sunday afternoon where he will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the academy graduates.
- Thursday, July 2, 1896. At the morning service of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, \$260.00 was raised to put a new roof on the church and to paint the parsonage.
- July 8, 1896. The Session moved for the Trustees to authorize expenses and one of them was \$15.00 for new books for the choir. They authorized purchasing 10 copies of the Primary Hymnal and one copy of the Commandments in cloth.
- Thursday, July 9, 1896. The Presbyterian ladies have decided to fresco and otherwise improve the interior of their church.
- Thursday, July 23, 1896. After Sunday there will be no services in the Presbyterian Church until the first Sunday in September. During that time the interior of the church will be greatly beautified by having the walls and ceiling frescoed and the woodwork newly varnished.
- Thursday, July 23, 1896. At the morning service last Sunday, Reverend Herries raised about \$150 with which to beautify the interior of the Presbyterian Church.
- November 8, 1896. Reverend A.J. Herries conducted his first service in the Presbyterian Church as its pastor.
- Thursday, November 26, 1896. Reverend and Mrs. A.J. Herries returned to the parsonage from prayer meeting and discovered the parsonage filled with young people of the church who had come to pay their respects and enjoy a social evening. The young people were made royally welcome. The ladies of the church prepared a lunch.
- Thursday, December 10, 1896. The young ladies' choir at the Presbyterian Church is progressing finely. Last Sunday night for the first time they sang an anthem and rendered it in a very pleasing manner.
- Thursday, December 31, 1896. There will be services every evening next week in the Presbyterian Church, it being a week of prayer. All members of the church should arrange to attend all these services.

February 1, 1897. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church submitted the following financial statement which was adopted.

Cash on hand as of February 1, 1896	\$7.69
Received during the fiscal year to February 1, 1897	2,470.08
Total	2,487.77
Disbursements	
Paid pastor's salary	1,416.66
Parsonage	571.34
Janitor	100.25
Fuel & Lights	96.29
Taxes	30.17
Foreign Missions	36.14
All Debt	112.50
Postage	1.17
Total	2,364.52
Subscriptions unpaid to date	147.77
Total	321.02
Bills Payable	388.30
Deficiency	67.28

- Thursday, February 4, 1897. At a largely attended congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian Church last Monday evening, Mr. Walter L. Mitchell was elected Trustee for three years and Mr. W.f. Olburg and Dr. W.J. Humphrey Trustees for two years. The

congregation voted to pay not less than one third of the indebtedness of the church during the coming year.

- Thursday, March 18, 1897. The report of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church covering the past twenty-five years shows that the receipts of the board have been \$13,805,782.25, over half a million dollars a year. Its working force has advanced from 1,232 missionaries in 1871 to 2,122 missionaries, including missionary teachers in 1895. Through its agency 3,414 churches have been organized and 340,229 persons have been added to the church.
- Thursday, May 6, 1897. The Session resolved to extend Mr. A.G. Sweet, the present chorister and all the singers, sincere thanks for their efficient and untiring services. It was also moved and carried that a music committee of the following be appointed: W.L. Mitchell, George Warden, W.L. Fuller, and Mrs. A.L. Main. The committee was instructed to secure the services of a chorister and such singers as may be necessary for edifying worship in the public service of the church.
- Thursday, July 1, 1897. The officers and members of the Presbyterian Church are congratulating themselves that the debt of about \$1,700 which has been hanging over them for some time has been entirely wiped out, and the society today does not owe a single cent. The pastor, Reverend A.J. Herries, in conjunction with the Trustees, has worked earnestly for the accomplishment of this much desired objective and feels highly gratified over the result.
- Thursday, July 8, 1897. Reverend Joseph Read will fill the pulpit until September because Reverend Herries is on vacation.
- Thursday, August 12, 1897. Reverend E.P. Clark of South Lyon, Michigan, will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church for the next two weeks.

1898

- Thursday, January 20, 1898. Mr. A. Bartholme will assist with his cornet in the praise service at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening. There will also be a quartet singing. All are invited.
- Thursday, March 31, 1898. At the last meeting of the Session of the Presbyterian Church, the following persons were appointed officers of the Sunday School for the following year:

Superintendent - F.E. McLean

Assistant Superintendent – W.L. Fuller

Superintendent Primary Department – Mrs. D.A. Wright

Assistant – Miss Alice Coleman, Adelia Fauset, Sarah Rogers

Secretary and Treasurer – Comer B. Fuller

Chorister – W.F. Olberg

Librarian – Miss Mary Edwards

Organist – Miss Mamie Bole

The officers will resume their duties next Sunday.

- Thursday, April 28, 1898. Miss Wilson, missionary to Lakawn, Laos, addressed the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church at the meeting last Tuesday afternoon. Her talk was called, “The Land of the White Elephant.”
- Thursday, August 18, 1898. Coleman’s Band went up to the Presbyterian parsonage last Thursday night and being comfortably seated on the spacious verandah there, rendered several of their very best selections, much to the pleasure of all who listened.
- Thursday, November 17, 1898. The sermon delivered by Reverend A.J. Herries on Sunday morning last was one of the best he has given his people since becoming their pastor. It was the third anniversary of the pastorate of the church, and a brief review of the good work accomplished was inspiring. In that time forty-one members have been added to the church, a large debt entirely wiped out, the church building has been repaired, and over \$500.00 has been raised for beneficent purposes. In all there has been raised and disbursed in that time nearly \$10,000.

1899

- Thursday, January 5, 1899. At the Presbyterian Church there will be the usual services on Sunday next. In the morning Reverend A.J. Herries will take for his subject, “God’s Address to the Careless.” The evening subject will be “The Rock of Ages.” Evening music will be a song service by the congregation. Mrs. Mathias and Mrs. Beebe will sing a duet entitled “Hear Our Prayer.”
- Thursday, March 2, 1899. The Busy Bee’s Presbyterian Sunday School Class met last Saturday afternoon with their teacher, Mrs. Martin, at her home at Fourth Avenue. They enjoyed a very pleasant time.
- Thursday, March 9, 1899. Aside from paying all running expenses, the Presbyterian Sunday School has contributed \$2,500 to the missionary boards of the church the last year.
- April 3, 1899. The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held tonight, Monday night. The Trustees reported that the furnace needs repairs and that the woodwork of the meeting room needs painting. After consideration it was moved and seconded that the maximum expense for the coming year be limited to \$25.00 and the Trustees were instructed to make the necessary repairs.

Mr. C.N. McLean and W.F. Olberg were chosen Trustees for three years, and Mr. Frank Fields was chosen as janitor. The Trustees at once organized by electing Mr. R. Fuller, President; W.F. Olberg, Secretary; and Lee Wilson, Treasurer. The report of the officers shows that the church is in excellent financial condition.

- Thursday, August 3, 1899. One of the oldest members of the church, Andrew Thompson, died.

- Thursday, August 10, 1899. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church are having some needed repairs put on the church building at present.
- Thursday, August 17, 1899. The Trustees are having the Presbyterian Church painted this week and Mr. McLean and Mr. Sherwood are the artists. It will materially improve the looks of the church.
- Thursday, November 27, 1899. The ladies of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Society met at the home of the President, Mrs. A.C. Sherwood, last Friday afternoon and packed boxes for shipment to a home mission school in the South.
- Thursday, November 27, 1899. Miss Daisy Sherwood in a letter home, says that she likes her work in the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia very much. This hospital is one of the best in the country, representing in property value more than \$800,000 and in endorsements more than \$1,250,000. Its buildings cover nearly three acres of land with an out of town farm of 53 acres. Last year, 1,895 patients were treated in the wards and 6,208 in its outpatient department. Its free beds now number 64. Patients of all creeds are treated without discrimination. Last year 573 were Presbyterians and 465 Roman Catholics. Connected with the hospital is a training school and home missions.
- Thursday, December 7, 1899. Reverend A.J. Herries of the Presbyterian Church organized a Bible class in the church parlors last Monday evening. The course will extend over nine weeks. The subject of study will be "The Life of Christ."

1900

- Thursday, January 25, 1900. At the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening the music will be in the hands of the Young People's Society. Miss Grace Main and Mr. J.W. Middleton will play a duet. Miss Inez Chapman will sing "The Singer and the Song." Miss Grace Main and Mr. Charles Olson with the violin and Miss Jennette Bissell with the guitar will also accompany the song service.
- Thursday, March 1, 1900. Services in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning and evening were held in the parlors, the church not being comfortable on account of the extremely cold weather.
- April 9, 1900. The members of the Presbyterian Church held their congregational meeting. It was moved by A.G. Sweet and seconded by C.M. McLean that the congregation now proceed to elect three classes of elders, two for one year, two for two years and two for three years. The motion was carried. As a result of the election, J.S. Thompson and James Shreve were elected for 3 years. J.R. Mulkie and A.C. Sherwood were elected for two years and J.E. Bebee and D.H. Wright for one year.
- Thursday, April 12, 1900. The Erie Presbytery I in session this week at Franklin, Pa. The Union City Church is represented by the pastor. Reverend A.J. Herries and Dr. A.C. Sherwood.
- Thursday, April 19, 1900. The Erie Presbytery in session at Franklin last week unanimously adopted a resolution calling upon the General Assembly to revise the creed and adopt a simple declaration of faith.
- Thursday, May 24, 1900. Reverend Dr. J.F. Read celebrated his 90th birthday last Friday. He is still hale and hearty for one of his years, and is much more active than the majority of men who have reached their three score and ten years.

- Thursday, June 21, 1900. The Young People's Society connected with the Presbyterian Church has raised since last Sunday night \$86 to send to the famine sufferers in India. If all societies of the kind throughout the U.S. would do as well it would relieve a vast amount of suffering in that far distant land.
- Thursday, July 19, 1900. The Presbyterian Sabbath School Association of Pennsylvania will hold five schools of a week's duration for teachers at different points in the state. It has been arranged to have a fully organized school of children at each place of meeting with all departments offered. There will be lectures on timely subjects but doctrinal features will be avoided. An effort will be made to have one of the schools held in Union City.
- Thursday, September 13, 1900. On Saturday morning, September 8, 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Comer H. Fuller became the parents of a son.
- Thursday, November 15, 1900. The officer and members of the Presbyterian Society have decided to make some extensive repairs and changes in the interior of the church building. One of the most important improvements will be a new carpet for the floor, new and modern seats to take the place of the bench seats now in use, moving the pulpit back and raising it a step or higher, etc. This work is to be commenced at once and when completed the audience room will be as fine as any in the city.

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Presbyterian Pastors



Reverend E.P. Clark

Thursday, January 22, 1891. Reverend William Grassle, of Cambridge, is to assist Reverend Clark in the meetings of the Presbyterian Church a part of next week.

Thursday, October 22, 1891. Last Monday was the twentieth anniversary of the marriage of Reverend and Mrs. E.P. Clark. Many of their friends went to the parsonage in the evening and they had a party. Reverend and

Mrs. Clark have won the highest regard of the entire town. They received many nice presents.

Thursday, February 11, 1892. Reverend E.P. Clark accompanied by his little daughter, Marion, left on a train last Sunday night for a few days visit with his brother and other friends at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Thursday, July 21, 1892. Next Sunday will be the fifth anniversary of Reverend E.P. Clark's pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Union City. In these years many changes have taken place in the congregation. Reverend Clark will give a review of the events covering the time in his sermon Sunday morning. This will be of great interest to all, and therefore, every member of the church and congregation should be present.

Thursday, August 25, 1892. Mrs. Reverend E.P. Clark furnishes us with the following cure for felon, which is not only simple but effective. Several persons in town have tried it successfully within a few days. The method is as follows: Take the bark of red elder root, steep it into a strong tea, mix corn meal into it, and apply as a poultice. The felon will open and begin to discharge in about twelve hours.

Thursday, October 18, 1894. Reverend E.P. Clark of South Lyon, Michigan, came here last Tuesday to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. William Dunmeyer. He returned home yesterday.

Monday, December 11, 1899. Reverend E.P. Clark, formerly pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, is building a new church at South Lyon, Michigan.

Reverend F.E. Clark

Thursday, July 6, 1893. Reverend F.E. Clark, the founder and president of the Christian Endeavor Society, is in New York after circumscribing the globe since April 1892, and traveling 40,000 miles of which 25,000 were on road in the interest of Christian Endeavor. He has made speeches to societies everywhere. He says that there are now 26,000 societies having an aggregate membership of 1,625,000. All but 3,000 of the societies are in America.

Thursday, October 5, 1893. There are 3,000 Christian Endeavor Societies in Pennsylvania. The Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church has a combined membership of over 180,000 and is the largest Synod in this respect in the Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Richard B. Dilworth

Thursday, November 16, 1893. Reverend Richard B. Dilworth, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, has been for some time past the pastor of a church at St. Astoria, Oregon. He has recently been promoted as it were. In that section of the country it seems that each Presbytery elects some person to go throughout its boundaries and have an oversight over the Sunday schools, organize new ones, etc. The Synod also selects a man to have an oversight over the various Presbyteries, to organize their work, hold Sunday School Institutes, etc.

The last meeting of the Oregon Synod, which met in October, elected Mr. Dilworth to the position of Synodical S.S. missionary, whereupon he resigned his pastorate and has entered upon his work. His field of labor will be the State of Oregon and a portion of Washington.

His many friends in Union City will be pleased to learn of his good fortune in serving the place, as there is a very good salary attached to the position, and all know Mr. Dilworth is well fitted for Institute work.

Thursday, November 30, 1893. Reverend J.M. Gillette, a former pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, died at his home in Kane, Pa.

Thursday, December 28, 1893. Reverend E.P. Clark and family spent Christmas Day with Mrs. Clark's sister at Kennedy, New York, where there was a family reunion held.

Thursday, June 11, 1896. Reverend R.B. Dilworth, who now resides out on the Pacific slope, arrived in Union City last evening and will remain until next Monday morning calling on his many friends. He was pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church for ten years. He will preach in the church next Sunday evening. Everyone is invited.

Thursday, June 18, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Thompson held a reception at their home last Friday evening for Reverend R.B. Dilworth. A large number of his warm personal friends gathered and everyone had a pleasant time.

Thursday, June 23, 1898. Reverend R.B. Dilworth is now engaged in missionary work, a work he is peculiarly fitted for, and is at present at Fort Dodge, Kansas, and will remain in that vicinity during the summer.

Thursday, February 1, 1900. The many Union City friends of Reverend and Mrs. R.B. Dilworth will be pleased to learn that they are again located in the East. Reverend Dilworth was called to New York City a coordinator for the Home Mission Board. They left Roseburg September 27th, spent a month at Puget Sound, Seattle and Vashon Island, visited in Portland, Oregon, Cedar Rapids and other western cities, and are now settled at No. 53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Reverend A.J. Herries

Thursday, November 7, 1895. Reverend A.J. Herries of Illinois, has been engaged to supply the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church until next April and will assume his duties as pastor at the church next Sunday. Reverend Herries is a comparatively young man, and comes highly endorsed as an able minister and a good pastor. Every member of the church should try to be present to welcome him next Sunday.

November 11, 1895. Reverend Charles Hunt resigned effective November 1, 1895. It was moved and carried that Reverend A.J. Herries be invited to supply the pulpit until the spring meeting of the Presbytery.

Thursday, April 9, 1896. Reverend A.J. Herries announced to his congregation last Sunday morning that he had decided to accept the call extended to him some weeks ago.

Thursday, April 23, 1896. Reverend Herries will be installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Union on April 28th.

Thursday, April 22, 1897. We learn from those who were present at the meeting of the Presbytery in Warren last week that the opening sermon on Tuesday evening, delivered by Reverend A.J. Herries of Union City, was considered by the ministers and delegates as one of the best ever given before that body.

Thursday, June 23, 1898. Reverend A.J. Herries was called to Weedsport, New York, this morning by a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his mother, and may be absent over the Sabbath. Members of his congregation will notice that unless the bell rings for choir practice Saturday evening, there will be no preaching service. Sunday. Sunday School services will be held at the usual hour.

Thursday, October 19, 1899. Reverend James S. Kittell, pastor of the Methodist Church at Elgin, will occupy the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church in Union City next Sunday morning and evening, having exchanged pulpits for the day with Reverend A.J. Herries. Mrs. Elizabeth Skittell will sing two solos, "Trusting in Thee," and "My Redeemer and My Lord."

Reverend C.R. Hunt

Thursday, August 23, 1894. Reverend Dr. Hunt on next Sunday morning will take for the subject of his sermon, "The Rest Day." It will be divided into three parts. First: What it is to the world, especially to the wage worker. Second: The forces arrayed against it and Third: the proper attitude for all classes relative to this institution. We hope the Doctor will give a clear and fair presentation of this great subject. The factory men are especially invited to attend.

Thursday, October 18, 1894. Dr. C.R. Hunt went to York, Pennsylvania, last Tuesday to attend the state Christian Endeavor Convention being held there as a delegate from the Presbyterian Endeavor Society in Union City. On Sunday next he will for the evening service give a report of the convention and a history of the growth of the Endeavor Society.

Thursday, November 1, 1894. At the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening there will be a special service. The church membership roll will be called and the pastor, Dr. Hunt, would be very much gratified if every member could be present and respond to their name. The choir will be assisted by the orchestra as usual.

December 8, 1894. Mrs. Charles R. Hunt presented a membership letter from the Presbyterian Church in Koeta, Iowa. It was accepted at the Session meeting.

Thursday, February 14, 1895. On Sunday evening next, Dr. Charles R. Hunt will commence a series of Sunday evening sermons at the Presbyterian Church on "The Old book on Trial," and how it has withstood the attacks of infidelity with dates and proof to strengthen our faith in the surety and glory of its revelations.

Thursday, April 18, 1895. Mrs. Reverend C.R. Hunt is in Erie this week attending a meeting of the District Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as a delegate from the local society of the Union City Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, October 26, 1899. Reverend C.R. Hunt, a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city, is delivering a course of five lectures on the "Incomparable Utterances of the Man of Galilee Upon Five Great Questions" at the church in Eldora, Iowa, of which he is pastor.

Dr. James F. Read

Thursday, January 8, 1891. The local minister's association will hold their next meeting at the residence of Dr. Read on South Street.

Thursday, August 17, 1899. Dr. James F. Read will fill the pulpit in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning in the absence of the regular pastor Reverend A.J. Herries. Dr. Read is a man about 90 years of age. He is remarkably well preserved and can yet preach a logical and forceful sermon. All should go and hear him.

Presbyterian Profiles



Mr. Arthur F. Young, of the Times' Force, and Miss Clara Fuller Married Yesterday

Thursday, August 25, 1892. Yesterday at high noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Rulaf Fuller, on West High Street in Union City, Mr. Arthur F. Young and Miss Clara E. Fuller were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Reverend E.P. Clark of the Presbyterian Church in the presence of the immediate relatives of the two contracting parties together with the attaches of the times office. At promptly 12 o'clock, Mrs. A.L. Main began playing the wedding march and preceded by the little misses Gracie Main and Ruth King, who acted as maids of honor, the happy couple entered the parlor and took their places under a canopy of flowers which had been tastefully arranged. A large and beautiful floral horse shoe hung immediately over their heads.

Reverend Clark then stepped forward and proceeded with a most beautiful and touching wedding ceremony pronouncing them man and wife. Congratulations followed, after which a most sumptuous dinner was discussed, and to this part all did equal justice. After dinner, an hour or so was spent in social intercourse, until 3 o'clock p.m. when all went to the P & E Depot, where Mr. and Mrs. Young took the train for a trip to Cleveland, Detroit, and other points West, several of the party accompanying them as far as Waterford and Erie.

They were recipients of a large number of presents that were beautiful as well as useful, which they fully appreciated, and also will cherish with fond recollections of the donors.

Mr. Young is an excellent young man, who has a host of friends. We speak of him thus with more than ordinary interest, as he has been in our employ for the past ten years and therefore

seems like one of our own family. We have always found him trustworthy, industrious and kind, ever watchful of our own interests equally with his own, and now, as in the past, he has our fervent wish for prosperity and happiness.

Miss Clara Fuller is one of our best known young ladies, possessing all those pleasing characteristics which endear her to all with whom she makes an acquaintance, and her friends are legion.

They will be at home to their friends after October 1st.

W.H. Gillett and Miss Blanche Clough Married

Thursday, April 18, 1895. W.H. Gillett and Miss Blanche Clough Married Last Evening – A Quiet Affair

A quiet though a delightfully pleasant home wedding occurred last evening at the home of Mr. L.S. Clough in Union City at which time W.H. Gillett and Miss Blanche Clough, both of Union City, were married.

The house was tastefully decorated for the event with choice cut flowers, presenting a very neat and attractive appearance. There were present to witness the nuptial vows, about forty of the members of the family with a few special friends.

At eight o'clock, Mr. Gillett and Miss Clough entered the parlor to the sweet strains of a wedding march played by Ruth Ayer of Columbus, Pa., and standing in the bay window were there united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Dr. Charles R. Hunt, of the Presbyterian Church, in a short, though pleasant ceremony and were then introduced to the guests as Mr. and Mrs. Gillett.

A few moments were devoted to hearty congratulations and best wishes for the health, happiness, and success of the happy couple after which an elegant supper was pleasantly discussed, followed by an hour or more of pleasant social intercourse.

The bride wore a handsome ivory white brocaded satin gown with pearl trimmings, a long brides veil draped with lilies of the valley, and a beautiful necklace of the same and carried in her hand a bouquet of brides roses, while the groom was faultlessly attired in evening dress.

Numerous and beautiful gifts attested the esteem in which these young people are held by their many friends.

At a late hour, Mr. and Mrs. Gillett were escorted to their new home on Atlantic Street which had previously been furnished throughout, ready for their coming, and here they are now pleasantly located where they are "at home" to their friends.

Thursday, March 3, 1898

Why Men Fall Asleep in Church

The reason that a man shuts his eyes in church is that it is useless to try to see a minister through wings, feathers, high hats and big sleeves, and not being interested in fashions, he shuts his eyes and listens. If he falls asleep, it is because the church is over-heated, or the effect of feathers, ribbons, etc., lull him into dreamland. Why don't the ladies remove their hats when seated in church and thus show some regard for those who are sitting behind them?

War Monument

Thursday, November 24, 1898. In response to a general call of the monument committee that memorial services be held in the various churches throughout the land on Sunday, November 27 in honor of the fallen heroes in the Spanish American War, arrangements have been made and an appropriate program arranged for such a service to be held at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday night next. A special invitation was extended to John W. McLane Post, No. 102, G.A.R., as well as the Women's Relief Corps to attend and both have accepted and will be present to participate in the exercises. The program as arranged is:

Program

Hymn	"Marching to Glory"	Choir
Scripture Lesson and Prayer		
Hymn	"Victory Through Grace"	Choir
Reading	"Our Nation's Dead"	Miss Maud Swift
Solo	"Lost in the Maine"	Mrs. L.W. Mathias
Reading	"For the Soldiers"	Miss Evelyne Niles
Recitation	"Carte de Visite"	Jessie McClintock
Solo	"Just Before the Battle"	George J. Warden
Recitation	"The Peace Hymn of the Republic"	Miss Ethel Hunter
Address		Reverend A.J. Herries

Offering

Chorus “America”

Benediction

One of the objects of these memorial services is to raise a fund for the erection of a monument in honor of the men who have sacrificed their lives to this war. Already New York alone has given \$100,000 to the fund.

The services will commence on Sunday night at 7:30 and it is hoped the church will be filled and let all who go to be prepared to add a small share toward so worthy an object.

November 3, 1898. The music committee of the Presbyterian Church resigned and left the arrangement of music with the pastor.

Chapter Ten: 1900-1910



Reverend A.J. Herries-1896
Reverend C.H. Williamson-1905-1907
Reverend Edgar M. Smead-1908
Reverend E.E. Lashley

November 1901 saw the Presbyterian congregation meeting in the church parlors for an entertainment and social celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Union City Church. The celebration was largely attended and everyone had a good time.

The sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Reverend A.J. Herries also fell in November of 1901, and on Sunday, November 10, 1901. Reverend Herries read something special before he began his morning sermon. The document he read showed what had been done at the church during his six years.

Infant baptisms	13
Adult baptisms	15
Received into the full membership of the church	57
Dismissed and dropped	78
Present number of communicants	227
Total amount contributed to benevolence	\$1,485
Total amount contributed to congregational expenses, Including last repairs on the church building	\$18,447.41
Total amount of money raised during the six y ears	\$19,632.41
Average per year	\$3,272.07

During his six years at the church, Reverend Herries officiated at 21 marriages and 52 funerals, preached 497 Sunday sermons and gave 248 Thursday evening lectures.

The church continued to prosper under the guidance of Reverend Herries. At its annual meeting in April 1903, the congregation discovered that the church was in a good working condition and making advancements along every line. During the year, 26 names were added to the roll of communicants while the amount of money contributed to the various boards of the church showed a substantial increase over 1902. J.S. Thompson and Earl Gates were elected elders for a three-year term. The Session of the church at an April 27, 1903, meeting refused to take any action looking to the dissolution of the pastorate of Reverend A.J. Herries.

A Presbyterian committee of J.R. Mulkie and J.W. Middleton investigated and found that Reverend Herries had given \$300 per year of his salary toward paying debts and repairs to the church during the first three years of his pastorate at the Union City Presbyterian Church. For the past four years he had of his own accord reduced his salary to the rate of \$1,200 per year instead of the \$1,500 per year as specified in his call and now considered \$1,200 per year his regular salary.

Reverend Herrie's sermons were often printed in the Union City Times and sometimes made regional and other state papers. The Brooklyn Eagle of March 7, 1904, printed one of his sermons. He called it "Lost Through Neglect." His text was taken from Hebrews 11:3, 'How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation.'

The Presbyterian congregation held its annual meeting in April 1904, and heard a report from the Session. The congregation had raised and disbursed \$475.00 for benevolent work. The Trustee's report showed the church was \$879.00 in debt on April 1, 1903, and now on April 8, 1904, it had a debt of \$40.00. The Trustees reported that every dollar of the special subscription to the debt fund had been paid. The Session signed a resolution saying that the church was in the most prosperous condition temporally and spiritually, then it had ever been in and this condition was due to the earnest and faithful service of Reverend Herries during his 8 ½ years there. They voted to ask the Presbytery of Erie not to accept his request to resign to take work in another field.

The Presbytery reluctantly accepted Reverend Herrie's resignation. He preached his last sermon at the Union City Presbyterian Church in mid-January 1905. Mrs. Lena Clough, Mrs. W.F. Obergauere and Mrs. Thompson, Mulkie, and Middleton were appointed to serve as a pulpit committee until a new pastor was called.

On March 28, 1905, the members of the Presbyterian Church held a congregational meeting. Reverend William Grassle acted as moderator and the congregation decided to extend a call to Reverend C.H. Williamson to become pastor of the church. Reverend Williamson accepted the call and occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning and evening April 9th. He served the church as pastor from April 1905 until June 1907.

During the time Reverend Williamson was pastor, he worked with Andrew Carnegie to purchase a pipe organ for the church on a matching fund basis. He oversaw major repairs to the front of the church and renovations on the inside.

In November 1906, Reverend Williamson made a ministerial trip to Butler and received an exciting benefit. He acquired a valuable hall clock which had been in his family and passed down from one generation to another for more than 150 years. He brought the clock home with him and had it varnished and repaired. It stood in the Presbyterian parsonage and kept better time than 9/10 of all modern clocks. He prized the grandfather clock very highly, not only on account of its antiquity, but also as an heirloom.

Another domestic note happened in 1907 during Reverend Williamson's pastorate when the Presbyterian Cook Book appeared in the kitchens around Union City and the surrounding territory. The Union City Times said that no young married couple should go to housekeeping without it. Indeed, it wouldn't be amiss for some older married people to purchase a copy! The cook book could be purchased from church members or at the millinery store formerly owned by Mrs. J.A. Boyd. The Times warned that the supply was "getting low and those desiring one had better get it soon."

In May 1907, Reverend Williamson received a unanimous call to become pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church at East End, Pittsburgh at a salary of \$2,000. At the close of the morning church service on Sunday, May 12, 1907, Reverend Williamson announced that he had decided to accept the call. He preached his farewell sermon at the Union City Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 9, 1907. The Union City Times reported that the people of Union City and its Presbyterian Church reluctantly let Reverend Williamson go, because he had been a faithful and successful pastor for the last two years.

Mrs. Williamson had also been very helpful and "this worthy couple have good reason to be proud of their success." They left the church free from debt, with a largely increased membership, and a fine new organ costing about \$2,000 had been installed since they came to Union City. Reverend and Mrs. Williamson left Union City Monday morning June 10, 1907, followed by the hearty good wishes of a large number of friends.

Over the next few months, the pulpit committee and Trustees interviewed several candidates for pastor of the church. Finally, on Tuesday evening, October 1, 1907, the members of the congregation held a meeting to decide upon and extend a call to one of the several candidates who had been filling the pulpit for the past few months. They unanimously chose Reverend W.J. Hogue of Swissvale, Pa. Elders J.R. Mulkie, Fred J. Shreve, E.R. Gates and Trustees C.E. Hunter, E.D. Clough and W.L. Fuller were delegated to sign the call to Reverend Hogue. James

S. Thompson and Lee Wilson were chosen to prosecute the call before the Presbytery. The Elders and Trustees thought that after fully considering the call, Reverend Hogue would accept it. The salary fixed for the new pastor was \$1,200 with the manse and one month's vacation each year.

Reverend Hogue had some outstanding qualifications to be pastor of the Union City Church. He was born in Harrison County, Ohio, on November 16, 1878 and was descended from an old French Huguenot family exiled by the Edict of Nantes in 1685. After graduating from Franklin College in June 1900, he entered the Allegheny Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa., and graduated from there in May 1903. Then he went to Edinburg, Scotland where he took a post graduate course in the Edinburgh University in the fall and winter of 1903-1904. After he graduated from Edinburgh University, he traveled for about six months through Great Britain, France, the Holy Land, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and the Netherlands. While he was in Europe he received a call from the United Presbyterian Church at Swissvale, which he accepted. He began his work as pastor there in September 1904 and had served the church since then.

Reverend Hogue came highly recommended as an able preacher and an excellent pastor. The Union City Church considered itself fortunate to have secured such a man as its leader. Then the pulpit committee discovered that its work wasn't over after all. Reverend Hogue sent them a letter which they received on October 16, informing them that he had received a call from a larger church near Pittsburgh. He decided to accept the call.

For the next few months, the members of the Presbyterian Church wondered if they would ever have a pastor again. Reverend Williamson had vacated the pulpit in June and by December 1907; the church still did not have a new pastor. Finally, a few weeks before Christmas of 1907, Reverend Edgar Mason Smead of Montgomery, Pa. occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian Church for the morning and evening services. Reverend Smead came highly recommended by a former pastor of the church, Reverend C.H. Bruce, and everyone was urged to come out and hear him. The congregation liked what it heard, because it held a congregational meeting the day after Christmas 1907, and extended a unanimous call to Reverend Smead.

Reverend Smead began his pastorate at the Union City Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 2, 1908. He was born near Owego, New York, on October 13, 1871. His education began in the school of Nichols, a small town near Owego. In his early teens he entered his father's saddle shop in Owego, where he received his business training. But his purpose to enter the ministry was formed during this time and he took a preparatory course for college at the Owego Free Academy. After graduating from the Owego Academy, he entered Princeton University in 1891, and graduated with his class in 1895.

For the next three years Edgar Mason Smead enjoyed the benefits of the Zabriskie Scholarship at Auburn Theological Seminary at Auburn, New York. After graduating from this institution, he took charge of the Presbyterian Church at Naples, New York, as stated supply. During the last year of his pastorate, fifty people were added to the church.

In October 1900, Reverend Smead's ambition to take some post graduate studies at Princeton

was realized when the Princeton Theological Seminary awarded him a scholarship. In the spring of 1901, he received a degree of A.M. from the University of Princeton where he had taken a year's work, and he also received a degree of B.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary for a year of post graduate study.

He left Princeton in 1901 to accept a call from the Presbyterian Church at Milford, Pennsylvania, and remained there for five years. In 1905 Reverend Smead took a cruise to the Orient where he visited the Holy Land, Egypt, and other countries bordering upon the Mediterranean Sea. On the first of January 1906 he accepted the pastorate at Montgomery, Pa., and remained there for two years. He came to Union City from there.

On the sixth day of February 1907, Reverend Smead married Miss Grace M. Zink of Buffalo, New York. He and Mrs. Smead arrived in Union City on the afternoon of January 30, 1908. A good-sized delegation from the Presbyterian Church met them and gave them a royal welcome and helped them settle into the parsonage at the corner of South Street and Third Avenue.

By the time the Smead's celebrated their second wedding anniversary in their new home in the Presbyterian parsonage, they had become well liked in Union City. The largest audience at the Presbyterian Church for many months greeted the new pastor and his wife at the February 10, 1909 service, his first communion service at the church. Nearly every seat was filled and all were deeply interested in the service throughout. Eleven members were admitted to the church, eight on their profession of faith and three by letter. Four people were baptized. The attendance at the Sunday School after the morning service was larger than usual and the numbers in the pastor's class increased from 17 to 28 in one week. The recent series of meetings at the church awakened a new and greater interest in the work of Christ among the members of the church.

Presbyterian Participation



1901

- The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church has been so fortunate as to secure Dr. Sheldon Jackson for a lecture which will be delivered to the Presbyterian Church on January 11, 1901. Dr. Jackson is U.S. Commissioner of Education in Alaska. He was for forty years a missionary on the Frontier. He was also sent three years ago by the U.S. Government Yukon Relief Expedition to Lapland to purchase and bring reindeer for Alaskan propagation. He is a very interesting speaker. The lecture

will be free to all. A collection will be taken during the evening.

- Thursday, January 24, 1901. W.F. Olberg of the Presbyterian Church entertained the young ladies comprising his Sunday School class at his home last Friday evening. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.
- Thursday, January 31, 1901. At the evening song service in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Miss Katharine Agard will sing a solo entitled "Hosanna" by Jules Granier, and four little girls will sing a selection.
- Thursday, January 31, 1901. The Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church is at present in a very flourishing condition. Their meetings and Sunday evenings are interesting and well attended. New programs for the year 1901 were distributed at the last meeting. All the young people of the church should attend and take part at each service.
- Thursday, March 28, 1901. The Young People's Society connected with the Presbyterian Church raised \$120.00 during the past year for the missionary cause, a record they have just cause to feel proud of.
- Thursday, April 4, 1901. At the annual congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian Church last Monday evening, the following officers were elected.

Ruling elders for three years: William Middleton and Lee Wilson

Trustees for three years: J.D. Westcott and J.C. McLean

Treasurer: C.E.B. Hunter

The Board of Trustees organized by electing W.L. Mitchell, Chairman and W.F. Olberg, Secretary.

By resolution the Trustees were authorized to make proposed repairs to the church at an expense not to exceed \$2,200, the work to be commenced as soon as the amount of money required has been subscribed.

On motion of Dr. A.C. Sherwood, seconded by J. Thompson, a rising vote of thanks was extended to Rulaf Fuller for his many years of faithful and earnest service to the church as President of the Board of Trustees.

- Thursday, June 13, 1901. The old seats in the Presbyterian Church have been sold to the United Brethren Society for their church.
- Thursday, June 20, 1901. Services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning and hereafter until the repairs to the church are completed, will be held in the lecture room. There will be no Sunday evening services until the church is reopened.
- Thursday, July 18, 1901. In the absence of the regular pastor Reverend A.J. Herries filled the pulpit at the U.B. Church last Sunday night.
- Thursday, August 15, 1901. A Presbyterian Bible lass for old and young will be held in Thompson's Hall each Sunday from 12 to one o'clock until the reopening of their church.
- Thursday, September 26, 1901. The repairs in progress on the interior of the Presbyterian Church are rapidly nearing completion and the church will be opened for public worship one week from next Sunday, October 6th.

- Thursday, October 24, 1901. Mrs. J.H. Devore of Corry, a former Union City lady will deliver a lecture in the Presbyterian Church tonight on the subject of "Mormonism." Mrs. Devore has spent considerable time among the Mormons and can speak from a personal knowledge of what she saw and learned.

1902

- Friday, February 7, 1902. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will give a missionary tea in the parlors Tuesday evening February 11 from 6 to 7:30. Miss Charlotte E. Hawes who escaped from the Boxers over the wall at Wei Hien, China at the time of the uprising will be present and deliver a lecture at 8 p.m. The supper and lecture will be free, but a free-will silver offering will be taken.
- Friday April 11, 1902. The members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation held their annual business meeting in the church on Monday evening last. There was a fair attendance and the meeting was very harmonious throughout. The following officers were elected.

Elders for three years: Hon. J.R. Mulkie and W.F. Olberg

Trustees for three years: C.N. McLean and Charles A. Stark

Treasurer: C.E. B. Hunter

Later in the evening the Trustees organized for the coming year by electing J.D. Westcott as President and C.N. McLean as secretary. At this meeting the Board of Trustees made the following report of the amount of money raise during the year ending April 1, 1902.

For current expenses	\$1,724.79
For Improvements & Repairs	\$3,008.00
For Benevolence and	
Boards of the Church	\$360.00
	\$5,092.79

The church starts out on the present years' work entirely free of debt and with a small amount in the treasury.

- Friday July 25 1902. At the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning Reverend Mr. Tucker of Harrisburg, President of the Anti-Saloon League of Pennsylvania will present the cause of the League. The league, according to Dr. Tucker, was non-partisan and non-sectarian. Its object was to partially or completely over throw the saloon. The League's motto is: "The Saloon Must Go." It says if the abolishment of the liquor traffic cannot be secured at one blow, any step which will limit its power is worth taking. To

this end the League advocates the passage of the Van Dyke local option bill, which provides that the question of license shall be voted upon biennially by every locality. The removal of all screens and blinds from saloon windows is also advocated.

- Friday, September 12 1902. It is certainly worthy of mention that at the communion service at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning there was a larger number of church members present than at any former service of the kind during the six-year pastorate of Reverend A.J. Herries.
- Friday, September 12, 1902. At the meeting of the Erie Presbytery in session at Mercer, Pa., this week Reverend A.J. Herries was elected moderator for the ensuing year.
- December 6, 1902. David Lee Wilson and Carlton Eugene Clough baptized members of the church were present. They confessed their faith in Christ and were admitted to the sealing ordinances of the church.

1903

- March 26, 1903. The annual report of membership in the Union City Presbyterian Church was adopted as follows:

Elders	5
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Added on exam	21
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Added on certificate	5
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Dismissed	4
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Deceased	3
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Total number communicants 251

Baptisms Adults	8
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Infants 6

Total membership of Sabbath School 230

- Friday April 10, 1903. The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church of this city was held last Monday evening. The church was in good working condition and making advancement along every line. During the year 26 names were added to the roll of communicants, while the amount of money contributed to the various boards of the church showed a substantial increase over last year.

The election of officers was:

Elders for three years: J.S. Thompson and Earl Gates

Trustees for three years C.E.B. Hunter and W.B. Fulton

After the business was transacted the congregation remained for the banquet given by the Men's League. The entertainment was pleasant.

- Tuesday, July 7, 1903. The old sheds in the rear of the Presbyterian Church having out lived their usefulness, took a tumble on day last week and will now be carted away and burned up.
- Tuesday, July 21, 1903. Attention is called to the special sale of bicycles to be continued this week by A.F. Young at Everson's old stand.
- Tuesday, December 8, 1903. At the close of the prayer meeting services in the Presbyterian Church parlors next Thursday evening, Reverend A.J. Herries will organize a Bible class for the study of scripture during the winter months.
- Tuesday, December 8, 1903. A Christmas cantata entitled "Mother Goose's Visit to Santa Claus" will be given by the Presbyterian Sunday School in that church on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Part one will show Mother Goode's land and the start and journey to Santa Claus land. Part two will witness the arrival and greeting in Santa Claus land. Between parts one and two the Misses Bassett will play a violin duet.

1904

- January 1, 1904. On Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Reverend A.J. Herries, will preach on "The Sin of Ingratitude" In the evening there will be a specially arranged musical program as follows:

Music Bartholme's Orchestra Chorus of young people

Scripture Lesson

Prayer, Response

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Solo Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood

Offertory Bartholme's Orchestra

Lecture The Ages

Violin Solo Miss Grace Main

The offering taken at this service will be for the Butler fever sufferers and it is earnestly desire that the offering be a liberal one.

- Tuesday, March 8, 1904. The Presbytery of Erie has appointed Reverend A.J. Herries of Union City to preach the opening sermon at the spring meeting of the Presbytery to be held in the First Church of Erie on the second Tuesday in April.
- Friday March 11, 1904. The Brooklyn Eagle of March 7th contained a sermon delivered by Reverend A.J. Herries of the Union City Presbyterian Church. His subject was "Lost Through Neglect."
- April 1, 1904. Miss Katherine Agard was elected musical director of the Young People's Choir.
- Friday April 8, 1904. The Annual Congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held last Monday night. The attendance was large with deep interest manifested in the affairs of the church. J.W. Middleton and Fred J. Shreve were elected to the Eldership for a term of three years. J.D. Westcott and James H. Bonney were elected Trustees for three years. W.B. Fulton was elected Treasurer for one year.

The Session's report showed that the congregation had raised and disbursed \$475.00 for benevolent work. The Trustee's report showed that the church was \$879.00 in debt on April 1, 1903, and now on April 8, 1904, it had a debt of \$40.00. The Trustees reported that every dollar of the special subscription to the debt fund had been paid.

The Session signed a resolution saying that the church was in the most prosperous condition, temporally and spiritually, then it has ever been in and this condition was due to the earnest and faithful service of Reverend Herries during his 8 ½ years at the church. They will ask the Presbytery of Erie not to accept his request to resign.

- Tuesday, April 19, 1904. The Presbytery of Erie in session last week emphatically refused to entertain the request of Reverend A.J. Herries for a dissolution of the pastoral relations existing between him and the Presbyterian Church of Union City. Mr. Herries, therefore, remains the pastor of the Presbyterian Church.
- Tuesday, April 19, 1904. The 66 churches with 52 ministers and 11, 858 members in the Erie Presbytery met in Erie last week. The church and ministers contributed during the fiscal year \$169,479 for congregational and benevolent purposes.
- Tuesday, May 31, 1904. The Presbyterian Church was filled last Sunday morning. The G.A.R. Post, Sons of Veterans, and the Women's Relief Corps were present to hear the excellent Memorial Day sermon delivered by Reverend A.J. Herries.
- Tuesday, August 2 1904. The primary department of the Presbyterian Sunday School will picnic at Dick's Grove tomorrow. Teams will be at the church at 10:00 to convey the little ones to that place.
- Friday August 5, 1904. Reverend A.J. Herries, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, has been granted a vacation for the month of August.
- Friday, November 15, 1904. Those wishing to contribute to the Christmas box for Miss Lee will please do so at their earliest convenience. Partly worn clothing for boys, toys, or candy gratefully accepted. Leave your contributions at the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening.

- Friday, November 18, 1904. On next Sunday evening there will be a Thanksgiving praise service at the Presbyterian Church. The young people's choir, assisted by Miss Lenore White will render the following program:

Organ voluntary; anthem; hymn; scripture text; prayer; response; offering; anthem; violin solos Miss Lenore White; Remarks; Reverend Herries; prayer; hymn; benediction.

1905

- March 27, 1905. At a special congregational meeting, Reverend C.H. Williamson was elected as pastor from among three other candidates and extended a call which he accepted.
- Friday morning, April 7, 1905. The Annual Meeting of the members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation was held last Monday evening. Dr. A.C. Sherwood acted as moderator and J.W. Middleton as Secretary. The following church officers were elected:

Ruling Elders: Dr. William J. Humphrey and Hon. John R. Mulkie

Trustees: E.B. Landsrath and E.D. Clough

Treasurer: W.B. Fulton

- It was decided at this meeting to change the date of holding the annual meeting from the first Monday in April to the first Monday following the last Sunday in March of each year.

Tuesday morning, April 18, 1905. The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Men's Club was held last Sunday afternoon in the church parlors and the attendance was good. The officers elected for the years were:

President F.E. McLean

Vice-President Roy Mulkie

Secretary Eugene D. Clough

Treasurer Comer H. Fuller

Executive Committee: John R. Mulkie, D.A. Wright, James S. Thompson, C.B. Geer, E.B. Landsrath

Enrolling Committee: Charles E.B. Hunter, H.S. Thompson, W.L. Mitchell, E.D. Clough

- June 1, 1905. Miss Sarah Oneland met the Session and on confession of faith was admitted to the sealing ordinances of the church.
- Friday, July 21, 1905. Beginning next Sunday, the Presbyterian Church will have printed each week a neat little calendar, containing an official directory of the church officers and program of services for the week for distribution among the members of the church and visitors to our city.
- Tuesday morning, August 1, 1905. The Presbyterian and Baptists churches have united forces for the month of August. The following fraternal arrangements have been made. Sunday, August 6, Reverend C.H. Williamson will preach in the Baptist Church in the morning and in Presbyterian Church in the evening. On August 13 at the Presbyterian Church in the morning and the Baptist Church in the evening.

On August 20, Reverend W.H. Marshall will preach in the Presbyterian Church in the morning and the Baptist Church in the evening and on August 27th, in the Baptist Church in the morning and the Presbyterian Church in the evening. Music will be furnished by the church where the congregation convenes and the collections will go to the church where the services are held. Let the members of both churches not only attend, but earnestly pray that these union services may bring a great spiritual blessing.

- Friday, September 1, 1905. Next Sunday evening the Baptists, Presbyterian, and Methodist congregations will join in a mass meeting at the Methodist Church. The meeting is a celebration of the signing of the Peace Proposals between Russia and Japan. All the people of Union City are invited to come together and celebrate of this notable event. The service will consist of address and music appropriate to the occasion. The service will begin at half past seven, as all Sunday evening services do after the first of September.
- Friday morning, September 15, 1905. The oratorio of *The Holy City* will be given at the Presbyterian Church in about three weeks, under the direction of William F. Parsons. The first rehearsal will be held at the church this evening.
- Tuesday, October 10, 1905. A large number of persons were disappointed in not being able to hear the oratorio of *The Holy City* at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening, the church being completely filled long before the hour of services arrived. William F. Parsons of New York directed the oratorio. The soloists were Miss Gertrude Amidon of New York, soprano; Miss Mayme Cooney of Warren, contralto; Henry W. Manville of Meadville, tenor; and Mr. Parsons who sang the bass solos as well as conducting. Grace Main played a violin obbligato and the introduction of both the first and second parts as solos.
- October 12, 1905. The Session decided that the proceeds from the oratorio, *The Holy City*, should be turned over to the music committee to be deposited in the bank as an organ fund.

- November 12, 1905. Mr. Abram Buller came before the Session and on his confession of faith in Christ was admitted to the sealing ordinances of the church. Mrs. Linda Buller presented her letter from the Lutheran Church of Elizabethtown, Pa., and by a unanimous vote both Mr. and Mrs. Buller were received into full communion of the church and their names ordered placed on the church roll.
- Tuesday, November 28, 1905. Reverend J.P. Irwin delivered an interesting historical address before the Erie County Historical Society, at Erie, on the evening of November 21st, regarding the Presbyterians of Erie County. Among other things he said were that the Presbyterian Church of Union City was organized in the year 1811, consisting of eight members with Matthew Gray as elder. The present membership is 254, with a Sunday School attendance of 167. The contributions made by this church amounts to \$67,974. Since 1801 the Presbyterians of Erie County have organized 21 churches, 18 of which remain with a combined membership of 3,906. There are now 93 ruling elders in the churches of the county.
- December 3, 1905. Mr. J.S. Thompson was instructed to procure a case of grape juice for use at Communion services and present a bill for same to the Board of Trustees.
- Tuesday, December 5, 1905. The person who took a black silk muffler from the Presbyterian Church parlor during the morning service last Sabbath is requested to return the same to W.F. Olberg.
- Tuesday, December 5, 1905. The solemn ordinance of baptism was observed at the morning service in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. Six new members were also received into the Church.
- December 8, 1905. The Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church will welcome all of their friends at the church this evening, where a fine musical program awaits them. Every member of the church and congregation, both old and young as well as the public in general, are most cordially invited to be present. The entertainment is free.

The Program

Vocal Solo: Miss Ethel Hunter

Address: Reverend C.H. Williamson

Piano Solo: Miss Bessie McLean

Vocal Solo: Miss Rachel Taber

Violin Solo: Miss Grace Main

Whistling Solo: Mr. Ray Brown

Male Quartet: Mr. Middleton, Sherwood, Williamson, Boyd

- Tuesday, December 12, 1905. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church last week forwarded to the South two barrels of clothing to be used by missionaries there for the poor children.

1906

- Tuesday, February 13, 1906. There will be a series of revival meetings held in the Presbyterian Church to begin on February 26th, continuing one week. Reverend W.E. Oller, D.D. of Butler, Pa., will be present part of the week.
- Tuesday, February 27, 1906. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Union City met February 20, 1906, and held election of officers for the coming year.

President: Mrs. C.B. Geer

First Vice President: Mrs. F.E. McLean

Second Vice President: Mrs. J.R. Mulkie

Secretary: Mrs. C.C. Van Dusen

Secretary of Literature: Mrs. J.C. McLean

Treasurer: Mrs. F.E. McLean

Treasurer of Scholarship Fund: Mrs. W.F. Olberg

Chairman of Box Work: Mrs. F.J. Kamerer

- Friday, March 2, 1906. The meetings at the Presbyterian Church this week so far have been well attended and the interest has seemed to increase each night. Go tonight and tomorrow night and hear a good sermon by Reverend Mr. Oller of Butler.
- Tuesday morning, March 13, 1906. At the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning the pastor Reverend C.H. Williamson asked the congregation to raise \$309.00 to wipe out the entire indebtedness of the church. In eighteen minutes \$314.00 was provided for.
- Friday, March 23, 1906. The annual business meeting of the Presbyterian Church will be held next Monday night in the main audience room of the church. The meeting will begin at eight and after the business is conducted, a program will be presented. The Men's Club will serve supper in the lecture room from 6 until 8. They will take a silver offering which will go toward purchasing an organ.

- Friday, March 30, 1906. The members of the Presbyterian Church and congregation held their annual meeting last Monday night. There was a large audience and all seemed deeply interested in the proceedings. The report of the Trustees was very satisfactory as it showed the church to be entirely free from debt. The election of officers followed the reading of the reports which resulted as follows:

James S. Thompson and Earl R. Gates were elected elders for three years

Charles E. Hunter was elected Trustee for three years.

W.B. Fulton was elected Treasurer.

A.G. Sweet was elected Chorister.

Earl R. Gates was elected Superintendent of the Sunday school and Roy Mulkie, Assistant Superintendent. Mrs. E.R. Gates was chosen Superintendent of the Primary Department and Miss Sarah Rogers Assistant Superintendent.

Roy Mulkie was elected Secretary and Treasurer

Miss Katherine Agard was chosen to be Organist.

- Friday, April 13, 1906. Reverend C.H. Williamson will preach an Easter sermon at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning and after the eleven o'clock service, the Sunday School will devote an hour to the rendering of a special Easter program. There will be a sermon and Easter music in the evening.
- Tuesday, May 1, 1906. If you want to know more about Alaska, go to the Presbyterian Church next Thursday night and hear Mr. Rynder's lecture, with stereopticon views.

Arrangements have been made for a stereopticon lecture at the Presbyterian Church next Thursday night by T.L. Rynder. There will be at least 75 views altogether. Life in Alaska is described in an all-around manner and the views include gold mining, seal fishing, the homes of the natives and missionaries, totem poles, war canoes, portraits of the missionaries, etc.

- Tuesday, May 1, 1906. For Sale. At less than half price, a three-burner blue flame oil stove, practically as good as new. Inquire of C.H. Williamson, Pastor Presbyterian Church.
- Friday morning, May 4, 1905. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church still have on hand a few of the cook books they published a few years ago and they can be had by calling the store of Mrs. J.A. Boyd.

- Friday, June 1, 1906. Work has been started this week on restoring the front of the Presbyterian Church. All loose and damaged bricks are being taken out and replaced by new ones and other necessary improvements are being made.
- June 22, 1906. Reverend C.H. Williamson will hold services at the Presbyterian Church morning and evening on Sunday. His morning sermon topic will be "Seeing the Invisible." In the evening the orchestra will render special music and a praise service will precede the sermon.
- Monday, October 1, 1906. Reverend C.H. Williamson of the Presbyterian Church officiated at the funeral of L.O. Loomis on Saturday, September 29th. Reverend A.J. Herries of Scranton, Pennsylvania, offered a prayer.
- Monday, October 22, 1906. A large congregation attended the annual thank offering services of the Woman's Missionary Society at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning. The program consisted of special numbers by the ladies. Mrs. C.C. Van Dusen spoke on the work that had been accomplished during the past year. Mrs. Earl Gates told of the helpful assistance rendered by the Sunday School and Miss Elizabeth McFate gave a brief review of what the Young People's Society had done. The collection amounted to about \$46.00, and this recognition of their efforts pleased the ladies very much.
- Thursday, November 22, 1906. Reverend C.H. Williamson will preach at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., taking for his subject, "Beautified Sin," and at 7:30 p.m. his subject will be "Come." All are cordially invited.
- November 26, 1906. The regular quarterly communion services will be held at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Preparatory services will be held on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. Reverend Williamson will take for the subject of his sermon Sunday morning, "Back to Bethel." In the evening he will preach from the subject "Temptation Vanquished." It is earnestly desired that every communicant make a special effort to attend these services. At the close of the Friday evening preparatory service the Session will meet to receive anyone who may wish to unite with the church either by profession of faith or by letter, and parents desiring baptism for their children are requested to present themselves at one of these services.
- Monday, December 3, 1906. At the morning service in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, three new members were added to the church roll and the ordinance of baptism was observed. Mrs. Charles F. Pratt of Erie rendered a solo during the service. Mrs. Pratt was in good voice and her singing was enjoyed by all present.
- December 6, 1906. At the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, the pastor, Reverend C.H. Williamson, will preach in the morning from the subject, "Undying Ardor." In the evening he will take for the subject of his discourse, "Whispers." The church orchestra will furnish music at the evening service.

- Thursday, December 13, 1906. At the Presbyterian Church next Sunday there will be preaching both morning and evening by the pastor, Reverend C.H. Williamson. Sunday School and young people's meeting will be at the usual hours. It is desired by the Session that people try to be in their seats promptly on time as hereafter the pews will not be held after the ringing of the last bell for those who occupy them regularly.
- Thursday, December 20, 1906. There will be special services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening when the following program will be carried out:

Organ Prelude - Mrs. A.L. Main

Hymn

Anthem - "Song of the Angels"...Emerson

Scripture Reading - by the pastor

Solo - Miss Ethel Hunter

Prayer - Chant

Solo, "The Angel's Christmas Song" - Mrs. C.H. Williamson

"Calvary" - Orchestra

Chorus - "The Shadows Yonder" - From the Holy City

Sermon - "The Reign of Peace" - Reverend C.H. Williamson

Anthem - "The Christmas Message"

Prayer

Vocal - "List! The Cherubic Host" - Ladies Double Quartet

Bass Solo, "I Heard the Voice of Harps" - From the Holy City- Dr. A.J. Sherwood

Benediction

1907

- Monday, January 21, 1907. Pastors of the several churches in Union City have been given clerical orders from the Pennsylvania and Erie Railroads, whereby they will be able to travel over either of these lines during the year 1907, at a half fare rate.

- Thursday, February 28, 1907. The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held in the lecture room of the church last Tuesday afternoon with a good attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President - Mrs. J.S. Thompson

First Vice President - Mrs. J.R. Mulkie

Second Vice President - Mrs. James R. Smith

Secretary - Mrs. J.C. McLean

Treasurer - Mrs. J.W. Middleton

Chairman of Scholarships - Mrs. J.A. Mulkie

Chairman of Box Work - Mrs. F.J. Kamerer

Assistant - Mrs. S.C. Humes

A missionary tea was served from 6 to 8 o'clock, a large number partaking of the menu served by the ladies of committee number three.

- Thursday, March 21, 1907. Classes numbers Five and Ten of the Presbyterian Sunday School will give an entertainment at the church next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock for the benefit of the school library. The following program has been arranged:

Orchestra.....Selected

Piano Duet.....Earl Olberg and Belle Young

Vocal Solo.....Ray Gates

Recitation.....Mildred Landsrath

Piano Solo.....Belle Young

Vocal Solo.....Patrice Barnes

Piano Solo.....Floraette Humes

Recitation.....Marie Moore

Piano Duet.....Misses Geer and Sherwood

Violin Solo.....Miss Main

Recitation.....Ernest Allen

Piano Solo.....Earl Olberg

Guitar Solo.....Hugh Olds

Vocal Solo.....Miss Hunter

Piano Solo.....Miss Landsrath

Dialogue.....Ray Gates and Mina Jones

Chorus by the Classes

Orchestra

Following the program, light refreshments will be served by the young people who hope to greet a large audience. The admission will be 25 and 15 cents.

- Monday evening, April 22, 1907. At the congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church held in the lecture rooms last Thursday night, Mr. Lee Wilson and Mrs. C.B. Geer were elected as ruling elders for a term of three years.
- Thursday evening, May 9, 1907. Reverend C.H. Williamson, the popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, has under consideration a unanimous call to become pastor of the Park Presbyterian Church at East End, Pittsburgh, at a salary of \$2,000. While the call is indeed a most flattering one, the Times sincerely hopes that some means may be devised to retain his services here.
- Monday evening, May 13, 1907. At the close of the morning service at the Presbyterian Church yesterday, Reverend C.H. Williamson announced that he has decided to accept the call extended him from the Park Presbyterian Church in the East End, Pittsburgh, and called for a congregational meeting to be held on Thursday evening, May 23rd. At this meeting the congregation will be asked to join with him in petitioning Erie Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations with the local church. While his decision is received with keenest regret by the members of his church and congregation, all will join in congratulating him upon having been called to so prominent and promising a field of labor and trust that he may be even more successful in his work than ever.
- Monday evening, May 13, 1907. After the morning service at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, Mr. Lee Wilson and Mr. C.B. Geer, who were recently elected Elders of the church were ordained and installed by the pastor, Reverend C.H. Williamson.

Monday evening, May 27, 1907. At the congregational meeting held in the Presbyterian Church last Thursday night, Mr. E.R. Gates was elected as a delegate to Presbytery and J.R. Mulkie; W.J. Middleton; C.E.B. Hunter; Mrs. Fred J. Kamerer; and Mrs. E.B. Landsrath were chosen as a pulpit committee.

- Monday evening, June 17, 1907. Children's Day exercises were held at the Union City Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. The church had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with flowers and plants, while a number of birds in cages about the church rendered some of their sweetest songs continually.

The program was interesting throughout, commencing with an organ voluntary during the rendering of which the children marched into the church and took seats on the platform. Prayer was offering by Reverend Van Peet, followed by a chant by the choir. Then came a song by the primary department. Greetings by three girls came next, then a song by Annis Steadman and Dorothy Toner. Lewis Sweet gave a recitation and Miss Richard's class sang a song. Helen Clough performed a song called "Slumber Boat." Albert Deland gave a recitation. Four girls sang a song and Elenor Himbaugh gave a recitation and Willie Gillett sang a song. Doris and May Cooper performed a song and Mrs. Smedley's class an exercise. Miss Hunter's class sang a song. Reverend Van Peet made appropriate remarks. Congregational singing and the baptism of children all combined to make a pleasant event not only for the children, but the older ones as well.

- Monday, November 11, 1907. Never in the history of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was the response to the call for supplies to be sent to Mrs. G.P. Rice at Cole's Ferry, Virginia, so liberal as the box shower held in the lecture room of the church last Thursday afternoon. The ladies are today packing the goods and they will be shipped at once to make happy and comfortable during the coming winter season many homes in the Southland.
- Thursday, December 19, 1907. The Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian Church will occur on next Monday night commencing at 7:30 o'clock when the following program will be rendered by the scholars of the Sunday School.

Program

Song and Chorus.....Primary Department

Recitation.....Drew Fuller

Song.....Doris and May Cooper

Recitation.....Eva Sprowls

Exercise....."Little Candles"Lola Lobaugh; Dorothy McDaniel; Helen Gourley

Song.....Willie Gillett

Recitation.....Elizabeth Hayes

Song.....Girls of two classes

Exercise....."Christmas Stars"Twelve Children

Song.....Dorothy Toner and Annis Steadman

Recitation.....William Toner and Robert Shreve

Song.....Helen Clough

A Riddle.....Mrs. Olberg's Class

Violin Solo.....Miss Laretta Fallon (7 years old)

Recitation.....Louis Sweet

Song.....James Gourley

Recitation.....Herbert Hodgins

Song.....Samuel Barnes

Song.....Primary Department

Arrival of Santa Claus

It is expected that all who attend, both old and young, will bring an offering of some kind of provisions from an apple or potato to as much more as you may feel like donating. Boys with baskets will stand at the door to receive these gifts, and on the following day whatever is received will be distributed to the worthy poor of their Christmas day feast.

A silver offering will be received in place of a vegetable. All are invited to attend this service which will be interesting.

Mr. W.L. Fuller, assistant superintendent of Sunday School

1908

- Monday, January 27, 1908. The meetings that have been in progress at the Presbyterian Church in the last three weeks will continue at least three nights this week. Reverend Joseph S. Duxbury will remain and conduct them. These meetings will commence on Wednesday night and be held Thursday and Friday nights. Tomorrow, Tuesday night, the Women's Missionary Society will give a tea in the parlors commencing at 5:30 and continuing until 8:00 o'clock when the following menu will be served:

White and Brown Bread

Escalloped Potatoes

Cold Meat

Cabbage Salad

Cake Sauce Coffee

After 8 o'clock there will be a general social time during the balance of the evening and all are urged to remain for this part of the evening's pleasure.

It is the desire of Reverend Duxbury and the Session of the church that every member of the church and congregation, as well as all others who wish to attend, be present at the Wednesday evening service. On Thursday evening, the new pastor of the church will be presented.

- Monday evening, January 27, 1908. The men of the Presbyterian Church held an enthusiastic meeting in the church parlors last evening and decided to organize a class similar to the classes now doing such efficient work in the other churches in town. A committee consisting of Honorable John R. Mulkie; C.E.B. Hubner; Earl R. Gates; C.C. Van Dusen; and Ernest Wilson was appointed to perfect plans, give the class a name, etc. The committee will report the same to the next meeting to be held on Friday night next when the organization will be completed. At that time, all men, both old and young of the church are urged to be present.
- Thursday, February 6, 1908. The music committee of the Presbyterian Church has engaged the services of Mr. Chrystal Brown of Erie, as conductor of the choir. He will meet with them for the first time in his official capacity this evening. Mr. Brown is one of the most successful choir masters in the city of Erie and the local organization is to be congratulated upon having secured his services. He will meet with them each Thursday evening for some time at least.
- Thursday, February 13, 1908. Mr. Chrystal Brown of Erie will meet with the Presbyterian Church choir as conductor this evening. Every person who desires to join the choir is invited to be present.
- Thursday, February 27, 1908. The Presbyterian basketball team defeated the Shamrocks in a hotly contested game played in St. Teresa's hall last evening, the score being 29 to 20. Other games are being arranged and will be announced later.
- Thursday, March 12, 1908. The Presbyterian choir under the instruction of Chrystal Brown is progressing finely. There are at present 17 members of this choir.
- March 26, 1908. The Session met with Moderator Reverend Smead and Elders J.S. Thompson; J.R. Mulkie; Earl R. Gates; T.J. Shreve; W.J. Humphrey; and C.B. Geer present. The Session elected the following officers for the Sunday School for the year 1908.

Superintendent.....W.L. Fuller

Assistant Superintendent.....C.L. Mead
 Secretary & Treasurer.....C.L. Mead
 Librarian.....Mrs. King
 Assistant Librarian.....Norman Gillett
 Chorister.....E.R. Gates
 Organist.....Miss Kate Agard
 Supt. Primary Dept.....Miss Grace Geer
 Asst. Sup. Primary Dept.....Nellie McClintock
 Supt. Primary Dept.....Miss Grace Geer

- March 24, 1908. Session Records

Annual report of membership

Elders.....8

Added on Exam.....10

Added on Certificate.....12

Dismissed by letter.....3

Deceased.....11

Present Membership.....309

Baptisms

Adults.....3

Infants.....2

Sabbath School Report.....18

Officers and teachers.....234

Scholars enrolled.....26

Gain over last year.....169

Cradle Roll.....17

- Thursday, July 2, 1908. A close twilight game was played last evening between the Methodist Baraca Class and the Presbyterian Legioners, resulting in a score of eight to seven in favor of the Methodists. But after five innings were played, the Methodists had to leave the grounds early in order to attend a banquet at the church which started at eight o'clock.
- July 27, 1908. There was a large congregation present at the Union services last night at the Presbyterian Church. Reverend Edgar Smead delivered an excellent sermon taking for his theme, "The Intercessory Prayer." He was assisted in the evening's service by Reverend S.M. Sartwell of the M.E. Church. The choir rendered an excellent anthem and Mr. Charles A. Smith of New York City sang a bass solo in a very pleasing manner. The Union service next Sunday night will be held in the M.E. Church. Reverend Smead announced from the pulpit that on next Sunday, Reverend Duxbury of Erie would preach in the morning at the Presbyterian Church. On the following Sunday, Reverend C.H. Williamson, a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church, will preach at the morning service.
- September 21, 1908. The Presbyterian Church was comfortably filled last evening at a Union meeting of the Methodist, Baptist, United Brethren, and Presbyterian Churches. Reverend Dr. Zuck of Erie, who has charge of the Anti-Saloon League work in Erie gave an account of what is being done and the great need of assistance in prosecuting the cause. At the conclusion of the address, a liberal collection was taken for the benefit of the County League.
- Thursday, October 15, 1908. The Men's Legion of the Presbyterian Church will meet again on Monday evening and it is expected that a very interesting and profitable hour will be enjoyed. The exact program is not divulged, but it is understood that an air ship will be there to give all comers a perfectly safe flight.
- Thursday, October 22, 1908. The Coleman Hose Company will attend the Presbyterian Church in a body next Sunday evening to listen to a sermon by Reverend E.M. Smead.
- Monday, October 26, 1908. The Coleman Hose Company - 55 members strong - went to the Presbyterian Church last night. Their choir performed special music and Mrs. Roy B. Mulkie sang a solo. Miss Grace Main played a violin solo in addition to the anthem and regular song service. Reverend Smead gave the welcome to the company and spoke of their service to the fire fighters. He complimented them on how they kept their rooms and said they would always be welcome in the Presbyterian Church.
- Monday, November 23, 1908. Reverend E.M. Smead and Reverend Brockway of Erie, will exchange pulpits on next Sunday morning and evening.

- Monday, November 30, 1908. At a meeting of the Men's Legion to be held in the Presbyterian Church this evening, an open session will be held and every member of the church and congregation and all others interested are invited to attend and listen to a history of the church from the time of its organization to the present which is to be presented by Mr. Lee Wilson.
- Thursday, December 17, 1908. A few more of those Presbyterian Cook Books that will make a nice Christmas present, may be had by calling on Mrs. Van Dusen, No. 30 Second Avenue.
- Thursday, December 17, 1908. Hear Reverend Smead's illustrated lecture on "The Land Where Jesus Lived" at the Presbyterian Church next Monday evening. All men and boys are cordially invited.

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- Thursday, January 14, 1909. The Men's Bible class at the Presbyterian Church Sunday School with Reverend Edgar M. Smead as teacher, perfected an organization yesterday by electing C.R. McLean president and Peter Colt secretary. There were 23 present in the class yesterday and all were enthusiastic over the matter of making the class larger and better than ever. Committees will be appointed each Sunday to look up new members as well as to be at church and welcome all to morning and evening services. Reverend Smead will continue as teacher.
- Monday, January 25, 1909. Everybody in the Presbyterian Church interested in missionary work should hear Miss Lucy Powell speak next Tuesday afternoon at the regular missionary meeting. Those not interested should go and become interested.
- Monday, January 25, 1909. The Men's Legion of the Presbyterian Church will meet tonight in the parlors and all members are urged to attend. Mr. A.G. Buller will be the leader and will talk on the matter of the propagation of fish and what is being done by both the state and national governments along the line of fisheries and fish culture.
- Monday, February 1, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Buller have invited all members of the pastor's cabinet of the Presbyterian Church to participate in a sleigh ride to be followed by a special evening at their home at the fish hatchery east of town tomorrow evening. Sleighs will be provided and will be waiting at the church at seven o'clock. Every member of the cabinet is expected to be on hand to accept the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Buller.
- Monday, February 1, 1909. Calvin R. McLean, president of Reverend E.M. Smead's Bible Class at the Presbyterian Church hopes to meet every member of the class at his home, No. 33 South Street, on Wednesday evening at half past seven o'clock for a purely social session. Each member of the class is privileged to invite a friend to accompany him.
- Thursday, February 4, 1909. There were 60 members of the Pastor's Cabinet of the Presbyterian Church with a few of their invited friends met at the post office last Tuesday evening for a sleigh ride and party given by Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Buller. It was an ideal winter's evening for such a ride and the young folks were happy. It took four big sleigh loads to carry them all. The evening was passed in playing games and visiting. A

substantial sum was added to the treasury of the society. After an enjoyable supper, the hour being later than any one present could scarcely believe, the party broke up reluctantly and declared that this was one of the pleasantest social events of the winter.

- Monday, February 8, 1909. Women of the Presbyterian Church and congregation met at the church parlors last Thursday afternoon and organized what is to be known as the Ladies Guild. Officers were elected as follows:

President.....Mrs. George R. Walker

Vice President.....Mrs. George R. Sweet

Secretary.....Mrs. Calvin R. McLean

Treasurer.....Miss Bessie W. McLean

Regular meetings will be held each week. On Thursday afternoon next, Mrs. A.L. Main will entertain the Guild when committees will be appointed and other matters discussed for the welfare of the Society.

- Monday, February 15, 1909. The pastor's class in the Presbyterian Sunday School is growing nicely. Yesterday there were 34 present.
- Thursday, February 18, 1909. Reverend Edgar M. Smead has been confined to his room most of this week with an attack of rheumatism. He is reported better today, and will be able to conduct the regular mid-week prayer service tonight.
- Monday, February 22, 1909. The Presbyterians are contemplating making some improvements on the church in the near future, the most important of which will be an addition to the chapel. This will be quite necessary as already the old chapel is too small for the use it is intended for.
- Thursday, February 25, 1909. At the Washington Tea, the church parlors were appropriately decorated with flags. A fine picture of George Washington hanging on the wall, while the proverbial "hatchet" with cherries still hanging to it, was much admired. Instead of electric lights, "tallow dips" placed in old fashioned candle sticks were used, even a pair of ancient "snuffers" having been provided for use. The supper was fine and well served and the social part of the evening was very pleasant. Twenty-two dollars were taken as a silver offering. George and Martha Washington as characterized by Mr. Russell McLean and Miss Helen Clough were the attractions of the evening, and they did their parts well.
- Thursday, March 18, 1909. On Sunday March seventh, a collection was taken at the Presbyterian Church for the several boards of the church. It amounted over \$90.00, a very liberal contribution indeed.
- Thursday, March 18, 1909. At a regular meeting of the Presbyterian Legion held at the Presbyterian Church last Monday night, the name of the Society was changed to The Presbyterian Brotherhood and the Society is now affiliated with the national Presbyterian Brotherhood, an organization with 35,000 members and over 800 separate Brotherhoods. Under the new order of things, the local Brotherhood here will meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Every male member of the church and congregation is urged to be present.

- Thursday, March 25, 1909. The reception given by the Presbyterian Brotherhood to the ladies of the church last Monday night was a success in every way, there being a goodly number present to enjoy the occasion. The gentlemen gave the ladies royal time and served refreshments. They put on an interesting program of music, both vocal and instrumental, readings, etc. Mr. C.C. Van Dusen, president of the brotherhood had the affairs in charge. He was assisted by J.R. Mulkie; Dr. G.D. Marsh; Elton Blair; Reverend E.M. Smead; Charles Stark; W.L. Fuller; E.B. Landsrath; Roy Mulkie; D.A. Wright; I.D. Warner; and Frank M. McClintock, Esq. Also assisting were Donald Kameron; A.G. Sweet; Fred Shreve; John Dorsey; and Peter Colt.
- Thursday, April 15, 1909. Reverend E.M. Smead and Elder J.S. Thompson are attending the annual meeting of the Erie Presbytery in session at Erie. The meetings will close this afternoon.
- Monday, April 26, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Olberg returned home Friday afternoon from a ten day's visit with Reverend and Mrs. A.J. Herries at Tunkhannock, Pa., and were highly delighted with the visit. They report that Mr. and Mrs. Herries expect to leave in about six weeks for a trip to Germany and other foreign countries for the coming summer.
- June 28, 1909. At the morning service in the Presbyterian Church yesterday, Miss Geraldine Hipple assisted the choir and sang a beautiful solo as well, that was thoroughly appreciated by all who heard her. Miss Hipple has a very sweet soprano voice and she sings with perfect ease.
- Monday, July 12, 1909. The Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will go out to the home of Mrs. John P. Shreve for its annual picnic on Wednesday next, July 14th. Every member is invited to go and take their basket and dishes for themselves. A team will be provided to take all who came to go to be found at eleven o'clock at the corner of South and Market Streets.
- Monday, August 23, 1909. At the morning service in the Presbyterian Church yesterday, in addition to the regular music Miss Emma A. Nesbit of Bryn Mawr, Pa., who is here a few days as a guest of her sister Mrs. Roy B. Mulkie, favored her audience with a vocal solo. She sang, "My God and Father While I Stray," by Marston. Miss Nesbit has a beautiful voice, clear and strong, and sings with perfect ease. All who heard her were delighted with her rendition of this beautiful selection and hope to hear her sing again.
- Monday, October 11, 1909. On account of the action of the Board of Health in closing everything because of the epidemic of measles, about 150 cases, there were no church services of any kind in Union City yesterday.
- Thursday, October 14, 1909. The quarantine closing all churches being declared off next Saturday by the Board of Health, services will be held in all the local churches next Sunday morning and evening, but no persons under eighteen years of age will be permitted to attend. No Sunday School sessions will be held in any of the churches.
- Thursday, December 9, 1909. The bazaar given by the Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian Church in the Sproul and Morrow Block closed last evening and was a decided success. Many articles were offered for sale and nearly everything was sold. The receipts amounted to about \$165.00.

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- Monday, January 31, 1910. Reverend D.L. Woods; Reverend E.M. Smead; and Reverend S.M. Sartwell were among the Union City people in Erie today and are attending a conference of ministers. Reverend Torry, the noted evangelist who is conducting a series of services in Erie, delivered an able address to the gathering this afternoon.
- Monday, February 7, 1910. At the Presbyterian Manse yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Reverend E.M. Smead united in marriage Mr. Louis Johnson and Miss Myrtle Buell, both of Union City. They will set up housekeeping in Union City.
- Monday March 7, 1910. Miss Lydia Hays, an experienced missionary in Alaska and New Mexico, will lecture at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow evening. All are invited to come and hear her story.
- Monday, March 14, 1910. The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian Church invites all of their friends to take supper with them at the church parlors on next Tuesday afternoon from six to eight o'clock. This will be a St. Patrick's Supper and the decorations will match the occasion.

Menu to be served:

Potato Croquettes with Creamed Peas

Cold Boiled Ham

Cabbage Salad

Brown and White Bread

Lemon Gelatin

Ice Cream and Cake

Mints and Coffee

The price of supper will be 25 cents a plate.

The ladies will also have on sale at this time a quantity of handsome aprons and many other articles.

- Monday, March 28, 1910. Easter yesterday was observed in all the Union City churches and the day being an ideal one, the attendance was very large. At the Presbyterian Church last evening, the choir presented a song service that has never been excelled in that church, and its rendition reflects great credit upon Miss Agard and every member of the organization over which she directs. The program included "The Easter Message," a cantata by E.S. Lorenz, and the large audience present was delighted with each of the numbers which included organ and vocal solos, vocal duets, quartets and choruses.
- Monday, April 4, 1910. The Presbyterian Church of Union City as an organized boy last Sunday entered upon its centennial year and the occasion was cause for comment by the

pastor, Reverend Edgar M. Smead, at the morning service. He promised that the 100th Anniversary would be properly celebrated before the close of the year.

- Monday, May 2, 1910. Notwithstanding the very heavy thunder and rain storms of last night, more than 100 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs met at their hall and proceeded to the Presbyterian Church where they listened to a most excellent sermon by the pastor, Reverend Edgar M. Smead. The choir offered special music for the occasion and Mr. Max Pratt sang "The Holy City" with organ accompaniment. Just as Reverend Smead was ready to speak the lightning burned out the electric light fuse and the large company was in utter darkness. An oil lamp was soon provided and stepping to the front of the pulpit and without notes, the pastor proceeded to deliver one of the best talks on "Bible Fraternalism" ever listened to in Union City.
- Monday, May 23, 1910. The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a regular meeting in the church parlors tomorrow, Tuesday afternoon, at half past two o'clock. Mrs. Lester W. Fehlman, delegate to the recent annual meeting of Presbyterian Association held at Titusville, will give a report on the convention and Miss Jessie McClintock will speak of the work being done at the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School for Deaconesses at Washington D.C., where she was a student last year. All the women of the church and congregation are invited to attend. From 6 until 8 o'clock the ladies will serve a missionary tea to which all are invited.

Menu

Meat loaf with tomato sauce

Escalloped potatoes

Rolls

Brown Bread

Pickles

Sunshine Desert

Jelly

Coffee

- Thursday, September 15, 1910. Reverend E.M. Smead returned home yesterday morning from an important annual meeting of the Erie Presbytery held with the Presbyterian Church at Pleasantville on Monday and Tuesday.
- Monday, September 26, 1910. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church were liberally patronized at their market of baked goods held at Coulter's Grocery on last Saturday morning.

- Monday, November 7, 1910. Reverend Edgar M. Smead is now preaching a series of evangelistic sermons at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evenings that are forceful and helpful. A special invitation is extended to all to attend.
- Monday, December 12, 1910. A goodly number of boys connected with the Presbyterian Boy Scouts were entertained right handsomely at the home of Mr. Paul D. Mullin last Friday night. During the evening, Mr. Mullin read to the boys something about scout work and then talked to them along the lines of future plans, etc. Reverend E.M. Smead was present at the meeting and assisted in making the young scouts have a good time as well as to receive the instructions they got. Ice cream and cake was served and the boys feel that Mr. Mullin did elegant by them.
- Thursday evening, December 15, 1910. For several weeks the Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian Church has been very busy in arranging for the annual bazaar which was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the confectionery store of Mr. P.J. Laskaris. They are today congratulating themselves over the splendid success they achieved. They had a very fine display of suitable articles for holiday presents and these were taken readily by those who called during the two days the bazaar was in progress. In addition to this they sold baked goods and served ice cream. Their entire proceeds were \$150.46, which will go into the fund to pay for the repairs being made on the church. The ladies feel very grateful to all who patronized them during the bazaar, as well as feeling under obligation to those who contributed so liberally of various articles, baked goods, etc.

Presbyterian Pastors



Reverend R.B. Dilworth

Friday March 11, 1904. The remains of Mrs. Dilworth, wife of Reverend R.B. Dilworth, who for many years was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, were brought here for burial beside their children in Evergreen Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The funeral party was met at the Erie Depot by a large number of

sympathizing friends and former neighbors, many of whom had not heard of her illness in Pittsburgh until the announcement of her death was received on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Dilworth was a woman of more than ordinary lovable character and making friends, readily retained them. Her last illness, we understand, extended over a long period of time. The surviving husband and three children have the deepest sympathy of a large circle of friends. Brief services as conducted by Reverend A.J. Herries, were held in the new chapel.

Tuesday March, 15, 1904. A large congregation attended the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening to listen to a sermon delivered by former pastor Reverend R.B. Dilworth.

Monday, October 22, 1906. Friends of Reverend Richard B. Dilworth, who was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City for about ten years, will regret to learn that he was attacked by three Negroes, and severely beaten at Oxford, Pa., where he founded Oxford College after retiring from the ministry. He has disappeared and the report was circulated that he had been murdered, but for what reason is unknown, because he is an old man, nearly seventy years of age, and a friend to all who needed his aid. It is thought that his body has been hidden by the assailants. Three suspects, Clarence Butcher, Otis Ford, and Thomas Hahn have been placed under arrest. Further details of the investigation that is being made will be awaited with interest.

Monday, October 29, 1906. Reverend Richard B. Dilworth, the former Union City pastor, whose disappearance from his home in Oxford, Pa., led to the report that he had been murdered by Negroes, was found Friday in the Memorial Hospital of Johnstown by his son, Richard, who came from Brooklyn, New York, to conduct the search after the authorities had abandoned it. Up to the time of meeting his son, the minister could remember nothing of the occurrences. He knew however, that his relatives were trying to find him and was carrying around a newspaper containing his picture when he went to the chief of police at Johnstown and told him that he was the man they were looking for, but he was unable to tell them anything about where he came

from. According to the Pittsburgh papers, he had some little trouble with a young colored servant girl in the house where he boarded and had to reprimand her so that she became angered and told her relatives. The Negroes and the whites have been quarreling for some time in Oxford over the college that Mr. Dilworth helped to start and other matters. Three of the toughs assaulted Mr. Dilworth when he came back from a trip to Philadelphia. All that he could tell his son was that it was like reading the past to him.

"When I came back from Philadelphia last week I was attacked on the street and beaten by three Negroes," he said. "One had a revolver and threatened to shoot. I went home and getting my grip, departed. I do not remember of having slept in the open nor having been on a trip. Once I heard of New York City, but I don't know how I got here. It seems I have been walking and walking."

At the last report, Mr. Dilworth was on a fair way to recovery in the Johnstown hospital, but it is believed that his mind will be seriously affected by the cruel beating administered by the Negroes.

Monday, December 10, 1906. Reverend R.B. Dilworth, a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, who was recently waylaid and brutally beaten by three Negro toughs at his home in Oxford, Pa., is recovering. His assailants have been arrested and will be brought to trial at the February term of court.

Monday evening, January 6, 1908. Reverend Richard B. Dilworth is credited with being the "Father of the Prohibition Movement" in Erie County. "Verex" is writing A History of the Development of Prohibition in Erie County for the Corry Plain Dealer. The first installment appeared in last Saturday's issue. Full credit is given to Reverend Richard B. Dilworth, a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, as being the father of the movement.

According to Verex, two young men, brothers, were the sons of a widowed mother who had brought them up to fear God and nothing else. As mere boys, these brothers had marched and fought side by side from Antietam to Appomattox, and then went West to seek their fortunes and to make a home for their mother and younger brothers and sisters. On the journey West, the elder brother, who had been like a father to his younger brothers and sisters, was witlessly and without provocation shot down by a drunken desperado who wanted to show his marksmanship. The older brother died in his younger brother's arms. The younger brother vowed eternal enmity against the saloon.

Sometime after this tragedy in the early seventies, the younger brother came to Union City as pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and very soon things began to happen. Verex reports, "My first recollection of Reverend R.B. Dilworth, pastor of the Prohibition movement in Erie County, is that of hearing him remark in private conversation that he had preached one hundred dollars off his salary the Sunday before, and by the grace of God he expected to preach another \$50 off the next Sunday. He said that when he had got through there wouldn't be much salary left. 'But it's got to be done.' The clench of his teeth and the set of his jaw as he faced the conflict showed that he was no milk and water champion, but that he was the stuff of which heroes and martyrs are made."

Then follows a column account of Reverend Dilworth's experience in the Army when he knocked the captain of his company down for having called him a liar, his escape from a court martial and death, presumably because the captain was known to have been a "drunken, swaggering bully of a fellow."

Verex closes his article as follows: "And this was the man whom the Lord called to champion the fight against the saloons in Erie County."

Monday, March 30, 1908. Reverend Richard B. Dilworth, minister and teacher of Oxford, Pa., formerly a Presbyterian pastor in Union City for ten years, received word this week that a man whom he had helped in his studies years ago had died in New Jersey, leaving him \$7,000.

Reverend Dilworth had lost all track of the man, but the man left the money to his former mentor and detectives had been tracing him ever since. They reached Oxford Monday and inquired for the minister. Reverend Dilworth has been staying in New Jersey for some months and the detectives went there to confer with him.

Having devoted his life to the ministry and charitable work, Reverend Dilworth is without fortune. The bequest will be a welcome one.

Reverend Dilworth is the man who was attacked by three Negroes at Oxford about a year ago. He was struck on the head and walked in a daze all the way to Johnstown, Pa., where he regained his senses by seeing his photograph in the Philadelphia North American.

Reverend A.J. Herries

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Pastorate Covers Six Years

Last Sunday was the sixth anniversary of the pastorate of Reverend A.J. Herries at the Presbyterian Church. Before he began his morning sermon, he read the following showing what has been done during those six years.

Baptisms, infants	13
Adults	15
Received into full membership of the church	57
Dismissed and dropped	78
Present number of communicants	227

Total amount of contributed to benevolence \$1,485

Total amount contributed to congregational

Expenses including last repairs on the church \$18,447.41

Total amount of money raised during the six years \$19,32.41

Average per year \$3,272.07

During his six years at the Union City Presbyterian Church, Reverend Herries officiated at 21 marriages and 52 funerals, preached 497 Sunday sermons and gave 248 Thursday evening lectures.

Friday March 6, 1903. Reverend A.J. Herries went to Franklin yesterday to assist in the installation of a new pastor in the Presbyterian Church. He was in Wattsburg this week and preached three sermons in a series of evening meetings being held there in the Presbyterian Church.

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January 1, 1904. On Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Reverend A.J. Herries, will preach on "The Sin of Ingratitude" In the evening there will be a specially arranged musical program as follows:

Music Bartholme's Orchestra Chorus of young people

Scripture Lesson

Prayer, Response

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Solo Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood

Offertory Bartholme's Orchestra

Lecture The Ages

Violin Solo Miss Grace Main

The offering taken at this service will be for the Butler fever sufferers and it is earnestly desire that the offering be a liberal one.

Tuesday, March 8 1904. The Presbytery of Erie has appointed Reverend A.J Herries of Union City to preach the opening sermon at the spring meeting of the Presbytery to be held in the First Church of Erie on the second Tuesday in April.

Friday March 11, 1904. The Brooklyn Eagle of March 7th contained a sermon delivered by Reverend A.J. Herries of the Union City Presbyterian Church. His subject was "Lost Through Neglect."

Friday, January 15, 1904. Miss Margaret Herries of Long Branch, New Jersey, was the guest of her brother, Reverend A.J. Herries, at the Presbyterian parsonage a few days this week.

Friday February 5, 1904. Reverend A.J. Herries suffered a relapse soon after he reached home from the morning service at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. He has been confined to his room all the week.

April 22, 1904. Upon the invitation of Reverend A.J. Herries, the Union City Fire Department will attend services at the Presbyterian Church in a body, accompanied by Burgess and Borough Council on Sunday evening, April 24, at 7:30 o'clock.

Monday, October 1, 1906. Reverend A.J. Herries, formerly pastor here but now located in Scranton, preached at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evening and all were glad to hear him again.

Thursday, January 17, 1907. Union City friends of Reverend A.J. Herries will be interested in knowing that he has accepted the call of the Presbyterian Church at Tunkhannock, Pa., to

become its pastor. His household goods, which have been in storage here since he left Union City, have been shipped to him. Reverend and Mrs. Herries will soon be comfortably located in their home on his new charge.

Monday, September 19, 1910. From the Fergus Falls, Minnesota Daily Journal, the Union City Times clipped the following item:

Dr. Herries opened his pastorate of the Presbyterian Church Sunday. He preached morning and evening to good congregations. The doctor appeared in the pulpit in his Geneva gown, the old orthodox gown similar to that worn by Calvin and John Knox, which adds much to the dignity of the pulpit. The two sermons preached, morning and evening, were forcible and scholarly sermons. In the morning service, the doctor took for his subject, "Church Loyalty."

Reverend Charles R. Hunt

Tuesday, May 26, 1903. Reverend Charles R. Hunt, a former pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, is presently located at Mt. Vernon, Kentucky where e is president of the Mt. Vernon Collegiate Institute. Mrs. Hunt is a member of the faculty, teaching piano and vocal music.

Dr. J.F. Read

Tuesday September 8, 1903. At the conclusion of the morning service in the Union City Presbyterian Church last Sunday Dr. J.F. Read, who was the pastor of the church in the early sixties said goodbye to his many friends. He is leaving for Pittsburgh, where he will live with his daughter. He is 92 years old.

Monday, February 18, 1907. Dr. James F. Read, a former pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, and for many years a resident of Union City, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. McClure at Homestead, Pa. Sunday afternoon, February 17. His remains are expected to arrive in Union City Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 over the Erie Railroad and will be taken to the chapel in Evergreen Cemetery where services will be conducted by Reverend C.H. Williamson at three thirty o'clock.

At the time of his death, Dr. Read was not only the oldest minister in the Presbytery of Erie, but was also the oldest in the Synod of Pennsylvania and he lived until the 18th of next May, he would have been ninety seven years old. He was born in Should ham Throe, England in 1810. His father was a minister in the Methodist Church, and it was by this denomination Dr. Read was first licensed to preach in 1830.

In 1836, Dr. Read came to America. He spent some time in Philadelphia, where he was re-

licensed by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, New School. He came to Northwestern Pennsylvania and was ordained by the Presbytery of Meadville, New School. Immediately after his ordination he was settled over the churches of Gravel Run and Washington in which pastorate he remained from 1842 to 1850. He then went to Belle Valley where he was pastor for four years. The next six years he spent in Springfield, where his health failed him and he was obliged to retire from the active ministry for about a year and a half.

Dr. Read's next pastorate was in Pittsburgh, but after a short time there he went into the Army as a chaplain and for many years has drawn a pension from the government. After six months services, he retired from the Army and settled in Union City as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. That was in 1862, and from that time until about three years ago when he went to Homestead to live with his daughter, Union City has been his home. His pastorate here extended over a period of only five years, he having taken up the practice of medicine in the school of homeopathy, but not giving up the ministry.

Dr. Read is survived by the daughter at whose home the final summons came, and one son, George W.H. Read, of Elmira, New York. His wife died on the 20th of May, 1880.

Thursday evening, February 21, 1907. Brief funeral services over the remains of Reverend Dr. James F. Read were held last Tuesday afternoon from the chapel in Evergreen Cemetery at 3:30 o'clock. There were a goodly number present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. A male quartet consisting of Henry N. Neal; W.J. Middleton; W.F. Olberg; and Orval C. Hatch, sang two hymns, "Son of My Soul," and "Nearer My God to Thee." Reverend C.H. Williamson read a brief scripture lesson, and this was followed by a fervent prayer by Reverend C.O. Mead.

Reverend Williamson, in a short sermon from the 15th verse of the 116th Psalm, spoke of the long life of the deceased, of the good work as a servant of the Master he had performed, and paid a beautiful tribute to him as a man whose whole life might be emulated by all, and said that on his death the Presbytery of Erie and the Synod of Pennsylvania had lost its oldest member. The burial was in the family lot beside the wife who had preceded him to the better world.

Reverend Edgar Smead

Thursday, April 30, 1908. On April 28, 1908, Reverend Edgar Mason Smead was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The pastors of the several churches in Union City took part and showed the unanimity of spirit and purpose that exists among the Christian people of Union City.

The sermon of the evening was delivered by Reverend U.S. Bartz of Northeast, his subject being "Uncrowned Heroes." His sermon was excellent. After the constitutional questions had been propounded to the new pastor, Reverend R.S. Van Cleve delivered the charge to the people of the church and the congregation and Reverend J.W. Brockway delivered the charge to the pastor, both of which were excellent.

Reverend Joseph S. Duxbury of Erie, followed with a few remarks which were very appropriate to the time and occasion. After a hymn "Forward be our Watchword," Reverend Smead pronounced the benediction and the installation services were at an end.

For half an hour after the service, Reverend and Mrs. Smead held a reception where everyone present extended congratulations and gave them a hearty welcome and a friendly handshake that must have indeed made them feel that they had come among God's people.

The ladies of the church had prepared ice cream and cake for the occasion and following the reception this was faultlessly served by members of the Presbyterian Men's Legion under the direction of Mr. C.C. Van Dusen, and everybody seemed to thoroughly enjoy the social half hour.

Reverend C.H. Williamson

Friday, October 20, 1905. Mrs. C.H. Williamson had a very narrow escape from death last Tuesday evening. In passing through a dark room at the Presbyterian parsonage, she tripped and fell, striking her head on a piece of furniture. She cut a long gash in her forehead and bruised her cheek and head. Dr. A.C. Sherwood attended her.

Thursday, June 6, 1907. There will be regular services at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning. In the evening Reverend C.H. Williamson will preach his farewell sermon. All members of the church and congregation are urged to attend and a very cordial invitation to all is extended.

Monday June 10, 1907. It is with great regret that the people of Union City and its Presbyterian Church dispense with the services of Reverend C.H. Williamson who has been a faithful and successful pastor about two years. His wife has also been very helpful and this worthy couple have good reason to be proud of their success. They leave the church free from debt, with a largely increased membership, and a fine new organ costing about \$2,000 has been installed since their arrival in Union City. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson left Union City this morning, followed by the hearty good wishes of a large number of friends, and a prosperous church in the east end of Pittsburgh will have efficient work.

Presbyterian Profiles



Thursday, January 3, 1901

On last Friday evening, the "Entertainment and Improvement Association" was organized. Mr. L.W. Mathias was elected president; Mr. F.W. Burnam, Vice-President; Mr. William Warden, treasurer; and Reverend A.J. Herries, Secretary. An adjourned meeting of the Association will be held at the home of F.W. Burnam on

Friday evening, January 4, to transact some unfinished business. The object of this Association is to encourage such popular entertainments as shall be of a refining and educational nature to the public and to publish from time to time, uh facts concerning the Borough a will encourage public enterprise and improvements. It is sincerely hoped that all the citizens of the Borough will give this movement the hearty support that it deserves. It is a movement which will result in many improvements, if it is properly supported. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested to meet at the home of F.W. Burnam on Friday evening.

Presbyterians and Baptists Hold Meetings

May 16, 1902. Arrangements have been made whereby Hugh Cork, Superintendent of the State Organization of Sunday School will spend Saturday and Sunday in the city and meetings will be held on both days.

On Saturday evening at the Baptist Church there will be a teacher's conference held, over which Mr. Cork will preside, and to which all Sunday School teachers are invited.

Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church at 3:45 there will be a mass meeting held and all are invited to attend and hear Mr. Cork talk along the lines of general Sunday School work.

On Sunday evening commencing at 8:00 o'clock there will be a union service held at the M.E. Church at which the pastors of the city will be present and when Mr. Cork will deliver an address that will be beneficial to all to hear who have any interest whatever in Sunday School work.

All superintendents and teachers in the city and surrounding country should come, especially to the teacher's conference on Saturday night.

Presbyterians Lift Debt in Seventeen Minutes

Tuesday morning, September 22, 1903

There was a scene in the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning which will be long remembered in the church as well as in Union City proper.

At a joint meeting of the Session and Trustees of the church, the pastor, Reverend A.J. Herries, appealed to the people to lift the debt which had accumulated on several different accounts. He said freedom from debt would emancipate the church and make worship pleasanter. The amount of debt was \$744.00. It took exactly seventeen minutes for Reverend Herries to deliver his appeal. The response was about \$800.00. The people were delighted and when the result was announced they broke forth into singing the long meter doxology.

The young people of the church provided one of the most delightful features of the emancipation service. They spontaneously held up their hands to indicate their dollar subscriptions. The Union City Times commented that "the spirit in which this event was conducted is a splendid manifestation of the harmonious and united feeling which prevails among the people in the Presbyterian Church."

Reverend Herries announced in connection with the day's doings that since his advent as pastor eight years ago, the church had raised for all purposes, \$22,851.00, a record of which he felt proud and which must be stimulating and satisfactory to all concerned.

In the evening service, Mr. William Herries of Brooklyn, addressed the people on the subject of Temperance. There was a large congregation who seemed to enjoy the occasion. The speaker discussed temperance from the standpoint of church responsibility and individual duty by law of Christian love rather than by the law of the State. He sought to impress upon parents the home duty of caring for the young and the importance of earnest and fervent prayer for the redemption of the erring and for the protection of the innocents. Mr. Herries expressed himself thankfully in having been able to be present with the people of the Union City Presbyterian Church as a witness of their day of triumph and joy.

The New Carnegie Organ 1906

During the first week in March 1906, Andrew Carnegie, through his secretary, notified Reverend C.H. Williamson, pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, that he would donate one-half of the cost of a pipe organ for the church if the members would pay the first half of the cost. By June 1906 the organ fund had grown to almost two-thirds of the \$1,000 required to match Andrew Carnegie's \$1,000. Church members had to raise their share of the fund before September 1st.

The Presbyterian congregation met the deadline. The new organ was installed during the month

of August 1906. The usual Sunday services weren't held at the church while the organ was being installed, but the week day services in the chapel took place as usual. The new organ arrived in Union City in the middle of August and was installed in the church the week of August 21st. It came from Boston and was one of the finest instruments in the country. The Union City Times reported that the organ had been "secured through the cooperation of the congregation in doubling a gift made through the fund allotted by Andrew Carnegie for buying church organs."

Finally, the new organ was ready to be presented to the public with a grand recital on September 11, 1906. A large audience of music lovers attended the concert and exhibited delight at the splendid program as well as paying 25 cents for admission. The organist on the occasion, Mr. Parke V. Hogan, of Pittsburgh, was one of the leading church organists in the country. He said that the Union City organ was superior in tone and quality to a great number of the same cost and manufacture. He showed clearly that it was a great pleasure to play upon it, for the music that he produced thrilled everybody. The audience wished that he would begin all over again when he had finished the last number and there was no question but that the new organ would be an attractive feature of the Presbyterian Church services.

Every third number of the program was given by Mr. William F. Parsons and Miss Grace Main. Both were well known to Union City as having the highest grade of accomplishment in their lives of music. As a vocal soloist, Mr. Parsons long had been a leader of the metropolis, but he had been in New York only during the winter season because he loved the haunts of his youth in the summertime. His host of friends in Union City always liked his singing and the rendering of his baritone solos. His performance in the concert gave all even a better opinion of his ability. Miss Sadie Hipple played his accompaniment.

Miss Grace Main with her violin, drew out music almost as if the instrument were enchanted. She was greatly pleased with the accompaniment by Mr. Hogan, the great organ adding to the melody and sweetness of her rendition. To hear the massive instrument arranged in the lovely flowers with which florist W.J. Olds had decorated the church burst forth in strains of such vigor and again diminish to notes that were barely perceptible to the untrained ear was to realize the excellence of its workmanship and the ability of the organist and all had words of praise for both. Everyone also praised Reverend C.H. Williamson and his congregation in undertaking to make the Union City Presbyterian Church the home of such a grand instrument.

The grand organ was built and placed in position by the Estey Organ Company of Boston. It cost complete something over \$2,000, of which Andrew Carnegie contributed \$1,000 with the provision that the congregation contribute an equal amount and as much more as required before September 1st. The organ had to be built on special design so as to fill the northeast corner of the church where it had been placed. The splendid workmanship on the exterior marked it an instrument of great beauty. The power was furnished by a water motor and the principle of the organ was that of the individual valve and chest system, giving the most rapid action, the notes speaking from 800 to 900 times a minute without loss to the smaller values. Superintendent William E. Haskey of the factory gave special attention to the voicing and the stop action was of his invention and consisted of an additional row of keys making it possible for the operator to use them without moving around as with the old draw stop method.

In October 1906, the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church sold the vocalion that was replaced by the pipe organ to the Methodist Church in Waterford. They charged the Methodists \$125 for the vocalion. Its original cost had been about \$800. The Waterford Leader had this to say about the vocalion: "The Methodist people are delighted with their new organ and over \$60 was raised Sunday morning towards paying for it. Mrs. Main of Union City presided at the organ and her playing was very much admired and enjoyed."

Third Union Missionary Meeting

October 1, 1906. The ladies of the different churches will hold the third union missionary meeting in the M.E. Church on Wednesday afternoon, November 7th at 3 o'clock. These meetings are proving to be a source of great profit and pleasure. Short papers are read on the different fields of work with discussion and methods. These interspersed with good music and followed by a social hour, make a very enjoyable afternoon. All ladies, whether members or not, are urged to attend.

More interest is being taken in mission than ever before and never was the need so great as now. In reporting the story of the Ladies Missionary meeting, the Union City Times said that "there is a general awakening to the menace of Mormonism and to the thousands of ignorant, superstitious immigrants bringing their "anarchistic" ideas to our free America. These people must be Christianized and educated, as must also the millions of Negroes in the South, the Philippines and Alaskans. This is mission work and needs the cooperation of every Christian man and woman. As we love our country, our freedom, our children, and the race of which we are a part, let us give our money, our prayers, and our best help."

The program for the Union Meeting was:

Scripture reading and prayers by Mrs. G.C. Hatch, Mrs. J.T. Treat, and Mrs. W.F. Olberg, followed by music. There were three-minute talks on what the women had been doing and hoped to accomplish in their local societies by Mrs. C.B. Geer, Mrs. W.O. Gates, and Mrs. C. Hayes. Miss Rockwell sang a solo.

Married Quietly

Wedding of Dr. A.J. Sherwood and Miss Emma V. Anderson by Favorite Pastor

Friday, July 19, 1907

In order that they might have their favorite pastor, Reverend C.H. Williamson, formerly of this city, perform the ceremony, Dr. Andrew J. Sherwood of Union City and Miss Emma V. Anderson of Rouseville were united in marriage Monday evening, July 15, 1907, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Merle N. Smith in Allegheny City. The immediate relatives of the young couple were all that attended the quiet home wedding. The house was prettily decorated and a

sumptuous wedding supper enjoyed before Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood departed on their honeymoon to eastern cities and the sea coast.

They will be accorded a rousing reception by their friends when they return to make their home in Union City. Both are deservedly popular young people. The groom graduated in 1896 from Union City High School and continued his education at Bucknell University, the University of Pennsylvania and the hospitals of that city where he spent two years. Since 1904, he has been in partnership with his father, Dr. A.C. Sherwood, and has a steadily increasing practice.

The bride is an accomplished young lady, the daughter of Isaac Anderson of Rouseville. She is recognized as one of the best violinists in America through having studied under several masters.

The Presbyterian Legion

Monday, February 3, 1908. The men of the Presbyterian Church held an enthusiastic meeting last Friday night after the regular services. The committee chose the name "The Presbyterian Legion." The following are the officers for the year 1908.

President.....Frank E. McLean

Vice President.....Charles Van Dusen

Secretary.....Harry M. Chapman

Assistant Secretary.....John Landsrath

Treasurer.....Comer H. Fuller

Musical Director.....William F. Olberg

At this meeting a committee consisting of W.L. Fuller, Dr. C.L. Mead and Dr. G.D. Marsh was appointed to draft rules and bylaws for the Legion. An enrollment committee was also appointed who are now busy at work getting members of the church and congregation to join the Legion. This committee is Mr. Fred Shreve and Samuel Smedley. The Legion held its first meeting last evening at the church parlors at 6:15 and notwithstanding the storm there were a good number present. This meeting was led by J.R. Mulkie and was interesting throughout. The next meeting will be held next Friday night at 7:30 when the new pastor, Reverend Smead, will be the leader and at which time all men and boys of the church and congregation are urged to attend.

The Legion will work in harmony with the Baraca Classes of the other churches for the further buildup of religious work in Union City.

Presbyterian Improvements

Monday, August 15, 1910. The erection of an addition and many improvements to the interior of the Presbyterian Church on West High Street have been undertaken by the Ladies Aid Society, whose committee during the past week has been soliciting funds with good success to pay for the expenses thereof, which are estimated to be at not less than \$2,600.

The improvements contemplated will include a new brick veneered building in the rear of the church edifice on Second Avenue. The building will be 15x30 feet in dimensions to be built, furnished, and used as a kitchen when socials, receptions, and other entertainments are given.

With this building completed, the partition in the lecture room will be removed making a much larger and more commodious room in which to hold the mid-week prayer meetings and for the primary department of the Sabbath School.

The audience room of the church will also be repaired and improved by the ladies, the changes already decided upon being the laying of a hard wood floor and redecorating of the walls and ceiling with new carpets to cover the floor.

It is a big undertaking for the Ladies Aid Society, but judging from the business like methods they have thus far adopted, and the generous support they expect and ought to receive at the hands of all who are interested in the Society, they will easily complete their task with credit to themselves and to the satisfaction of all.

On Monday, September 19, 1910, the congregation of the Presbyterian Church held a meeting to consider the improvements to be made on the interior of the church building, the erection of a new addition to the chapel, and painting the manse. About fifty people attended, and all were enthusiastic about the project.

Reverend Edgar M. Smead, pastor of the church, opened the meeting with prayer. W.L. Fuller was chosen moderator and C.E.B. Hunter, secretary. Mr. Fuller explained that the object of the gathering was to determine whether the proposed improvements should be made this year and if so, the Trustees should be instructed to proceed with the work.

Mr. Hunter made a financial report which showed that the estimated cost of the proposed improvements would be \$1,925.00. He further stated that the Ladies Aid Society had raised \$914.00; the Ladies Missionary Society \$225.00; and the Ladies Guild, \$175.00, making a total of \$1,314.00, which was already in sight toward meeting the expenses.

After the report, the congregation voted unanimously, instructing the Trustees to go ahead with the work at once, there being no doubt but what the balance could be easily raised.

On Monday, September 26, 1910, the Union City Times reported that Thomas E. Cooper generously offered as his contribution to the proposed improvements of the Presbyterian Church the gross proceeds of one evening of his popular moving picture show at the Cooper Opera House. The evening decided upon was Friday, September 30th, 1910.

He chose three Old Testament subjects for his Friday night show. They were "Samson and

Deliah," " Esther," and "The Judgment of Solomon." On Monday, October 3, The Times said that the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church desired to sincerely thank Mr. T.E. Cooper, manager of the Cooper Opera House moving pictures show. The entire cash receipts of the entertainment given Friday evening amounted to about \$35.00. He gave the entire proceedings to the Ladies Aid Society and the Society placed them in the church improvement fund.

Work began on the new addition to the Presbyterian Church in mid-October, 1910. The work was pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the Trustees of the church expected to have the new part completed and the improvements to the interior of the church finished before winter came. By December 22, 1910, the new floor had been laid and the scaffolding was up, ready for the decorators to do their work on the interior of the building.

Chapter Eleven, 1910-1920



Reverend Edgar Smead-1908-1917

Reverend E.E. Lashley-1917-1920

Reverend Smead served the Presbyterian Church at Union City faithfully and efficiently for nine years from 1908-1917. During his pastorate the Men's Bible Class expanded threefold, he gave popular illustrated lectures, and helped the church celebrate its 100th anniversary. He led the church to participate in successful revival meetings and oversaw repairs on the church as well as an addition to the chapel.

On Sunday, January 28, 1917, Reverend Smead conducted his last service at the Union City Presbyterian Church, since he had accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church at Olean, New York. On February 6, 1917, the Presbyterians and townspeople of Union City held a farewell reception for Dr. and Mrs. Smead at the church. The reception honored their tenth wedding anniversary and also served as a farewell party. Coleman's Band was present and played several favorite selections which Dr. Smead and the large crowd appreciated. Mr. F.B. Reynolds, chairman of the evening, called Dr. Smead to the platform and presented him with a purse of gold containing \$100. The large crowd warmly applauded Dr. Smead and his family and expressed its appreciation of their contributions to the church and community.

The Presbyterian congregation held a meeting on Thursday, March 21, 1917, to decide on a new pastor to fill the pulpit and take up the work of the church. Reverend Robert Clements of the First Presbyterian Church in Erie moderated the meeting. Reverend E.E. Lashley of Galion, Ohio, who occupied the pulpit of the Union City Church on March 18, was extended a call by a vote of the congregation. Reverend Lashley came to the Union City Church highly recommended by residents of Galion and other cities where he had served as pastor and entered upon the duties at Union with the hearty support of all families of the church. He was married and had one son who was ready to enter college in the fall of 1917.

Reverend Lashley began his pastoral duties at Union City on Sunday, April 8, 1917. He oversaw continued growth in the church and a new spirit of improvement in the Sunday School and the Men's Bible Class. But after three years at the Union City Church, Reverend Lashley accepted a call to a church in Pittsburgh. On October 28, 1920, the congregation met for a special session moderated by Dr. C.L. Mead. The people regretfully accepted Reverend Lashley's resignation and once again began the search for a new pastor.

Presbyterian Participation



1910

- Thursday, September 15, 1910. Reverend E.M. Smead returned home yesterday morning from an important annual meeting of the Erie Presbytery held with the Presbyterian Church at Pleasantville on Monday and Tuesday.
- Monday, September 26, 1910. The ladies of the Presbyterian Church were liberally patronized at their market of baked goods held at Coulter's Grocery on last Saturday morning.
- Monday, November 7, 1910. Reverend Edgar M. Smead is now preaching a series of evangelistic sermons at the

Presbyterian Church Sunday evening that are forceful and helpful. A special invitation is extended to all to attend.

- Monday, December 12, 1910. A goodly number of boys connected with the Presbyterian Boy Scouts were entertained right handsomely at the home of Mr. Paul D. Mullin last Friday night. During the evening, Mr. Mullin read to the boys something about scout work and then talked to them along the lines of future plans, etc. Reverend E.M. Smead was present at the meeting and assisted in making the young scouts have a good time as well as to receive the instructions they got. Ice cream and cake was served and the boys feel that Mr. Mullin did elegant by them.
- Thursday evening, December 15, 1910. For several weeks the ladies Guild of the Presbyterian Church has been very busy in arranging for the annual bazaar which was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the confectionery store of Mr.P.J. Laskaris. They are today congratulating themselves over the splendid success they achieved. They had a very fine display of suitable articles for holiday presents and these were taken readily by those who called during the two days the bazaar was in progress. In addition to this they sold baked goods and served ice cream. Their entire proceeds were \$150.46 which will go into the fund to pay for the repairs being made on the church. The ladies feel very grateful to all who patronized them during the bazaar as well as feeling under obligation to those who contributed so liberally of various articles, baked goods, etc.

1911

- Monday, January 23, 1911. The young people of the Presbyterian Church and congregation have been for some time seriously considering the matter of re-organizing The Christian Endeavor Society and the project meets with general favor. Last Friday night a meeting was held at the home of Mr. E.H. Blair when the matter was discussed in a general way. Tonight, another meeting will be held at the home of C.H. Fuller, when in all probability, the organization will be perfected and a plan of work laid out that will still further cement the young people together in a movement that will not only be helpful to them but the church as well.

- Monday, February 13, 1911. The Young people of the Presbyterian Church organized a Young People's Society last night. Officers chosen were:

President	Roy B. Mulkie
Vice President	Mrs. A.G. Buller
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Elton Blair
Pianist	Miss Flora Blair
Assistant Pianist	Miss Mary Landsrath

Four Committees
 Prayer meeting committee Mrs. A.G. Buller

The Society expects to organize from its members an orchestra and a choir. It also plans to hold a social once a month.
- Thursday, May 11, 1911. The Trustees of the Presbyterian Church have caused to be made a very great improvement about the church of the past week. The old debris at the rear of the edifice has been removed and the grounds cleared around the building have been leveled up and seeded. It will not be long, therefore, until a green mantle of grass will cover the grounds there and if kept mown daily during the summer it will make an attractive place. The Trustees are to be congratulated for the good work they are doing.
- Monday, May 22, 1911. There were 49 present last Sunday morning at the Presbyterian Church at ten o'clock when a men's class was organized and everyone was enthusiastic in the movement. The class will meet every Sunday morning at ten o'clock for Bible study and from present indications the class in a few weeks will have a membership of at least one hundred. The following officers were elected:

President	Mr. John C. McLean
Vice President	Mr. W.L. Fuller
Secretary	Mr. A.B. Boyd
Treasurer	Paul D. Mullin
Leader	Reverend Edgar M. Smead
- Thursday, June 15, 1911. A number of the Presbyterian Boy Scouts left Wednesday morning for Pollock's on the Venango River, where they have established a camp and will remain there a week or ten days. They will be looked after by Reverend E.M. Smead and Paul D. Mullin, and no doubt the boys will thoroughly enjoy camp life during their outing. Judging from the looks of the supply wagon that followed them, the young scouts looked well to the matter of eatables.

Monday, June 19, 1911. The Presbyterian Boy Scouts who have been enjoying outdoors the past week at Pollack's will probably break camp tomorrow and return home.
- Thursday, June 22, 1911. "The Good Samaritan Type of Religion and What Jesus Thought of It" will be the topic for the Men's Adult Bible Class next Sunday morning at ten o'clock to be held in Gray Chapel, Presbyterian Church. This is a class for men and is growing rapidly, 81 being present last Sunday.
- Monday, June 26, 1911. The men's class that meets at the Presbyterian Church every Sunday morning at ten o'clock reached an even 100 yesterday, with several members absent at evening. The dinner promised the class when it reached this number is now due.

1912

- January 7, 1912. The Session met in Gray Chapel at 10:45 a.m. The Moderator, Reverend Edgar M. Smead, opened with prayer and called the meeting to order. Mr. J.B. Warner presented his letter from the Reform Church of Glen Rock, Pa. Mrs. Warner presented her letter from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sever Valley, Pa. Their letters were received and their names added to the church roll.
- March 25, 1912. The annual congregational meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by the clerk of session. Dr. G.D. Marsh was elected moderator of the meeting. The congregation elected two elders for a term of three years. J.S. Thompson and S.C. Humes retired. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Humes were unanimously elected to succeed themselves for a term of three years. Paul D. Mullin, the only nominee for Trustee, was unanimously elected for a term of three years. It was moved and carried that the pastor's salary be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per year.

Membership Report

Elders 8
Received by letter 7
Received by confession 61
Deceased 3
Letters Granted 11
Present Membership 325

Officers were elected for the Sunday School as follows:

Superintendent C.L. Mead
Assistant Superintendent J.C. McLean
Secretary and Treasurer W.L. Fuller
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer George Fuller
Superintendent primary department Miss Grace Geer. She will choose her assistants.
Chorister- Sunday School J.B. Warner
Music Committee J.W. Middleton, J.B. Warner, Mrs. Landsrath, Mrs. Clough
Chorister Miss Agard

1913

- September 4, 1913. Session Records. The moderator, Reverend E.M. Smead, called the meeting to order. The object of the meeting was to appoint a commissioner to attend the fall meeting of the Presbytery at Erie. Mr. F.L. Shreve was chosen as commissioner and G.D. Marsh as alternate.
September 20, 1913. The Young People's Society of the Presbyterian Church served a supper in the church parlors.

- October 8, 1913. The Presbyterian Sunday Morning Men's Bible Class celebrated Rally day with over 80 in attendance.
- October 11, 1913. The Presbyterians of Union City fully organized the Girls Camp Fire Order. Ninety-eight were present at the Presbyterian Men's Sunday Morning Bible class.
- October 28, 1913. Reverend E.M. Smead and Reverend H.B. Potter were in Cambridge Springs attending the revival services under the personal direction of Evangelist Currie.
- November 5, 1913. The Session met at the manse at 7:30 p.m. The moderator Reverend E.M. Smead called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. The treasurer, G.D. Marsh, was instructed to pay \$31.00 over to the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society.
- November 19, 1913. The Ladies Guild of the Presbyterian Church held an all-day session in the church parlors. At noon a picnic dinner was served, and in the afternoon the ladies completed several pieces which will be on display at their bazaar.
- November 22, 1913. The Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class enjoyed a social time in the Gray Chapel. Despite the bad weather conditions, there was a good turnout. Doughnuts and coffee were served and the rest of the evening was spent in a social manner.
- December 13, 1913. The Camp Fire Girls of the Presbyterian Sunday School gave an entertainment in Grays Chapel under the auspices of the Young People's Society. The proceeds went for the benefit of the Neighborhood House in Erie.

1914

- Monday, January 5, 1914. Only 37 men attended the Sunday morning Bible Class yesterday morning in Gray Chapel of the Presbyterian Church, which is not at all flattering to the new officers who were sworn into office at the first meeting of the class for the year 1914. However, all the officers being optimistic, promises of better things in the future were made.
Those present thoroughly enjoyed the special music provided. There was a cornet duet by Professor Adolph and Charles C. Bartholme and a vocal duet by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Middleton. Dr. Smead taught the lesson in his usual pleasing manner and the volunteer booster committee promised efficient work during the present week. President J.C. Mclean will announce the committees next Sunday morning. All men of the city are invited to attend the meeting.
- January 21, 1914. The Hon. J.R. Mulkie Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church held a social evening which was attended by over 50 members of the class and their families. The class has a membership of over 70 members and is a very active organization of the church.
- January 21, 1914. Session met at the manse at 8:00 o'clock. Moderator Reverend E.M. Smead called the meeting to order and opened by prayer. Elders present were Thompson, Shreve, Hues, Geer and Marsh. A motion was made and carried that a special collection be taken on Sunday morning to pay the balance of the expenses of the special meetings held during the week of prayer.
- January 26, 1914. The Hon. J.R. Mulkie Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church held a social evening last Friday night which was attended by over fifty members of the class and their families. This class has a membership of over 70 and is an active and progressive class. The class aims to have 100 members in the near future. This class is

also interesting itself in the larger ground of the whole Sunday school.

Mrs. G.W. Brakeman is chairman of the social committee and with her good assistants, spread a bountiful picnic supper and proved conclusively that this committee was wisely chosen.

E.R. Gates, the president of the class, presided as toastmaster in an able manner and toasts to the class and Sunday school were given by Miss Williams, vice president of the class; G.W. Brakeman, secretary of the class; and Messrs. C.L. mead, superintendent of the Sunday School; Hon. J.R. Mulkie, teacher of the class; Reverend E.M. Smead, pastor of the church and E.C. Videll; W.J. Olds; J.S. Thompson; Fred Shreve, who are members of the class.

Dr. G.D. Marsh gave some readings in his usual happy manner, while Miss Floraette Humes presided at the piano mostly ably. The evening was most enjoyable.

- March 30, 1914. The congregation elected two elders for a term of three years. J.R. Mulkie, and G.D. Marsh, whose terms were over, were unanimously elected to succeed themselves. Mr. A.G. Sweet and A.G. Buller were elected to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees for three years. Mr. Clyde Wescott was elected trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, J.D. Wescott. Mr. W.B. Fullton was elected treasurer for one year. J.R. Mulkie and G.D. Marsh were reinstated as ruling elders at the morning service, April 5, 1914.
- Monday, April 6, 1914. One hundred and forty-eight men occupied every seat in Gray Chapel of the Presbyterian Church to attend the regular meeting of the Sunday Morning Bible Class at the Presbyterian Church. Bartholme's Orchestra rendered several selections and Dr. Farmer rendered a cello selection, being accompanied by the orchestra which has been greatly appreciated by the large number present. The song service was inspiring under the leadership of F.B. Reynolds. President J.C. McLean called for reports and secretary Black made the following report: Total attendance for last quarter, 894. An average attendance per Sunday of 68. Collection \$185.89, of which upwards of \$ 135 was turned over to the charity committee. Dr. Smead gave a very short talk on the lesson.

1915

- March 17, 1915. Session Records. The Session met at the manse at 8:00 p.m. and was called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator, Reverend E.M. Smead. Elders present were J.S. Thompson; J.D. Mulkie, J.W. Middleton, F.J. Shreve, C.B. Geer, G.D. Marsh and S.C. Humes. It was moved and seconded that we increase our elders by electing one more. Motion was laid on table until next meeting.

Elders Humes and Geer were elected the nominating committee for Sunday School officers. It was moved and carried that we grant the ladies of the Baptist Church the use of our church for an organ recital.

Monday, April 5, 1915. All records for attendance were broken yesterday when it was announced that 166 men attended the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class in Gray Chapel of the Presbyterian Church. Coleman's Band of 18 pieces was present and rendered

several selections which were thoroughly appreciated and received hearty encores at the close of each number. During his remarks, Dr. Smead paid a high compliment to Coleman's Band for the excellent music rendered. The Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class is adding to its membership at every meeting and still maintains the lead as the largest Men's Bible Class in Erie County.

- Thursday, April 15, 1915. The officers recently elected for the Presbyterian Sunday School are as follows:

Superintendent	Dr. C.L. Mead
Assistant Superintendent	J.C. McLean
Secretary and Treasurer	E.C. Vidal
Chorister	I.B. Warner
Organist	Miss Katherine Agard
Supt. Junior Dept.	Miss Grace Geer

- July 14, 1915. Session met at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the moderator Reverend Edgar M. Smead. Elders present were J. Thompson, J.R. Mulkie, J.W. Middleton, F.J. Shreve, C.B. Geer, and S.C. Humes and G.D. Marsh. Mrs. Ethel Prather presented her letters from the M.E. Church of Union City, Pa. The letter was received and her name ordered placed on the church roll.
- Monday, September 27, 1915. The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church has elected the following officers for the ensuing term:

President	William Vidal
Vice President	Sarah Wilson
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Videl
Recording Secretary	Elizabeth Springer
Treasurer	Mr. Warner
Pianist	Floraette Humes
Assist. Pianist	Annis Steadman
Prayer Meeting Committee	Mrs. Vidal
Missionary Committee	Miss Driscoll
Lookout Committee	Mr. Vidal
Social Committee	Elizabeth Wilson
Floral Committee	Mrs. Blair
Chorister	Mrs. Buck
Assistant Chorister	Helen Clough

Monday, November 8, 1915. The Presbyterian Cook Book, just from the press of the Times Enterprise, is now on sale at Vidal's Variety Store and at C.B. Geer's Jewelry Store. The books, which contain 130 pages of recipes and advertisements of the leading merchants of Union City, can be secured for the nominal sum of 50 cents each.

1916

- February 13, 1916. Session Records. Session met after the morning service and was called to order by the Moderator, Reverend Edgar M. Smead. Elders present were J.S. Thompson, J.R. Mulkie, J.W. Middleton, F.J. Shreve, S.C. Humes, and G.D. Marsh. The clerk read the resignation of Mrs. Cooper, organist for the church. A motion was made and carried that it be accepted and that Miss Florence Humes act as organist the balance of the year.
- Monday, March 27, 1916. The Presbyterian Sunday School is in a flourishing condition with the largest attendance in the history of the organization.
- May 18, 1916. The Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class will celebrate its fifth anniversary next Sunday, beginning at 9:45 in Gray Chapel. Coleman's Band will play sacred selections and Chorister Reynolds will provide other music. Dr. E.M. Smead will teach the lesson and tell of the great work accomplished by this class in the last five years. The class will be dismissed promptly at 10:50 and all will be invited to the main church where Dr. B.D. Sutcliffe of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago will deliver the main address. The choir will render special music for the occasion.
For the evening service at 8 o'clock, Coleman's Band will form on main Street and march to the Presbyterian Church. Every man who desires can join in the procession and march to the meeting place.
The evening will be opened by a song service assisted by the large chorus, and the band will play sacred selections. Dr. B.D. Sutcliffe will deliver the sermon of the evening.
- June 22, 1916. Fifteen Boy Scouts of the Presbyterian Sunday School attended the Children's Day services at Amity School last Sunday. They trip was made on a wagon kindly loaned by Mr. Blanchard. These boys are members of the Sunday School class known as King's Servants and were accompanied by their teacher L.B. Warner. It was a great trip and fine exercises. Thanks to Mr. Blanchard.
- Thursday, August 3, 1916. Dr. E.M. Smead and family who are rustivating at Chautauqua will be home the latter part of the week. He will resume his pastoral duties next Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock and in the evening at 8:00 o'clock.

1917

- January 18, 1917. A special congregational meeting was called to order by the clerk of the session. J.W. Middleton at 8:45 p.m. Mr. J.R. Mulkie was chosen moderator of the meeting. Reverend Edgar M. Smead in a few well-chosen words resigned as pastor of the church. It was accepted and the moderator appointed two commissioners to attend the Presbytery at Erie on January 24th. G.D. Marsh and D.H. McClintock were appointed commissioners.
- April 2, 1917. Reverend Lawrence of Sinclairville, spoke at the meeting of the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class in Gray Chapel yesterday and held the close attention of the 53 men attending. The orchestra played and there was a hearty song service. Next Sunday morning, Reverend E.E. Lashley, the new pastor elect, will teach the class. Special music has been arranged for and every member and friends of the class is invited to come and give the new teacher a rousing welcome.
- Monday, April 2, 1917. The members of Miss Elizabeth Springer's Sunday School Class of the Presbyterian Church have elected the following officers:

President	Dallas Smiley
Vice President	Ernest Carlburg
Treasurer	Glenn Middleton
Secretary	Beth Smiley

- Monday, May 14, 1917. There were 67 men in attendance at the meeting of the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class in Gray chapel yesterday. They listened to a cornet solo by Charles Bartholme and a vocal solo by Mrs. R.M. Vuck, both accompanied on the piano by Miss Floraetta Humes. The committee reports were received and Superintendent Wood of the Corry Presbyterian Sunday School gave a short talk, after which Reverend E.E. Lashley taught the lesson in an able manner. The Committee appointed by the president made its report and the auditorium of Gray Chapel will be newly papered and thoroughly renovated by the class.

The social committee announced a reception for Reverend E.E. Lashley and family for Wednesday evening of this week and the Men's Classes with their families from the Methodist and Baptist Churches have been invited to join in the festivities of the occasion. Also all members and friends of the Presbyterian Church are invited.

The program, beginning at 7:45 p.m. is:

Prayer and opening address by the president

Response Reverend E.E. Lashley

Selection Coleman's Band

Vocal Duet A.G. Sweet and F.B. Reynolds

Reading Dr. G.D. Marsh

Trombone Quartet J.J. Bartholme, Leon Herpick, E.P. Erskine and A.B. Boyd

Vocal Solo Miss Corabelle Driscoll

Selection Coleman's Band

Reading Miss Nellie McClintock

Male Quartet

Reading I.B. Warner

America Sung by the congregation, accompanied by Coleman's Band

After the program refreshments will be served and a social time enjoyed by all.

- May 16, 1917. The Wolf and Eagle Patrol of the Boy Scouts went to the Sunday School Room and served ice cream and cake to 265 guests present. Reverend and Mrs. Lashley went to the front of the church and were introduced to the entire assemblage.
- May 28, 1917. The patriotic services held at the Presbyterian Church last evening drew a large crowd and before 8 o'clock all the available seats in the auditorium and gallery were taken. The members of the Grand Army, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Boy Scouts and the young men of this city and vicinity who have already enlisted in the service were guests of honor at the service. Coleman's Band played two appropriate selections at the beginning of the service, also the offertory selection and the postlude. The choir and congregation sang patriotic hymns and the choir rendered two anthems befitting the occasion.

Reverend Lashley delivered a patriotic address which held the close attention of all present.

- November 22, 1917. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society met in Gray Chapel Tuesday afternoon. A delightful program was put on and an interesting talk was given by Miss Eastman, a returning missionary from India. It was appreciated by all. Light refreshments and a social time were enjoyed.

1918

- January 17, 1918. Presbyterians are having devotional services at 7:45 this Thursday evening. We know you will enjoy this hour of praise and Bible study. Every man is invited to share our fellowship at the men's class next Sunday at 9:50. An excellent program of music and song as well as an interesting lesson are in preparation. Let us see every member prompt. The preaching services are at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The pastor will discuss practical objects bearing on the life of today and there is a welcome to the stranger and all without a church home. The church Bible school meets at 12 and the C.E. Society at 6:30. E.E. Lashley, pastor.
- February 18, 1918. Christian Endeavor met Sunday evening in Gray Chapel at 6:30. Eleanor Himbaugh led the meeting in a very able manner and there was not one dull moment for the 63 young people in attendance. The orchestra of eight pieces rendered several selections and we had a real live meeting. In fact, we have a real live meeting every Sunday evening. Just come out once and see for yourself. We know you will come again.
- March 4, 1918. Reverend L.L. Pickett, heralded as the "Kentucky Gatling Gun," interested a good-sized gathering at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening when he gave two strong addresses against the liquor traffic. Reverend Pickett left little to be said against the evil when he had finished and his addresses were considered a powerful argument. The southern orator dwelt particularly on the relation of liquor to crime in the country and charged booze with being responsible for nine tenths of the crime and a financial waste of two billion annually. He declared that the outlook for ratification of the National Prohibition Amendment was promising and that enough states would have approved the measure by May 1919 to insure its enforcement in May of 1920 if not sooner. He declared that his own state, Kentucky, would approve the amendment by at least 60,000 in the special election already ordered.

Reverend Pickett who is speaking under the auspices of the National Dry Federation is speaking seven times a week during its present tour and is covering many states in the East and North. The afternoon address given at the Baptist Church was largely attended.

June 6, 1918. The pastor is glad to announce the organizing of the second training class of which boys and girls are fitted for church membership and Christian living. The class meets on Thursday at 4 p.m. and now numbers 14 and is still open for new enlistments.

To this work the attention of all parents interested in the moral and religious education of their youth is called.

- November 7, 1918. The quarantine closing our churches is to be lifted on Friday so the Presbyterian Church will resume services in all its departments next Sunday. The Men's Bible Class opens at 9:50. Preaching service at 11 and Sunday School at 12. The Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30 and evening service at 7:30. Let every member prepare to be present and all do his best to get the church to going again.
- December 5, 1918. Responding to the New Era Movement now on in the entire Presbyterian Church in the U.S., the local organization launched an attendance campaign last Sabbath to double the average morning and evening audiences between now and February 1. The new movement goes on next Sunday. To reach the standard will require the presence of every man, woman, and child associated with the church, and we will look for you at 11 and 7:30. Let us join for a new church with higher standards in keeping with the New Era Movement, now opened by the closing of the Great War. When the boys come home from their wondrous victories, they will expect new, better things of us. E.E. Lashley, Pastor.
- December 12, 1918. "God and the Flu" will be the pastor's theme at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning. What God does to cure disease we all should know and a profitable hour is promised.
- December 31, 1918. At the Gray Chapel of the Presbyterian Church, the 81st birthday anniversary of Mr. James Thompson was appropriately celebrated. He was completely surprised to find himself honor guest of the John R. Mulkie Bible Class at a supper given in celebration of this event.

1919

- March 6, 1919. The victory Canvass Committee will meet at the manse on Monday evening at 7:30 to arrange for Victory Sunday March 16th when the church expects to go over the top into the "New Era" of usefulness and work.
- April 3, 1919. Preparatory services will be held in the chapel this evening at 8 o'clock to which the public is cordially invited. Holy Communion will be observed next Sunday at 11 o'clock hour, and every member of the church is expected to be present. To miss Communion impairs your standing as a member of the church.
- April 10, 1919. The morning service next Sunday will be in memory of Howard Lobaugh who fell in action on a battlefield in France, paying the supreme price for his devotion to country and cause of democracy for the world. He was a son of the church, highly respected, and it calls for all the congregation to honor his noble end.
- April 21, 1919. Easter was enjoyed yesterday in the Presbyterian Church. At the morning service eight new members were received and the pastor preached on "The Heaven-Life" to an appreciative congregation. The rendition of Mark's cantata "Victory Divine" by the choir under the direction of Miss Agard with Miss Humes at the organ was one of the finest expressions of real music given this church for years and was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. The instrumental duet by J.J. Bartholme and Miss Viola Bartholme was very fine, and made a marked impression at the morning hour.
- October 9, 1919. The work in this church is showing no uncertain improvement with the approach of autumn and promises good results for the fall and winter. Especially was this

time in our Sunday School last Sunday, with all the classes and teachers finely represented. The superintendent is getting results for his "persistency", and we look for a great Bible hour next Sunday not only at noon when the church school meets, but in another snappy lesson in the get together 9:50 hour for men. Do not miss a service next Sunday. It will be worth your while at the old church.

1920

- March 11, 1920. The men meet in Bible study at 9:50 next Sunday morning. The first chapter of Revelation will be the theme for study and conference, a rare lesson, and the boys can expect an hour worthwhile. Bring "Joe" with you next Sunday. He will have a good time over it too if you ask him. The morning service is at 11:00 o'clock with public reception of new members. The sermon is called, "The Value of an open Confession."
- March 29, 1920. Session Records. The annual congregational meeting was called to order by the clerk of the session. J.W. Middleton, at 8 o'clock p.m. The clerk of the session reported the church membership as follows:

Elders	10
Membership reported last year	329
Deceased during the year	3
Dismissed by letter	12
Received by letter	6
Received by examination	14
Present membership	334

The financial secretary of the Trustees made a report which was received very joyfully reporting the church free from debt with a balance in the treasury.

- April 15, 1920. The usual services of the day may be expected at the church next Sunday and the pastor is glad to report that he is slowly getting over the tonsillitis attack and expects to preach a short sermon at the morning hour.
- April 29, 1920. Religion on the screen may be seen and appreciated by all in a union serial in the Presbyterian Church this evening. Mr. A.C. Joy of Erie will give a lecture from the pictures of the Inter Church World Movement, which are fine and everybody will find it worthwhile to attend.
- September 23, 1920. The Presbyterian Church Choir will meet for practice this evening – Thursday- as usual at 8:30 o'clock. Everybody come.
- October 21, 1920. The Session Records. The request of the Pastor Reverend E.E. Lashley asking for the privilege of calling a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing a commission to represent the congregation at a special meeting of the Presbytery for the purpose of severing the pastoral relations of pastor and church was granted.
- October 28, 1920. The Session Records. A special congregational meeting was called at 8:45 p.m. Dr. C.L. Mead was chosen moderator of the meeting. It was moved by Shreve and seconded by Marsh that the congregation join with the pastor, Reverend E.E. Lashley in asking the Presbytery to accept his resignation and sever the pastoral connection with the church.

Presbyterian Pastors



Dr. A. J. Herries

Monday, September 19, 1910. From the Fergus Falls, Minnesota Daily Journal, the Union City Times clipped the following item:

Dr. Herries opened his pastorate of the Presbyterian Church Sunday. He preached morning and evening to good congregations. The doctor appeared in the pulpit in his Geneva gown, the old orthodox gown similar to that worn by Calvin and John Knox, which adds much to the dignity

of the pulpit. The two sermons preached morning and evening were forcible and scholarly sermons. In the morning service, the doctor took for his subject, "Church Loyalty."

Reverend E.E Lashley

March 22, 1917. Reverend E.E. Lashley of Galion, Ohio, was elected to be pastor of the

Presbyterian Church. His salary will be \$1,500 with the use of the manse and four weeks' vacation in the month of August.

March 26, 1917. A largely attended congregational meeting was held at the Presbyterian Church last Thursday evening for the purpose of deciding on a pastor to fill the pulpit and take up the work of the church to succeed Reverend E.M. Smead, who is now located in Olean, New York. Reverend Robert Clements of the First Presbyterian Church in Erie acted as moderator of the meeting. Reverend E.E. Lashley of Galion, Ohio, who occupied the pulpit of the Union City Church on March 18, was extended a call by a vote of the congregation.

Reverend Lashely comes to the Union City church highly recommended by residents of Galion and other cities where he has served as pastor and will enter upon his duties here with the hearty support of all branches of the church. With his family he will be welcomed to this city by all. Reverend Lashley is married and has one son who will enter college this fall.

Reverend Edgar M. Smead

Monday, June 19, 1911. Reverend Edgar M. Smead, pastor of the Presbyterian Church left this morning for Grove City, Pa., where he will continue studies in the college there he began in 1893 while yet in Princeton College. These studies will be under Professor A.T. Oumand, dean of the philosophical department at Princeton, and are for the degree of Ph.D. Reverend Smead will be at the Grove City College during the coming two months, but will return here every Saturday to conduct his regular Sunday services. His host of very warm friends hope that his health will remain such that he very successfully carries on this double work during that time and that he may reach the goal of his ambition.

Monday, January 29, 1917

Yesterday was farewell Sunday at the Presbyterian Church as it was the last service conducted by Reverend Edgar Mason Smead after nine years of efficient and faithful service.

The men in the Bible class, 157 strong, were present and 120 women, boys and girls also attended. Bartholme's Orchestra rendered several selections at the beginning of the service. Chorister F.B. Reynolds announced a hymn and all joined heartily in the singing. President Boyd called on the past presidents of the class for a few remarks. These include J.C. McLean, R.B. Mulkie, Frank Smiley, George Palmer and J.B. Warner. Judson Quick of the booster committee, Charles Bartholme, leader of the orchestra since the organization of the class, A.G. Buller of Corry, a former member of the class and William Olberg of Erie all paid tribute to the great work Reverend Smead accomplished during the time he has been teacher.

Dr. Smead gave a short talk, urging the men to be as faithful to his successor as they had to him and he said that his connection with the class had been the pleasantest of his ministry in the city. At 11:00 o'clock the orchestra played a section and the regular morning church services began. While the orchestra played, the ushers seated the congregation. The choir entered the choir loft and the regular morning services began. Dr. Smead read the scripture lesson from Luke and after that Mrs. R.M. Black sang a soprano solo. After the offering and announcements, Dr. Smead preached on "Looking Forward." He asked the people to be more efficient in the future than they had ever been in the past.

The choir and congregation sang a hymn and Dr. Smead pronounced the benediction.

The Evening Service

Long before 7:30, people from all over the city began to gather at the church. Bartholme's Band orchestra played several selections while they were being seated. At 7:30 the choir entered the loft and Dr. Smead was assisted by Reverend Huff of the Baptist Church. A.G. Sweet, for 30 years leader of the choir, acted in that capacity on this occasion, and the choir and congregation sang the same hymn sung during the first service of Dr. Smead's pastorate. Miss Floraette Humes played the pipe organ and it intermingled with the string and brass instruments of the

orchestra in perfect harmony.

Dr. Smead stated that he would bring his audience the same message that he had endeavored to do during his nine years pastorate in Union City and under the grace of God would continue to do in his new pastorate at Olean. He brought home many truths from the text and asked the earnest prayers of the people of Union City in his next ministry.

Prayer, an anthem by the choir, and a benediction by Reverend Huff concluded the service. Many walked past the pulpit through the Sunday School to shake hands with Dr. Smead and Reverend Huff. The orchestra played while the people filed past and wished Dr. Smead and his family God speed in their new field of labor.

Thursday, February 8, 1917. There was a large attendance at a reception held for Dr. and Mrs. E.M. Smead at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary and also as a farewell reception for him and his family. They will soon leave for Olean, New York.

Coleman's Band was present and played several favorite selections which Dr. Smead and the large crowd appreciated. Mr. F.B. Reynolds, chairman of the evening, called Dr. Smead to the platform and presented him with a purse of gold containing \$100.

Presbyterian Profiles



Presbyterian Church History

The Presbyterian Church in Union City 100 Years Old. Started with Eight Members. Pastors who have Served There Monday, January 16, 1911. The 100th Anniversary service of the Union City Presbyterian Church opened with singing by the congregation and a brief prayer by the pastor, Reverend E.M. Smead. This was followed by appropriate scripture reading, one verse each from several members. Mrs.

Roy B. Mulkie sang a solo with a piano accompaniment by Mrs. Belle Main. After this, responses from the following subjects consumed the balance of the time.

"Pleasant Recollections of the Ministry," by Hon. J. R. Mulkie

"The Elders I Have Known," by Lee Wilson, Esq.

"Splendid Types of Trustees I Have Known," by James S. Thompson

"Recollections of the Sunday School," by Mrs. C.B. Geer

"The Ladies Aid," by Mrs. E.D. Clough

Honorable J.R. Mulkie read this history of the Presbyterian Church. According to this history, the church was organized in April 1810, with eight members: three men and five women. Reverend John Matthews was the first minister and served from 1810 to 1817. Reverend Amos Chace (his spelling) was the pastor from 1817 to 1825, serving a membership of 15 people. Reverend Absalom McCready was pastor from 1826 to 1833, at the end of which pastorate the membership had increased to 40.

The first church building was erected in 1831 and was the only church in Union Township for many years, there being no borough there at that time.

Reverend Chamberlain served as pastor from 1836 to 1840. Reverend Thomas Spencer was pastor in 1841, for only six months and Reverend Thomas Anderson from 1841 to 1843. In 1843, Reverend G.W. Cleveland came and served until 1849. In 1850, Reverend Samuel Jones came and served for a few months.

From 1850 to 1853, Reverend Charles Driver was pastor and from 1853-1859, Reverend Thomas Bradford. Reverend H.H. Hammer served from 1859-1861 and Reverend Thomas Grassie from 1862-1863.

From 1863-1866, Reverend James F. Read was pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church. This was the same Reverend Read that afterwards worshipped with the congregation up to a few years ago, when he was laid to rest at a ripe old age.

Reverend Sylvanus Warren followed Reverend Read from 1866-1868 and Reverend J.M. Gillette from 1868 to 1874.

The present church building was erected in 1873 and dedicated in February, 1874. Reverend Richard B. Dilworth was the first regular minister to preach in the church, this being his first charge. Reverend Dilworth was a bright young man with decidedly advanced ideas, a fearless preacher for righteousness. He always said something when he spoke and projected his voice into nearly every church and school in this vicinity. He was untiring and unselfish in his work among us. He resigned to take up home missionary work in the state of Washington along the shores of Puget Sound. Under his pastorate, 143 people were added to the church.

After Reverend Dilworth's departure, the church was supplied for six months by Reverend William A. Rankin, a retired minister from Warren, Pa., until Reverend C.H. Bruce was installed as pastor. Reverend Bruce remained with us about two years when he accepted a call to Kansas City, Mo. We were all sorry to lose Reverend Bruce and his most estimable wife.

Our next pastor was Reverend E.P. Clark, who served the church faithfully for about seven years. During this period there was an unusual religious awakening in our town and many members were added to the churches. Reverend Clark was greatly respected and his ministry was highly successful, having added 179 members to our roll. He resigned to accept a call to a church in Michigan.

Our pulpit was then supplied for about one year by Reverend Charles R. Hunt, a very scholarly

gentleman from Ohio.

Our next regular pastor was Reverend A.J. Herries who came here from Illinois. He was a strong preacher, a good teacher, and a splendid organizer. During his nine years of service, the different departments of church work were well cared for. The church roll was purged of many of its inactive members and many new members added to it.

Reverend Herries was followed by Reverend C.H. Williamson, a brilliant young man from the Presbyterian Church at Cochran, Pa. He was popular with all classes of people, both in and outside of the churches. After being with us about two years, he received and accepted a call to one of the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Churches. He had endeared himself to every member of our church and his going was regretted by all. After Reverend Williamson left us we were considerably cast down, but not discouraged. We immediately began to cast about for another minister.

During the 100 years just drawing to a close, the church has been served by 21 regular ministers, averaging a little less than five years to each. Reverend Dilworth's pastorate was longest – ten years. Reverend Herries stayed the next longest – nine years.

In 1856, a new belfry was built to the front of the old church and a new bell placed in it. This is the same bell that now calls the congregation to worship, having been in constant use for 54 years.

In 1856, it was decided to hold a regular service together with Sunday School, every Sunday. One of the elders read a sermon when no minister was in attendance. Prior to 1856, the Sabbath School was maintained only during the summer time. The present church edifice was erected in 1873 and dedicated in February, 1874.

Presbyterian Church - A New Carpet in the New Church

Thursday, February 16, 1911. The new carpet being put down in the Presbyterian Church is an exceptionally fine one and pleases all who have seen it. The contract for furnishing this carpet was given to Mr. R.W. Nova, who was the lowest bidder of the several firms who quoted prices to the church trustees. Mr. Nova is to be congratulated on furnishing and laying so fine a carpet for the money.

For the past two months extensive repairs on the interior of the Presbyterian Church have been going on all services during this time have been held in the chapel. In addition to the repairs made, an extension has been built on the north end of the chapel and fitted up for a kitchen. Now that this work has been completed, the congregation will on next Sunday worship again in the main auditorium. The express desire of the pastor, Reverend E.M. Smead, is that every member of the church and congregation, together with their friends, be present to take part in the opening services of really a new church.

The following is the order of exercise for the morning program.

Morning Program

Voluntary

Mrs. Belle Main

Doxology	Congregation
Invocation	
Response	“Hear Thou Our Prayer”
Responsive Reading, Selection 40	
Hymn No. 1	
Scripture Reading	
Solo	Mrs. Carrie Pratt
Prayer	
Anthem	“Send Out the Light”
Announcements	
Offertory	
Violin Solo	Mrs. A.J. Sherwood :”Berceuse”
Sermon Topic	“The Appeal of the Beautiful”
Prayer	
Hymn	
Benediction	
Postlude	

Speaking upon “The Power of a Wide Awake Young People,” Reverend F.M. Hall, of Conneautville, held the close attention of the audience for the remainder of the evening.

Thursday, February 20, 1911. The Young People’s Society of the Presbyterian Church recently organized, are to give a social in the church parlors tomorrow, Tuesday night. A good program has been prepared and a fine luncheon will be served during the evening.

Everyone who comes will be expected to bring two cents for every foot they are tall with them, and one cent for each odd inch. So, measure correctly, deposit the amount your measurement calls for in a bag, and this will pay your bill.

Monday, February 27, 1911. The Davis Wall Paper Company of Erie have men at work this week, decorating the interior of St. Teresa’s Catholic Church in this city, and when completed the walls and ceiling will present a most neat and attractive appearance. This is the same company that did such an excellent job in decorating the Presbyterian Church a few weeks ago.

Thursday, March 9, 1911. Reverend Edgar M. Smead will go to Oil City tomorrow morning to attend a convention on missions and church finances to be held there Friday and Saturday. This is a laymen’s convention of the various churches of the Erie Presbytery and some of the best thinkers in the Presbytery will be present. Some of the subjects to be discussed will be “The Mission of our Church to the World,” and “Missions, Home and Foreign.” Mr. E.R. Gates and perhaps other men of the church will accompany Reverend Smead to the meeting.

Thursday, March 30, 1911. The annual meeting of the members of the Presbyterian Church showed a total membership at the present time of 280. The total cash receipts of the years were \$5,152.84. Some expenditures were pastor’s salary, \$1,200. Repairs on the church, parsonage, and building a new kitchen amounted to \$2,072.59. Expenditures were \$4,995.68. The balance in the several treasuries of the church organization was \$157.16.

Thursday, April 13, 1911. Mrs. C.B. Sturdevant of Hamburg, New York, came last Sunday to attend the centennial exercises of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sturdevant who was a Sunday school teacher and member of this church 40 years ago, found but two members whose membership dated prior to her own – Mr. J.S. Thompson and Mrs. D.J. Edwards.

The Centennial Celebration

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Thursday, April 13, 1911. This evening will close the Centennial Celebration now being held at the Presbyterian Church in this city, after a period of most enjoyable and instructive services during this week.

The affair has been a success in every way and the congregation, the pastor, and the choir have done nobly their portion of the work required to be about this end. Many things were brought out that did much to add to the pleasure of those participating and not the least among these were letters from former pastors Reverend R.B. Dilworth and Reverend A.J. Herries, read by Reverend Smead, and from Reverend E.P. Clark read by Attorney Frank M. McClintock.

Monday evening Reverend J. Frank Nast of Erie, occupied the pulpit to the great delight of his audience.

Tuesday's session was devoted to a consideration of the topic, "The Ideals of the Modern Church." The following subjects were handled in an entertaining and instructive manner by the various pastors. Missions: Reverend George Taylor, Jr. of Mercer, Second Church. Finance: Reverend George Bailey, D.D. of Eire Central Church. Evangelism: Reverend W.A. Coff of Cambridge Springs.

Wednesday evening, Reverend C.H. Bruce of Morris, Illinois, spoke on "The Forces of the Church." He handled this in a manner very interesting to his hearers and presented some new thoughts along this line.

"The Men and the Modern Church" assigned to Reverend B.M. Price, DD., Waterford, Pa., gave this pastor an opportunity to urge some reforms upon his hearers.

Presbyterian Profile - More History of the Church

The Union City Times ran a condensed history of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, on April 10, 1911, because it was celebrating its Centennial Year. According to this condensed history, the first church building was built in 1831, on a lot donated by William Miles, who also contributed \$50.00. The present building was built at a cost of \$12,000 in 1873, and was dedicated on February 24, 1874.

The chapel was a gift of Mr. Jane Gray, widow of Robert Gray, and was added in 1879. In 1910, another addition to the chapel was built by the Ladies Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray were the only original members of the congregation who lived to worship at the new church. The church membership in 1911, is 280.

Also in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration on April 9, 1911, Lee Wilson gave a history

of the church. He said the first elder of the church was Matthew Gray, who was elected in 1811. After Matthew Gray died in 1814, the church was without a session until 1831, at which time the two sons of Matthew Gray, Francis B. and William together with John Gray, his nephew, were elected to the eldership by which it may be seen that this Gray family constituted the main support of this church through all its early struggles.

“In fact,” Lee Wilson said, “it would seem as if it could not have survived except for hearty support of this sturdy family.” Francis B. Gray with his family moved to Ohio in 1840. William Gray died about 1840 and John Gray died June 9, 1865, making 34 years of continuous service in the eldership and for many years the only elder in the church. That being the case, in the year 1854, two new elders were elected: Alvin Northrop and David Wilson, who were ordained March 26, 1854. Alvin Northrop served as elder until he died in 1882. According to Lee Wilson, “he is a man well-nigh forgotten in this community, probably for the reason that none of his descendants live among us. He is described by the history David Wilson as a “good man, possessed of much discretion.”

The Session now had two members, and two additional elders were elected July 11, 1863. They were Jonathan A. Marsh and Andrew Thompson. Mr. Thompson had been a member of the Union City Presbyterian Church for 32 years and continued in active service until prevented by the infirmities of old age, retaining his membership in both church and session until his death on August 1, 1890. Called to give an account of his stewardship at the ripe old age of 86 years, a man honored, respected, ad loved by all who knew him.

Dr. J.A. Marsh was an active and efficient member of the Session until the rotary system was adopted in recent years and still lives among us, his kindly, venerable face being familiar to us all. James Shreve was elected elder April 4, 1871, and held that office until he died in 1886, honored and respected by all.

In September 1876, E.I. Hall and C.W. Dabney were added to the Session and on March 14, 1881, Hugh Wilson was ordained to the same office. These also have long since gone to their reward.

This completes the list of the old-time elders, but my history would hardly be complete without a further mention of one of the most prominent members of the session, David Wilson. To him belongs the distinction of having been a member of the session of this church for a longer period than any other person – 41 years. A man who always made his presence felt – a leader, noted for his strength of character and kindness of heart – a pillar in the church and a power for good. He taught the Bible class in the Sunday school for years and in his death, which occurred December 19, 1895, the church sustained a great loss.”

Presbyterian Profile:

Death of C.B. Geer

March 30, 1916. Session met in Gray Chapel at 8:40 o'clock and moderator Reverend Edgar M. Smead called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. At a recent meeting of the session,

J.W. Middleton and G.D. Marsh were appointed a committee to write a memorial upon the death of our brother Castle B. Geer. The committee presented the following which was unanimously adopted by the Session.

“Another member of the Session has crossed the border and entered into eternal rest. It was at an early hour Sunday morning, January 2, 1916, that the soul of our neighbor, friend and brother, Castle B. Geer, passed from this world to the world beyond. Mr. Geer had been a member of this church for 38 years and a member of the session for the past 9 years. Mr. Geer was a devout Christian. He was very regular in his attendance on all services of the church. He was just the kind of man a community cannot afford to lose – a man with sterling qualities and character above reproach. He was faithful in every trust and will be greatly missed in the church and community.”

Presbyterian Profile- A Service Flag

A Service Flag

March 11, 1918. Seventy-five men weathered the storm yesterday morning to witness the unfurling of the service flag at the meeting of the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class in Gray Chapel yesterday at 9:50 o'clock. After the routine business and several selections by Coleman's Band, Reverend E.E. Lashley made the presentation address and as he unfurled the flag the band played the Star Spangled Banner while the men stood and saluted Old Glory.

The names of the young men who have gone from this class who are already in the service are:

Hugh Olds

Clifford Campbell

Carl Hazen

Lester Michael

Vivian Shreve

Robert Smiley

Paul Bennett

William Gillett

Marion Bedow

Clifton Carroll

Charles Driscoll

Wilber Janes

Ivan Reynolds

Russell Willis

C.R. Faulkner

LaVerne Clough

Merle Bedow

Miss Nellie McClintock gave a reading on The Flag and received such applause that she responded with another patriotic reading. A patriotic selection was sung by a male quartet composed of F.B. Reynolds; V.M. Campbell; I.B. Warner and Reginald Lashley.

Besides singing patriotic selections the assemblage rendered the following selection, with band accompaniment.

When Sammy Goes over the Top

Dedicated to the service boys from the Union City Men's Morning Bible Class
When Sammy goes over the top,
Oh! It's then you will hear something drop,
And Billy, the Kaiser, will surely be wiser
When Sammy goes over the top.

Chapter Twelve- 1920-1930



Ashley S. Wilson- 1921-1926
Walter I. Eaton – 1926-1939

Reverend E.E. Lashley resigned from the Union City Presbyterian Church and accepted a pastorate in Pittsburgh, so a congregational meeting for the purpose of calling a new pastor was held on January 31, 1921. Clerk of the Session J.W. Middletown called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Dr. C.L. Mead was chosen moderator of the meeting and the pulpit committee of Mrs. C.L. McLean, Mrs. Charles Stark, Mrs. E.B. Landsrath, Mr. F.B. Reynolds, and Mrs. Frank Smiley reported on the candidates. Reverend Ashley S. Wilson of North Girard, Pa., was chosen as pastor.

Reverend Wilson is an eloquent preacher, a leader in men's work, and a spiritual man of the highest caliber. Many people from North Girard wrote fine letters about him to the Presbyterians of Union City. He served the Union City Church from February 1921 to July 1926. During his pastorate his salary was increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000. New hymnals were purchased for the church and a new Sabbath School Room was built.

In June 1926, Reverend A.S. Wilson was elected a delegate from Erie Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. He talked to his Union City parishioners about the convention and told them an interesting story about his experiences there. He explained to them that the issue that most captured the attention of the delegates referred to the report of the Commission of Fifteen appointed a year ago at Columbus to study the causes of unrest in the church. This unrest was brought about in the New York Presbytery, according to some sources. The New York Presbytery ordained several ministers who declined to affirm the virgin birth and this started a controversy that for a time threatened to disrupt the church.

The report of the Committee of Fifteen absolved the New York Presbytery of all charges of rebellion and its task once more proved stronger than devotion to dogma. The report was adopted with but one faint "no" raised against it. In the hour of discussion, reported Reverend Wilson, came the most dramatic episode of the whole convention. Dr. Clarence E. McCartney of Philadelphia, most militant perhaps of all the Presbyterian Fundamentalists, sought to have the report of the Commission amended in some particulars. Dr. McCartney was opposed by his own brother, Dr. Albert J. McCartney of Chicago.

According to the Literary Digest account, Albert McCartney said: "Clarence is all right, friends. The only trouble with him is he isn't married. If that old bachelor would marry he would have less time to worry over others theology. I'm for this report from cover to cover – not so much for what it says, but the spirit that pervades it. We were brought up together, Clarence and I, and our mother sang the same hymns to us. "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me" and "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood." We didn't know what those words meant then, but it was the same

Christianity we both professed. I know that if mother could come back now there would be room for him and for me to say our prayers in the same words on her knee at that old home of ours in Western Pennsylvania. I believe there is room for you and me to say our prayers in identical languages in the Presbyterian Church.”

Following the roar of applause, there was no doubt of the fate of the report which would have been unanimous except for the one vote against it.

On July 11, 1926, a special congregational meeting was called after the morning service for electing a committee to a special meeting of the Presbytery held at Erie on July 12, 1926. The commission asked the Presbytery to join with the congregation in granting the Pastor A.S. Wilson’s resignation.

Walter I. Eaton was elected pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City on September 26, 1926. His salary was to be \$3,000 a year, with the use of the manse and one-month vacation. About a month later on Monday, October 25, 1926, Reverend Eaton and his family came to Union City, but not without some trials and tribulations. If the old adage that a poor beginning always brings a good ending proves true, in the case of Reverend Eaton, his successful pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Union City was already assured.

The Eatons were unavoidably detained for a couple of days in leaving their home in LaSalle, Illinois. They finally arrived in Erie Friday afternoon, October 22, 1926, about 4 o’clock. Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Mulkie met them at the Union Depot and escorted them to their new home in Union City in their Packard car. On the way, one of the children was taken suddenly ill and had hardly shown any signs of improvement when Reverend Eaton was stricken with an acute attack of stomach trouble. He couldn’t meet his appointment or preach his initial sermon as pastor on Sunday morning.

But the climax of interfering circumstances was reached about nine o’clock Sunday morning when the large truck bearing the household effects of the family arrived at the manse in a drenching down pour of rain, having been delayed enroute for more than a day. Many willing hands helped unload the truck with little damage done the contents from the elements and now all will join in the hope that nothing may further interfere with the pastor and his family getting settled in their new home.

Reverend Margaret Joshua kindly responded to an emergency appeal for assistance received about 11 o’clock on Saturday night and occupied the church pulpit yesterday morning, delivering a splendid discourse that was very appropriate to the occasion and was much appreciated by the congregation in attendance. No services were held in the church last evening.

Reverend Eaton was pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church from 1926-1939 and at the session meeting of September 12, 1930, he called for frank criticisms of the church and its activities. He asked Session members for suggestions as to how the work of the church could be carried out more effectively. Session members suggested more publicity for its activity. The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the fixing of Gray Auditorium so that it could be used by the young people for basketball and volley ball.

The joint meeting of the Trustees and Session on October 5, 1931, reflected the hard times of the Depression. The Session and Trustees resolved to ask Reverend Eaton to request of the Presbytery to reduce his salary \$600 per year. His contract was adjusted to read that he would receive a salary of \$2,400 per year starting October 1, 1932.

Presbyterian Participation



1921

- Thursday February 10, 1921. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet at Gray Chapel, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Program

Election of officers

Devotions – Mrs. C. Payne

Paper-Acts 7 and SS Study Book – Mrs. E.H. Blair

Home Mission Monthly – Mrs. C. Payne

Woman's Work- Mrs. Gus Auer

Missionary Review of the World – Mrs. P.J. Laskaris

Roll Call

Music

Hostesses – Mrs. Frank Eastman, Mrs. Wontenay, Mrs. Frank Holden, Mrs. A.F. Young, Mrs. C.L. Mead

- Tuesday May 5, 1921- Remember this evening services are one half hour later. Prayer meeting at 7:45 instead of 7:30. The topic this week is "Between the Testaments." The subject of the morning sermon Sunday is "A Mother's Wages." The evening topic will be "Jazz or Jesus." Our pews are comfortable and strong.

Thursday June 30, 1921. There will be a committee of ladies in Gray Chapel during the morning church services to care for the babies and smaller children of parents who desire to worship with us.

- March 24, 1921-Session Records. The church's annual report on membership to the Presbytery stated there were 10 Elders in the church. The membership for 1920 was 336, and the membership as of March 1921 was 324.

July 7, 1921- At a Session meeting, the Session voted to get Miss Caroline Richards to fill the pulpit Sunday evening, July 17.

- Thursday, September 8, 1921-Men's Bible Class at 10:00. We had a real class last Sabbath morning. The work for this fall started off with a boom. The orchestra was present and played several selections. Morning worship at 11:00. Sermon: "Christian's Enthroned." A.S. Wilson, pastor.

- Thursday, November 17, 1921. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Men's Bible Class Sabbath morning at 9:50. The subject of the morning lesson is "What the Bible Teaches About Giving." Remember next Sabbath is the day that Dr. Headland will be with us to give two of his great lectures. The Sunday School orchestra will play for Sunday School next Sunday. The pastor will close the evangelical services at Pittsfield on Friday evening and return home Saturday morning.
- December 8, 1921. Session Records. The Session recommended to the Board of Trustees that the choir platform be enlarged and that J.W. Middleton and F.B. Reynolds represent the Session in planning and doing the work and that the work be done at once. A committee of two, C.L. Mead and J.C. McLean, recommended that Floyd Middleton be chief ushers with E.H. Blair assistant usher.
The following young men are active ushers:
Donald Eastman
Lynfred Campbell
Glenn Middleton
Earl Humes
Albert Olds
Steadman Bennett
David Middleton
Ernest Carlburg
Dallas Smiley, Jr.
- Monday, December 19, 1921- On Friday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock, the Presbyterian Sunday School will render a cantata, "A Christmas Secret." Much interest has been taken by the teachers and children in arranging the program and all are invited to attend.

1922

- February 12, 1922. Session Records. Session met at 9:00 o'clock p.m. after the service. Moderator A.S. Wilson called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Elders present were: J.L. Mulkie, F. Shreve, J.C. McClean, T. Kameron. The following baptized children came before the Session and having made a satisfactory profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ were received to full membership of the church:
Marjory Eldred
Clifford Carlburg
Martha Chapman
John Marvin Cooper
Marshall E. Moore
Elaine Chapman
Howard Carlburg
Rebecca Mulkie
Harold Hadlock

Frances Paulene Lockwood, Tralin Micheal and Marjory Micheal were baptized at Sabbath morning service.

- Thursday, March 2, 1922. At the Sunday evening service at 7:30, there will be a duet by the pulpit and pipe organ. Dr. Steele of the Moral Welfare Board of the Presbyterian Church will lecture in our church on April 4th.
- April 3, 1922-The Session Records. The congregation entered a discussion on the building of a new Sabbath School room and by a unanimous vote it was decided to build as soon as possible. The Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee of five men to investigate the availability of a building and submit rough drawings as well as the probable cost. The Trustees were instructed to investigate the need of new hymnals for the church. The pastor's salary was increased from \$1,800 to \$2,000.
- Thursday, April 27, 1922. Miss Adelia Sterrett will address the congregation at the morning service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 11, 1922. The Mothers and Daughters Banquet was a decided success and 99 women and girls were present. Music was furnished by the Sunday School Orchestra. The supper was served by the Young Men's Bible Class. The boys know how to deliver the goods. Miss Nutting and Miss Sterrett were present and made addresses. Mrs. Lynn Gates acted as toastmaster. Marion Dillon proposed a toast to the mothers and Mrs. J.C. McLean to the daughters.

1923

- Thursday, February 1, 1923. The Father and Son Banquet held at Gray Chapel at the Presbyterian Church last evening was a great success. It was attended by a large company of men and boys. The ladies served the banquet and the meal was excellent. Bartholme's Orchestra of 11 pieces played during the evening and the audience, under the leadership of Miss Gertrude Dillon, sang appropriate songs. Reverend Wilson acted as toastmaster and Professor Ernest Hadlock gave a fine address to the boys which was greatly appreciated.
- Monday, February 5, 1923. The Young People's Bible study will be conducted in Gray Chapel of the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, February 6, 1923 at 7:30. The class is making an extensive study of the book of Genesis.
- April 23, 1923. The Presbyterian Church Orchestra will meet for practice Thursday at the home of Mrs. Ernest Carlburg. Every member out.
- Thursday, May 3, 1923. This is three sixteen night at prayer meeting. Find a book in the Bible with a soul message in the third chapter and sixteenth verse. There are several besides John.
- Thursday, May 10, 1923. On next Sabbath, the Reverend Frank Woodward will peak at both services and will conduct a conference during the Christian Endeavor hour. Mr. Woodward has been a warm friend of the pastors since seminary days. He has been a missionary for a number of years in the Philippine Islands. He is a forceful speaker and an earnest worker for God.

1924

- Thursday, April 17, 1924. At the morning services last Sunday, the congregation of the Presbyterian Church decided to build an addition to the present edifice to accommodate

the Sunday School. This building will replace the present chapel undoubtedly, and will fill a long-felt need in that department. At present, one class meets in the chapel, one in the balcony, the primary in Gray Chapel, and the remainder of the school in the body of the church where each class bothers the other. It is felt that if the church provided better accommodations, the school would increase in size. The possibility of remodeling the chapel has been given up as the cost would be in excess of the value derived. The possibility of creating a special building in the rear is the most feasible, the cost to be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. A committee of three men was appointed at the last annual meeting. Following a special sermon by Reverend A.S. Wilson, Mr. R.B. Mulkie took charge of the meeting Sunday. A discussion of the plan followed and E.R. Gates moved that the committee be increased by the addition of the names of three women and these six be given power to serve the best plans possible and return to the congregation as soon as possible that the building might get underway this year. This motion was seconded by Dr. C.L. Mead and unanimously accepted. The congregation is waiting with interest for the report.

- Thursday April 17, 1924. Miss Sadie Hipple and Mrs. A.S. Wilson will play an organ and piano prelude "Meditation De Thais" by J. Nassenat. Miss Rachel Clough will sing the soprano solo from "The Seven Last Words of Christ" and there will be special Easter music by the choir. At the service last week on Palm Sunday, Mr. Harold Kale sang a very beautiful solo "Palm Branches" which was greatly enjoyed.
- Thursday June 5, 1924. Mrs. R.B. Nason and Miss Sarah Wilson are delegates to the county Sabbath School Convention at Edinboro this week.
- September 15, 1924. The Session Records. The Session met in Gray Chapel after prayer meeting and Reverend A.S. Wilson called the meeting to order and opened with prayer. Elders present were Mead, Mulkie, Shreve, and Humphrey. After some talk, it was thought best to have October 5 a rally day, not only for the sabbath school but for the church. As this day was our regular communion sabbath, it was decided to have communion cards printed and distributed by the Session. E.R. Gates, Clerk
- Thursday December 4, 1924. There will be a Chinese Social in Gray Chapel Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Chinese games will be played until 8:00 o'clock when 128 pictures, all views of China, will be shown. The pictures are here now.

1925

- Monday, March 2, 1925. The auditorium of the Union City Presbyterian Church will be closed for the coming two weeks until re-decorations and remodeling is completed. The work is under the direction of Dallas McClintock and a corps of experienced decorators. Until the decorations are finished, all meetings of the church will be held in Gray Chapel in the rear of the auditorium.

Last night's union meeting closed the church proper for the fortnight. Opening the church body just before Easter Sunday will start the local congregation off on a new year with a clean church, an attractive interior for a bigger and better year than any before.

Worshippers are asked to not change their place of worship because of inconveniences

during the fortnight, as true religion can stand many little discouragements without desertion.

- Monday, March 30, 1925. There was a falling off in the attendance of the Union service in the Baptist Church last evening, there being present 387.

Reverend C.S. Joshua made the announcements and Reverend Robertson read the scripture lesson and led in prayer. Mr. E.R. Gages gave a five-minute talk for the laymen and Reverend A.S. Wilson delivered the message of the evening on the subject, "Dangerous Love." He held the close attention of his audience throughout.

The choir of the Presbyterian Church rendered the anthem, which was appropriate for the occasion and Bartholme's orchestra gave a sacred concert and assisted in the congregational singing.

The last union service will be held in the Baptist Church next Sunday evening and Reverend C.S. Joshua will deliver the message. Bartholme's Orchestra will be present.

- Thursday, April 2, 1925. Presbyterian morning worship at 11:30. The main auditorium will be ready for use. We have now one of the most beautiful places in which to worship God to be found in this end of Erie County. The organ has been tuned this week. Come out on the Sabbath and let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

- Monday April 6, 1925. The Annual Congregational meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held last Monday evening and the reports from all committees and societies were read and approved and showed the church to be in excellent financial standing, with balances in each department.

Mr. F.J. Shreve, Barrie Wilson, and E.R. Gates were elected Elders for a term of three years. Robert H. Glenn was elected an Elder to fill the unexpired term of Frank B. Reynolds, who died on November 13, 1924.

Mr. Roy B. Mulkie and Ben L. Hess were elected Trustees to succeed themselves for a term of three years by a unanimous vote of the congregation.

- April 12, 1925 – The Session Records, Annual Report of the church to the Presbytery
Elders – 10
Exam-28
Certificates -7
Dismissals-3
Deceased-4
Net Total of Communicants-370
Baptized on Commission-9
Sabbath Enrollment- 177

- Monday May 18, 1925. Nearly seventy guests and members of the Presbyterian Church Choir were seated with the Elders and Trustees of the church at a delightful banquet tendered by the musical talent of the church in appreciation of their excellent work during the past year and especially Easter time, under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Gates. A committee of the Ladies' Aid under the direction of Mrs. Frederick Reidell served the

fish banquet. Mr. E.R. Gates appointed Frank Smiley to assist him as toastmaster and the evening of fun could not be surpassed by any two men.

Solos were enjoyed from Dr. L.A. Weitzel and Mr. Ray Gates. A mixed quartet of Harold Kale, Miss Myrtle Fahlman, Mrs. LaVern Clough, and Dallas McClintock sang. Toasts, speeches, and remarks were offered by a number of people. But all appreciated Mrs. Lynn Gates and the efforts put forth by her and the talent which has constantly added beautiful music selections to the church services.

- Monday, July 6, 1925. The union services of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Baptist Churches were held at the Baptist Church on last evening and were largely attended. The sermon of the evening was delivered by Reverend A.S. Wilson of the Presbyterian Church and the Baptist choir furnished excellent music. On next Sunday evening the Union meeting will be held in the Methodist Church with a sermon by Reverend Clifford S. Joshua of the Baptist Church.
- Thursday August 20, 1925. The choir of the Presbyterian Church will not meet again for practice until September 3rd. Mr. Charles Bartholme will render one of his very pleasing solos at the Sunday morning service.
- Thursday August 27, 1925. The last sermon to be delivered by a visiting pastor during the month of August while Reverend A.S. Wilson is enjoying his vacation, will be given by Reverend Margaret Joshua on Sunday morning in the local Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Joshua has always been well received in the local pulpit and will without a doubt will bring a very interesting and inspiring message.

A musical feature of the morning will be a pipe organ solo by William Toner who has been rendering the musical selections during the month, as Mrs. Wilson is also enjoying a vacation with her family. A special selection of religious work will be played.

1926

- Monday January 4, 1926. The choir of the Presbyterian Church appeared during the Christmas season in new robes. This is the first time in the memory of the present members that robes have ever been worn by a local Presbyterian church choir. The robes were purchased by the Ladies' Aid of the Church who are so faithful in their support of the local organization.
- Thursday January 7, 1926. "Songs in the Night," the subject of the message for Sabbath night at 7:30. A set of 57 slides will be shown. The service will be unlike any we have ever had. We shall listen to the message as we watch the slides, but the discourse is not about the pictures. The pictures make the sermon more impressive.
- April, 1926. The Easter cantata "Victory" was presented by the Presbyterian Church Choir of 28 voices under the direction of Mrs. Lynn Gates, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mrs. A.S. Wilson, the accompanist, gave splendid service at the people organ and the large congregation in attendance was thoroughly pleased and edified.
- Thursday April 22, 1926. Clement Lodge No. 220, Vera Rebekah Lodge No. 165, Daughters of Rebekah, and Ninevah Encampment No. 1248, I.O.O.F. are to attend divine

services at the Presbyterian Church on next Sunday evening in a body. It is the 170th anniversary of the establishment of the order in America. Reverend A.S. Wilson will deliver the anniversary sermon and the church choir will furnish special music for the occasion.

- Thursday May 13, 1926. It is not generally known that Miss Tucker, one of our high school teachers, is a splendid renderer. Sunday evening, she will give a "Good Cheer" reading with a pipe organ accompaniment at the Presbyterian Church. Reverend A.S. Wilson will preach a symphonic sermon, entitled "Serenading your Soul." This will be the second discourse of this type the pastor has ever preached.
- May 16, 1926. The Session Records. The Session and Trustees met after the morning service for the purpose of electing twelve members of the church congregation to act as a welfare committee. The following people were elected:

E.H. Blair

Robert Shreve

Mrs. George Miller

Mrs. Rulaf Young

Harry Chafmone

Lynn Gates

Mrs. Frank Eastman

Mrs. Dr. Mitchell

Donald Eastman

Marvin Cooper

Mrs. Charles Eastman

Mrs. C. Bartholme

- July 11, 1926. The Session Records. A special congregational meeting was called after the morning service for the purpose of electing a committee to a special meeting of the Presbytery held at Erie on July 12, 1926. Said commission to ask Presbytery to join with the congregation in asking the Presbytery to join the congregation in granting the resignation of Pastor A.S. Wilson.
- Monday September 27, 1926. The members of the Presbyterian Church extended a unanimous call to Reverend Walter Eaton of LaSalle, Illinois, to become pastor of the church. Reverend Eaton has preached on two different occasions at the local church and will come to this city highly recommended as a sincere Christian and an eloquent pulpit orator, and if he accepts the call, the congregation will be fortunate.
- Monday October 11, 1926. Committee No. 1 of the Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian Church will hold their regular meeting with Mrs. Rulaf Young Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

1927

- Thursday February 17, 1927. Reverend Walter I. Eaton will next Sunday evening deliver the last of a series of seven lectures reviewing Bruce Barton's book, "The Man Nobody

Knows.” The entire series has proven very interesting and instructive and many members hope he will conduct another series of lectures in the near future.

- Thursday May 12, 1927. The Ladies’ Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Frank Smiley, chairman, is preparing for entertaining the church choir on next Wednesday evening May 18, at seven o’clock, dinner to be served in Gray Chapel. Each member of the choir will be entitled to invite a friend and the ladies are planning on a nice program to follow the banquet.
- Thursday May 26, 1927. Reverend Walter Eaton of Union City will deliver the commencement address to the members of the 1927 graduating class of the Corry Hospital Training School for Nurses at the junior high school on Wednesday evening.
- Thursday August 18, 1927. Miss Marjorie Eldred and Miss Martha Chapman attended the annual conference of the Young People’s Societies of Erie Presbytery, held at Meadville last week as representatives of the Union City Presbyterian Church. There were 130 delegates attending and about 95 percent of them have completed this year’s portion of a three-course study. The mornings were given over to the study and the afternoons to recreation. Missionary entertainments and lectures were held in the evenings. The purpose of the conference promoted by the Erie Presbytery is to assist Presbyterian young people from northwestern Pennsylvania in religious education.
- Monday September 26, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rouse and son John Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baribough, and Dr. and Mrs. Mead drove to DuBois Sunday where they visited Reverend and Mrs. A.S. Wilson and family.
- Thursday December 1, 1927. Forty-three members and friends of the John R. Mulkie Bible Class of the Presbyterian Church attended the supper served last evening in Gray Chapel. A splendid orchestra composed of Mrs. B.L. Hess at the piano; Mr. Adolph Bartholme, violin; Mrs. Ed Bartholme, clarinet; Charles Bartholme, cornet; and E.P. Erskine and A.B. Boyd, first and second trombones, furnished excellent music. All were delighted with the supper service by the committee in charge: Mrs. P.J. Laskaris, Mrs. C.H. Eastman, and Mrs. Frank Eastman. Mr. A.B. Boyd is teacher of the class.
- Monday December 5, 1927. Mrs. L.A. Weitzel who has so successfully directed the Presbyterian Church choir for a long time, has resigned her position and Mrs. Gladys Shreve Owen has been elected to succeed her. Mrs. Owen assumed her new duties for the first time yesterday morning.

1928

- Monday April 30, 1928. Mr. Paul D. Mullin; Mr. C.L. Clough; Mr. William B. Fulton; Mr. Julius Johnson; and Mr. Roy B. Mulkie comprise the building committee raised by the Presbyterian Church congregation to arrange for the proceeding with construction of a Parish House in connection with the church located on West High Street. Last week the committee issued a letter to all members who had pledged money for the purpose of erecting said building, announcing that they had finally secured a satisfactory plan of an estimated cost of approximately \$27,000 complete with furnishings. Work will begin in the next few weeks and the committee has called for the first payment of 25 percent on the pledges on or before May 15th so the work can begin in spring and be completed in the summer.

- June 26, 1928. The Session Records. it was moved by Dr. W.J. Humphrey and seconded by J.K. Reidel that the Session approve of the expenditures of \$5,000 additional if necessary for the erection of the Parish House to the \$25,000 already approved on November 7, 1929. The motion is unanimously carried.
Lynn H. Gates, Clerk
- Thursday September 6, 1928. Services will be resumed at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday with morning worship at 11 and evening worship at 7:30. Sunday School will meet at 10 a.m. There will be no meetings of the Boy Scouts until the parish house is ready for use and the date of the first meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society will be announced later.
It is the sincere hope of the pastor and the officers of the church that every member will return to the work and services of the church, not only benefited by the vacation period of rest and change, but also ready and eager to enter actively upon the projects of the new church year.
- September 10, 1928. The Session Records. Moved by A.B. Boyd and seconded by C.L. Mead that a committee from the church be elected to confer with the building committee to arrange for the placing in the new Parish House, suitable tablets, commemorating Gray Chapel and its donors and containing the names of the building committee. Carried. Mr. Lee Wilson and Mrs. Charles Bartholme were chosen to serve on this committee.
Lynn H. Gates, Clerk
- November 19, 1928. The Session Records. A committee consisting of R.H. Glenn and Mrs. Lynn H. Gates was appointed to assist the pastor with the dedication exercises of our Parish House. It was moved and carried that Dr. Smead be asked to deliver the address at the dedication exercises of our Parish House and that all of his expenses be paid.
- December 7, 1928. Next Sunday evening, December 23, the annual White Gift Christmas Vesper Service will be held in the church at 5:00 p.m. This is a service that is beautiful and devotional in nature, yet clearly not elaborate. We are expecting a full house next Sunday afternoon. The Parish House, into which is expected that the furnishings will be moved this week, is to be dedicated January 6th. The week of January 6 to 13th will be Dedication Week. Please be very sure to reserve that week for your church as there will be something in the new Parish House every day and this should be a long-remembered week in the history of the church.
- December 10, 1928. The Session Records. It was moved by Dr. Mead and seconded by Donald Eastman that the name of the main hall in the Parish House be called Gray Auditorium, subject to the approval of the congregation.
Lynn H. Gates, Clerk

1929

- Thursday January 3, 1929. The pastor and his wife acknowledge with grateful and deep appreciation the many greetings that have been sent to them during the holiday season and heartily thank all those who thus remembered them.
- Monday February 25, 1929. Plans have already been completed whereby all of the young people of the Presbyterian Church between 18 and 35 will this evening enjoy an organizational dinner which will be served at the new Parish House at 7 p.m. The plans

are to organize a class of young people that will play a vital part in the church work. It is the hope of the committees in charge that there will be a large attendance of the members of the church who are interested in this great movement

- Monday March 25, 1929. The Young People's Club of the Presbyterian Church had a most enjoyable time at the Parish House on Wednesday, March 20th. A representative number were present. Mr. Paul D. Mullin was present and showed two moving picture scenes, one a "Hunting Picture," and one "Our Gang." After playing games, ping pong, quoits, and an old-fashioned spelling bee won by Eva Cochran, the committee served ice cream, cake, and coffee. The net party will be April 10th.
- Thursday April 8, 1929. At the recent Erie Presbytery meeting, the pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, Reverend Walter I. Eaton, was given much credit by the committee on resolutions for the perfect arrangements made for the meetings. The church officers were also praised for completion of the handsome new Parish House and ladies and families who entertained the delegates in such a royal manner were given the heartiest thanks.
- Monday July 29, 1929. The Presbyterian Church of Union City is giving a picnic for its members and friends on Wednesday, July 3, at Camp Macresan, Lake Canadohta. Games and contests of many kinds for all ages have been arranged and purses will be awarded to all winners.
- Thursday September 12, 1929. The churches of the city will be hosts next Tuesday evening the Parish House of the Presbyterian Church to the teachers of the city schools and their wives. Many teachers are working for the interests of the young people and this effort on the part of the churches is made to get acquainted.
- Monday September 30, 1929. The members of the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class at the Presbyterian Church at their meeting yesterday morning elected officers.

President – E.R. Gates

Vice-President-J.C. McLean

Secretary and treasurer- B.L. Hess

- Monday October 28, 1929. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will have as their guests Wednesday members of the choir and husbands and wives. Dinner will be served at 7:00 o'clock and the evening will be given over to an entertainment arranged by the ladies.
- December 9, 1929. The Session Records. Mr. Joe Briggs and Miss Eva Cochran, representatives of the Young People's Club, appeared before the Session and asked for permission to have dancing at the monthly social meetings. After the matter was discussed at some length, it was moved by Dr. C.L. Mead and seconded by Donald Eastman that we give the Young People's Club permission to have dancing at their Christmas party this year under proper supervision. Carried.
- December 15, 1929. The Session Records. Moved by J.C. McLean and seconded by J. Shreve, that we rescind the action taken at the meeting of December 9, 1929, regarding dancing at the Young People's Club Christmas party. Carried. Moved by J.C. McLean and seconded by E.R. Gates that the vote be unanimous.

Lynn H. Gates, Clerk

- Thursday, December 19, 1929. On Sunday morning, December 22nd at the Presbyterian Church, the choir will sing a Christmas anthem from the cantata "The King Cometh." Mrs. Donald Eastman and Mrs. Leon Weitzel will be soloists. There will be a duet

“Come Only Salvation,” by H.W. Petree, rendered by Mrs. LaVerne Clough and Mrs. Leon Weitzel. In the afternoon at 5 o’clock the choir will sing “The Star of Bethlehem” cantata. Mrs. Lynn H. Gates is choir director and Mrs. Marvin Cooper, organist.

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- Monday February 3, 1930. Radio has not yet done more for the uplift of humanity than the pulpit, a debate featuring the January dinner of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, decided Friday night with Arthur Bennett, Frank Smiley, and Robert Shreve, supporting the pulpit. The affirmative which sought to prove that broadcasting is having a greater effect on the home than the church was represented by E.R. Gates, Adam Boyd and J.C. McLean. Judges were Dr. A. J. Sherwood, Frank Eastman, and Marvin Cooper, and their decision for the negative was unanimous. The dinner which preceded the debate was arranged by E.H. Blair and his committee and was voted one of the best of the winter meetings.
- Thursday May 1, 1930. Mrs. J.D. Westcott has presented to the Presbyterian Church a new, outdoor, electrically lighted bulletin board which will soon be displayed in the front of the church on West High Street. The church appreciates this gift of Mrs. Westcott which will be very useful.
- Monday August 11, 1930. Tomorrow afternoon the ladies of the Presbyterian Missionary Society will picnic at Camp Macresan, Canadohta Lake. For transportation, call Mrs. Drank Smiley, Mrs. E.H. Blair, Mrs. Robert Glenn, or Mrs. C.L. Mead. If it rains, the picnic will be in the church.
- September 12, 1930. The Session Records. Moved by Shreve and seconded by Middleton that a committee of three be appointed to secure a permanent pianist and that Thursday evening services. Mrs. E.M. Cooper was the one most preferred. Motion carried. Moderator, Reverend Eaton, appointed Elders McLean, Young, and Mead to serve on this committee.
- Thursday September 18, 1930. The members of the Presbyterian choir were entertained at Elton Blair’s cottage at Canadohta Lake last evening. The main of the evening was spent at a marshmallow roast. Everyone reported an excellent time.
- Thursday October 2, 1930. Rally Day will be observed at the Presbyterian Church all day next Sunday. Instead of the usual lesson study, there will be a special program during the church school hour, including promotion exercises. The Lord’s Supper will be celebrated at the morning service, and there will be special music at both the morning and evening service.
- Monday October 6, 1930. The newly elected officers of the Men’s Fellowship Class of the Presbyterian Church at their Sunday meeting resulted as follows:
Teacher.... Reverend Walter I. Eaton
President.... J.C. McLean
Vice Present.... Frank Eastman
Secretary and Treasurer.... Professor A.C. Huntley
- Monday October 13, 1930. There will be a party in the Presbyterian Parish House Wednesday evening from 7 to 9. All the boys and girls of junior to intermediate ages are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and everyone who attends is assured of having a good time.

The Ladies of Group No. 1 of the Presbyterian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Reynolds on Fourth Avenue Wednesday afternoon.

- Thursday November 6, 1930. At the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church calendar for Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Parish House, Mrs. J. C. McLean will have charge of the devotions. Mrs. Charles Payne will have charge of the study book. Mrs. Marvin Cooper will do the magazine article and Mrs. E.P. Erskine, the music. Missionary notes will be given in response to the roll call. The Hostesses will be Mrs. W.B. Fulton; Mrs. Rulaf Young; Mrs. W.I. Eaton; Mrs. Leon Allison; and Mrs. Frank Glenn.
- Thursday November 20, 1930. The Sunday evening service will be in charge of the Pioneer Club, composed of boys and girls from 9-15 years of age. They will sing missionary hymns and will present a short missionary play. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Presbyterian Pastors



Reverend Walter Irving Eaton

Thursday, September 12, 1929. At a meeting of the Corry-Union City Ministerial Association held in the Presbyterian Parish House. Reverend Walter Irving Eaton, pastor, of the Presbyterian Church of Union City, was elected President of the Association.

Reverend Edgar Mason Smead

Monday, July 25, 1927. In a private letter to Mr. J.C. McLean Reverend Edgar Mason Smead, pastor of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Buffalo says, "I suppose you have heard of the delightful surprise I had last Sunday when 19 Union City young men called into my church for the morning service. Nothing has done me so much good in years. It is a constant inspiration to one to know the friendship that goes with us down through the years. I am very happy in buffalo, but Union City is a green spot in the memories of other pastorates."

Reverend A.S. Wilson

March 20, 1924. The Reverend N.B. Wilson, of Barnesboro, Pa., a brother of Reverend A.S. Wilson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city, is conducting a series of meetings in the local church for the purpose of instilling a new religious life into the members of this institution.

The meetings are being largely attended. An excellent choir of voices have at times furnished inspiring music and are present each night to lead the worshippers in their prayers and devotions.

Thursday August 28, 1924. Reverend A.S. Wilson will return to the city for regular services of the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, August 31st. The entire Sunday services will be observed, beginning with Sunday School at 10:30, church services at 11:30.

Monday June 21, 1926. With positively no intimation on the part of any officer or members, possibly no church organization in the United States was ever more surprised than was the Union City Presbyterian congregation yesterday morning. At the close of his sermon and just before the benediction, Reverend A.S. Wilson said he had a request to make and, in a few words, requested that the Erie Presbytery be petitioned to dissolve his relations as pastor of the Union City church. Reverend Wilson came to the Union City Church from North Girard five years ago last April and nothing but the most pleasant relations ever existed between the pastor and his people. His work here has attracted the attention of several churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio. A committee from the Presbyterian Church at Du Bois, Pa. visited him and he was invited to preach for them. An exchange of pulpits was made and on Sunday June 6, he preached for the DuBois people morning and evening. Shortly afterwards, the DuBois congregation held a meeting and extended a call to him to become their pastor. He will accept, providing the Erie Presbytery will grant his request. Union City and the Presbyterian congregation will miss him, but congratulate him on his call to a larger church and wish him well.

Monday July 12, 1926. The congregation of the Presbyterian Church will honor Reverend and Mrs. A.S. Wilson with their family Thursday evening after prayer meeting with a reception. He will occupy his pulpit here for another week. Every church member is invited as well as the pastors and members of other churches.

Monday November 15, 1926. A reception for Reverend and Mrs. Walter I. Eaton was held at Gray Chapel Tuesday evening. A large crowd gathered to meet the new pastor of the Presbyterian Church and his wife, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. A program

was put on as follows:

Soprano Solo- Miss Rachel Clough

Soprano Solo-Miss Harriett Humphrey

Cornet Solo-Charles Bartholme

Vocal Trio- Mrs. Mulkie, Mrs. Gates, and Mrs. Blair

Mr. Roy B. Mulkie acted as toastmaster for the evening and called on Reverend Joshua, Professor G. Morgan Davis, and Reverend Eaton who gave short talks after which ice cream, cake, and coffee were served by the Ladies' Aid of the church. The reception was attended by many members of other denominations of the city.

Presbyterian Profiles



Mrs. Clara Young Dies

Thursday November 13, 1924. Mrs. Clara Young Succumbs at Hamot Hospital This Morning Following Serious Surgical Operation

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Clara E. Young, wife of Mr. Arthur F. Young, prominent businessman and one-time mayor of this city, were grieved to

learn of her death at Hamot Hospital in Erie early this morning following an operation which she underwent yesterday.

Mrs. Young was born October 5, 1870, having passed the greater part of her life in this city. Funeral services will be held privately from the family home on West High Street Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Clifford Pattison and Miss Mary E. Davis Wed

Monday January 11, 1926. A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian parsonage at 5 o'clock on December 30, 1925. Clifford R. Pattison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pattison, and Miss Mary E. Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, were married.

The bride wore a blue satin dress and the groom a gray suit. Their many friends wish them a happy voyage through life. They are at home on Prospect Street where they will be pleased to see their friends.

Presbyterian "Army" Class

Thursday February 24, 1927. At the Presbyterian Church of Union City there is a Sunday School class of boys known as "The Army Class." It seems to get its name through a contest arranged a few months ago by Mr. Julius Johnson, the teacher. The contest has just been completed. The purpose of the contest was to build up the attendance and with a view of maintaining interested of very member, which has been accomplished.

The contest began last October, each boy being entered as a private. By attending three consecutive Sundays, a boy was promoted to Second Lieutenant and by coming three more Sundays he was promoted again. A boy who brought in a new regular member received a promotion equivalent to the attendance record of three Sundays and so on until he became a General.

In this way, the boys were encouraged to bring in new class members and receive the corresponding promotions. But Mr. Johnson made a rule that the boys couldn't come from any other Sunday school in town. The purpose was to bring in boys not going to any other church. To stimulate interest in the contest, Mr. Johnson offered prizes amounting to \$25 in gold. The first prize of \$10 was to be awarded to the boy who would attain the rank of general first. The second prize of \$5 would go to the boy who became general second, and four additional prizes of \$2.50 each to those following.

On Monday evening, February 1st, at a very enjoyable party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson at number 11 Miles Street, the prizes were awarded. Joseph Watson won first prize, a \$10.00 gold piece. Joseph Erskine won second prize a \$5.00 gold piece. Third, fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes at \$2.50 gold pieces went to Harold Stverling, Arthur Blair, Frederick Rothe, and Fred Bauer. Seventh and eighth prizes, a fountain pen to each, went to George Volgstadt and Fred Brooks.

When this contest began there were seven boys enrolled in the class and only a few of these were active. The total membership of the class is now 22. All of these are active and rarely absent. At no time have there been more than two or three boys absent and then only because of illness or severe weather conditions.

James Watson, the winner of the first prize, had never attended any Sunday school previous to the time he came into the Army Class. He has been present every Sunday since he was enrolled and took a great interest in the work. He has also made it a point to call at the homes of several boys every Sunday morning to make sure that they would be present at Sunday school, especially those who had joined the class through his invitation. Every boy present was highly pleased that James Watson won first prize knowing that he was putting forth every effort to earn this prize. James is one of a large family of a widowed mother whose circumstances are such that winning this prize was appreciated.

The boys receiving prizes were called upon to make a speech and many interesting expressions were learned of how the prize money was to be used. The finest talk was made by James Erskine, winner of the second prize. He stated that while he would have lied very much to win the first prize, he was particularly glad that James Watson won it, as he had not only deserved it but

needed it more than he did. James Erskine also thanked the boys who made it possible for him to win second prize.

After the speeches and numerous interesting games, Mrs. Johnson served refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cocoa, cake, and cookies. It was nearly eleven o'clock, but the boys were still having a lot of fun and showed no inclination to break up the party. The host and hostess appreciated this, but finally broke it up for the sake of any parents being unduly concerned. The boys left somewhat reluctantly.

Superintendent Elton Blair assisted very much in the discipline as well as the entertainment of the boys and Miss Lora Gates assisted the hostess in supplying the wants of the inner man. Everyone had a wonderful time and all are now looking forward to another social event that will bring these happy smiling faces together again.

James Thompson Dies

Thursday, September 22, 1927. James Thompson died at the home of his son, Harley S. Thompson, about two o'clock last Tuesday morning, following an illness of long duration. He was almost totally blind during the last two years and was nearly 90 when he died. He was the son of Andrew and Sarah Smith Thompson, born in Union Township on January 1, 1838. His great grandfather, Andrew Thompson, of Scotch-Irish descent, located in the colonies in the early days of the United States.

James stayed on the family farm until he was 24 and then he came to Union Mills and took a job in the hardware store of John Landsrath. On May 18, 1865, he married Miss Josephine Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith, a member of another pioneer family in Wattsburg. They had two sons, Harley S. Thompson, and J. Bert Thompson who died on August 5, 1894. After Mrs. Thompson died on December 18, 1912, James made his home with his son Harley.

In 1869, James Thompson formed a partnership with R.B. Wilkins and they purchased the drug store of N.T. Humes. Two years later, he purchased Mr. Wilkin's interest and continued the business alone until about 1896, when he took his son Harley as a partner. The business continued under the firm name of J.S. Thompson and Son until 1906, when the store was sold to William Gates. Then Mr. Thompson retired from active business life.

Early in life, James joined the Presbyterian Church and continued to be an active member until the last year or so when he was incapacitated because of illness and loss of sight. He served for many years as a trustee, secretary, and ruling elder of the church and gave liberally of his money in the upkeep of the church. His pastor, Reverend W. I. Easton, conducted private funeral services at his home on South Street. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery beside his beloved wife and son.

New Parish House Dedicated Sunday, January 6, 1929

Monday, January 7, 1929. Dedication ceremonies for the new Parish House of the Presbyterian Church of Union City were held Sunday afternoon, January 6 at five o'clock.

The large crowd gathered for the ceremonies heard an introductory prelude played by the instrumental trio of Mrs. Marvin Cooper, Jr.; Mr. Ray Cooper; and Mrs. Charles Bartholme. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Lynn H. Gates sang "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings."

Reverend Charles A. Highfield, Presbyterian superintendent, read the scripture lesson and Reverend Walter Irving Eaton, pastor of the church, conducted the service of dedication.

Reverend Joseph Marion Ross, delivered the dedicatory sermon.

The new house presented a very attractive appearance with every room most beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, and flowers.

The new annex is about 55 x 60 feet with the main entrance on Second Avenue. It has a second floor that provides a dozen or more small Sunday school rooms, kitchen, auditorium, primary department, pastor's study. Entering from Second Avenue, a short hall leads directly in the auditorium. Directly across the chapel and facing the entrance is the stage which is the largest in the city and has the latest lighting arrangements. On either side of the stage are small dressing rooms, one of which can be used as a Sunday school class room. The other provides an exit to West High Street along the west side of the church. Large double doors connect the new chapel with the old church auditorium.

The seating arrangements for the chapel have been worked out by the use of a special type of folding chair which is far more comfortable than might be supposed. These chairs in fours and in single chairs may be folded and stored under the stage when not wanted, or even volley ball or basketball games are under way. About 360 people can be seated in the chapel.

Two Union City Missionaries

China in the 1930s was a distant and dangerous place. It certainly was worlds away from Union city, but Geneva Hubbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbell of Union City and Reverend Ernest Carlburg, son of Reverend and Mrs. Herbert Carlburg, both left their homes in Union City for the mission field in China, Geneva in 1930 and Ernest in 1931.

Ernest was a member of the Union City Presbyterian Church and Geneva of the Baptist Church. After they received their missionary training, Ernest served at the Overlea Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, and Geneva assisted. They went their separate ways to China.

Once in China, they continued their friendship and on January 25, 1933, they were married at Tsinchow. Their wedding ceremony took place at the Ladies House under an arch of evergreen borrowed from the nearby temple grounds by Brother Mac Philips "at a great risk." Reverend Reuben Gustaffson, a Moody Bible Institute classmate of the groom's, performed the ceremony.

After their marriage, the Carlburgs lived in Siho, Kansu, and were caught up in the turmoil of the China of the 1930s. In May 1935, Reverend Carlburg wrote a letter to Mrs. Francis F. McClintock treasurer of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society in Union City. In his letter he said that for many months foreigners in China had feared that the "Reds" or Communists would decide to try to make connections with others of like mind in the country northwest of Kansu and eventually with Russia. The Reds had recently advanced to the border, strongly entrenched themselves there, but hadn't succeeded in entering Kansu.

The Reds continued to advance northward and on Sunday evening a special messenger came to the Carlberg house. The China Inland Mission instructed them to leave Siho at once. They left on Tuesday morning, taking what they could carry on a mule, and began their journey to Lanchow. What should have been a ten or eleven-day trip took them fourteen days because of the traveling conditions and the bandits. They rested one day in Kongchang with missionary friends and then continued to travel toward Tinghsu. On the morning of the second day just as they had departed, they were overtaken by a band of eighty deserting soldiers who had turned bandits. These bandits took Ernest's horse, wedding ring, about \$12 in cash and a flashlight.

The Carlburgs felt the loss of the horse keenly because they loved him as well as appreciated his services. But Ernest counted their blessings. He wrote, "We were very fortunate all in all, for Geneva and the baby were not disturbed and our mule load and bedding was not even disturbed."

Luckily for the Carlbugs, the bandits untied the saddle bags of bedding on the horse and threw them off because they considered bedding too troublesome a burden to take along. Ernest said that often individuals and parties were stripped of warm clothing and bedding by such bands, so they were "fortunate in the Lord's care and blessing."

This experience delayed them three days, but they finally reached Lanchow on Friday, March 8, 1935. There, they were warmly welcomed by friends and settled in for a stay of at least six weeks. When they could return home depended on the military conditions in the Province. As far as they knew, all of the mission workers had been removed from immediate danger. Ernest remarked, "We are particularly grateful for this after knowing of the murder already this year of two couples, the Stams and Frenchams by these Reds."

The Carlburgs served in China throughout the 1930s and 1940s. In April 1941, they were placed in charge of the city mission at Lanchow, China, and in July witnessed some of the Japanese bombings of the city. By 1946, they were back in Shanghai where Ernest helped with the financial department of the mission and Geneva taught in the school. In 1947, the Carlburgs were in Union City visiting friends. They returned from eight years of work in China with the China Inland Mission and the United States government. Then in the 1950s and 1960s, the Carlburgs served as missionaries in Taiwan and operated a home for the children of their mission in Wheaton, Illinois. They visited their aunt, Mrs. Ruth Carlburg of Union City in August 1963 before they left again for a four-year term of work in Taiwan.

Chapter Thirteen: 1930-1940



Reverend Walter I. Eaton – 1926-1939

Reverend Raymond A. Pitzer- 1939-1947

April 24, 1931, saw Reverend Eaton speaking to the Corry High School student body about clean athletics and clean scholarship. He assured them that successful men in politics, in business, and in all walks of life speak clean and practice clean scholarship. He talked about Knute Rockne as being popular because of the type of athletics he coached and cleanliness upheld in his work among his students and players.

The Corry Hi-Y Club conducted a F Cs campaign for two weeks and Reverend Eaton spoke in conjunction with the campaign. The Four Cs stood for Clean speech, Clean living, Clean athletics, and Clean scholarship. The club distributed 4C pins to the students of the high school who promised to try to live and grow along these lines.

In March 1933, Reverend Eaton addressed the annual congregational meeting and gave a very interesting account of the church's spiritual condition, membership, attendance, etc. The present membership of the church is 294, including 9 new members admitted by letter and 9 by confession of faith during the past year. The activities of the Sunday evening young people's club were outlined with much enthusiasm being shown by this organization.

Presbyterian Participation



- Thursday April 23, 1931. Union City Marble Tournament which was fought to a close last Saturday afternoon at the Old Brick School grounds following the contest between the contestants of the four schools was won by Stanley Eaton, third grade.
- Monday May 25, 1931. Memorial Sunday services for the veterans of the Civil War, other veterans' organizations, and several women's auxiliaries connected with the veteran's society were well attended by a representative audience of all the organizations Sunday morning. Services were held at the Presbyterian Church and in charge of Reverend Walter I.

Eaton, pastor. These services ushered in the Decoration Day events for this week which

will be observed next Saturday with the customary program at the Legion Monument on First Avenue and at both cemeteries.

- June 8, 1931. Session Records. It was moved and seconded by Donald Eastman that Mr. A.F. Young be authorized to secure a key for the cupboard in the kitchen one for Mrs. Wheelock the janitor and one for the clerk of the session. The motion was carried.
- Thursday July 9, 1931. The program arranged for the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society to be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Gray Auditorium will be most interesting and every member should attend. Mrs. Mary Chapin will have charge of the devotions. Papers will be presented by Mrs. Marvin Cooper on "Seth Parker, Miss Frank Smiley will present a paper on "Nobody Is Interested in Religion," and Mrs. W.I. Eaton on "Pittsburgh's Biennial Meeting." Mrs. Lynn Gates will have charge of the music. The hostesses will be Mrs. Robert Glenn, Mrs. Mary Chapin, Mrs. Floyd Middleton and Mrs. R.B. Nason.
- July 13, 1931. The Sessions Records. Mr. A.F. Young reported on the keys for the cupboard, stating that one of the ladies holding keys stated that there was not any reason for a new key, that if they wanted keys they would give up their keys. Mr. Young was instructed to proceed as moved.
- Thursday September 10, 1931. The members of the Presbyterian Church again united with the Baptist Congregation in the morning worship service last Sunday. Miss James, guest soloist, beautifully sang the offertory solo, "Repent Ye." In a short talk, Reverend Ernest Carlburg expressed his appreciation for the privilege of addressing the audience of former friends and again visiting in his home town before leaving for the field of labor for the Master in China. Mr. Carlburg has spent the summer months at Philadelphia under the director of the China Inland Mission where he was ordained into the ministry and he has studied the language and customs of the Chinese people. He also has made other necessary preparations for the work. He with several other missionaries will leave for China October 1st. A host of friends in Union City wish him God Speed.
- September 14, 1931. The Session Records. The Committee on New Keys for the Cupboard, Mr. A.F. Young, reported that no action had been taken as some of the ladies stated that there was no need for new keys in as much as the Communion Service and elements are always available there was not any need for new keys.
- October 5, 1931. Joint meeting of the Trustees and Session. Resolved: that Reverend Walter I. Eaton be asked to request of the Presbytery to reduce his salary (\$600) six hundred dollars per year, starting October 1, 1931. Carried unanimously.
- Monday, October 26, 1931 Athletic games for the young people of the Presbyterian Church School will be held Tuesday evening from 7:30 until 9:00 in the Parish House.
- Monday, November 2, 1931. Presbyterian attendance at church Sunday was:
Morning Service....100
Sunday School.....94
Young People's Society....26
Union Services in the Evening....170
- November 9, 1931. The Session Records. Moved by C.L. Clough and seconded by E.R. Gates that the president of the trustees, the clerk of the session, and Reverend Walter I. Eaton be a committee to amend Reverend Walter I. Eaton's contract to read \$2,400- twenty-four-hundred dollars per year salary, starting October 1, 1932.

- January 4, 1932. The Session Records. Moved by A.F. Young and seconded by F.J. Kameron that the Session purchase 100 copies of Fellowship Prayer booklets to be distributed among the membership of the church.
There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Sunday evening services. It was the prevailing opinion of the board that view of the low attendances of the last few Sunday nights that the pastor should announce next Sunday morning January 10, that the evening services would be held during the remaining Sundays in January as usual. If the attendance warranted, the services would be continued, but if not, the Session might recommend that the service be discontinued.
- Monday, January 25, 1932. The regular monthly supper and entertainment of the Presbyterian Brotherhood will be held in Gray Auditorium next Friday evening, January 29 at 6:30 o'clock. The Supper Committee is preparing to serve a good meal and the Entertainment Committee has secured the services of A.G. Buller, former superintendent of the Union City Fish Hatchery and now in charge of the Corry Hatchery, to tell of the propagation and habits of the fish family. His many years of experience in the industry will make this talk most interesting and profitable.

John C. Jenkins, the Brotherhood president, will be pleased to meet and greet every member of the Club and adult men of the church congregation.

- Thursday, January 28, 1932. Adam B. Boyd was the guest of honor at a banquet served at the Presbyterian Parish House Wednesday evening by the John R. Mulkie Sunday Morning Bible Class. This class was organized more than a quarter of a century ago by Mr. Mulkie, who continued as a teacher until his failing health prevented further service. A few years ago, Mr. Boyd was elected to fill the position, which he did with efficiency until failing eyesight caused him to resign a few months ago, and Earl R. Gates as elected teacher.
- February 1, 1932. The Session Records. Moved by A.B. Boyd and seconded by F.J. Shreve that we continue the Sunday evening services and announce that the better attendance during the February and March evening services will indicate whether the church will continue to have evening services or not. The matter will be brought up at the congregational meeting at which time the members will have an opportunity to express their views.
- Thursday February 11, 1932. The members of the Presbyterian choir with their families or friends enjoyed a Valentine party at the Parish House. Tuesday evening. A delicious picnic supper was served at 6:30 o'clock followed by a social evening with games and exchange of Valentines. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. L.A. Weitzel; Reverend and Mrs. W.I. Eaton; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cooper, Jr.; Miss Rebecca Mulkie and friend; Professor and Mrs. J.C. Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Clough; Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Eastman; Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Gates; Mr. and Mrs. D.H. McClintock; Attorney and Mrs. /Francis McClintock; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smiley; Fred Shreve; Joe Briggs; Margaret Glenn; and Lynn Gates, Jr.
- April 4, 1932. The Annual Congregational Meeting. The question of whether to discontinue the Sunday Evening services or not was brought up and discussed at some

length. When it was put to a vote, 18 voted to continue and 30 to discontinue. Next came the reading of a recommendation from a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Session concerning the financial condition of our church which reads in part as follows:

“Inasmuch as most items of the church expenses are fixed and cannot be changed, it leaves very little leeway in the matter of cutting expenses. It is evident that we can no longer continue to employ a minister at the present salary, and it is therefore the opinion of a majority of the members of the two boards that \$1,800 per year with manse, is the limit of salary that can be paid for the coming year.”

After considerable discussion it was moved by E.M. Cooper, Jr., and seconded by F.J. Kamerer the recommendation be adopted as read. Carried. Moved by Jr. R.B. Mulkie and seconded by F.D. Millen that we vote by ballot. Carried. The ballot was prepared and cast with the following results: 52 in favor of the recommendation and two against it.

- Thursday June 30, 1932. The Presbyterian Truth Seekers Class enjoyed a six o'clock picnic supper and social evening at the home of Mrs. Clarence Whelpley, East High Street, Tuesday evening. The occasion honored the birthday of Miss Mary Burger. Each member presented her with a gift both lovely and useful. The following were present: Blanche Finland; Mary Burger; Inez Fowler; Waive Nelson; Mrs. Harry Thomas; Rhea Graces; Blanche Weagraff; Gertrude Whelpley; Mrs. Rowland; Mrs. Carl Nick; Jessie Burger; Mrs. Noel Estes; Katherine Burger; Hallie Chase; Hazel Kerr; Willa Culbertson; Mabel Spohn; and Peggy Kerr.
- Thursday July 28, 1932. There were 125 members of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School who attended the picnic held Wednesday afternoon at Macresan Beach, Canadohta. Everybody there voted it the best ever. Even the weather turned out to be pleasant after the many early showers during the day. Sports and races of sorts were indulged in. Bobby Conway won the water melon eating contest and Mary Prather won the cracker eating contest.
- Monday October 24, 1932. The next meeting of the Truth Seekers Class of the Presbyterian Church will be held Wednesday afternoon, October 25 at 3:00 o'clock at the home of Miss Mary Burger, No. 66 South Street, followed by a picnic supper served at 6:00 o'clock. These ladies have held several sewing parties and have held several sewing parties and have already made and distributed among the needy of Union City the following articles: Six pair of pajamas for children, 11 to 14 years old; six aprons; two pair of sleepers for eight-year olds; 4 slips; 5 pillow cases; two comforters; two sleeping shoes; two night shirts for 13 year olds; and two night gowns for adults. Material for these articles has been furnished the ladies by the National Red Cross Society.
- Monday November 28, 1932. The meeting and supper held by the Presbyterian Young People's Club last evening was well attended and enjoyed very much by those present. There were 63 people present which was a record number, although a few were guests. The meeting before the supper was very interesting and the discussion of the topic, "What We Have to be Thankful for This Year," was a lively one.

- Monday April 3, 1933. The Presbyterian Boys Basketball Club scored a 26-20 victory over the Catholic team of this city Tuesday night. Comstock, Wegman, and Smith led all scorers with 22 points between them.

Presbyterian Team

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FG	F	T
Smith, f.....3.....	4.....	10
Wegman, f....2.....	2.....	6
Gibeon C.....0.....	1.....	1
Comstock, g.....3.....	0.....	6
Biel, g.....1.....	1.....	3

- Thursday May 25, 1933. The regular monthly supper and business meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood will be held tomorrow, Friday evening, at the Parish House on Second Avenue. The guest speaker of the evening will be Reverend Fr. Ring of St. Teresa's Church. The supper will be served by Group Number Four of the Ladies' Aide Society, Mrs. Charles H. Eastman, chairman.
- August 5, 1933. The Session Records. Condition of the church finances reviewed. Will canvas to cover period until April 1934, discussed, with early October tentative date suggested. This was unanimously approved and the Session, therefore, recommended that Trustees arrange canvass of most convenient time.
- Thursday October 19, 1933. Sunday evening, October 22, will be a gala day at the Presbyterian Church when the Young People's Society will host four other clubs. They will be Corry, Titusville, Edinboro, and Erie. About 150 are expected to attend the meeting. The meeting will open at 7 with a song service and then will feature an inspirational service. There will be special music, including a solo by Mrs. Helen Weitzel and a violin solo by Miss Marjorie Steves. Miss June Cook will give the address of the evening. Then there will be an open discussion. After the regular meeting, refreshment will be served.
- Monday December 11, 1933. Committee Number Three of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aide will hold a bake sale including Christmas cakes and cookies at the Laskaris Store Saturday morning December 16 from 10 to 12 o'clock. Mrs. W.B. Fullton, chairman.

1934

- Monday January 29, 1934. Arrangements have been completed for a dinner and social meeting of the members of the Presbyterian Church Choir, their wives, husbands, and invited guests to be held in the Parish House Wednesday evening of this week. The event will be held in honor of their choir leader and organist, Mrs. Donald Eastman and Mrs. E.M Cooper, Jr., who are retiring from further service in these capacities.

- Monday, February 12, 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carlburg are the parents of a son, Herbert, born at Tainchow, Kansu, China.
- Thursday March 15, 1934. Next Sunday March 18 will be Consecration Sunday at the Presbyterian Church and will be observed with a special program at the morning services. A part of this program will be the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It is hope that this will be a day of genuine consecration of service and substance and self on the part of all members of the church. All who belong to the church and its various organizations are requested to make a special effort to be present at this service of communion and consecration next Sunday.
- Thursday March 29, 1934. Reverend W.I. Eaton pastor, will have charge of the services at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning preaching a sermon appropriate to the Eastertide.
John Cooper, director of the choir, has planned extra music. A strong quartet from the high school will assist in the music and other numbers will be given. Miss Martha Chapman will preside at the organ. The Young People's Club will meet at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.
- Thursday April 5, 1934. At the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society held in the Parish House last Monday afternoon, reports from the several groups showed a total of \$817.21 collected during the past twelve months. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Marguerite Wheeler; Secretary, Mrs. Lynn H. Gates; Treasurer, Mrs. J.C. McLean.
- June 3, 1934. The Session Records, It was agreed that Dr. Mead had the ushering situation working very well. Dr. Mead announced that Mr. C.L. Clough and Mrs. C.H. Mullen were selected to act as welcoming committee during June. Plans were announced by Reverend Eaton for uniting with the Baptist congregation during the vacation period.
- September 1, 1934. Session Records. The problem of youth and the church was discussed at great length. The Session members felt that much time and effort need and should be given to this phase of church work. Mr. Shreve moved and Mr. Clough seconded that a supply of undesirable motion picture pledge cars should be purchased in order that the members of the church might take a stand against this well-known social menace. Carried. Mr. Clough moved and Mr. Fulton seconded the motion that a list of approved motion pictures be purchased and displayed in the parish house. Carried.
- November 5, 1934. The Session Records. The following items were introduced and discussed. A motion picture lecture will be presented by Reverend Thornton on Thursday evening, November 8, dealing with missionary work in the Southwestern United States. The father and son banquet will be held on Friday, November 23rd. Mr. Shreve called attention to the splendid work being done in our church school under Superintendent J.C. Jenkins.

1935

- January 7, 1935. The Session Records. It was moved by Shreve and seconded by Jenkins that the pastor see Mr. Williams of the local paper regarding the publishing of the Movie Guide. Carried. Some discussion about the proposed Christian Endeavor Society for children ages 11,12, and 13.

- March 4, 1935. The Session Records. It was reported that the Christian Endeavor Society is functioning and the Church School orchestra is being organized.
- Thursday March 7, 1935. The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will meet in Gray Auditorium Tuesday at 3 o'clock when an interesting and instructive missionary play "Possession" will be given under the direction of Mrs. W.I. Eaton. Mrs. C.L. Mead will conduct the devotions and review the life of Salome. Mrs. Frank Eastman will speak on "The Foreigner in America."
A paper on Japan will be given by Mrs. Charles Eastman and Mrs. Robert Glenn will review the study book. Music will be under the direction of Miss Emma Nesbit. The following will act as hostesses: Mrs. Lynn Gates, Mrs. Francis McClintock and Mrs. D.M. McClintock.
- Monday March 25, 1935. The Young People's Club of the local Presbyterian Church will give a one act play entitled "The Color Line:" at the midweek service of the church next Thursday night at 7:30. This play emphasizes in a striking way, one of the problems involved in the practice of Christian religion. The cast is as follows: Henry Lawson, president of a Western College.....Warren Steadman
Fu Chan, a Chinese student.....Joseph Briggs
Barbara McKean, daughter of missionary parents.....Amy Van Tassell
Stanley Preston, college senior.....William Mulkie
Wanda Williams, a college flapper.....June Cook
Miss King, secretary to the president.....Doris Nason
The Young People's Club will be in charge of the service. There will be no admission and no offering will be taken.
- April 8, 1935. Annual Meeting. Reverend Eaton summarized the church activities for the year. He reported as follows:

Total membership.....300 at the time of the meeting
New members.....13
Deaths.....3
Dismissals.....1
Funerals.....8
Weddings.....3
Infant Baptism

He reported an increase in attendance at Thursday evening meeting and no decrease in Sunday morning worship. There were three new organizations: The Kitchen Class, Junior Christian Endeavor Society, and Church School Orchestra. Reverend Eaton expressed his appreciation for the fine cooperation on the part of the members of the congregation.

Dr Mead moved and Gray Eldred seconded that the choir be given a vote of thanks for its work. Carried.

Mrs. C.L. Mead reported that the cradle roll department had seventeen members. She told of the activities of the department and of those planned for the near future.

- Thursday April 11, 1935. The Mary Glenn Bible Class was delightfully entertained at the home of Mary Burger, Wednesday April 10th. Place were laid for 13 and at 7 o'clock dinner was served. Table decorations were carried out in yellow and green. The class

presented their teacher with a beautiful table lamp in honor of her twelve years of teaching. The evening was enjoyed with games and needle work.

- Thursday April 11, 1935. At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, reports of the past year's work were given and the following officers were elected for the coming year.
President..... Mrs. C.L. Clough
Secretary..... Mrs. Lynn H. Gates
Treasurer.....Mrs. J.C. McLean
- Monday September 30, 1935. On Wednesday evening the Glenn Bible class of the Presbyterian Bible School, taught by Mrs. R.H. Glenn, held a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mrs. George Herriman on Bridge Street. A picnic supper was served and a delightful social evening was spent. The hostess was presented with a lace table spread, a gift from her friends in the class.

1936

- February 3, 1936. The Session Records. Reverend Eaton announced that a junior choir was being organized under the leadership of June Cook. Mrs. LaVerne Clough will be the pianist. The Session at great length discussed the desire of the y young people of the church to have dancing in the Parish House.
- Monday April 6, 1936. Annual Congregational meeting. Motion by Mr. Ben Hess, seconded by Mr. Leon Allison, that the pastor's salary be reduced to \$1,500 per year, change to be effective May 1, 1936. Carried. Motion by Mr. Hess, seconded by Mr. Boyd, that the Moderator appoint a committee to inform the pastor of the motion above. Carried.
- Monday September 28, 1936. The Presbyterian Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class yesterday morning elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Charles A. Law; Vice President, Frank D. Smiley; Secretary and Treasurer, Fred J. Shreve. On next Sunday morning it is hoped that every member of the class in former years as well as those now active will be present.
- December 16, 1936. The Session Records. Motion by Eldred, seconded by Allison, that we united with other churches of Union City for a week of prayer during January. The details of arrangements to be made by Reverend Eaton. Motion carried.

1937

- Monday, February 4, 1937. The Session Records. After some discussion the following motion was presented by E.R. Gates and seconded by Leon Allison "that the judgment of the Session is that card parties should not be means of raising money for the church." Motion carried.
- Friday May 10, 1937. The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the ladies' parlors tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. The newly organized ladies' quartet will sing a number of familiar hymns and the interesting stories of the origins of these hymns will be told.

- A brief report of the recent meeting of the Presbytery will be given. There will be a roll call of items concerning Dwight L. Moody, whose centennial is being observed this year. Tea will be served and a social time following the program. All ladies of the church are cordially invited.
- Thursday October 7, 1937. The Young People's Club will meet Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Jenkins is the leader. The Young People's Club will have a wiener roast at Wheelertown on Tuesday October 12 at 6:30 p.m. Each member is asked to bring his or her friend and enough food for both.
- Thursday October 7, 1937. An important conference for all Presbyterians of this section is to be held next Wednesday. October 13 in the First Presbyterian Church of Erie. All problems in connection with Sunday Schools and Christian Education will be discussed by experts from the headquarters of the denomination. The conference starts at 2 p.m. and closes at 9:30 p.m. It is especially urged that all officers and teachers of the Sunday School attend is possible.
- Monday October 11, 1937. This month marks the centennial of foreign missionary work in the Presbyterian Church. All over the country the church is celebrating in various ways, one hundred years of splendid progress in missionary activity. The Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society of Union City will meet Tuesday afternoon. The ladies will hold a candlelight ceremonial celebrating the centennial of Presbyterian activity in the foreign mission field. The narrator will be Mrs. W.I. Eaton, and she will be assisted by a ladies' quartet composed of Mrs. L.A. Weitzel; Mrs. L.H. Gates; Mrs. LaVerne Clough; and Mrs. D.L. Eastman. Mrs. Harley Thompson will accompany on the piano. Tea will be served by Mrs. John McLean and Mrs. Roy Nason. All the ladies of the church are cordially invited to this meeting.
- Thursday October 14, 1937. Next Wednesday evening October 20th, the Friendship Forum composed of young people over 20 years of age, will hold a very interesting and "different" social. All in this age group will want to be present.

1938

- Monday, January 3, 1938. After discussion, Mr. Smiley and Mr. McClintock were delegated to endeavor to have the choir more active and offer special music at the Sunday morning worship service.
- Monday, April 4, 1938. The Annual Congregational Meeting, Remarks by Mr. Cooper of the necessity for expense reduction in order to keep church from going further in debt. After considerable discussion of all expense items, the following motion was offered: Motion by Mrs. Morton, seconded by Mrs. Clough that the Pastor's salary be reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,200 or \$300 annually. Carried. After further discussion, motion by D.L. Eastman, seconded by R.B. Mulkie, that the previous motion take effect on October 1, 1938. Carried. The Moderator then appointed the following committee to call on the Pastor and advise him of this action: D.L. Eastman, B.L. Hess, and E.R. Gates.
- April 14, 1938. The first service of Easter Sunday will be sunrise service in Hatch's pasture starting at 5:00. This will be an unusual service of much interest and inspiration

to all. It will be well worth the extra effort required to get up in time to be present. Church School meets at 9:45 a.m. for the study of a great Easter lesson. Morning worship at 11:00 with special Easter music and sermon. The special music will include two selections by the high school trumpeter's quartet, a violin solo by Miss Audie Clayton and a solo by Mrs. Helen Weitzel. Be sure to come to this service.

- Monday, July 25, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carlburg and family started from Shanghai, China, yesterday for their home in the state. They are passengers on the ocean liner "Empress of Japan," which will dock at Vancouver, Washington, August 7th. The Carlburgs are on a year furlough from their missionary work through China.

1939

- Monday, January 9, 1939. The Pioneer Girls' class of the Presbyterian Church, taught by Mrs. Hazel Kerr, entertained Reverend and Mrs. Walter I. Eaton at a farewell dinner in the Parish House Wednesday evening. The honored guests were given a very useful and acceptable gift. Reverend Father John Ring was an invited guest and spoke a few appropriate words. The ministers and their wives entertained at a luncheon Friday noon at the Tarbell Tea Room in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Eaton. A social time was enjoyed following the luncheon.
- Monday April 3, 1939. Congregational Meeting. Mrs. Lyn Gates, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported the following nominees for five elders to be elected at this meeting: C.L. Clough from 1939-1942; Guy Eldred from 1939-1942; John Cooper from 1939-1942; Mrs. R.H. Glenn from 1939-1942; Mrs. J.C. Jenkins from 1939-1942. The moderator declared the above-named person elected and eligible for installation.
- Thursday, April 13, 1929. Reverend Clarence L. Shelby of Rayland, Ohio will conduct the series at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning, April 16. Albert Bauer will sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The public is cordially invited to worship with us at 11:00 o'clock.
- Thursday, October 19, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. D.H. McClintock entertained the members of the Presbyterian choir at a picnic supper at their summer home Wednesday evening.
- Thursday, August 31, 1939. Sunday September 10 has been set for the opening of the fall work. The Sunday School under the direction of Dr. C.L. Mead, is planning for a special fall opening program. The worship service at 11:00 o'clock will be in charge of the newly elected pastor.

1940

- Thursday, January 4, 1940. The Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 for Bible Study. Dr. Mead, Superintendent; John Cooper and Mark Glenn, assistant superintendents.
- Tuesday, January 9, 1940. The question of holding church services in the Parish House during the cold winter months was discussed at length. A motion was made by Mrs. R.H. Glenn, duly seconded by Mr. Shreve, that the Session approve the recommendation of the

Trustees to hold church services in the Parish House beginning with January 14, 1940, and continuing until Easter Sunday. The motion was carried.

- Monday, March 11, 1940. The Friendship Forum of the Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a "Penny Supper," which will be served in the Parish House, Wednesday, March 13th. Serving will continue from 5 until 7 o'clock. Give mother the night off and bring her to the church for a real treat.
- Tuesday, April 9, 1940. The Session Records. It was announced by the Moderator that with the assistance of Elders Jenkins and Morton, communion had been administered to the following shut-ins in their respective homes on Sunday, April 7th: Mrs. Phoebe Erskine, Mrs. Alma Geer, Mrs. Sylvia Bartholme, and Mrs. Ida Blair.
- Tuesday, September 10, 1940. The Session Records. Reverend Pitzer explained relative to the action taken by the Union City Ministerial Association concerning the distribution of pocket testaments to all the young people of our local high school. It was also mentioned that the Douay Version of the New Testament would be presented to the Catholic members. It was moved by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Morton that the session go on record as being favorably disposed to the distribution of these pocket testaments. It was left to the moderator to make further arrangements with the high school authorities concerning the matter.

Presbyterian Pastors



Reverend Edward P. Clark

Thursday April 28, 1932. Reverend Edward P. Clark, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, lives with his daughter Marion in Detroit, Michigan. He has been a proofreader for the Detroit Times the past 17 years. Still active in his duties, he will take part Monday in the spring all day meeting to be held at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Clark, now in his 85th

years, has been the stated clerk of the Presbytery for 21 years. Monday, he will read the annual report.

He was born in Mercer, Pa., and was ordained at Erie Pa. in 1871. After that he held various pastorates in Port Austin, Vassar, and Homer, Michigan, as well as Union City. During 1894, he was called to South Lyon and in 1906, he went to Dearborn where he served until he retired. He has not been sick a day in his 85 years. He has never missed a day's work in his work as a proofreader at the Times, but he laments about eight years ago he was delayed 20 minutes, because of a "fearful snowstorm."

Monday March 16, 1936. A telegram received by J.C. McLean Sunday coming from Detroit, Michigan, announced the sudden death of Reverend E.P. Clark, a former pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church, at any early hour Sunday. No further particulars were given except that final graveside services would be conducted at Meadville on Wednesday morning with burial following beside his late wife in the city cemetery.

Reverend Walter I. Eaton

Monday July 6, 1931. In a human, man to man sermon, Reverend Walter I. Eaton preached last night at the Union service in the United Brethren Church on "What America Needs Most," Reverend Eaton compared present day America and the times of Isaiah. He pointed out that even in prosperous, protected years the temple was neglected and not until Isaiah saw a new vision did the depression which had settled upon his country lift.

"Have we not turned aside from God and put our trust in other things? Is it not possible that this Depression is to remind us that man cannot live by bread alone?" Reverend Eaton said. He added that Americans have done as Europe has done. Both have made Sunday a mere picnic day. America needs a new vision of God, he said. This vision would give the world new hope and new inspiration.

Thursday March 12, 1931. Sincere sympathy of many friends is extended to Reverend W.I. Eaton upon the death of his mother at East Pembroke, New York, last Saturday. Several weeks ago, Reverend Eaton was called to the bedside of his mother as grave fears were expressed of her possible recovery from a lingering illness which had sapped much of her strength. Again, he returned to her bedside last week. On Saturday morning Mrs. Harriett French Eaton, 75 years old, passed away at the family home in East Pembroke, New York.

To mourn the death of his dear wife and mother are left her husband Reverend Samuel Eaton, D., three sons, Reverend S. Charles Eaton of Dedham, Me.; Reverend William T. Eaton of Corfu, New York; Reverend W.I. Eaton of Union City; two daughters Mrs. Erford of Batavia, New York, and Mrs. Walter L. Nodeau of Naples, New York, and several grandchildren.

Thursday June 11, 1931. Reverend Walter Irving Eaton of Union City returned last Thursday from the Presbyterian General Assembly in Pittsburgh, Pa. He reports on some of the important business. The most important focus of the assembly was spiritual emphasis. The great national annual Congress representing two million communicant members sounded as the keynote for the coming year the spiritual quickening of the entire church.

The dominating spirit of the business of the Assembly was toward a great renewal of faith and a great revival of Christian work throughout the United States and in the countries where Presbyterian missions are conducted.

The Assembly upheld President Hoover in his policy of law observance. It made a strong pronouncement for universal peace, for the entrance of the United States into the World Court, for liberty of conscience, and for obtaining for Presbyterian students in colleges the same exemption from compulsory military training that is granted to members of the Society of Friends. The Assembly felt that a Presbyterian conscience is just as good as a Quaker conscience.

Temperance and Prohibition Sabbath observance and other fundamentals of old-fashioned American Christianity were held up as essential in combating the evils of our times. Strong pronouncements were made against the liquor traffic against the commercialization of the Sabbath by professional sports and motion picture houses and against intrusion of objectionable amusements into church buildings. The sanctity of marriage, the family and the love were emphasized and greater restrictions against the divorce evil were advocated.

Monday August 3, 1931. The Union Service was held last evening at the Baptist Church with a very small congregation attending. It heard a vivid, much-needed sermon preached by the Reverend Walter I. Eaton on "Controlling Your Tongue."

"When you are tempted to indulge in gossip, bear in mind that it is cowardly and underhanded for you are taking unfair advantage of a man who is not there to defend himself."

Those you roundly condemn smoking, drinking, and other vices but indulge in gossip are

committing the deadlier sin, he pointed out. "Give a person the benefit of the doubt. Prove your real friendship at such a time. It is only the decent and Christ-like thing to do. Think of the terrible, blasting effect on the victim's life."

Thursday August 6, 1931. The recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court by which Dr. Macintosh, Professor of Theology at Yale Divinity School, was denied naturalization because he placed allegiance to conscience ahead of allegiance to the United States was discussed by Reverend Walter I. Eaton of the Presbyterian Church of Union City at the Rotary dinner in Cambridge Springs Monday evening. His discussion was more than usually interesting because he received his theological training at Yale, some of it under Dr. Macintosh and could therefore bring the audience personal reminiscences of the man.

Dr. Macintosh, said Reverend Eaton. is not radical or queer in any way. Personally, he estimated Dr. Macintosh as one of the world's rare and thoroughly equipped gentlemen who is capable of the highest type of citizenship. Moreover, he has a war record excelled by few. In fact, Dr. Macintosh was not drafted, but enlisted in the World War and attained high standing as an officer. Later, Reverend Eaton said the war record was with the Canadian Army, the country of which Dr. Macintosh is now a citizen. The war service, however proves that Dr. Macintosh will fight for his country if his conscience approves.

Reverend Eaton pointed out that the Supreme Court established its ruling by the majority of one. Four justices including Chief Justice Hughes, thought that Dr. Macintosh deserved citizenship and approved of his contention that loyalty to his conscience is paramount to loyalty to country.

Reverend Eaton concluded that a growing spirit of nationalism is defeating Christianity. Loyalty to country whether country is right or wrong, he said, cannot be reconciled with loyalty to Christ. He appealed to Rotarians to ponder the matter and to test whether Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick is not right when he takes the position of standing against all war without reservation.

Thursday, December 15, 1938. Following the regular Sunday morning service at the Presbyterian Church, Reverend Walter I. Eaton, who served as pastor of that congregation for the past twelve years, read his resignation which is to take effect Sunday, January 22.

The pastor in commenting on his resignation stated today that he had accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Oriskany, New York, a suburb of Utica.

Reverend Eaton came here from Illinois in October 1926, and has served the local church faithfully for the past twelve years. He will remain here until January 24 of the coming year when he will move his family to the New York state address, preaching his farewell sermon Sunday, January 22nd. The official board today was not ready to make announcements as to who would succeed Reverend Eaton.

Sunday, January 15, 1939. The Session Records. Special Meeting.

Elder E.R. Gates was elected as moderator of the special meeting. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the resignation of pastor, Reverend Walter Irving Eaton. His resignation was accepted. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Miss Emma Nesbit was

selected as the congregational representative to the Presbytery to confirm the congregational acceptance of Reverend Eaton's resignation.

Thursday, February 2, 1939. Reverend W.I. Eaton and family left today for their new home at Oriskany, New York. While their many friends regret their going, best wishes are extended them in their new work.

Monday, April 3, 1939. The Session Records. The clerk presented requests received for letters of dismission to E. Raymond Mead; Mrs. Edith Mead; and Betty Mead to the First Presbyterian Church of Cambridge Springs, Pa., and from Mrs. Lillian S. Eaton; Russell I. Eaton and Stanley H. Eaton to be Waterbury Memorial Presbyterian Church of Oriskany, New York. The requests were granted.

April 6, 1936

To the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City:

Recently I was informed by a special committee representing the elders and trustees of the church that my services as pastor of the church were no longer desired, and that my resignation would be accepted as soon as I cared to present it. May I take this opportunity to assure the church that I shall present my resignation just as soon as it will be possible for me to find another position and that I am doing everything within my power to find such a position as soon as humanly possible.

Very truly yours,
W.I. Eaton

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Reverend Raymond Pitzer

Tuesday, August 8, 1939. Joint Meeting of Trustees and Elders. A joint meeting of the trustees and elders of the Presbyterian Church was held in the church for the purpose of considering ways and means of moving our pastor-elect to Union City. After much discussion, a suggestion was made that we pay \$75 toward the moving expenses. This suggestion was unanimously accepted, the money to be raised by special invitation. The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator, Reverend C.E. Reed, after which the elders met in regular session with the forenamed members present. It was voted that the Presbytery of Erie meet at the Union City Church on August 29, 1939 to receive the Reverend R.A. Pitzer of Ossian, Indiana, who has been called to the pastorate of the Union City Church and to arrange for his installation.

Monday, August 28, 1939. Reverend Raymond A. Pitzer, new minister of the Presbyterian Church and wife, and two daughters Anne 8, and Judith 5, arrived here Saturday from Ossian, Indiana, their previous home. The parsonage was recently redecorated for their occupancy. Services will begin in early September. Reverend Pitzer is a former Pennsylvania man and he is welcomed on his return to this state.

Reverend Edgar M. Smead

Presbyterian Pastors

Monday, March 27, 1939. Reverend Edgar M. Smead, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, will address the Men's Brotherhood of the church next Friday evening. He will be glad to see his many friends again.

Monday, May 1, 1939. The many friends here of the Reverend Edgar M. Smead of Buffalo, New York, will be glad to know that he will fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church next Sunday morning May 7th. He will also take charge of the Men's Class at 9:45, which he organized during his former pastorate here.

Reverend Ashley Wilson

Thursday September 24, 1936. The many friends of Reverend Ashley Wilson, who was a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Union City, but is now the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Dubois, will be sorry to hear of his collapse at the communion service Sunday morning. The congregation was startled to see him suddenly topple to the floor by the altar. Persons nearby rushed to his side and placed him in a chair. Determined to continue his service, Reverend Wilson asked those attending him to resume their places. He started to read the responsive services, but collapsed again. It was seen that his condition was serious and he was at once removed after being attended by a physician who was in the congregation. He had a light heart attack according to doctors, but with rest and quietness his condition will improve steadily

Presbyterian Profiles



Music Romance Play, Games and Supper During Evening

Thursday March 22, 1934. The Nameless Class of the Presbyterian Church met in Gray Auditorium Tuesday evening, March 20th, at eight o'clock for their regular business and social meeting and party.

Mrs. Karl Von Tassell, Jr; Mrs. William Anderson; and Mr. Glenn Middleton, who

had charge of the entertainment provided some very interesting material. They presented musical romance in which they characterized several romances of history and fiction, letting the group guess and write down their guesses. The prize for this was won by Mrs. Dallas Smiley. This was followed by some individual entertainment by Mr. Middleton who had brought to the party his little daughter's toy piano. He played "The Old Spinning Wheel," "Casey Jones," "Little Brown Jug," "The Girl I Left Behind Me" and several others.

A good deal of amusement was derived from the exciting Easter Egg Hunt. Each group of four took the name of an animal and upon finding an egg, must imitate that animal. The group calling themselves Dogs, with Mr. Neil Chapman captain, won.

Supper was served at 10:30 by the committee: Joe Briggs, Warren Steadman and Fritz Bartholme and during the meal a business meeting was called in order by the President Karl Van Tassell. Mrs. Dallas Smiley chose the members of a cast for plays which the class is planning to put on soon.

Volley ball was taken up later and the entire evening was greatly enjoyed by the 25 people present.

Presbyterians Observe Children's Day

Thursday June 6, 1935. Children's Day will be observed next Sunday, June 9 at the Presbyterian Church and a special program will be given by the children of the church at the hour of the morning service. The sacrament of infant baptism will be observed and any parents having infants to be baptized will please inform the pastor at once. The exercises of the day will be in charge of Miss Doris Nason, assisted by Mrs. Glenn Middleton and Mrs. Elton Blair. The program to be given by the children is:

Opening Song..... Primary Department

Welcome Exercise..... Primary Children
 Welcome..... Grace Middleton
 Song.....Junior Choir
 Scripture.....Lois Graves
 Baptism of Infants
 Prayer..... Reverend W.I. Eaton
 Why I Brought the Dollies.....Janet Weitzel
 What Children Can Do.... Marshal and David Young
 Song.....Jewels..... Beginners
 Do Your Bit.....Martha Hodgins
 Dad's Rheumatism.....Harriet Eastman
 Duet.....Alice Lockwood and Josephine
 A Favor.....Howard Sammons
 A Miracle.....Marilyn Delavergn
 Song.....Primary Department
 Neighbors.....Joyce and Shirley Anderson
 A Polite Hint.....Jimmie Lowes
 Announcements
 Offering.....Junior Boys
 Duet.....Harriet Eastman and Dorothy Fleming
 Before I'm a Man.....John Reddy Riedel
 Try it and See.....Dorothy Fleming
 A Little Girl's Message.....Carolyn Fleming
 The New Umbrella.....Dorothy Danielson
 Song.....Junior Choir
 Remarks.....Superintendent John C. Jenkins
 Benediction

A Play Called the First Commandment

Monday October 7, 1935. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will sponsor a play for two nights called "The First Commandment."

Will Rose will play Joseph. Supporting Will Rose in scenes crammed full of action, suspense, and drama are Paul Mowery; John Cooper; Bob Huntley; and Fred Pusch. Other important characters in the episode are Frank Smiley; Roy Mulkie; Fritz Bartholme; James Lowes; Arthur Lyons; and Bill Westcott.

Percy Clark is playing the part of Pharaoh and is supported by a large cast in the court scenes. In the court scenes are such characters as Dallas McClintock; A.L. Bloss; Paul Hulings; Mary Siverling; Betty Fleming; Elaine Chapman; Mark Glenn; Russell Eaton; Lynn Gates, Jr.; and Jimmie Nick.

Reverend W.I. Eaton is playing Moses. Supporting him are Reverend McNamara; Dr. Weitzel; Roy Mallory; Marvin Cooper; Ray Courtney; Rachael Clough; Ruth Drake; Marguerite Wheeler; Ethel Smiley; Rebecca Mulkie; and John Gates.

The Nativity Scene is awe inspiring and is portrayed by Ben Hess; Doris Nason; Mr. Bain; Neil Robbins; Mr. Hamilton; and Mr. Baldwin.

The continuity of "The First Commandment" is carried by the grandfather, Professor Jenkins, who is supported by George Michael; Doris Baldwin; Martha Jane Clough; and Norman Sherwood. This play deals with the life of Joseph, the deliverance of Moses and his children into the promised land and his receiving of the Ten Commandments.

The production is climaxed with the Nativity Scene, the story of the birth of Christ. The entire production is supported by a choir of musicians and voices. This is for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterians Are Celebrating Their 131 Anniversary

Monday October 4, 1937. Reverend Walter I. Eaton, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church and member of the official board of elders, will attend the annual meeting of the Erie Presbytery, to be Tuesday of this week in the Fairview Presbyterian Church. This date marks the 131st year of Presbyterianism in Erie County, and the 136th year of the church in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held.

A short distance north of Lowville marks the birthplace of Presbyterianism in Northwestern Pennsylvania and here was erected the old Middlebrook Church built of logs cut from the nearby forest 136 years ago.

The Union City Presbyterian Church was organized with 9 members by Reverend John Matthews in 1811. The first church building was erected 20 years later in 1831 on a piece of land donated by William Miles and located on ground now occupied by the Union City Chair Company just east of the main building on Market Street.

The present building on West High Street was dedicated on February 24, 1874, and cost \$12,000. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray were the only original members who lived to worship in the new building.

Funding Christian Education

Thursday, August 18, 1938. The Sesquicentennial Fund for Christian Education, which is being raised by the Presbyterian Church, is to be brought to the attention of more than 2,000,000 Presbyterians when Sunday, October 30 is observed throughout the country as Sesquicentennial Sunday for Christian Education. The fund is known as "The Presbyterian Contribution to preserve a Free Church in a Free State." Its purpose is to stabilize the financial condition of 53

Presbyterian colleges and 52 centers at state universities. To these colleges and university centers the church looks for the development of Christian leaders of the next generation.

The campaign which was launched in January to mark the 150th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is to be continued during 1939 and 1940, Under the direction of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, the Presbyterian Colleges and the university centers are participating in the campaign.

For use on Sesquicentennial Sunday for Christian education, sermon material, an illustrated leaflet for free distribution, and a church calendar will be made available free of charge to all Presbyterian pastors during the first week in September.

Carlburg Visit

Monday, September 26, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carlburg and children who have spent the past several weeks in the China Inland Mission Home in Los Angeles, California, are leaving for this part of the country today, but will stop several places on their way, including a visit in Chicago where they took training before going to the mission field in China.

Virginia Filegar and George Michael Wed

Thursday July 9, 1936. Miss Virginia Filegar and Mr. George Michael surprised many of their friends yesterday when they motored to Buffalo, New York, where they were united in married by Reverend Dr. Edgar M. Smead, a former pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church. The ceremony was performed at twelve o'clock noon in the rectory of the Bethlehem Presbyterian Church of which Dr. Smead has been pastor during the past years.

They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred King who acted as their attendants. Mrs. Michael is the daughter of Mrs. Frank Parker and is a graduate of the local high school and state college. During the past year she was a member of the faculty of the Bloomfield Consolidate High School at Lincolnvile.

Mr. Michael is also a graduate of the local high school and for the past five years has held an important position with the Pennzoil Company of Union City.

After a motor trip through the Finger Lakes Section of New York, they will be at home after the first of August at No. 8 Warden Street.

Special Dinner for Refugees

Thursday November 23, 1939

A special Thanksgiving service is planned to commemorate the part played by refugees from oppression in building the America of this generation will take place at the Presbyterian church, Union City, Pa., on Sunday, November 26th, the Reverend Raymond A. Pitzer announced today.

Emphasis will be placed on the plight of Christians today who are being persecuted in their native lands, or have already become refugees wandering over the earth.

Printed folders prepared by the American Committee for Christian Refugees, a national Protestant organization for and to the thousands of European refugees, will be available for members of the congregation. A poster, which graphically portrays the plight of the thousands cast out from their homes, even while Americans celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, will be hung in the church.

According to current figures, there are 130,000 transient refugees waiting in such places as Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Cuba, China, and the United States to establish themselves in permanent homes. More than 400,000 Christian Germans are potential refugees, and still more are expected to flee Poland as their lives are endangered for religious or political reasons⁴⁵

The American Committee is now caring for some 4,000 men, women, and children, and new requests come at the rate of 100 a week.

Chapter Fourteen, 1940-1950



Reverend Raymond A. Pitzer- 1939-1947

Reverend Frederick W. Riding- 1948-1959

Following the regular Sunday morning service at the Union City Presbyterian Church, Reverend Walter I. Eaton, who served as pastor for the past twelve years, read his resignation which is to take effect Sunday, January 22, 1939. In commenting upon his resignation, he stated that he had accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church at Oriskany, New York, a suburb of Utica. Reverend Eaton came to Union City from Illinois in October 1926, and served the Union City Church faithfully. He promised to remain in Union City until January 24, 1939, when he will remove his family to the New York state address. He preached his farewell sermon on Sunday January 22, 1939. On February 2, 1939, the Eatons left for Oriskany and on Monday, April 3, 1939, the Union City Session granted letters of dismissal to Mrs. Lillian S. Eaton, Russell I. Eaton, and Stanley H. Eaton to the Waterbury Memorial Presbyterian Church of Oriskany, New York.

The church pulpit remained vacant for several months. Then Reverend Raymond A. Pitzer of Ossian, Indiana, became the new minister in August 1939. Reverend Pitzer received his B.A. degree from Westminster College and his B.D. from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He served two pastorates in Indiana before he came to the Union City Church, and he was moderator of the Fort Wayne Presbytery when he resigned his pastorate at Ossian, Indiana, to accept the Union City call. Reverend Pitzer is a member of the Adult Council of the International Council of Christian Education and represented the Presbyterian Church on the Council.

Mrs. Edna Pitzer was a graduate of the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, and a member of the Honorary Spanish Society of the College. The Pitzers have two daughters, Anne 8, and Judith, 5.

While Reverend Pitzer served the Union City Presbyterian Church, his wife Edna died in 1944. Two years later in July 1946, a wedding announcement appeared in the Poland, Ohio, newspaper. Mrs. Etta R. Cook of Poland announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter Florence Mae, to Reverend Raymond A. Pitzer of Union City, Pennsylvania. Reverend Pitzer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Pitzer of Vanport, Pennsylvania. The wedding was planned for August 10 in the Poland Presbyterian Church. The bride-elect is a teacher at Memorial High School, Campbell, Ohio. Mr. Pitzer is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Union City, Pa., and the stated supply of the Wattsburg Presbyterian Church in Wattsburg, Pa.

Reverend Pitzer and Miss Florence Cook were married on August 10, 1946, in the Poland, Ohio, Presbyterian Church at 4:30. Miss Judyth Cook a niece of the bride, was at the organ for the traditional nuptial music. Miss Cook, a brunette, was charming in a modest rose crepe street length dress and a smoke white hat with a corsage of white roses. Miss Anne Pitzer, a daughter of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and her sister, Miss Judith Pitzer, was bridesmaid. They

wore dresses style alike. Anne's was shell gray linen with which she wore a corsage of red roses, and Judith's was aqua linen. She wore a pink rose corsage. Both wore white floral tiaras. J. Boyd Cook of Wooster, a brother of the bride, was best man. Ushers were Homer Pitzer, the bridegroom's brother and W. Lloyd Cook and Carl M. Coe, both brothers of the bride.

Fifty friends and relatives congratulated the newlyweds at the reception, which was held in the church dining room. The table had a centerpiece of white flowers and a tiered wedding cake between lighted tapers.

The Reverend and Mrs. Pitzer left immediately for a motor trip to Canada. They will reside in Union City where Reverend Pitzer is pastor of the Presbyterian Church. The former Miss Cook was a teacher at Memorial High School of Campbell, Ohio, and she is a member of Mu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma honorary fraternity of woman teachers. Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer are both graduates of Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., and Mr. Pitzer is a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

During Reverend Pitzer's ministry, church membership increased and many new programs were started. As World War II unfolded he actively obtained New Testaments for boys going into the service and kept track of each of the soldiers.

Then in November 1947, the ministerial relationship between Reverend Pitzer and the Presbyterian congregation was dissolved at a congregational meeting. Reverend Pitzer explained the procedure for filling the pulpit after it is declared vacant. A pulpit committee, which represents the Session Trustees, congregation, and other church organizations, elects a candidate after hearing him in some other pulpit. Then the Committee unanimously recommends him to the congregation. The candidate is voted on before another candidate can be heard. The congregation elected Frederic Bauer, William Crandall, Emory Clough, Donald Eastman, Martin Glenn, Mrs. Hazel Kerr, Dallas McClintock, and Francis Mullen as the pulpit committee.

On Thursday, November 20, 1947, the Union City Ministerial Association entertained the Pitzers at a farewell dinner at the Ritz. They were preparing to move to the North Sewickley and Knox Presbyterian Churches in Ellwood City, Pa., the first week of December.

Presbyterian Participation



- Monday, February 10, 1941, Reverend R.A. Pitzer gave the following report on the distribution of pocket testaments to the pupils to the pupils of the Union City Public Schools. Reverend Bingham together with the ministers of the Methodists, United Brethren, and our own church visited all the schools January 28th and 29th, and distributed a total of 788 pocket testaments. The Presbyterian Church's share of the cost of the project is \$9.77.
- Monday, February 24, 1941. In commemoration of Washington's Birthday, the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church gave a program and tea in the chapel Tuesday to members of the society and several invited guests.

At three o'clock, Mrs. Lynn Gates, president of the Society, extended a welcome to members and guests after which all joined in a salute to the American and Christian flags. A historical sketch of each flag was given by Mrs. J.C. Jenkins and Mrs. R.A. Pitzer.

With Mrs. LaVerne Clough at the piano Mrs. Gates sang, "Fling out the Banner" followed by a musical reading. "Paul Packo played an accordion solo, and Mrs. C.L. Mead told the story of "Old Doc Brown." Mrs. C.H. Fuller played a piano solo and Mrs. Dallas McClintock sang a vocal solo. Refreshments were served with Mrs. Francis McClintock and Mrs. E.P. Erskine presiding at the tables

- April 7, 1941, Congregational Meeting Membership as of April 1, 1941
265

New members received into Church on confession of faith:

Howard Sammons

Marshall Young

Richard Nason

Helen Ann Pitzer

New members received on Confession of Faith and Baptism:

Edith J. Davis

Norman Sherwood

LaVere Ryan

Deaths during the Year:

Mr. Perry Holden

Mrs. Penny Holden

Mrs. Ida Blair

Mrs. Eleanor McLean

Letters granted During the Year:

Mr. Albert Bauer

Mr. Paul Mowery

Miss Mary Burger

Infant Baptisms:

James Francis Smith

Jeffery Barrington Baldwin

Thora Jean DeLavern

- Tuesday, September 9, 1941. The Session Records. The matter of keeping in touch with the boys of our church who are in Selective Service was discussed. The names are: William Mulkie; Charles Sammons; Alex Gretskey; William Nelson; Fred Prather. It was recommended that a letter be sent each Mr. Pitzer volunteered to write for the month of September.

1942

- January 8, 1942. A nationwide observance of a “Minute of Prayer” daily for the duration of the war is being urged upon churches and church people by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The minute would be at 6 p.m. each day, and the first day of the general observance was to be January 1, 1942. Many churches and communities have already planned for special periods of prayer and this effort of the council is to make them at a uniform period. Churches with bells and chimes have been asked to use them to summon people to prayer.
- March 10, 1942. The Session Records. In regard to church finances and the church deficit in ruing expenses, it was suggested that a “pep” talk be given at a Congregational Meeting to urge the members to give to lift the deficit in church expenses.
- April 6, 1942

Annual Congregational Meeting Report of the clerk of sessions.

Membership as of April 1, 1941	265
New members admitted during the year	4
Deaths during the year	2

Letters of dismissal granted 2
New members received into the Church on confession
of faith and baptism, Mrs. William Robinson and
and Dot Ann Harris Gates
Members reinstated, Mrs. Benjamin Matthews
New members received by letter 2
Deaths during the year
Mrs. Alma J. Geer; Mrs. De Etta Auer
Death of Mrs. Black, an inactive member
Letters granted during the year: Mrs. June Cook Engel; Mrs. Benjamin Matthews

Infant Baptisms

Lucinda Humphrey Crandall

Judy Davenport

John Tod Davenport

John Evan Gander

Sandra Lee Lyons

Carolyn Jeanne Moore

Robert Dale Mulvin

Carol Ann Mulvin

Barbara Jane Mulvin

Rover William Robinson

Virginia Ann Robinson

Kenneth Sidney Prather

- April 6, 1942. The Annual Congregational Meeting. Reverend Pitzer spoke on the five-year educational program. About 39 evangelical churches in America are entering into the program to train leaders. The government sent letters of recommendation to the International Council of Religious Education and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, expressing gratitude for the steps taken to include character education in leadership educational courses. Mrs. George Harriman, Clerk of the Session.

August 11, 1942. The Session Records. It was moved by Mrs. Clough and seconded by A. Lyons that we have a Music Committee appointed by the Session consisting of Mrs. D. Eastman,

chairman; Mr. McClintock, D. Eastman, Mrs. Lynn Gates, Sr. and Mrs. Robbins. The function of this Committee is to take full charge of church music, including obtaining the organist. This does not include the choice of hymns for the worship service.

October 13, 1942. The Session Records. Reverend Pitzer next presented The Shepherd Bill, S860, which prohibits the sale of intoxicants within camps and adjacent areas. It was agreed by consensus of opinion that we should present a petition for signature at the front and at the rear of the church on Sunday morning. This is an attempt to do away with the vice and liquor in the camps and vicinities before the possibility of 18 and 19-year olds being drafted into the service.

- January 12, 1943. The Session Records. Mr. Snider asked for materials for the junior choir. It was suggested the investigation be made if the Sunday School can afford to buy material, or if not, to authorize the purchase of materials and have some billed to the Trustees. Reverend Pitzer expressed the desire of the post graduate girls who wished to use the Chapel for basketball. Mr. Eastman thought it o.k. for the girls to organize and be welcome to the use of the Chapel.
- February 1, 1943. A recreation club is being organized this Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian Parish House to offer the young women of this community a chance to enjoy several active indoor sports, including basketball, volleyball, shuffle board, and other games. The club will meet every Wednesday evening. If you are interested, be present at the Parish House Wednesday evening at 7:30 or contact Velma Sherrod for further details.
- Monday, March 8, 1943. Juice Rationing Hits Churches. Churches using grape juice for communion must buy it in lots of more than a gallon. Chief O. P.A. Rationing Attorney John A. Metz has announced. Fruit juices in containers of a gallon or less require ration stamps, and so far, churches haven't been included in the book plan.
- May 11, 1943. The Session Records. More Testaments are needed for boys going into the service. Mrs. Autumn Hoffman requested that we present a Testament to her husband, David Hoffman, who, although he is not a member of our church, would probably not thus be remembered by the church of which he is a member. It was unanimously voted that Reverend Pitzer present Mr. Hoffman with a Testament. Reverend Pitzer was authorized to order at least 10 more Testaments. A discussion upon the method of contacting the boys who are in service from our congregation followed. All thought it advisable that we do keep in touch with them while absent. Mrs. Harriman volunteered to distribute the names of the boys throughout the congregation with the request that letters be written. About 38 is the present number to be contacted.

Thursday, May 27, 1943

The Congregational Prayer and Praise Service will take place Thursday evening at 7:30. We will discuss "Continental Protestantism and Dissenting."

Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 for Bible study. Emory Clough, Superintendent

Morning Worship at 11:00 o'clock

Sermon Theme: Freedom from Fear

The choir will sing the anthem, "The Lord is My Light"

Mr. Snyder directs the choir with Mrs. H.S. Thompson at the organ

Dedication of our service flag

- October 12, 1943. The Session Records. The motion was made and adopted that the inactive elders organize to perform duties about the church, such as welcoming worshippers on the Sabbath, arranging hymnals in racks, collecting programs from seats and the floor, seeing to ventilation and lights, preparing and clearing Communion Service, etc.
- December 14, 1943. The Session Records. The subject as to whether to continue or not the Thursday night services was left for discussion at a later meeting of the Session. The Book of Isaiah was suggested for study at that service, in keeping with these times.

1944

- July 6, 1944. The Session Records. It was moved by Mrs. Eastman and seconded by Mr. Jenkins that we unite with the Baptist congregation the first two Sundays in August and worship services will be maintained in our church the two following Sundays. Reverend Pitzer will fill the pulpit and will be remunerated as a supply.
- October 16, 1944. The Session Records. Miss Mary Donaldson, missionary from China, will speak at the Woman's Association meeting Friday afternoon, October 27th at 3:30. Women from other churches of the community will be invited.
- Monday, October 23, 1944. Mary Donaldson of Tsinan, China, one of the first to be brought home from the Asiatic Theater by the liner Gripsholm, will speak at the Woman's Association meeting at 3:30 p.m. Friday October 27 in the Presbyterian Parish house. Miss Donaldson was a refugee in Korea during the communist uprisings. Her activities ended when the Japs declared war. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting and hear Miss Donaldson.

1945

- April. 9, 1945. Annual Meeting. Church membership as of April 10, 1944, was 280. Deaths during the year: Mrs. Edna Pitzer; Mr. Dick Fleming; Mrs. Jesse Mosely; Miss Mary Richards; and Mrs. Bette Bacon.
- Monday, June 11, 1945. Following is the schedule of the Presbyterian Circle meetings to be held Thursday, June 14. Circle 1: Mrs. Crabs, chairman. It will meet at the home of Mrs. R.B. Mulkie at 3:00 p.m. Circle 2: Mrs. F.F. McClintock: chairman. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wayne Lewis at 3:00 p.m. Circle 3: Mrs. Charles Vonada, chairman. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Tras at 2:30 p.m.
- September 1, 1945. The Session Records. It was suggested that we contact Mrs. Weitzel to see if she would be willing to head a committee to revive the choir. Mrs. Weitzel will be allowed to choose her helpers.

1946

- April, 1946. Annual Congregational Meeting. The nominating committee for the year 1946 was appointed. The committee members are: Mrs. R.H. Glenn; Mrs. Rulaf Young; and Mr. Donald Eastman. Trustees serving and their terms are:

William Crandall	1944-1947
F.H. Bartholme	1945-1948
J.E. Cabs	1946-1949
Mark Glenn	1946-1949
John Cooper	1946-1949

1947

- January 21, 1947. The Session Records. It was moved by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Mr. Lyons that a special fund be set up by the church for organ repairs and toward a new organ, and that this fund be part of the budget. Carried.
- September 18, 1947. The Session Records. A bill was rendered for the repair of the church organ in the amount of \$663.75. There were no funds available to pay it.
- November 13, 1947. The Session Records. The ministerial relationship between Reverend Raymond Pitzer and the Church was dissolved.
- Monday, November 17, 1947. The Westminster Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a drive for clothing, food, and money for the needy children of Europe and Asia. The young people ask you to bring your gifts to the church during the week of November 16-23. There will be boxes in the front vestibule where bundles may be

dropped as you enter for the worship service on Sunday and also in the Chapel throughout the week.

1948

- Monday, December 6, 1948. Reverend F.W. Riding and family will arrive in Union City this week and he will begin his duties as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Union City next Sunday, December 12. Let us have a large attendance next Sunday morning to greet him.

1949

- January 10, 1949. Annual Congregational Meeting. The report of membership was read by the clerk of session.

Loss by death	6
Loss by transfer letter	9
Total membership	255
Infant Baptisms	4

- March 22, 1949. The Session Records. The methods of approaching a Temperance Sunday Service was discussed and it was decided that Reverend Riding should preach the sermon rather than to allow someone not generally known to conduct the service. Reverend Riding reported that the Union Coal and Supply Company had donated a machine suitable for use in preparing the church bulletins. Mr. Mullin moved that the treasurer be instructed to pay the 1948 quota requested of our church for the assistance of the Presbyterian Home and Hospital at Cambridge Springs. This was seconded by Mr. Chapman and carried.
- December 20, 1949. The Session Records. The Christmas Service was discussed and note taken of the distress of one of the congregation and his two children. Mrs. Kerr and Reverend Riding were named on a committee to investigate and arrange for assistance in keeping with the Christmas season as far as possible with expenditures being limited.

1950

- January 9, 1950. Annual Congregation Meeting. Reverend Riding discussed the present church hour which was a controversial subject for some time, and gave an opportunity for an expression of diverse opinions. There were none offered. Reverend Riding discussed the church bulletins and invited the use of them for announcements of the activities of various groups of the church. Miss Marguerite Wheeler brought up the subject of a

church nursery during the church services. After some discussion, the matter was left for the Session to investigate.

- January 17, 1950. The Session Records. Reverend Riding explained the meaning of sponsoring displaced persons from Europe as far as the church is concerned. Mr. Doolittle moved that more information be obtained regarding the responsibility of accepting a displaced family. Mr. McClintock seconded this motion. Carried. Mr. Doolittle moved that the Session authorize a nursery hour. Mr. Mullen seconded and the motion carried. Mrs. Riding will take charge of it. Mr. Doolittle mentioned that the boys who usher would like to be relieved of their duties that they might sing in the choir. In order to grant their request, Reverend Riding appointed Mr. Beale and Mr. Doolittle and himself to arrange for ushers.
- February 1, 1950. The Session Records. At the previous meeting the subject of sponsoring displaced persons was tabled until further information was obtained. Reverend Riding reported on this and it was moved by Mr. Jenkins and seconded by Mr. McClintock that he be authorized to fill out preliminary papers for the church sponsorship of a displaced person.
- April 17, 1950. The Session Records. A congregational meeting was called to order in the Parish House at 7:45 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to increase the salary of the pastor to the minimum set by the Presbytery at the least. After some discussion, D.L. Eastman moved to increase the salary \$200 per year. The meeting was then given over to a discussion on the Church's interest in the displaced persons program. Reverend Riding reported about the Displaced Persons program. Mr. McClintock advised Reverend Riding that the congregation had voted to increase his salary \$200 per year.

Presbyterian Pastors



Ann Pitzer Celebrates Her Birthday

Monday, March 3, 1941. In celebration of the 12th birthday anniversary of Miss Ann Pitzer, a party was held at the home of her parents, Reverend and Mrs. R.A. Pitzer, South Street, Thursday afternoon. Yellow and green predominated in the color arrangement with appropriate individual birthday cakes and candles. Each guest received a number which corresponded with numbers on small tables around which the guests were seated where games were played and lunch served. Invited were

Marilyn Merkle

Jean Perry

Dorothy Anne Bennett

Betty Jo Shreve

Martha Hodgins

Helen Pierce

Dorothy Danielson

Anna May Kozy

Yvonne Jones

Charlene Howland

Celia Bliley

Ruth Mattison

Dorothy Crowe

Mary Connor

Marilyn Crowe

Judith Pitzer

Many lovely gifts were presented to the honored guest.

Union City Ministerial Association Sponsors Pitzer Farewell Dinner

Thursday, November 20, 1947. The Union City Ministerial Association entertained the Reverend and Mrs. R.A. Pitzer at a farewell dinner at the Ritz Wednesday evening, November 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer are moving to the North Sewickley and Knox Presbyterian Churches, Ellwood City, Pa., the first week of December.

Presbyterian Pulpit Committee

Monday, December 22, 1947. At a meeting of the congregation held yesterday morning and moderated by the Reverend J.D. Illingworth, executive of the Erie Presbytery, a pulpit was elected to fill the vacancy in the local Presbyterian Church pulpit. The following members were elected to this committee: Frederick Bauer; William Crandall; Emery Clough; Donald Eastman; Mark Glenn; Mrs. Hazel Kerr; Dallas McClintock; and Francis Mullen. The committee will select a minister to candidate for the pulpit of the church. When they have selected a candidate, they will bring him to the local church, and if the congregation approves him, he will be called to this pulpit. The committee will be notified soon of its first meeting.

Presbyterian Guest Preachers

Thursday, July 27 1950. During the month of August while the minister is on vacation, there will be guest preachers in the pulpit of the Union City Presbyterian Church. On Sunday, August 6, the Reverend Raymond Pitzer of Ellwood City, Pa., a former minister of the Church, will preach. His subject will be, "Believing Too Little, Too Much."

Sunday, August 13, 1950. The Reverend P.B. Schaffner of Tallmadge, Ohio, will preach. For the last two Sundays of August, August 20 and 27, the Reverend J.W. Patterson of Montreal, Canada, will preach. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and family will be guests at the Presbyterian manse for the two weeks of their visit.

Ann Pitzer Receives Nursing Diploma

Thursday, June 15, 1950

Ann Pitzer, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. R.A. Pitzer, formerly of Union City, received her certificate of diploma from the School of Nursing, Strong Memorial Hospital, at the commencement of the University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, on Monday June 12, 1950. Ann graduated with the class of 1947 of the Union City High School.

Judith Pitzer, the youngest daughter of Reverend and Mrs. R.A. Pitzer, completed her studies at the Andrews School for Girls, Willoughby, Ohio, the last of May. Judith is employed in Youngstown, Ohio, for the summer and will enter Westminster College in the fall as freshman.

Presbyterian Profiles



Church Celebrates 130th Anniversary

Monday, October 20, 1941. The dining room of the Presbyterian Church was the scene of the Anniversary dinner Wednesday, October 15th. Over 100 members and friends participated in the festivity. The tables and the room had been decorated with garden flowers and added to the beauty of the occasion.

After the dinner the tables were cleared and the meeting was called in order with the

singing of the Doxology R.F. Gander, chairman of the program committee, presided. Mr. Gander gave a statement as to the purpose of the meeting, and then called on Mr. Pitzer to read the history of the church. The history was composed of excerpts from a history written by Lee Wilson, a history compiled by the late J.R. Mulkie and read of the occasion of the centennial, April 9, 1941 and a character sketch of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray written by Mrs. Sylvia Bartholme.

A beautiful hand-painted pitcher, the property of Mrs. Erle Williams, was on display. This pitcher was used by the early church at the communion table, and was the possession of Mrs. Williams' grandmother This added to the sacredness of the occasion.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Donald Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McClintock, and J.C. Jenkins presented a message in song.

Greetings from former members and recognition of gifts from members and friends were acknowledged by Mrs. George D. Herriman and R.F. Gander. J.C. McLean related some personal experiences with former ministers. The meeting stood adjourned by the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and the benediction.

The morning worship Sunday, October 19 was conducted by the pastor speaking on the thee, “Ministers Come and Go, but the Church Abides.” The choir sang the anthem called “Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.”

A Vesper Service was held at 3 o’clock Sunday afternoon at which the pastor was assisted by the Reverend P.E. Reed, an executive of the Presbytery, and Reverend W.J. Hewitt.

An organ recital was given by Richard Sherwood, followed by singing by the choir, prayer, and scripture reading.

The dedication service of the newly decorated church, communion table, altar and steps, a gift of the Friendship Forum Class came next. Walter Glover donated the lectern and the cross and candles.

Reverend Reed spoke on “The Church and the Community,” and Reverend Hewitt, President of the Union City Ministerial Association, in his remarks congratulated the congregation on the beautiful sanctuary and on the 130 years of continuous service of the church in the community.

Following are the anniversary committees who assisted in making this rededication service a success:

Program

R.F. Gander

Mrs. R.H. Glenn

Donald Eastman

Mrs. Alice Hess

Mrs. LaVerne Clough

Mrs. Ruth Drake

Mrs. E.H. Blair

Mrs. Charles Eastman

Miss Marquerite Wheeler

Mrs. W.B. Fulton

Music

Mrs. Lynn Gates

Mrs. L.A. Weitzel

Mrs. Donald Eastman

Mrs. Dallas McClintock

Accompanists: Richard Sherwood and Mrs. E.M. Cooper

Arrangements

Mrs. George D. Herriman

Mrs. F.F. McClintock

Charles Mullen

Arthur Lyons

F.H. Bartholme

Miss Thalia Fleming

Miss Autumn Lyons

Mrs. Francis Mullen

Mrs. R.A. Pitzer

Mrs. Donald Eastman

History

J.C. McLean

Mrs. C.A. Morton

R.B. Mulkie

Fred Shreve

Flower and Decoration

Mrs. F.F. McClintock

Mrs. Clair Gardner

Mrs. W.B. Fulton

Mrs. Lynn Gates, Jr.

And Mrs. R.B. Mulkie, the regular chairman of the church flower committee.

The Presbyterian Home – Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania

July 13, 1943. The Session Records. The Hospital-Home letter was read. The home at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, has been purchased and is being put into readiness for operating on September 1, 1943. Applications are being received. Since our church is not giving financial assistance, this project should receive our prayers for success.

Thursday, July 15, 1943. It was announced today that the former Wasson Sanitarium on North Main Street, Cambridge Springs, would be reopened for the establishment of the Presbyterian Home and Hospital. The hospital will be operated by the recently organized Presbyterian Home and Hospital Corporation associated with the Erie Presbytery.

Reverend J.F. Kiskadden of Erie will be in charge of the new establishment which will specialize in the care of convalescent patients as well as patients with permanent disabilities. A resident graduate nurse will be connected with the hospital at all times.

Thursday, October 7, 1943. The Presbyterian Home at Cambridge Springs was dedicated Sunday afternoon. Reverend J. Fulton Kiskadden, formerly the Presbyterian Pastor at North East, was installed as the Superintendent of the home and chaplain of the hospital.

Reverend Kiskadden greeted many visitors from Erie, Oil City, and parts of Mercer County who assembled to fill the many ground floor rooms and to overflow on the porch. The music at the event was provided by the choir of the Cambridge Springs Church and was particularly lovely and appropriate under the direction of Joseph E. Corbett.

Presbyterian Home a Well-Organized Institution

Monday, November 25, 1946. A gentleman in Erie sent a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. G.E. Sundean, Superintendent of the Presbyterian Home and Hospital at Cambridge Springs last Thursday. One of the first people she showed the bouquet to was her husband, G.E. Sundean, who was delighted.

The gentleman from Erie was H.C. Markwood, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Home and Hospital, and also Treasurer of the Erie Presbytery. He sent the flowers on the first anniversary of Mrs. Sundean's operation of the institution.

The Presbyterian Home and Hospital is located on North Main Street in Cambridge Springs, at the edge of the Borough. This gives it a central location in the Erie Presbytery. It has an eastern exposure and a vista which looks out over the farm and golf course of the Riverside Inn adjacent to the Borough line.

The purpose of the home is to provide a haven for elderly and ailing people. Admission is by application and as rooms become available. It is in its fourth year of successful operation. Younger people who are permanently incapacitated have also found it a haven.

It is housed in a commodious dwelling which was formerly in the private hospital of the late Dr. E.C. Wasson. The staff at present includes Mrs. Sundean as superintendent; Mrs. Sadie Beckman as housekeeper; Mrs. Merle Bessonson as day nurse; Mrs. Edna Hotchkiss as night nurse; and Mrs. Carrie M. Cousins as relief nurse.

The institution has nine rooms, eleven beds and three baths. On the second floor is a large airy and sunny living room. An enclosed sun porch extends along the eastern side of the dwelling.

Patients living at the home at present include:

Mrs. Virginia Toohey, Edinboro

Mrs. Matilda Sundean, Corry

The Honorable Miss Alice Bentley, Saegertown

Miss Augusta Buck, Erie

Mrs. Georgia Hathaway, Erie

Mrs. Rose Hoig, Erie

Mrs. Marie Saurborn, Erie

Miss Ella Hall, Pleasantville

Mr. David McPherson, North Girard

Among those who have made reservations are Mrs. Will Root, whose late husband was the postmaster at Cambridge Springs during the height of the mineral water development. Mrs. Root will be accommodated within the next few weeks.

Of the ten patients at present only one is bedridden. Visitors are welcome at any time.

Mrs. Sundean and Mrs. Beckman showed a newspaper reporter from the Union City Times-Enterprise through the kitchen which is large and well equipped. They are very proud of their new refrigerator and several new tables and everything is kept spotless. The ladies acknowledged humorous gifts from individuals and churches during the past year, including some articles of furniture and wall and floor insulation above the second story. One day a lot of excellent dishes was received by freight from Chicago, the gift of an anonymous donor who simply enclosed in the package a copy of the Presbyterian Church calendar of a few Sundays previous when he or she had been visiting in Cambridge Springs.

Mrs. Sundean explained that the income at the Home and Hospital takes care of current expenses at the present, but that improvements and additions to equipment must depend upon generous individuals and churches and their organizations, or upon the Erie Presbytery.

One of the immediate needs is furniture and rugs for the sun porch, which until now has been fitted p with what could be found in the attic. The sun porch should also be extended to the west side of the dwelling. Meanwhile, there is always need for room renovation and portable radios, games, a library, magazine subscriptions, dining room chairs, sun lamps, sheets and pillow cases, food, flowers out of season and almost everything which will make the institution more attractive and comfortable.

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Chapter Fifteen: 1950-1960



Reverend Frederick W. Riding- 1948-1959

Reverend John Graham – 1960-1962

After Reverend Pitzer left the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, the congregation appointed a pulpit committee to fill the vacancy. Frederick Bauer, William Crandall, Emery Clough, Donald Eastman, Mark Glenn, Mrs. Hazel Kerr, Dallas McClintock and Francis Mullen were on the Committee which worked for about eight months to find a new pastor of the church. Then on August 22, 1948, Reverend Frederick W. Riding of Ville St. Pierre, Montreal, Canada spoke at the morning service. The Pulpit Committee deliberated for another two months, but finally on October 24, 1948, a congregational meeting was held following the church service to vote on Reverend Riding who had delivered another sermon to the Church. Reverend Illingworth who moderated the meeting called it to order.

After prayer, the Pulpit Committee was asked to give a brief report or resume of its reactions to the answers of pertinent questions put to Reverend Riding and also to his background of church work. This report was given by D.H. McClintock, chairman of the Committee. Robert Glenn moved that the Presbyterian Church of Union City call the Reverend Riding as pastor and R.B. Mulkie seconded the motion. The vote was by ballot and was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mark Glenn suggested that the members of the Session sign the contract at once. Mr. McClintock and Mr. Clough were elected to represent the church at the next session of the Presbytery in the matter of the call of Reverend Riding.

Revered Riding and family arrived in Union City the week of December 6, 1948, and he began his duties as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Union City on Sunday, December 12, 1948. Reverend Riding served the Presbyterian Church until 1959. During his pastorate he helped establish a Presbyterian kindergarten and oversaw repairs on the church.

Reverend Riding also had an interesting hobby to pass away his idle hours, few that they were. He worked with art and paintings and turned out several impressive works. Among the paintings of which Reverend Riding was particularly proud was the one of the Presbyterian Church in Union City. He created other art work and completely enjoyed painting with a small group of Union City artists.

Born, raised, and educated in Canada, Reverend Riding graduated from the University of Toronto and held degrees and higher education credits from other institutions. He taught philosophy for five years at Sir George Williams University in Montreal. The Ridings were searching for a small community church and residential area to live and raise a family and thought the Union City pastorate ideal for them. He and his wife Olive were the parents of Barbara and Paul Riding and they lived in the church manse at 41 South Street. Olive Riding taught children in first grade at the Union City Elementary School.

At a congregational meeting on August 10, 1959, a new Pulpit Committee was elected. Those serving were Frank Beale, Carl Allison, Robert Conway, Racheal Eckert, and Howard Sammons. On August 10, 1960, Reverend John Graham was elected as pastor of the church. Reverend Graham served the church until June 1962, when he resigned because of financial problems. Reverend George O. Reemsynder served as interim pastor from 1962 until 1964.

Presbyterian Participation



1951

- January 8, 1951. Annual Congregational Meeting. Mr. Donald Eastman moved that \$200 be set aside this year and each succeeding year until such time as the congregation saw fit to discontinue it, for the Organ Repair Fund. This was seconded by Mr. Mar Glenn and carried.
- June 19, 1951. The Session Records. Reverend Riding reported that the displaced family would be here within a week. The family can speak German, and a German speaking woman from Wattsburg has offered to meet them.
- Thursday, March 22, 1951. The Woman's Association of the Presbyterian Church is sponsoring Family Night on Thursday evening, March 29th. There will be a "Parcel Post Sale" and the committee in charge is busy arranging for an evening of entertainment and fun.
- Monday, August 13, 1951. During the month of August, guest ministers are occupying the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church. Reverend Harness of Durham, N.C. is doing the preaching during the first two weeks while Reverend J.W. Patterson of Montreal, Canada, will be here the last two weeks. A cordial welcome is extended to all to hear these guest speakers.
- Thursday, October 4, 1951. The fall meeting of the Women's Presbyterial of the Presbyterian Church for the Erie Presbytery will meet on Thursday, October 4, in the Presbyterian Church, North East. The meeting, which will last all day, will make plans for the years' work of the various ladies' groups of the church. Two cars will go from the Union City Church. Among those who are attending:

Reverend W.F. Riding
 Mrs. J. Trask
 Mrs. E. Blair
 Mrs. F. McClintock
 Mars. Barrie Wilson

Mrs. H. Kerr
 Mrs. P. Turner
 Mrs. F. Eastman
 Mrs. A. Kameron

1952

- Monday, February 4, 1952. The Friendly Class of the Presbyterian Church will hold its meeting at the home of Mrs. M.J. Blanden at 8 Second Avenue Tuesday, February 5th. A picnic supper will be served at 6:30.

- Monday, February 18, 1952. The Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church is holding its annual Washington Tea in the Church Parlors, Thursday, February 21 at 2:30 o'clock. Guest speaker Mrs. Merle Sexton has chosen "Our Brazilian Neighbors: as the subject of her talk which will be illustrated by an exhibit of Brazilian articles. The meeting will end with the serving of tea by the women of the church. All women of the community are cordially invited to attend. Circle IV, Mrs. Barrie Wilson, Chairman, will meet Tuesday, February 19, for a tureen supper in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. The regular monthly meeting of the Session will be held Tuesday evening, February 19, at 8 o'clock in the ladies' parlors.
- April 6, 1952. The Session Records. A discussion was entered into concerning the safety of the church records as far as fire and loss by misplacing is concerned. Mr. Chapman was appointed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a storage cupboard or filing cabinet for this purpose. It was moved and seconded that Clair Cook prepare a sign for the drive way in the rear of the church leading into the parking lot to prevent cars from parking in the entrance.
- Thursday, May 22, 1952. The Annual Birthday Supper will be held at the Presbyterian Church Parish Hall on Monday evening, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. It will be a family night tureen supper with the eat course being provided by the committee in charge. Following the supper in which those attending will be seated in groups according to their birthday month with the tables decorated for winter, spring, summer, and fall, a special short p program is being planned. Mrs. C.F. Maisteller of Greenville, will play a number of special selections on the chimes. The cost of admission to supper and the concert will be a penny for each year of age.
- June 29, 1952. The Session Records. A special meeting was duly called for the purpose of the Trustees outlining the condition of the exterior of the church building and what was necessary for its preservation. These repairs will cost about \$5,000 and it was the will of the majority present that as soon as it was known where a good portion of this sum would come from, that the work should be gotten underway, so that it could be completed before the fall rains start. This concluded the business and the meeting was adjourned with prayer. Clair Cook, Clerk of Session.
- Monday, December 8, 1952. The Presbyterian Choir will present a Christmas cantata on December 21, under the direction of Mr. Strattan McCaro. The cantata is entitled "Song of the Holy Night: and is the story in song of the angels and shepherds and the birth of the Christ child, centered about the theme of the well-known Christmas Carol, "Silent Night." A specially augmented choir will present the program in the auditorium of the church at 5 o'clock.

1953

- February 19, 1953. The Presbyterian Church will hold services Sunday in a completely redecorated building. The exterior of the church was repaired and painted by Blair Company of Erie this past fall, and the interior has been done under the direction of Dallas McClintock.

The auditorium of the church has been painted in a pale rose color and the ceiling a pale green to harmonize with the oriental design rug which the Women's Association purchased a year ago. The Parish Hall has been painted and the woodwork varnished and the walls of the gymnasium have been cleaned. By the removal of one row of seats the entrance to the church has been enlarged, hereby adding considerably to the beauty and convenience. Members and friends are invited to attend the services Sunday to look over the building and to see the work that has been done.

- Thursday, June 25, 1953. The members of Circle IV of the Presbyterian Church will hold a public garden party on the lawn of the manse, 41 South Street, on Tuesday evening, June 30, from seven to ten o'clock. The local art group under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Amidon, will display their work. Two years ago, a similar garden party and art show was held and considerable interest was shown by the citizens of the town. There will be pictures in pastel and water color as well as charcoal and oil. Among those who will display their paintings and sketches will be Dr. G. Ledger, W.F. Riding, Mrs. Lynn Gates, Jr. and Mrs. John Pratt. Ice-cream and homemade cake and coffee will be served on the lawn. The public is invited and tickets will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children, which includes the art show and ice cream and cake.
- April 21, 1953. The Session Records. It was decided to call a meeting of the men of the church next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to make preliminary plans for forming a men's organization. It was moved and seconded that the Session recommend to the Trustees that they repair the plaster in the kitchen of the manse and install a water heater. Motion carried. Francis Mullen was elected to care for the ushering in the church.
- June 16, 1953. The Session Records. Arthur Blair and Francis Mullen were appointed to care for Communion in July.
- September 22, 1953. The Session Records. There was a discussion about the lack of a janitor for the church.
- December 15, 1953. The Session Records. It was moved and seconded that a basketball be purchased and placed in charge of Richard Steadman for the 1953-54 season. Carried. It was moved and seconded that some odd size communion glasses be given to the Baptist Church. Carried. It was moved and seconded that Arthur Blair look after getting a gift for Mrs. Thompson to show the appreciation of the church for her long service as organist. Carried.

1954

- January 11, 1954. Annual Congregational Meeting. The clerk reported on the member roll as follows: Members as of December 31, 1952-256
 Addition by profession or reaffirmation 5
 Addition by letter 14
 Dismissed to other churches 2
 Total members as of December 31, 1953 270

The congregation arose in memory of the dead as the names of Mr. Fred Barlbaugh Shreve; Mrs. Addie Kamerer; and Mr. Charles Steadman were called. It was moved by Mr. Sammons and seconded by Mr. Harriman that the salary of Reverend Riding be increased \$200 per year.

- March 16, 1954. It was moved by Cook that the April family meeting be centered around the 80th anniversary of the dedication of the church building. Barrie Wilson seconded. Carried.

1955

- January 10, 1955. Annual Congregational Meeting. The pastor and clerk reported on membership statistics and said that present membership was 281. Mrs. Beale moved and Mrs. Blair seconded the motion that a special collection be taken for choir music. Mark Glenn amended the motion to read that the choir present a budget of their needs to the Trustees and that they be asked to deal with it. Barrie Wilson seconded the motion.
- March 15, 1955. The Session Records. It was moved by Eastman and seconded by Star that padlocks be placed on the cola windows and a key given to the treasurer and one to the caretaker.
- Monday, July 11, 1955. Thursday evening there will be a work night at the church to assist in the painting of the Sunday School rooms. All the men are invited to attend at 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 25, 1955. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Leslie Caflisch, will meet this Thursday, July 28th at 7:30 p.m. All the members are requested to attend.
- October 18, 1955. The Session Records. It was moved and seconded that a letter of appreciation and thanks be sent to Mrs. Tracy Montague for the communion table presented in memory of her husband. Mrs. Conway of Civil Defense requested that the Session appoint a committee of one to be responsible for admitting evacuates to the church in the event of an air raid. Frank Eastman was appointed by the moderator for this responsibility.

1956

- Thursday, January 19, 1956. Mr. F. Eastman is the newly elected Sunday School Superintendent of the Union City Presbyterian Church. Mr. J. Starr is his assistant.
- Monday, April 2, 1956. Easter Memorial Flowers:

In memory of Lynn Gates, Sr., given by the Lynn Gates family.

In memory of their parents given by Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McClintock.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Wheeler, given by Miss Marquerite Wheeler.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Olds, given by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Olds.

In memory of Charles and Elizabeth Clough and Clyde J. Eckert, given by Mrs. Rachael Eckert.

In memory of Mr. Forest Beach, given by Mr. and Mrs. Myron Schaefer and Mrs. Forest Beach.

In memory of Robert Pierce, given by Mrs. Robert Pierce and family.

In memory of Tracy Montague, given by Mrs. T. Montague and family.

- April 12, 1956. The Session Records. Elder Frank Eastman was reported in the hospital. Reverend Riding was appointed a committee to purchase some suitable gift for him to express the sympathy of this church.
- April 15, 1956. Special Congregational Meeting. A special meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian Church was called to order after the church service. The purpose of the meeting was to deal with repairs of the organ, to consider a sounder plan of valuation for insurance of church property and to advise the congregation of plans for gas heat in the church.
- Thursday, November 15, 1956. There will be no services in the Presbyterian Church this Sunday, November 18, as a new gas-fired furnace is being installed and it will not be possible to fire the boilers for Sunday. The members of the Presbyterian Church are invited to worship with the First Baptist congregation this Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

1957

- January 15, 1957. The Session Records. The Men's Class reported that the gas furnace installed in the manse was now completely paid for by the class with a \$13.00 balance on hand. The choir report by Mrs. Wilson has about \$250 in a fund towards new robes. It was moved and carried that this report be accepted. It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent to Mrs. Dallas Smiley expressing appreciation of the recorder given in memory of Frank Smiley.
- January 22, 1957. The Session Records. Frank Eastman was appointed Sunday School Superintendent and Nelson Francis assistant Sunday School Superintendent.
- February 18, 1957. The Presbyterian Women's Association is sponsoring its annual Washington Tea, Thursday, February 21 at 2 o'clock in the Parish Hall of the church. A very fine entertainment has been planned for the afternoon.
- September 23, 1957. The Session Records. It was moved by Frank Eastman that Mrs. Gates be allowed to conduct dancing for members of the Sunday School in the auditorium of the Parish House. Seconded by Nelson Francis and carried.
- October 15, 1957. The Session Records. Frank Beale reported that 69 persons received communion on World Wide Communion Day October 6th, according to the communion cards that were returned. It was noted that Frank Eastman substituted for A.H. McKean in preparation for communion.

1958

- The names of the deceased members of the last year were read. They were: Mrs. Emma Sherwood; Mrs. Julia Young; Mrs. Minnie Lupton; Mr. Marvin Cooper; Mrs. Marcella Morton; Dr. G.E. Humphrey; and Mrs. Mary Chapin.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of Sam Shade; Mrs. Olga Sammons and Harry Chapman for Elders for three-year terms. There were no other nominations. The nominees were elected and this concluded the business of the meeting.

- June 10, 1958. The Session Records. Reverend Riding reported on a communication from the Odd Fellows Lodge asking for a representative to be appointed to attend a meeting to discuss the formation of a Golden Age Club. Mark Glen was appointed to attend this.

1959

- Thursday, February 12, 1959. The men of the First Presbyterian Church and their sons enjoyed a Father and Sons Banquet Wednesday, served by the ladies of the church. The delicious dinner, held in the church parlors, was served at 6:30 o'clock. Decorations were in the patriotic theme and approximately 100 guests attended. Mark Glenn, chairman, acted as master of ceremonies, introducing Jerry Literhland, who sang a solo. Reverend P.H. Augustine was guest speaker. Reverend George McClintock gave the invocation and spoke briefly and Reverend W.F. Riding gave the benediction.
- March 10, 1959. the Session Records. It was moved by Mr. Beale that we suggest to the Trustees that the cost of repairing church windows be estimated for each unit and an appeal for families or individuals to underwrite the cost be made. Seconded by Gates. Motion carried.
- April 19, 1959. Congregational Meeting. The meeting was called to advise the congregation of the necessity of obtaining \$5,000 to finance the repairs to the church windows and the sunken portion of the floor in the Parish House. A motion to authorize the Trustees to borrow up to \$5,000 for this purpose was made, duly seconded, and passed. It was noted that this was not a legally called meeting, but that this action was necessary to bring this matter before the Presbytery.
- May 12, 1959. The Session Records. Reverend Riding reported on the action of the Presbytery permitting the Trustees of this church to borrow up to \$5,000 for church repairs. He also said that the Presbytery has a revolving fund which is loaned the churches when available without interest or very low interest. It was moved by Gates and seconded by Eastman that we unite with Baptist Church for services during the months of July and August.
- August 10. 1959. Congregational Meeting. The congregation concurred with regrets with Reverend Riding in asking the Presbytery to dissolve the existing pastoral relations of the Union City Presbyterian Church. Motion carried. Mrs. Blanche Harriman moved that the terminal date be set at September 1, 1959. Seconded by Mrs. Eastman. Carried. The Pulpit Committee was elected as follows: Frank Beale, Session; Carl Allison, Trustees; Robert Conway, Congregation; Rachael Eckert, Women's Association; Howard Sammons, Sunday School.

1960

- January 12, 1960. The membership report was given by the clerk as follows: Members, December 31, 1958 – 211. Members as of December 31, 1959-203. It was brought up that next year would mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Union City Presbyterian Church. (1961) It was moved and seconded that we prepare for a fitting celebration of this memorable occasion. Carried. It was moved and seconded that the Session set up the proper committee or committees to accomplish this work.
- June 1, 1960. The Session Records. There was a question brought up whether taking pictures of the youngsters as they light the candles on the communion table during the church service would be objectionable. The Session thought that if the pictures were taken from the balcony, it would not cause any difficulty.
- July 20, 1960. The Session Records. It was moved and seconded that the Session request a meeting of the Presbytery to act upon the call to the Reverend John Graham as soon as the way is clear.
- August 10, 1960. The Session Records. Reverend John Graham was elected as pastor.
- October 4, 1960. The Session Records. It was moved and seconded that our church cooperate with the Union City Ministerial Association in passing out pamphlets “Should A Roman Catholic Be President?” Carried.

Presbyterian Pastors



Death of Reverend Ashley Wilson's Son

February 19, 1953. Word has been received in Union City announcing the death of Wayne S. Wilson, 38, of Salem, Ohio, on February 11th. Born in Hanover, Pa., on December 20, 1914, he was the son of Reverend Ashley and Bertha Moore Wilson.

Farewell Reception for the Ridings

Thursday, August 6, 1959. A farewell reception for Reverend and Mrs. W.F. Riding and Miss Barbara Riding was held Tuesday evening, July 21, in the Parish House of the United Presbyterian Church. The Women's Association, headed by Miss Marguerite Wheeler, president, and her decoration, flower, and refreshment committees functioned beautifully. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eastman and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Glenn received with the Ridings and welcomed the guests.

During the evening, Mrs. M.J. Blandon, representing the Baptist congregation, gave a fine tribute to the Reverend Riding and Mr. William Carroll presented Reverend and Mrs. Riding with a lovely gift from the Baptist congregation.

Dallas McClintock spoke to the Ridings and guests and presented a gift to Reverend and Mrs. Riding from the United Presbyterian members and congregation in appreciation of Reverend Riding's ten- and one-half years of Christian and social service here.

The Ridings left Monday for a month's vacation. Reverend Riding will preach his farewell sermon Sunday, August 30, in the United Presbyterian Church.

They will go to Rogers Park, Chicago.

Reverend John A. Graham is Installed as Pastor

Thursday, October 13, 1960. The Reverend John A. Graham will be installed as pastor of the Union City and Wattsburg United Presbyterian Churches, Sunday evening, October 23rd at 8 p.m. at the Union City Presbyterian Church. Representatives of the Lake Erie Presbytery will be present to participate in the service. Following the installation service, a reception will be held in the Presbyterian Parish Hall for Reverend Graham and his family.

Presbyterian Profiles



Thursday, October 11, 1951

Kindergarten to Open Monday. Mrs. Riding, Instructor. Mrs. Palmer, Assisting.

The pre-school group of the P.T.A. announces the opening of the kindergarten, Monday, October 5th. The hours are nine to eleven, at the Presbyterian Parish Hall. Mrs. Fred Riding will teach the group, with Mrs. Paul Palmer assisting. Each child attending the kindergarten is requested to bring a small rug for use in rest periods. If your child will be using the 11 o'clock taxi services, please place a bag with name and address on his or her outer clothing.

The pre-school group wishes to express appreciation to the following for their generous donations and assistance in making the kindergarten possible:

Veterans of Foreign Wars	\$50 for license
American Legion	\$50 for equipment
Standard Chair Company	\$50 for equipment
Union City Chair Company	\$50 for equipment
East Mfg. Company	22 tables and chairs and \$30 in cash
G.L.F.	\$15 for equipment, beans for bean bags, bushel baskets for wraps
Morse Drug Store	First aid kit and children's books
Smiley's Department Store	children's plastic aprons
Wegman's 5 cents to \$1.00 Store	crayons and scissors
Gates Drug Store	paper cups and cup holders

Laskaris Confectionery	paper straws
Mineo's Confectionery	paper straws
Bloss Drug Store	Kleenex, toilet tissue and pencils
Times Enterprise	4 reams of white paper
Union City Cab Company	Special rate for returning children to their homes
Hoffman's Wallpaper & Paint Store	decals
Olds Florists	juvenile vase
Comstock Wood Products Company	educational blocks
Paul Connell	phonograph
Rulaf and Marie Young	bean bag board and puzzles
Presbyterian Church	nominal rent for physical plant
Elmer Rice	cooperative custodian service
Mrs. Paul Palmer and Mrs. Lynn	
Gates, Jr.	making bean bags
Al Cerutti	records

Mrs. Omar Menoher is the chairman of the kindergarten group. Mrs. James Gillett is in charge of donations and Mrs. John Mineo is secretary and treasurer.

Presbyterian Rally Day

Monday, September 26, 1955. The annual Rally Day Service in charge of the primary department was held in the Presbyterian Church Sunday, September 25th.

Welcome	David Schaffer
Responsive Reading	David Blythe
Prayer	Jack Comstock
The 23 rd Psalm	the Graduating Class
The Disciples	Mary Lou Gates
The Apostles Creed	Wayne Shade
The 100 th Psalm	John Rice

The Books of the Old Testament Cheryl Reynolds

The Books of the New Testament Billy Cooper

Songs:

Thanks Be to God the Primary Department

The Beatitudes Marsha Gillett

The Ten Commandments Bill Menoher; Jim Starr; Carol Rice; and Nancy Prather

Awards were presented to Carol Simpson for one-year perfect Sunday School attendance; to Dixie Lee Reynolds for two years; to Jill Bartholme for 9 years; to Ruby Jane Steadman for 15 years and to Richard Steadman for 15 years.

The graduates from the primary to the junior department each received a white leather Bible. The graduates were: John Rice; Nancy Prather; Mary Lou Gates; David Blythe; Bill Cooper; Marshal Gillett; Cheryl Reynolds; Jim Starr; and Wayne Shade.

The Annual Presbyterian Rally Day Program

Monday, October 1, 1956. The Annual Rally Day program was held at the Presbyterian Church Sunday, September 30, when the children of the Primary Department of the Sunday School presented the morning worship service.

The Primary Department sang a song and repeated the Twenty Third Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. James Heaney recited the books of the Old Testament and Linda Broadhurst gave the books of the New Testament. Lynn Ann Menoher, Sharon Clark, Linda Mouke, and Nancy Eastman sang "The Little Bird."

The story of Abraham and Lot was acted by the children and Sally Mullen was the narrator. Bill Menoher recited the One Hundredth Psalm and Martha Blair sang a song. Penn Shade gave the closing prayer.

The sacrament of Baptism was held and Craig Stewart Boldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boldman, was baptized.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Frank Eastman, presented Bibles to the graduates entering the Junior Department from the Primary. Linda Broadhurst; James Heaney; David Cooper and Bill Menoher received Bibles. Bars and pins were given to the students having perfect attendance for the past twelve months. Vivian Rubner received a 9-month pin; Paul and Barbara Riding the second-year bar; Sally Mullen the second-year bar; Sandra Devereaux received her 5th year bar and Richard and Ruby Jane Steadman received a bar for the 17th year of perfect attendance.

Carol Simpson, Barbara Riding, Sally Mullen, Billy Schafer, Bruce Blythe and Susan Morse graduated into the Intermediate Department.

Chapter 16: 1960-1970



Reverend John Graham- 1960-1962

Reverend George Reemsnyder- 1962-1964

Reverend William Allman- 1964-1969

Reverend Dean C. Mead- 1969-1975

On August 10, 1960, Reverend John Graham was elected as pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church. Reverend Graham served the church until June 1962, when he resigned because of financial problems. Reverend George Reemsnyder served as interim pastor from 1962 to 1964.

Reverend William M. Allman was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City on Sunday, February 2, 1964. He came to Union City from the First Presbyterian Church in Edinboro where he had served since July 1959 and held previous pastorates in Allman, West Virginia, and the Pittsburgh area. The new minister is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and of the Western Theological Seminary from which he also holds a master's degree in theology. He is a member of the Board of Trustees and the Presbytery of Lake Erie, a member of the Ministerial Relations Committee, and Chairman of the Committee on Pensions. He served in World War II as a chaplain of the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Mrs. Allman is a grade school teacher in the Edinboro Schools. The Allmans have two children, a daughter Betty, a sophomore in Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., and a son, Alfred, a junior in high school.

Reverend Allman and his family serviced the Union City Presbyterian Church until 1969, when Reverend Dean C. Mead, 29, accepted the pastorate in October of that year. He conducted his first service in the church on Sunday, October 19, 1969. Reverend Mead had served as an assistant at the Westminster United Presbyterian Church of Erie.

Reverend Mead was raised in Portland, Oregon, and attended the Pittsburgh Seminary. He was ordained in Erie in 1967 and served as minister of Christian Education in the Westminster Church of Erie. "I'm looking forward to a fruitful ministry in Union City and Mill Village," Reverend Mead said. "I see a real potential for a strong church here and I have already been impressed by the faith of some of the parishioners."⁴

His wife is the former Donna Schiller and she is a registered nurse and housewife. The Meads have a six-month-old son, David. The Meads remained in the Union City pastorate until May 1975, when Reverend George O. Reemsnyder served as interim pastor again.

⁴ Union City Times, October 19, 1969.

Presbyterian Participation



- January 5, 1961. The Session Records. It was moved and seconded that Barrie Wilson be appointed by the Session as chairman of the 150th Anniversary Committee. Motion carried.
- January 9, 1961. Annual Congregational Meeting. The Clerk reported the action of the Session regarding the appointment of a Committee Chairman for the 150th Anniversary to be observed this year. Barrie Wilson who had been appointed chairman could not be prevailed upon to accept it. After some discussion, a general chairman for the Committee was elected by the congregation. Wilbur Rexrode was elected for this position. It was decided that additional committee members were to be appointed by the various groups making up the membership of the Church and Sunday School. Also, additional members for specific responsibilities could be appointed by the Committee. It was suggested that September be set as a tentative date for the celebration. The congregation concurred to this. The nominating committee nominated Nelson Francis for Sunday School Superintendent and John Clark as Assistant Superintendent. They were elected.
- Thursday, February 9, 1961. Circle NO. 4, Mrs. C.R. Smith and Mrs. Frank Beale, Chairmen, will meet on February 14 at the Parish House for a tureen supper. Come and enjoy a discussion by Reverend Graham on "Consider the Church."
- Thursday, March 2, 1961. The circles of the United Presbyterian Church will meet on Thursday, March 9, as follows:

Circle No. 1, Mrs. P. D. Harrison, Chairman at the home of Mrs. A.H. McKean

Circle No. 2, Mrs. Barrie Wilson, Chairman at the home of Mrs. Vina Young.

Circle No. 3, Mrs. Hazel Kerr, Chairman, at the home of Mrs. Lynn Gates, Sr.

- Thursday May 4, 1961. Lake Erie Presbytery held at Warren, Pa., last Friday was well attended by the Union City Association. Those attending from Union City were: Mrs. Haze Kerr; Miss Rosetta Kahle; Mrs. S.W. Johnson; Mrs. C.J. Eckert; Mrs. C. Kinney; Mrs. B.E. Schlosser; Mrs. M.C. Glenn; Mrs. George Harriman and Reverend and Mrs. John Graham. The delegates, who will be attending the First National meeting of the United Presbyterian Churches, were honored and dedicated. The main speaker for the meeting at Warren was Mrs. Palm, a missionary from the Philippines.

- Thursday, May 4, 1961. The youth fellowship group of the Presbyterian Church sponsored a hayride recently for the Methodist and Baptist Youth Fellowships. The hay ride was taken from 7 to 9 p.m. and from 9 to 11 there was dancing. Refreshments of coke and cookies were served. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ely. The young people thanked Reverend and Mrs. John Graham and Phyllis and Russ Rice, leaders of the Presbyterian Youth Fellowship, who “have so generously given of their time, that we the youth group might benefit. We thank you for what you have done.”⁵
- June 1, 1961. The Session Records. A letter requesting the dismissal of Paul Riding to the Granville Avenue Presbyterian Church in Chicago, was read and the request granted. Chairman Rexrode reported on the progress of the Anniversary Committee. It was moved and seconded that church services during July and August be Union services with the First Baptist as they have been for several years. The motion carried.
- Thursday, August 17, 1961. A week-long program marking the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Union City Presbyterian Church will take place. The Reverend W.F. Riding of Chicago, Illinois, a former pastor of the Union City Church, will be the guest speaker at the opening ceremony next Sunday morning, August 20 at 10 a.m. A coffee hour will follow. Friday August 25th has been set aside as “Community Night” at which time all pastors and members of local and community churches are invited to participate. This service is scheduled for 7:30. A banquet for all members of the congregation and their guests will be held Saturday evening, August 26, starting at 6:15. On Sunday morning at 10:00 o’clock the Reverend R.A. Pitzer of Elwood City, Pa., another former pastor, will occupy the pulpit. A coffee hour will follow. The ceremonies will close with a communion service Sunday evening at 7:30 o’clock with Reverend John Graham presiding.

1962

- February 7, 1962. The Session Records. Session Committees were set up as follows:
Ushers Committee – Frank Eastman
Building Committee – Lynn Gates, Jr.
Worship- Ms. Harold Cooper
Membership – Arthur Lyons
Christian Education – William Mathias
- April 4, 1962. The Session Records. Members of the Communicants Class were introduced to members of the Session. They were James William Shields; Glen Allen Mathias; Mary Virginia Mathias; and Nancy Ann Eastman. It was moved by William Eastman and seconded by William Mathias that these above mentioned be accepted as members of the church. Arthur Blair was appointed representative to attend Presbytery at Cambridge Springs with Reverend Graham. Moved by William Mathias and seconded by Mrs. Harold Cooper that Reverend Graham obtain a representative in case Arthur Blair could not attend Presbytery meeting. It was moved and seconded that any future activities or parties of children in the Parish House should first be approved by the Christian Education Committee.

⁵ Union City Times. Thursday, May 4, 1961

- April 8, 1962. The Session Records. Communion will be prepared by Frank Eastman and D.M. McClintock.
- May 2, 1962. The Session Records. It was moved by Wilbur Rexrode and seconded by Arthur Blair to put in the next Sunday bulletin an announcement that it had been brought to the attention of the Session that several members were disappointed in keeping the church service at 10:00 a.m. instead of changing to 11:00 a.m. in the summer as in past years. If enough of these members would make themselves known, it would be considered by the Session. Lynn Gates, Clerk of Session.
- July 15, 1962. The Session Records. It was moved by Frank Eastman and seconded by William Mathias that the Golden Age Club be allowed to use the Parish Hall and the kitchen only after approval of the Women's Association as to the use of the kitchen. Motion was made by Wilbur Rexrode and seconded by D. Cooper that Sunday School is to be at 10:00 a.m. and church service at 11:00 a.m.
- November 11, 1962. The Session Records. It was moved by William Mathias and seconded by Arthur Blair to ask Dot Ann Gates to continue another year as Superintendent of the Sunday School. Motion carried.
- November 29, 1962. Congregational Meeting. The following members were nominated and approved for the Pulpit Committee: Mary Shields; Myron Shafer; Frank Eastman; C.W. Mathias; Dorothy Cooper; Mark Glenn; Sally Lupton; Blanche Harriman; Donald Junker.
- December 22, 1962. The Session Records. Members of the Session heard a request for permission by the Women's Organization to remodel the church kitchen. This request and outline of proposal were presented by Mrs. Blanche Harriman. It was moved by William Mathias and seconded by Frank Eastman that the proposal be approved. The motion was unanimously passed.

1963

- January 14, 1963. Annual Congregational Meeting. The Clerk of Session reported that membership as of December 31, 1961, was 192.

Additions by Profession	6
Additions by Certificate	7
Losses by Certificate	10
Losses by Death	5
Membership as of December 31, 1962	190
Baptisms during the year	2

- January 20, 1963. The Session Records. Reverend George O. Reemsnyder appointed the following Session Committees for the following year:

Worship-Music-Communion-Ushers
Mrs. Harold Cooper, Arthur Blair

Stewardship and Missions
William Mathias, Donald Eastman

Christian Education
Francis Mullen, Lynn Gates

Evangelism and Visitation
Fred Bauer, Dallas McClintock

Public Relations
Robert Shreve, Frederick Bartholme

After a discussion on church bulletins it was moved by William and seconded by Fred Bauer to adopt a new style with church picture on the cover and church officers and organizations listed on the back. Motion carried.

After reading a letter from Reverend F.W. Riding requesting a letter of transfer for his daughter Barbara Riding to the First Methodist Church of Bloomington, Indiana, it was moved by Dallas McClintock and seconded by Robert Shreve to issue the letter as requested. Carried.

- Sunday, February 3, 1963. The Session Records. It was noted the new trustee officers are: President, Bob Conway; Secretary, Howard Sammons; and chairman of the building committee, Richard Steadman.
- Sunday, March 3, 1963. The Session Records. C.W. moved and D.H. McClintock seconded to have Marvin Lord keep the church parking lot and street cleared of snow. Carried.
- Sunday, March 31, 1963. The Session Records. There was a discussion on brick veneering the church building and the possibility of the need to borrow some money for this project.
- Sunday, June 2, 1963. The Session Records. Reverend Hill of the Baptist Church will preach in our Church during August 1963. During July 1963, our members will meet with the Baptists in their church. William Mathias moved and Robert Shreve seconded to accept, Reverend Reemsnyder's suggestion to divide our congregation into about eight groups or parishes with a person in each group designated as a leader so as to better communicate with the whole congregation and to keep track of the families in the congregation and perhaps develop these groups into prayer groups. Carried.
- July 7, 1963. The Session Records. Wattsburg Session Members were present. They were Arthur Harwood; Mrs. Walter Drissel; Stewart McCullough; Harold Hall; Robert Drissel; Mrs. Clute; Mrs. Allen; Gerald Page; and Mrs. Richards. Union City Session members present were William Shreve; Robert Shreve; Dorothy Cooper; Fred Bauer; Arthur Blair; and Francis Mullen.

William Mathias presented a four-point program to Wattsburg for discussion: (1) Sunday service for Wattsburg (2) One day a week for pastor calls at Wattsburg (3) One or two

nights per month for youth work at Wattsburg (4) Union City to have choice of hours for Sunday Service.

The Wattsburg Session seemed to agree to all points except selection of service hour on Sunday, which they felt should be their preference. Wattsburg also thought they could pay a salary of \$1,200 and \$450 travel expenses, which was the same as previously.

Former difficulties between the two churches were aired and it was decided that lack of communication caused the misunderstandings of the past.

It was suggested by William Mathias to pick a common geographical location for Union City, Wattsburg, East Green, Waterford, and Mill Village to have one church and one real good minister for this union of churches. No motions or action taken.

- July 21, 1963. The Session Records. It was regularly moved and seconded to hold a Congregational Meeting on August 11 to offer the congregation an opportunity to reconsider re-establishment of a yoke with the Wattsburg Presbyterian Church.
- August 11, 1963. Congregational Meeting. Reverend George O. Reemsnyder stated the purpose of this meeting was to decide if we wanted to reestablish a yoke with Wattsburg Presbyterian Church.

The Pulpit Nominating Committee reported no success in getting a pastor for only \$4,500.00 that would be acceptable. It was pointed out that with the combined salaries of the two churches, perhaps we could obtain a much better pastor.

After further discussion of some candidates, Francis Mullen moved to rejoin with Wattsburg in a Yoke System. Seconded by William Mathis. Carried. It was suggested the Session of our church have in writing any arrangements that were made with Wattsburg Church Session.

- September 1, 1963. Wattsburg Presbyterian Church decided not to join with the Union City Presbyterian Church as a Yoke Church.
- Friday, December 27, 1963. After much discussion about the Wattsburg and Union City Churches forming a Yoke. F.H. Bartholme moved and William Mathias seconded to form a Yoke with the Mill Village Presbyterian Church instead of the Wattsburg Church. Motion carried.
- Thursday, September 15, 1966. The church is being redecorated.

Mrs. Olga Sammons will show slides of her European trip at 12:45 at the church.

Choir practice will be Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Payments for renovation should be given to treasurer, Mr. James Turner, RD1, Union City.

Circle No. 4 is deferring its regular September supper and meeting, asking instead that its members help with the Operation Clean-Up on Tuesday night.

The following young people, members or currently associated with the church, are pursuing studies beyond the high school level.

Alfred W. Allman	Westminister College
Nancy Blair	Edinboro State College
Linda Broadhurst	Edinboro State College
Dianne Brown	Simmons College
A. Stephens Brown	Grove City College
David A. Cooper	University of Pittsburgh-Titusville
Lynnanne Gates	Data Processing Company
Tami Hatch	Kent State University
Elizabeth Ann Cooper	Meadville City Hospital School of Nursing
William Menoher	Lowell Technology Institute
Lynn Sammons	Penn State University
Becky Schroth	University of Michigan

Presbyterian Pastors



Reverend John Graham

April 4, 1962. The Session Records. Reverend John Graham turned the meeting over to Reverend Moorehead who acted as Moderator. Reverend Graham was asked to explain his financial status as of today. Reverend Graham then took leave of the meeting.

It was moved by Lynn Gates and seconded by D.H. McClintock that a committee of W. Rexrode; F. Eastman; Mrs. H. Cooper; and William Mathias with representatives of the Ministerial Relations Committee meet with both Reverend and Mrs. Graham to discuss a possible solution to their financial difficulties.

Reverend Graham was recalled to the meeting and informed of the committee wishing to meet with him and his wife. Tentative dates of April 14 and April 16 were set.

June 18, 1962. Congregational Meeting. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Reverend Reemsnyder, acting moderator and chairman of the Ministerial Relations Committee. They gave an explanation of the problems of Reverend Graham which had been before the Ministerial Relations Committee for the past 12 to 18 months.

Reverend Graham's letter to the church was read stating his desire to be released from Lake Erie Presbytery. He said in order to restore unity in the church he would yield to the suggestions of the Session and the Ministerial Relations Committee and resign from the Union City Church.

Reverend George O. Reemsnyder explained why the Session chose this manner of dismissal was so that he might still be able to continue serving as a minister elsewhere. Mrs. Graham said that Reverend Graham's choice of dismissal was because they had turned over all of their money to a financial advisor and accountant.

A vote on the motion to accept Reverend Graham's resignation was carried: 40 yes and 3 opposed. Mark Glenn and William Mathias were nominated as a committee to attend the

Presbytery Meeting at Rocky Grove on June 26 and presented the acceptance of Reverend Graham's resignation.

Bob Shreve moved to extend the pastor's salary for the months of August and September and to preach during the month of August. Motion was seconded by Francis Mullen. The motion was carried.

William Mathis suggested the Session and Trustee meet and work out a way to take care of Reverend Graham's debts in Union City as of June 18, 1962.

July 15, 1962. The Session Records. The Session decided that financial arrangements for a full-time pastor should be made. It decided to uncover the debts that Reverend Graham still owed. The congregational meeting should be after the Presbytery in September. The budget should be made up by the congregational representative along with the Session members and Trustee member, and then submit it to a joint session of Trustees and the Session.

The minister's salary should be as follows:

\$4,500	Ministers Salary
\$450	Car Allowance
\$675	Pension Fund

Presbyterian Profiles



Presbyterian Ladies Meet in All Day Session

Thursday, March 30, 1961. The members of the Women's Association of the United Presbyterian Church enjoyed a day with Mrs. Paul F. Bauer, President of the Lake Erie Presbyterial, at the church on Thursday, March 16.

The meeting was called at 10:00 o'clock with devotions led by Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Gumbleton who is also a member of the Lake Erie Presbyterial, acting as World

Service and Christian Education Chairmen. Both are very devoted women and they gave the officers and prospective officers many useful and inspiring objectives.

Luncheon was served at 1:00 o'clock by Circle No. 3, Mrs. Hazel Kerr, Chairman. All enjoyed the meal and the fellowship.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Bauer took the audience on the Faith Jet to visit some of our mission fields and made these people and places seem very real. Mrs. Grumbleton then dedicated the association efforts.

The business meeting followed, which was in charge of president Mrs. George Harriman.

Presbyterian Memorial Chimes

Thursday, December 27, 1962. Memorial Dedication Services for the chimes recently installed in the United Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, December 30 at 11:00 a.m.

The chimes were given by Doctor and Mrs. Norman Sherwood and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherwood in memory of the late Doctor and Mrs. Andrew J. Sherwood. Doctor Sherwood served this community for many years.

Following the dedication services, the Reverend George O. Reemsnyder will deliver the New Year's Message, "The Untrodden Way."

Presbyterian Church Repairs

April 17, 1963

Congregational Meeting. Robert Conway, President of the Trustees, gave a resume of work to be done on the church building. Fred Bauer moved and C.W. seconded to petition the Presbytery for approval to mortgage and/or borrow on its property for the amount of \$15,000 for church improvements. Motion carried: 25 yes and 1 no.

This action is taken at this time, before any agreement has been entered into or any contract signed, in order that the Trustees of the Church may proceed, if and when authorized to do so by the Corporation of the Union City Church. We believe that a loan of this amount will permit the Board to proceed without unduly burdening the congregation.

A contract to rebuild the pipe organ at a cost of \$5,000 was authorized at the Annual Congregational meeting in January. This work has now been completed and paid for with the exception of a small balance of \$300,000.

The church kitchen has also been completely remodeled at a cost in excess of \$1,000. This too, has been paid in full.

The congregation is without debt. The exterior of the old church building is unsightly and there is a wide spread feeling that something must be done about it. The Trustees of the Church have received estimates on resurfacing (brick veneer) the structure of prices ranging from \$8,600 to \$10,000, thus protecting it from the weather. Approximately eight years ago some of the soft bricks were replaced and the building painted at a cost estimated to be \$4,000. However, more

bricks are now crumbling and the paint is peeling off. With no firm bid available at this time the congregation places the figure of \$15,000 as a maximum to cover contingences that may occur either before or after work has started. This figure will protect the congregation should concealed damage be found of a nature which cannot be determined until work has progressed.

The congregation plans to repay borrow monies at a reasonable rate, acceptable to the Trustees of Lake Erie Presbytery.

Signed Reverend G.O. Reemsnyder, Moderator

Lynn Gates, Clerk

May 5, 1963. The Session Records. Letter of authorization from Presbytery to allow the Church to borrow up to \$15,000 for making repairs to the outside of the church building was received from the Clerk of Presbytery.

Robert Shreve moved to have Anna Voorhes appoint several persons of her choice to aid her in obtaining and arranging of the flowers for the church services and to commend her for her fine work in the past.

Chapter Seventeen – 1970-1980



Reverend Dean C. Mead- 1969-1975

Reverend George O. Reemsynder - 1975

Reverend George Buchanan- 1976-1979

Reverend Roy Shoaf- 1980-1982

The First Presbyterian Church of Union City Burns

“Tragedy Struck. Fire swept through our hundred-year-old church on November 7, 1972, at 1:30 a.m., completely demolishing the sanctuary.”

This note in the Session Records of the Union City Presbyterian Church starkly describes the disaster that devastated the congregation. The most momentous event affecting the church during Reverend Mead’s pastorate happened on November 7, 1972. A passerby discovered flames coming from the church and rushed next door to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Shreve, 39 West High Street. They turned in the original alarm to the Union City Fire control. The first call to the Union City Volunteer Fire Department came at 1:20 a.m. on November 7 with firemen responding with every piece of equipment. Their equipment included an aerial ladder truck, three pumpers, a super pumper and an ambulance.

Successive alarms went out to Bloomfield Fire Department who brought in two trucks and an ambulance; Stancliff of Waterford, one truck; Mill Village Fire Department with three pumpers; and Corry Fire Department with an aerial ladder truck and a reserve truck. There were at least 100 firemen on the scene throughout the night. More than 50 were served breakfast at the fire house at 5:00 a.m. by the Firemen’s Ladies Auxiliary, Union City’s equipment wasn’t secured at the fire house until 8:30 a.m. There were no injuries.

When firemen first arrived on the scene, the fire seemed to be centered in the front of the church in the balcony area. They soon knocked the flames down until no more were visible. Firemen equipped with smoke masks attempted to open the large front doors. They were stymied. The doors wouldn’t open.

According to Reverend Dean C. Mead, pastor of the church, and Richard Steadman, long time janitor of the building, the locks hadn’t worked for many years. The doors had to be opened from the inside. Firemen tried to pull the hinge pins, and finally smashed through the thick wooden door with axes. By then, the fire had flared again and never was under control until the 100-year-old brick building was in ruins.

The church sanctuary was completely destroyed, but the Gray Chapel annex to the rear of the building was saved. It suffered water and smoke damage, however. A fire wall between the two

buildings evidently acted as a barrier sufficient to stop the flames there. While some firemen fought the fire, others carried furnishings and valuables from the Gray Chapel to the home of Miss Ruth Hewitt across Second Avenue. These were saved.

The cause of the fire was not definitely known, although the State Police Fire Marshal investigated. Damage figures ran from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

The Day Care Center, which was formerly housed in the Gray Chapel, was asked to vacate to another building since the Chapel would be refurbished into a temporary worship area. Sunday services were held at the Union City Fire Hall, with a congregational meeting to follow to plan for the future.

Firemen were called out again about 4 a.m. Wednesday, November, after the flames rekindled. One truck responded and snuffed the fire.

It takes more than a fire to keep a good Presbyterian down, and as early as Sunday, November 12, 1972, the congregation met after church services in the Union City Fire Hall to decide what to do next. After Mr. Frank Beale gave a report on the condition of the ruins, Mr. Allyn Brown chairman of the Trustees, presented the people with some provocative and important questions. He asked them to consider:

- Do we continue as a church?
- Where do we want to go?
- What do we want to become?
- Presently, we are not meeting our financial responsibilities

The congregation and Session gave the Northwestern Construction Company permission to go ahead with cleaning away the debris from the fire so they could meet in their own Parish Hall next Sunday. The Deacons were in charge of the clean-up.

A series of congregational meetings revealed the willingness of people in the community to help the Presbyterian congregation in their time of troubles. The Methodist Church of Union City sent a letter of sympathy and enclosed a check for \$500 in the letter. Reverend and Mrs. Raymond Pitzer and Mrs. Lupton were just a few of the friends and well-wishers mentioned in the Session Minutes as offering sympathy and help. Miss Joan Hunt donated a spinet piano to the church and the Catholic Church congregation offered the use of its organ to the Presbyterians. The Tionesta and Endeavor Presbyterian Churches loaned hymnals to the Presbyterian Church. The Church Secretary sent thank you notes to the Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, and Corry Presbyterian and Mill Village Churches, and to the Odd Fellows Lodge. The Union City Presbyterian Congregation sent special notes of thanks to the Corry, Bloomfield, Waterford, Mill Village and Union City Fire Companies.

At a special meeting at the Allyn S. Brown residence, The Session of the United Presbyterian Church and Deacon representatives decided to prepare the Parish Hall to serve as a temporary church as soon as possible. The Session appointed a committee to contact the Presbyterian Church in Meadville and meet with their building committee on Sunday night, November 12th to get advice from them as to the pitfalls of building a new church. In fact, the Session sought advice in general. The Committee members appointed were Allyn Brown, Susan Ottoway, Dave

Cooper, Mrs. Eckert, Mrs. Fleming, and Mrs. Eastman. The Session moved to save the three stained glass windows that remained intact from the old church.

By November 1973, the Building Committee from the Presbyterian Church was considering architectural plans and bids for the new church. The Council of Presbytery approved the plans and a ground-breaking ceremony for the new church took place on Sunday, April 7, 1974, at 3 p.m. Reverend Dean C. Mead opened the meeting with a prayer. Allyn S. Brown, the Building Committee Chairman, said that hopefully work would start on the new church within the next ten days to two weeks.

On November 18, 1973, the Building Committee voted unanimously for The Unified Construction Company to rebuild the church on a bid of \$206,000 inclusive. The new church was completed in January 1975, and dedicated in June of 1975.

May 1975 brought a new problem for the Presbyterian congregation to deal with. Reverend Dean C. Mead who had been with the Church since 1969, submitted his resignation at a special congregational meeting to accept a call from the Community Presbyterian Church in San Manuel Arizona. In his letter of resignation, he said that he felt “that my pastorate in this Church has been a fruitful one and it has been with much thought and prayer that we have decided to make this move. It has been in the guidance of God that we came here and it is under the continued guidance of God that we leave.”⁶

It wasn't until November 14, 1976 that Reverend George Buchanan from Knoxville, Tennessee, was called to the Union City Church. The terms of his Union City call were a salary of \$7,875 in 24 installments, free manse, one-month vacation, 75 percent of pension, travel \$900, utilities \$375 and a study leave allowance of \$90.00. Reverend Buchanan and his family reported at a congregation meeting on January 10, 1977 that they had only been in Union City less than two weeks and they found the weather very cold. But they said that they were pleased to be in Union City. While Reverend Buchanan served the Union City congregation, he was active in the Family Crisis Program. He was also involved in the Risk and Evangelism Program.

Then at a special Session meeting on December 5, 1979, the Clerk of Session, Irene Kline, read a letter from Reverend George Buchanan stating that because of health and personal reasons he was requesting the Presbytery of Lake Erie to dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and the Union City and Mill Village Churches. The Session moved to accept his resignation.

⁶ Session Records, May 1975

Presbyterian Participation



1973

- December 19, 1973. An old-fashioned model train display similar to the ones found in department stores is being shown at the Union City United Presbyterian Church at Second Avenue and West High Streets. The display is built around rugged mountains like those of southern Pennsylvania and West Virginia. It features five working trains, side lines, a small city, a ski resort, a coal mine, and many working displays connected with a railroad. The Young Adults, Young Couples, and Sunday School students have been working over two months to construct the display. It took more than 50 pounds of plaster to make the mountains and over 100 feet of track was used.
- December 31, 1973. Membership as of December 31, 1973. 150. Two adults baptized: Mrs. Joyce Ethridge and Mr. Mike Langdon. Nine children were baptized. They were: Ellen Smith; Thomas Smith; David Smith; Amy Lang; Floyd Lang; Jr; Jay Gill; Dustin Mead; Paul Don Harrison; and Emily Fisk. Sunday School Membership, 55. Average Attendance, 48. There is between \$4,000 and \$5,000 to be raised yet to meet our budget for 1974.

1976

- April 6, 1976. The Session Records. bible School will be held one week only in the evening this year. They will be using "Sweet" study on family life from the David Cook Publishing Company. A motion was made, seconded and carried to have the Bible School one week only. A report was that Sunday School was going along very well with some increase in membership
- May 4, 1976. Session Records. Because of noise carrying through the speakers during the worship service, the Clerk will write a letter to the CB Association, asking them to please be careful and not use them around the Church during worship time.

1977

- October 4, 1977. The Session Records. The pianos were tuned and a bill of \$50.00 was presented to the Session for payment.

1978

- January 23, 1978. Congregational Meeting

Ecclesiastical Report	
Membership as of December 31, 1976	130
Membership in Church School	45
Teachers	5

1979

- March 6, 1979. The Session Records. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Howard Sammons and Mr. Mark Glenn be extended a note of appreciation for their snow removal efforts. Approved.
- April 3, 1979. The Session Records. The Clerk of Session, Irene Kline, read a letter from Mar Glenn, suggesting that the Session present the Union City Historical Museum the small colored glass windows from the old church so that the antique value and history could be observed by more individuals. Passed.

1980

- January 14, 1980. Congregational Meeting
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| Ecclesiastical Report | |
| Membership as of December 1, 1978 | 122 |
| Membership as of December 1, 1979 | 126 |

The 1980 proposed budget, totaling \$28, 904.00 was presented. It was moved and seconded to approve it as presented. Carried.

- October 7, 1980. The Session Records. Mark Glenn moved and Cooper seconded the Session request the Presbytery to sever the yoke ship between Union City and Mill Village. The vote was taken by a show of hands and it was unanimous.
- October 7, 1980. A note of appreciation was read from Ethel Wilson thanking us for the flowers for the funeral of Barrie Wilson.

Presbyterian Pastors



January 8, 1979. Congregational meeting. Reverend George Buchanan spoke of some of the duties of a pastor. He will hold a mid-week Bible Study in the coming year. The goal is for more members and they should be faithful ones. He will institute Marriage and Family Counseling hours to be held on Saturdays. He thanked all who had helped with any projects during the past year.

July 9, 1979. Reverend Buchanan and Dale Townsend attended the Presbyterial Meeting in Bradford on June 19th. Reverend Buchanan will be taking religious courses and attending lectures during his vacation in Chautauqua.

Presbyterian Profiles



Presbyterian Profile

March 8, 1973. Workmen from the Sabol Company of Oil City began this week to demolish the former sanctuary portion of the Union City First Presbyterian Church, which was ravaged by an early morning fire last November 7, Election Day.

Andy Sabol, spokesman for the company, said the work has been slow the first part of the week because the existing south wall of the Gray Chapel is near the point of collapse and workmen must do most of the clearing away of bricks and debris by hand. This wall will be shored up and later replaced.

The company will tear down the sanctuary portion completely clearing out the basement area. Some of the bricks and masonry material will be used as fill for a parking area to be developed.

The Church has purchased the John Shreve property next door at 39 West High Street. The Church will have the house and barn torn down. This lot will be used to expand the church property so that a new sanctuary can be constructed with room for a blacktop parking and recreational area.

Church officials are undecided on a construction plan for the new church and will continue to seek ideas and suggestions from parishioners before a definite plan is decided upon.

Rebuilding Developments

On November 7, 1972, the 98-year-old sanctuary of the Union City Presbyterian Church was destroyed by fire. On November 19, 1972, the Parish House was repaired sufficiently for church services to be held in the dining area. Additional repairs were continued. An insurance settlement was reached on April 26, 1973. The total amount of the settlement was \$258,052.00. Arrangements to purchase the Shreve property were completed in June 1973 which adjoined the west side of the Church. It was to be used for parking and recreation facilities.

The Re-Building Committee visited many churches in the Tri-state area including several constructed in recent years by two firms of church building specialists. These specialists are

Niehaus Building Systems of West Mifflin and Unified Church Structures of Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Architects associated with these firms were asked for basic plans and final plans were adaptations of these and our own ideas and needs. By a unanimous vote of the Re-Building Committee on November 18, 1973, Unified Church Structures was selected to construct our new building on a "Turn-Key" basis. This meant with furnishings, carpeting, etc., included, but not the organ. On March 3, 1974, at a special congregational meeting, Unified's plans were approved by a unanimous vote and soon after that, the Trustees of Lake Erie Presbytery approved the plans.

Construction on the new building started about June 1, 1974, and it was completed about January 15, 1975. The first service in the new sanctuary was held December 8, 1974. Dedication services were held June 1, 1975.

Architects	Hershel Laster Associates, Berkley, Michigan
Builder	Unified Church Structures, Mt. Clemens, Michigan
General Contractor	C&N Construction Company, Jamestown, New York
Plumbing Sub Contractor	J.C. Peterson & Son, Corry, Pennsylvania
Electric Sub Contractor	Rose Electric, Union City, Pennsylvania
Pews & Chancel Furniture	Sauder Manufacturing Co., Archbold, Ohio
Organ & Carillon	Fulton Piano & Organ Co., Johnstown, Pennsylvania

Rebuilding the Church

January 7, 1974. Plans have arrived at last for our new sanctuary. We hope within two weeks to have revised plans for the Congregation's approval, so that the Building Committee can then give the architect the go ahead for detailed plans.

March 3, 1974. Congregational Meeting. Report of the Building Committee by Allyn Brown. As it stands now, the cost of a new church is \$221,950.00 with modifications. Our guesstimate would be \$225,000 at the finale.

April 7, 1974. The Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Union City Presbyterian Church took place on Sunday, April 7, 1974, at 3 p.m. Representatives of various church organizations as well as Mayor Frank Hakel attended the ceremony. Mrs. Sarah Farver, Presbytery Moderator, Allyn S. Brown, Chair of the Building Committee; Donald Eastman, Chairman of the Trustees and Session; Richard Steadman, President of the Deacons; Dr. Harold Cooper, President of the Congregation; Mrs. Homer Barber, President of the Women's Association; Mrs. Philip Kraus, Music Director; and Miss April Merrill, Youth President, were present. Mayor Hakel read from Revelation and said that he felt that those who are most concerned about the community are those of the churches.

Mrs. Farver commended the Presbyterian congregation for its faith in God and its faith in rebuilding the church it had just lost. On behalf of the Presbytery, she asked that God would richly bless the congregation in the years ahead.

Mr. Allyn Brown, the Building Committee Chairman, spoke of the work accomplished and said that through faith and diligence the congregation could rebuild the church. He said that he hoped rebuilding would start within the next ten days or two weeks.

Reverend Mead read from Ephesians, followed with prayer, and said that God was rebuilding the Presbyterian Church and it will always be God's church, not the people's church.

Then each representative turned a shovel of earth on the location where the building was to be started and Reverend Mead dismissed everyone with prayer, everyone went to the sanctuary for a coffee hour and visit with friends.

August 4, 1974. Special Session Meeting. Parish Hall. Mr. Allyn Brown, Chair of the Building Finance Committee, gave us a very sound and serious report on our finances. He said our church is going to be fully completed with the money we have and that the present building is to be renovated and partly refurbished. This means that we must consider any extra expenditures very carefully.

Chapter 18-1980-1992



Reverend Roy Shoaf- 1980-1982

Reverend Dan Corll- 1982-1987

Reverend James Shera-1988-1989

Reverend Rob Willert - 1989

Reverend Roy Shoaf was interim pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church from early 1980 until February 21, 1982 when Reverend Daniel Corll of Milan, Ohio was called to the Union City Presbyterian Church. During his pastorate the church continued to recover from the trauma of the fire and rebuilding and grow. The South Street manse was closed and the West High Street one occupied while he was pastor, and the Christian Education Building was re-roofed and refinished. On November 29, 1987, Reverend Corll called a special congregational meeting and resigned, effective December 31, 1987.

Reverend James Sherea served as Interim Pastor from March 1988 to April 1989. At the annual meeting in December 1988, Reverend Shera made some yearend comments. He said that he found the congregation to be a concerned and accepting group of people who are committed to the Church of Jesus Christ, “as is evidenced by the number who attend services each week.” Reverend Shera said that the average weekly attendance has been a little better than 50 percent of our membership weekly and since the average for the national church is between 20 and 25 percent, the Union City Church was doing better than many of its sister churches.

He said that the area he saw that needed real improvement was the area of service to the church as church school teachers and officers. He said that the church was currently short of two elders on the Session and a president for the Women’s Association. Still, he felt that the future of the Union City Church looked bright and that he prayed God’s blessing on it as it entered the year 1989. He concluded by saying that working together “we can accomplish much, but a divided church cannot really be true to the Lord it sees to serve.”⁷

On April 2, 1989, Reverend Henry Borchardt moderated a congregational meeting of the Union City Presbyterian Church to call Robert Willert to be ordained and installed as pastor of the Union City Presbyterian Church. The congregation approved the terms of the call. Reverend Willert still serves the church in 1992. He is active in pastoral visits, counseling sessions, hospital visits, and community and church ministry and activities. He and his wife Dian, sing in the choir and lead the discussion in the Adult Sunday School Class and Bible study.

⁷ Annual Meeting, First Presbyterian Church of Union City, December 1988.

In his pastoral report of January 4, '990, Reverend Willert set an example for every church member to follow when he said, "In fairness to you, I also should present what I have left undone. My perceived greatest areas of weakness are coordinating church groups around an activity, doing sufficient outreach to congregation members, and doing blunders which insult or upset people. As the new year unfolds, I pray God's Spirit cleanses these faults from me. Then, I can far better serve the warm, wonderful people I have found this congregation to be."

From 1811 to 1992 and beyond, the people of the Union City Presbyterian Church have prayed that God's Spirit cleanses their faults from them and make them ambassadors for Him in their lives and in the community. The Church has survived internal and external troubles, fires, and other tribulations and its many generations of believers have listened to the "still, small voice" of God's Spirit leading them and the Church along the path of His purpose. Sometimes the path has been blocked by thorns and rocks, but the people have persevered.

Presbyterian Participation



1981

- February 3, 1981. The Session Records. Dean Cooper agreed to be chairman of Christian education, replacing David Cooper. Jim Lowes agreed to be Chairman of the Membership and Outreach Committee. Wilbur Rexrode agreed to be Co-Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee with Gary Merrill.
- March 19, 1981. The Session Records. The purchase of a piano for the gym in the Gray Chapel area was discussed. Ellen Sammons found one. It was owned by Mrs. Weed, a piano teacher, who has died. It is a Cable Nelson Spinnet Mahogany Wood, and is for sale. Ellen Sammons moved and Wilbur Rexrode seconded to purchase the piano and place a plate at the door of the Sanctuary for the congregation to contribute to help pay for the piano. The Women's Association will pay half - \$200. Carried.

- July 5, 1981. The Session Records. Allyn S. Brown moved and Wilbur Rexrode seconded that the Session authorize the calling of a Congregational Meeting immediately after morning worship service on Sunday, July 12th for the purpose of deciding on whether to buy the Schroth property for a manse and to authorize the \$100 payment used to obtain the option to buy pending said Congregational approval along with Session approval and Presbytery approval. Carried. The congregation voted its approval on July 12, 1981.

1982

- January 24, 1982. Congregational Meeting

Membership as of December 31, 1980	120
Membership as of December 31, 1981	121
- July 6, 1982. Christian Education. We had approximately 25 children each night at Vacation Bible School. The Arts and Crafts were all done together downstairs for the first time and it was very successful.
- December 7, 1982. The Session Records. A Christmas Eve Communion Candlelight Service will be held at 7:30. Cooper, Seath, Sammons and Barstow will serve communion.

1983

- January 4, 1983. Congregational Meeting. The following members passed away during 1982. A moment of silent prayer was held for them, their families, and other loved ones who passed into life eternal. They were Helen Weitzel; Effie Mae Hedstrom; Rachael Eckert; Marie Smith; Jennie Phelps; and Earl Pattison.
- February 1, 1983. The Session Records. We have ants and silverfish in the Church. Barstow will look into this.
- April 5, 1983. The Session Records. The Donald Eastmans want to put in shrubbery around the manse in memory of Mrs. Anna Voorhees. The Session is happy to approve this and thanks them for this gift.
- December 13, 1983. The Session Records. It was suggested to ask members to stand at their door with a candle or put a candle in their window at 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve as part of a Christmas for Peace Resolution. This will be put in the bulletin.

1984

- January 9, 1984. Congregational Meeting.
Ecclesiastical Report
Membership as of December 31, 1982 122
Membership as of December 31, 1983 104

1985

- January 7, 1985. Congregational Meeting. The Deacons bought new communion cloths for the communion table.

1986

- January 26, 1986. Congregational Meeting.
Ecclesiastical Report
Membership at the end of 1984 115
Membership as of December 31, 1985 115
- June 10, 1986. The Session Records. A Colonial Order of Worship from July 6 was discussed and approved for that service. David Cooper moved and Karlene Johnson seconded. All votes were affirmative.

1987

- January 12, 1987. Congregational Meeting.
Ecclesiastical Report
Membership at the end of 1985 115
Membership as of December 31, 1986 116
- August 11, 1987. The Session Records. Death of two members was reported. Myrtle McClintock on July 17, 1987 and Raymond McCurdy on August 10, 1987. Baptisms scheduled for August 23 is for Brenda Marie Cooper. Births in the congregation were Mark Alan Glenn to Alan and July Glenn on May 26, 1987 and Jenny Lou Merrill to Marshall and Linda Merrill on August 1, 1987.

1988

- May 10, 1988. A choir meeting was held and only five members showed up. No further action could be taken until more interest was shown by the members.
- November 8, 1988. The Hanging of the Greens will be done on December 11th. The tree will be placed in the Cry Room this year.

1989

- January 9, 1989. Congregational Meeting.
Ecclesiastical Report
Members as of December 1987 122
Membership as of December 1988 114
- May 9, 1989. The Session Records. Reverend Willert indicated that it is the desire of the Adult Sunday School Class to continue meeting during the summer.
- September 12, 1989. The Session Records. Motion was made by Bill Sullivan to invite and welcome interested people from Horizon House to come and worship with us. Carried. Susa Ottaway moved to start a tape ministry of Reverend Willert's sermons. Carried.

1990

- January 8, 1990. Congregational Meeting.
Ecclesiastical Report
Members as of December 1988 114
Membership as of December 1989 118

Baptisms during year were Brenda Cole, Paula Cole and Kayanna Dutton Ottaway.

1991

- February 12, 1991. The Session Records. The Easter Cantata will consist of both old and new music.

1992

- January 13, 1992. Congregational Meeting.
Ecclesiastical Report
Members as of December 31, 1990 120
Members as of December 31, 1991 116

- January 19, 1992. The Session Records. Examination of candidates for membership was made. Motion was made by Mary Lou Hubbell to receive into membership by Profession of Faith Holly Miller and Greg Cooper on January 26, 1992. Seconded and carried.

Presbyterian Pastors



Heide Corll Baptized

November 13, 1984. Heide Laurena Corll was baptized on November 4 by Reverend Hank Borchardt. She is the daughter of Reverend Daniel and Deborah Corll.

Reverend Daniel Corll said his goals for 1985 are expanding. He expects to be active in many of the same ways he has this past year, but he wants to venture into some new areas. Among these new areas are the youth group, working with the Cub Scouts on religious awards, and other areas where God may lead.

Presbyterian Profiles



April 8, 1986. The Session Records. The 175th Anniversary Committee will find David Cooper replacing Karlene Johnson. It is to be noted that the Time Capsule will be buried Sunday, April 19, 1986 in front of the dedicatory plate near the sidewalk facing Second Avenue. It is to be removed in exactly twenty-five years.

March 12, 1991. The Session Records. Motion was made to authorize purchase of wooden puzzles for the nursery class from the Jean Dewey Christian Education Fund by Kevin Webb. It was seconded and carried. Susan Ottaway moved for the church to sponsor Girl Scout Troop #37. The motion was seconded and carried. Barb Barstow offered to be the representative from the church to the troop.

Chapter 19: The China Quilt – Presbyterian, Baptist and Communist Patchwork

In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Presbyterian and other denominational hands pieced both literal and figurative missionary quilts and spread them over China with dedicated zeal. Americans often thought of China as an alien land teeming with pagan people. In reality, China was a vast, beautiful land filled with fascinating, diverse inhabitants. The country of China itself resembled a patchwork quilt with checkered squares of mountains, rivers, and lush green valleys. The missionaries gradually spread their figurative quilt snugly over the land of China, but not without rips and rents by the Chinese and others, including Communists, determined to kick off its invading folds from the political and cultural traditions of China.

The 1842 Treaty of Nanking had forced China to open her doors to western trade, and by 1865, an Englishman, James Hudson Taylor, had founded the China Inland Mission. In 1866, Taylor and his family and sixteen workers sailed for China and by the end of the year, twenty-four workers had settled in four inland stations. Almost immediately, Taylor and his wife adopted Chinese dress as “the most obvious method of self-identification with the Chinese people.”⁸

The China mission field continued to expand. In 1875, twenty-two new workers went to China. In 1881, seventy-three additional workers arrived, and in 1887, one hundred new workers eagerly began their China tasks. By 1900, there were about four thousand American missionaries abroad, mostly in China. The murder of hundreds of missionaries during the Boxer Rebellion seemed only to fuel their zeal to Christianize the Chinese. Judson Smith, corresponding secretary of the American Board of Missions, in 1901 wrote that there could be:

No backward steps in Christ’s march down the
centuries and across the nations to universal victory . . .
We are on the march; every foe flees before us every
year makes the cause more resistless; and the end is
both certain and near at hand.⁹

Among hundreds of other missionaries, The China Inland Mission sent Ernest Carlburg, GenEva Hubbell, John Stam and Betty Scott to China. Gen Eva Hubbell had been brought up in the Baptist faith, but Ernest Carlburg began his Christian career in the First Presbyterian Church of Union City, even though he later became a Baptist minister. Betty Stam’s father, Charles Scott, was an ordained missionary in the Presbyterian Church and served with his family, including Betty, in Tsing Tao, Shantung Province in north China from 1906-1918. From 1918-1940 he was

⁸ A Sourcebook for Baptist Heritage, H. Leon McBeath, Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, 1900, p. 343)

⁹ Handwritten copy, Rogers Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.

a missionary at Tsinan Fu, Shantung. Betty and her husband John both graduated from Moody Bible Institute and John served as a Baptist minister in Ohio while he completed his course at Moody.

Gen Eva Hubbell and Ernest Carlburg came from Union City, a small town in northwestern Pennsylvania of approximately 3,000 people. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hubbell of East High Street, Gen Eva completed Bible courses at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. Ernest V. Carlburg, graduated from the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and completed a training course at the China Inland Mission School as well. Gen Eva began her journey to China from the Baptist Church in Union City, and Ernest from the Presbyterian Church in Union City. For a time, they served at the Overlea Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, then made their separate ways to China. Their letters home provide an important window into the cooperation between Baptist and Presbyterian missions in China.¹⁰

The Chinese Revolution of 1911 ushered in a long period of civil strife in China. Despite political turmoil, missionaries continued to serve in China, and by 1929, the total membership of the China Inland Mission totaled over 1,300 people. It had gathered an international constituency extending through the English-speaking world and Europe. More than 400 of its workers were members of fourteen continental societies. Despite the Japanese-China War, World War II, and the Communist takeover of China in 1949-1951, the China Inland Mission, the Presbyterians, Baptists and other denominations persevered in the China field.¹¹

Gen Eva Hubbell began her missionary life in Yanchow, China, a city of about 550,000 people, studying the Chinese language to further equip herself for the mission work. She wrote to the folks at home that a person could walk across Yanchow in half an hour and around the wall in two and one-half hours. The streets were very narrow, so narrow that in some a pedestrian could touch the wall on either side. Each house was walled off with only a gateway opening into the street, and a courtyard and various other buildings stood inside the enclosure. The shops were different from those in Union City in that the entire fronts were open. She reported that the first automobile in Yanchow arrived on December 13 and that it could run only outside the city. "Because of the narrow streets, it is not permitted inside the gates."¹²

In an April 21, 1931 letter, Gen Eva wrote that she had agreed to spend three months in Anhwei Province caring for a missionary named Mrs. Ferguson. She noted that a riot of spring roses and strawberries bloomed in the missionary compound and that the temperature was around sixty degrees. Later that summer she told the home folks that she had been assigned work in the province of Kansee in the north part of China, but would not go out until early fall.¹³

¹⁰ Gen Eva spells her name in Gen Eva instead of Geneva in all of the letters that are reprinted in the Union City Times

¹¹ R. Pierce Beaver, *All Loves Excelling: American Protestant Women in World Mission* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1968) p. 134-135

¹² Union City Times, Monday January, 19, 1931

¹³ Union City Times, April 21, 1931

In January 1932, Gen Eva began her second year of work in China under the Baptist Board of Missions. Now stationed in Siho, China, she expected to serve there for some time. She described Siho as a city between four and five thousand people, situated in a valley among the mountains and possessing an excellent climate. She wrote about the journey through the mountain passes leading to Kansu. Soldiers accosted them at the first of the passes, and according to Gen Eva, these soldiers were the bandits of two years ago and were “the same at heart.” They demanded a price for the safe arrival of the missionaries, but Gen Eva said “Our Father had provided for this need for we had a passport from a military leader that protected us from these evil men.”¹⁴

Ernest W. Carlburg, Gen Eva’s future husband, also wrote letters home. In October 1932, he wrote about having the “delight of meeting Miss Hubbell, and there we spent a very happy week together. I am sure that by this time you will have heard that we are engaged. And right now, I want to take the opportunity of inviting you and any of the rest of the gang you can pick up to come out for the wedding in January 1933.”¹⁵

Since Gen Eva was still stationed in Siho, located about a two-day journey southwest from Tsinchow, and Ernest planned to join her there after their marriage. His immediate destination was the city of Fukiang, one days’ journey northwest from Tsinchow. After spending a week there together, the missionaries went to their own stations. Ernest traveled with his senior worker, Walker, an Englishman his own age, who had been sent out a year ahead of him and who had been in Kansu only about eight months. Ernest arrived in Fukiang on May 31, and described the city as being well situated, about a mile from the Wei River in a well-irrigated and lush valley.

Ernest found that the work in Fukiang was well established by workers before him and entirely in the hands of the Chinese. Walker and Ernest, after a week and a half in Fukiang, moved on north forty miles to the city of Tungvei where no work had yet been done. Ernest felt that the task of the foreigner was not to settle down and act as “priest” over a group of believers, but “rather to lay the foundation and aid in establishing such groups on a self-governing, self-supporting, self-propagating basis, and then move on to new and unevangelized centers to do the same job over again.”¹⁶

Ernest planned to spend most of his time at Fukiang until he and Gen Eva were married and then go to work at Siho. He wrote a letter to his uncle at home describing the station at Fukiang. Fukiang was situated in a valley about forty miles long and on two sides of the Wei River. There were about eighty villages along the valley and these villages made up only a small part of the district, which was supposed to be reached and evangelized from the missionary compound at Fukiang. The missionaries lived in buildings of one story and mud brick, foreign style. The floors were wood instead of the usual mud, and the windows glass instead of the customary

¹⁴ Union City Times, Monday, January 18, 1932

¹⁵ Union City Times, Thursday, October 27, 1932

¹⁶ Union City Times, Monday, October 31, 1932

paper. The furnishings were of foreign style made by the Chinese carpenters. This meant that the missionaries slept on beds instead of kang of mud, and had regular chairs instead of the usual “ban-dung” or saw horse.¹⁷

The beds were made locally and consisted of a rectangular frame set up on legs with light rope interwoven both ways across about two inches apart as slats, springs, mattresses, etc., but not for covering. The kang on which the missionaries did not sleep were found on one end of almost every Chinese room. The kang was like a miniature stage across one end of the auditorium and made of mud and about two and a half feet high from the floor. It was hollowed on the inside to provide a fireplace and this fireplace made accessible by a hole about a foot square, which could open either into the room or through the outside wall. If the hole opened inside, the smoke from the animal dung which was used for fuel anointed the place and after a few nights spent in it, one’s bedding, clothing and person was anointed with a delightful fragrance all of its own.¹⁸

The minutes of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Union City mention that Ernest’s letters were read and enjoyed at the missionary meetings. The ladies sent Ernest and Gen Eva a wedding gift and several donations for the work. They also sent quilts to ward off the chill China winds. They joined their counterparts in the First Baptist Church of Union City in contributing to the work and reading the Carlburg’s letters.¹⁹

Like her fiancée Gen Eva wrote letters home to Union City. She described a trip to a market town in a letter to her parents. The day before Thanksgiving, she, Miss Hoover, a young man of the church, and the servant boy went to a market town twenty miles away. The trip involved about a day’s travel over three mountains, two of them quite high. From one mountain, the travelers could see a valley and mountainsides streaked with red soil in gorgeous designs, and beyond as they followed a small stream with a wall of solid rock on one side.

Occasionally, they would see the remains of an old dwelling that had been cut out of the rock or a temple or some high spot. They reached the town late in the afternoon, fearing that the market might be closed, but the market still teemed with life. Before the travelers could get off their mules, crowds of people surged around them. The townspeople jostled each other for their first view of a foreign woman. A number of small trees grew nearby, and they climbed those to have a better look. So many people climbed the trees that the branches threatened to break.

Gen Eva wrote that the people were so eager for gospel tracts that they grabbed them from the hands of the missionaries. Several snatched the same one and tore it into bits in their struggle for possession. In no time at all, nearly a hundred gospels and books were sold at one cent a piece. She said that the villagers were very poor and few could read, so that only one or two books were sold and Mr. Hoover distributed tracts to a large and interested audience.²⁰

¹⁷ Union City Times, Monday, October 31, 1932

¹⁸ Ibid

¹⁹ Minute Book, Woman’s Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Union City First Presbyterian Church, Union City, Pennsylvania

²⁰ Union City Times, Thursday, January 12, 1933

On January 25, 1933, Sister Gen Eva Hubbell of Union City, Pa. and Siho, Kansu, and Brother Ernest Carlburg of Baltimore, Maryland and Kankuh, Kansu, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed in the K'eh fang (guestroom) of the Ti Hsia Tang under an evergreen arch borrowed from the nearby temple grounds by Brother Mac Phillips at a great risk. The ceremony began at noon. Ernest Carlburg took his place wearing a black watered silk ma-kua (jacket) over a blue gabardine gown, and other garments of gray sateen bound by black sateen tai-tsi, white sox and black velvet shoes. At his previous request, backed by that of his bride and the best man, Brother Arthur Saunders, President of the Society for Preservation of Chinese Dress in China Inland Mission, permitted him to go bareheaded, not requiring him to wear the hsiac-mustst (a small hat).

Reuben Gustaffson of the Scandinavian Alliance Mission of North America, officiated as minister. He hailed from the Swedish Evangelical Free Church of North America and graduated from Knox College in the farming districts of Minnesota and the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Reverend Gustaffson and his wife had traveled across the perilous mountain trail from Lungchow, Shensi, five days distant. He wore a navy blue foreign posumonia suit that covered his six feet two-inch frame well.

The guests sat around with Brother Syd Walker and his bride Mildred, who had just returned from Shanghai and had traveled across with the Reverend and Mrs. Gustaffson. Sister Ruth Benson and Sister Harriette Barnard assisted the bride and Sister Lillian Phillips played the organ. Richard Phillips had been chosen to be the ring bearer, but pleaded illness at the last moment.

Sister Phillips struck up the wedding march from *Lohengrin*. During the last stanza, the bride appeared. Her crown of red hair harmoniously contrasted with a bright blue silk Chinese gown. Her bridesmaid, Sister Betty Bain, wearing a gray silk dress, supported Gen Eva. The bride walked over and stood by her groom. Sister Esther Gustafson sang a solo, "I Will never Leave Thee."

The minister read passages from the Book of Proverbs describing the ideal wife and then performed the wedding ceremony according to Episcopalian form. Two hymns, "Let Me Come Closer to Thee Lord Jesus," and "Light That Grows Not Pale," followed. Brother Mac Phillips closed with prayer and the bride groom kissed the bride. Congratulations and a "sit around" wedding breakfast followed. Dishes of ice cream with wild strawberries crowned the wedding breakfast. The three Britishers, Syd and Mildred Walker, and the best man had to drink a thawing mixture of strong Swedish coffee and sit by the charcoal fire to offset the chill January day.

That afternoon, the friends of the bride and groom met in Kas-Ki Tiang to conduct a "shower". Many useful articles and lovely gifts of linen supplemented the bride's kitchen and linen closet. Six Moody Bible students were present and they closed the shower by singing their schools song, "God Bless the School that D.L. Moody Founded."²¹

²¹ Union City Times, Monday March 13, 1933

The bride and groom spent two weeks with Mac and Mrs. Phillips in Tsinchow after the wedding, then they traveled to Siho. Arriving there on Friday, February 10, 1933 they were well received by the church people and had dinner in one of their homes just across the street from their home. Five days later, at about 6 a.m., the Carlburgs were awakened by soldiers wanting to stay at their house. This did not happen often. Soldiers often came to Siho but respected the homes of the foreigners as a rule, but these were extraordinary circumstances. At 8 a.m. came the report that about four to five hundred bandits were marching against the city. There were nearly a thousand soldiers present, so Ernest and Gen Eva did not know what to expect. The townspeople were alarmed and excited because the bandits had a bad reputation. The bandits were from the Shan Tsi Huei (Fan Society) who according to the missionaries, trusted in and prayed to the devil. In time of battle after praying, they went forward waving fans in front of them, which were supposed to make them invulnerable to swords or gunshot.

At 9 a.m., the bandit army arrived in the suburbs just outside the gate, a few hundred yards from the Carlburg house, and starting firing their guns. They used only rifles and pistols, in addition to swords and spears. Both the soldiers and bandits commonly used swords because they saved ammunition, which was not too plentiful. The fighting raged with varying degrees of severity until Friday noon. Ernest and Gen Eva went about their daily business for the most part. There were no large guns outside to fear and the rifle shells passed over their heads because of the elevation of the nearby city wall.

On Friday morning, a group of soldiers went out of the city and surrounded the suburb, and at noon they opened up with whistles, bugles, shouting and heavy firing of all sorts. By 4 o'clock the bandits were thoroughly beaten and the survivors fled. Ernest wrote to the home folks, "In looking forward to coming to Siho and to the meeting of the problems of the first weeks I had considerable dread, but now that ten days have passed I want to praise the Lord that this experience, like so many of the things we dread, has gone smoothly, well and happily."²²

Ernest and Gen Eva were not as optimistic about the condition of the local church. There were the regular services, praying, singing, preaching, etc., and the proper line of conversation, but they felt it was largely in the letter and not in the spirit. The Carlburgs asked the Lord to bring a quickening of His spirit among the church members. Ernest said, "We haven't much language with which to work, and no particular talent, but the best of speaking and greatest of talent cannot save men from self and carnality into the rich blessing of the Holy Spirit's control – this work the Lord must do – and so our eyes are daily turned to Him for this and we trust all you at home will be working with us by your prayers to this end. . . ."²³

The next letter Gen Eva wrote to her parents in Union City, Pa. contained the news of the birth of their grandson, Herbert V. Luther, to Gen Eva and Ernest at Tainchow, Kansu, China on December 27, 1933. The letter telling his grandparents of his birth did not reach them until Herbert was six weeks old.

²² Union City Times, Monday March 13, 1933

²³ Union City Times. Thursday, May 12, 1933

For the remainder of their thirty years in China, the Carlburgs and their family – they would eventually have three sons, Herbert, Clifford and Gordon- faced the growing danger of the Communists struggling to gain a foothold in the country. The Carlburgs and the other missionaries feared that the Communists would push north and unite with others of like mind in the country northwest of Kansu and eventually with Russia, which they had recently attempted to do. They had not succeeded in entering Kansu, but they had reached the border and were still strongly entrenched there.

The Communist soldiers captured and killed two China Inland Mission workers, Mr. and Mrs. Frencham in South Shensi on February 5, 1935. They advanced further northward on Sunday evening, February 17, and a special messenger from Tsinchow urged the Carlburgs to leave Siho at once. They left on Tuesday morning, taking only what could be carried on one mule. They reached Tsinchow on Thursday and on Saturday resumed their journey toward Lanchow, taking fourteen days to complete what should have been a ten- or eleven-day journey. After resting one day in Kongchang with missionary friends, they traveled toward Tinghsi. On the morning of the second day out of Kongchang where they had spent the night, a band of eighty deserting soldiers turned bandits overtook the Carlburgs. The bandits took their horse, wedding rings, about twelve dollars in cash and a flashlight. The Carlburgs keenly felt the loss of their horse, but they were fortunate because the bandits did not harm Gen Eva or the baby and did not take their mule or their bedding. The bandits also untied and threw off the saddlebags of bedding on the horse, considering them much of an encumbrance to take along. Often these robber bands stripped their victims of warm clothing and bedding, so the Carlburgs felt that they had escaped with good fortune. They finally reached Lanchow on Friday, March 8, where they planned to stay at least six weeks or more, depending on the actions of the Communists.

Ernest and Gen Eva wrote about their adventures to Mrs. Francis F. McClintock, Treasurer of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society of Union City.

At present, so far as we know, all mission workers were removed from immediate danger even in case of an unexpected Red advance in the South, and we are particularly grateful for this after knowing of the murder already this year of two couples, the Stams and the Frenchams by those Reds.²⁴

John and Betty Stam were fellow China Inland Mission workers of Ernest and Gen Eva Carlburg. Elisabeth Alden Scott Stam was born on February 22, 1906 and by October, 1906, she and her mother father, Charles and Clara Scott, had arrived in Shantung Province in China where her parents served as missionaries. Betty and her brothers, Ken and Laddie and her sister Helen enjoyed growing up in China. Betty especially loved the ocean shore and picnics and rickshaw rides through the busy city streets. Then in 1923, when Betty turned eighteen, Charles and Clara Scott brought their family back to the United States on furlough.

Betty applied at Wilson College in Pennsylvania, but before she could begin her studies, she came down with severe inflammatory rheumatism. She had a difficult time staying in bed, but being bed-ridden allowed her to practice writing poetry, and she learned sensitively to God's voice that remained with her all of her life. Before her second year in college, Betty attended a

²⁴ . Union City Times. Thursday, May 12, 1933

summer Bible conference and during the conference she decided to rededicate her life to God. She remarked . . . “I don’t know what God has in store for me. I really am willing to be an old maid missionary, or an old-maid anything else, all my life, if God wants me to. . .”²⁵

After she graduated from Wilson College in 1928, Betty enrolled in the missionary program at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. During her second year at Moody, Betty met John Cornelius Stam at the weekly prayer meeting held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Page who were representatives of the China Inland Mission. Several students gathered in their home every Monday night for prayer and fellowship, and as Betty felt a leading to go to China she attended faithfully. Her courtship with John began there. By the time Betty graduated from Moody in April 1931, she and John Stam had decided that they wanted to marry and serve in China. Betty had been accepted by the China Inland Mission, but they had to wait a year for John to graduate and the China Inland Mission also required one year in the field before missionary couples could marry. Betty went on to China, trusting God to solve the separation problem for her and John.

Separation for John and Betty proved to be a difficult and heart-searching time. John buried himself in his work with school, his church at Elida, Ohio, and his missionary training. Betty, like the Carlburs, began her difficult language work in China. Even though she had been raised in China, she had never been exposed to the intricate structure and dialects of the Chinese language and she found it as challenging as Ernest and Gen Eva Carlburg did.

John Stam graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 1932. The China Inland Mission had accepted him shortly before his graduation, and as soon as he had finalized his travel plans, John wrote to Betty at her mission station in Fowyang. Weeks passed and he received no reply. Having no idea of Betty’s intentions or her whereabouts in China, John sailed on the *Empress of Japan* and after a six-week voyage, he arrived in Shanghai.

Dr. Hiram, the medical doctor in Shanghai for the China Inland Mission had come to town to pick up some special medicine, so he waited for John to arrive. He told John that he had to get medicine for a young lady with tonsillitis, a young lady stationed in Fowyang. As soon as John heard that, he grabbed the doctor's car keys and ran to his car. In his eagerness to see Betty, John hurried Dr. Hiram so fast that he almost made him run off the road.

Betty spent the next year studying the Chinese language and working with the women and children near her station. John spent the year learning the language and witnessing for the first time what he considered the great spiritual need of the people of China. Finally, on October 25, 1933, Reverend R.A. Torrey Jr. married them at Tsinan. Their wedding party included Katherine Dodd, Percy Bromely, Margaret Luce, Charles and Clara Scott and Nancy Rogers.

After a honeymoon high in the mountains of Tsingtao, John and Betty began their ministry in Suancheng. John evangelized and Betty took care of the house and helped John with his work. Sixty miles southwest of Suancheng in a beautiful mountainous region lay the city of Tsingteh. Here John and Betty would end their ministry.

²⁵ Billy Graham Center Archives, Ephemera of Elisabeth Alden Scott and John Cornelius Stam – Collection 499, <http://www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/GUIDES/449.htm>

The Stam's daughter, Helen Priscilla, was born on September 11, 1934, and from the time of her birth, she faced the same danger as her parents. Like the Carlburgs, the Stams had to face the growing Communist strength in China. Since the 1917 Bolshevik revolution in Russia, Communist soldiers had worked to conquer China. Armies of Communists would sweep across a Chinese village, stealing, killing, and kidnapping Europeans and Americans for ransom to add vital revenue to Communist coffers. John did all that was possible to ensure the safety of his wife and baby. Only when he had received full assurance from the district magistrate that the city of Tsingteh was safe from Communist attack did John move there with Betty and Helen Priscilla.

In early December 1934, Communist forces attacked Tsingteh, surrounding John and Betty's house and taking them prisoner. John sent a letter, containing a ransom demand to the China Inland Mission. His letter revealed that Communists held him and Betty and Helen Priscilla in the city of Tsingteh, and that they were demanding \$20,000 to release them.

The Communist army of 6,000 now controlled the entire district and on December 7, 1934, they moved on to the city of Miaosheo, forcing the Stams to accompany them. John sent a second letter to the China Inland Mission saying in part:

I tried to persuade them to let my wife and baby go back with a letter to you, but they wouldn't let her, so we both made the trip to Miaosheo today. They want \$20,000 which we have told them cannot be paid. God give you wisdom in what you do and give us grace and fortitude. He is able. . .²⁶

That night the Communists locked John, Betty and Helen Priscilla in the back room of a large Chinese mansion that they had looted. The soldiers were impatient to move on and they grumbled because they had not been able to collect any ransom money for the Stams. John and Betty knew they were in grave danger and they acted to protect three-month-old Helen Priscilla by concealing her in a sleeping bag and zipping it up. They knew that there were Chinese Christians in the village and they prayed that these Chinese Christians would find their baby and smuggle her to safety.

On December 8, 1934, the Communists executed John and Betty Stam by beheading them with swords. For many hours after their deaths, the Chinese Christians did not dare to remove their bodies. Finally, the Chinese Christians came out of hiding and held a simple funeral service for the Stams. After the service, a Chinese couple searched the home where John and Betty had been held captive and there they found Helen Priscilla bundled in her sleeping bag. She had been left alone for thirty hours and needed fresh clothes and food, but otherwise she was healthy. After a difficult and dangerous trip through China, the Chinese Christians brought Helen Priscilla to her grandparents, Charles and Clara Scott, who were still serving in China.

Eleanor Ruth Elliott, the daughter of Presbyterian missionaries and a fellow Chinese missionary with the Stams, described them as "very dear friends." Eleanor's sister Margaret and her fiancée

²⁶ Billy Graham Center Archives, Ephemera of Elisabeth Alden Scott and John Cornelius Stam – Collection 499, <http://www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/GUIDES/449.htm>

Vincent had planned to be married in Wuhu, a city on the Yangtze, when everyone heard that the Stams had been killed. According to Eleanor, Betty had put Helen Priscilla into a Chinese temple with a ten-dollar bill stuffed down her neck. The Communists took them to another place and Helen Priscilla remained hidden in the temple. Just after John and Betty were killed an evangelist and his wife came along and someone told them that John and Betty had been killed but the baby was still hidden there. They went and found the baby and the ten-dollar bill. The baby needed milk and not many Chinese understood the mechanics of using bottles, but the evangelist's wife had had a baby and since she could not nurse the baby had used baby bottles. She went to the store and bought some powdered milk for Helen Priscilla, filled the bottles and fed her. As Eleanor Elliott said:

And so then they took the baby up to Wuhu. Well, because everybody was so upset, they said "Margaret and Vincent, do you mind if you don't have your wedding here now, because we're going to have John and Betty's funeral. And they had sent up for Betty's parents to come down, and they took the baby...And so Margaret and Vincent were married in Nanking, 'cause we had a dear friend from college who was there. She was with the Friends (Quakers). And so we had the...the wedding was there."²⁷

Eleanor added that that communists had killed the Stams because they did not believe in mission work or in Christianity or foreigners. They did not believe in any God and they felt that they were proving it by killing the missionaries.²⁸

Fortunately, Ernest and Gen Eva and their sons did not meet the same fate as the Stams, although they too, encountered the Communists many times. For several weeks, the Carlburgs lived with friends at Tsinchow after they had returned to South Kansu from Lanchow. Until the end of July 1935, things were peaceful. Then they heard that a band of Communists were very active to the east of them, far enough away not to worry them immediately, but near enough to be carefully watched. Their friend Reverend Phillips had been away for a few weeks but had returned on Friday evening. He had been invited to lead a baptismal service in an out station and Ernest planned to go with him to help.

The Carlburgs and Reverend Phillips had planned to leave Saturday afternoon and return Monday morning. They ate their Saturday dinner with the horses standing saddled and ready to ride. Dr. Kong came in to tell them that he had just received reliable news that Communists occupied Liangtang, a place about three days southeast of them. Since the Communists could move swiftly and there were almost no soldiers at Kansu, this was alarming news. After he and Ernest had conferred, Reverend Phillips decided that he would go to the outstation as planned, but return Sunday afternoon. Ernest would stay behind in case emergency preparations were necessary. By Saturday evening people in the city were quite alarmed and Dr. Kong and Ernest decided that the ladies and children should arrange to move out on Monday morning. The gentlemen would follow a day after, bringing the baggage.

²⁷ Billy Graham Center Archives, Ephemera of Elisabeth Alden Scott and John Cornelius Stam – Collection 499, <http://www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/GUIDES/449.htm>

²⁸ Ibid.

On Sunday morning Ernest heard that the Communists had captured two cities to the south and southwest, Hueihaten and Chenghsien. Ernest and the others decided that they had no time to lose. Everyone had to move out as quickly and completely as possible. Immediately Dr. Kong and Ernest covered the length of the town searching for sedan chairs that were similar to hammocks and carried between two men. The officials had commandeered all of the sedan chairs for their own families, but Ernest and Dr. Kong managed to hire mules and donkeys, which their owners promised, could be ready to travel by midnight. The rest of the day Ernest and the others packed, prepared baskets and a canvas swinging seat for Herbert and the babies to ride in which was carried on poles by two men. The two Carlburg children, Clifford and Herbert, rode in a basket and two men carried little Kathryn Phillips, very ill with dysentery, in another basket.

The horses waited outside the door, saddled for a quick flight and everyone stayed awake, afraid that the Communist might surprise the city during the night. Rain fell heavily from a black sky. The hired animals did not arrive at midnight as promised, but at daybreak. To add to the peril, Kathryn's illness worsened in the early morning hours. Ernest rode the horse in the mud and rain to fetch Dr. Wu, one of the Chinese Christian doctors who had been attending her. Both he and Dr. Kong were at their hospital about a quarter of a mile away and they both came to attend her.

About eight o'clock the next morning, the Carlburgs and their party of about fifty Chinese and foreigners besides the animals and drivers clambered over the black hill or mountain road. It had taken them hours to tie up loads of goods and to prepare the ten mules. They headed first to an out station at Kankuah, Hsieh Chia Chuang, where ample accommodations in the church and a fine body of warm-hearted Christians awaited them.

They got half way to the first village located on the bank of the Wei River. As they traveled, they met many of the city people on the roads too, fleeing to the mountains. The second day they crossed the river on a crude boat and traveled over still smaller roads, reaching Hsieh Chia Chuang at about five o'clock in the afternoon.

The missionaries rested there for a day, intending to go on the next day toward Lanchow while the Chinese remained behind, hoping to find protection in the distant mountains if the Reds came near. The missionaries felt safe, because they had crossed the river and since the water was high, there were very few boats for anyone else to use to get across. By Wednesday Kathryn Phillips was dangerously ill, and Reverend and Mrs. Phillips with Miss Grasely to help, remained with her while Miss Hines, with Ernest and his family, continued the journey taking the baggage for the whole party. It took them eight days to reach Lanchow.

The party behind them had a more eventful time. Wednesday afternoon a band of the Communists entered the north suburb of Tsinchow, where the mission was located, and remained there for two days. They did not harm the people at the mission to any great extent, but did break into the mission premises and looted much of the goods that had been left behind. Friday night, the people at Hsieh Chia Chuang learned that the Reds had just crossed the river at the same place Ernest and his party had crossed. The question was as to whether they would turn to the left or to the right toward the town of Tsinan.

In the middle of the night the Chinese fled into the hills. The Communists went to Tsinan instead of to Kankuh, but on their journey northward the missionary party was a good deal of the time only a short distance to one side or ahead of the moving Communist band. Kathryn Phillips was still ill, and a doctor met them in response to a phone call from Tinghsi. After she arrived there a day or two behind the Carlburgs, she recovered speedily.²⁹

In August 1937, the Carlburgs wrote that they were safe and did not plan to take any undue risks with the Communist soldiers. They advised the home folks to write to them in care of the China Inland Mission in Shanghai and their letters would be forwarded. The next summer of 1938, Ernest, Gen Eva, and their sons spent several weeks safely at the China Inland Mission Home in Los Angeles, California. Then they traveled East for a visit to Chicago and their friends from the Moody Bible Institute.

Even though Ernest and Gen Eva were on furlough, the Missionary Societies in Union City were busy doing China service in the winter and spring of 1938. In the January meeting, the secretary, Mrs. C.L. Mead, read a card from Mrs. R.M. Gilkey, Greenville, Pa., the overseas hospital secretary. The hospital requested some gauze and unbleached muslin bandages to be sent to University Hospital, Nanking, China, which had been bombed and strafed by Japanese armies. The ladies wound the bandages on Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood's bandage winder. The Society sent nine four-inch, ten-yard unbleached muslin bandages by parcel post. Again, in March, Mrs. Mead purchased ten yards of unbleached muslin for bandages and the ladies made nine bandages during the March meeting. The bandages were four inches wide and ten yards long and the ladies again wound them on Dr. Sherwood's bandage winder. Mrs. Mead sent them to New York by parcel post the following day. The Baptist ladies of Union City also sent bandages.³⁰

The bandages arrived in China long before the Carlburgs returned from their furlough. But finally, after "wandering since the fall of 1935," as Ernest expressed it, the Carlburgs sailed for China in September of 1939. They had expected to be assigned near the coast in Chekiang Province, but instead were sent back to Kansu, much to their delight. The Carlburgs were thrilled to discover that they had caught up to the Phillips who arrived in Shanghai about a month earlier, and they all traveled to Kansu together. After a journey of about three months, they arrived in Kansu and resumed their mission work. They would have many more encounters with the Communists before they left China for good in 1953.

Through all of her years in China and Taiwan, Gen Eva smoothed home-pieced missionary quilts on stovetops and straw beds. Even in their retirement home in Wheaton,

²⁹Union City Times, Thursday, August 29, 1934

³⁰ Union City Times, Monday, September 15, 1941
Minute Book, Woman's Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Union City Presbyterian Church Union City, Pennsylvania.

Illinois, she and Ernest treasured the quilts that the Baptist and Presbyterian missionary society women in Union City had sent to them.

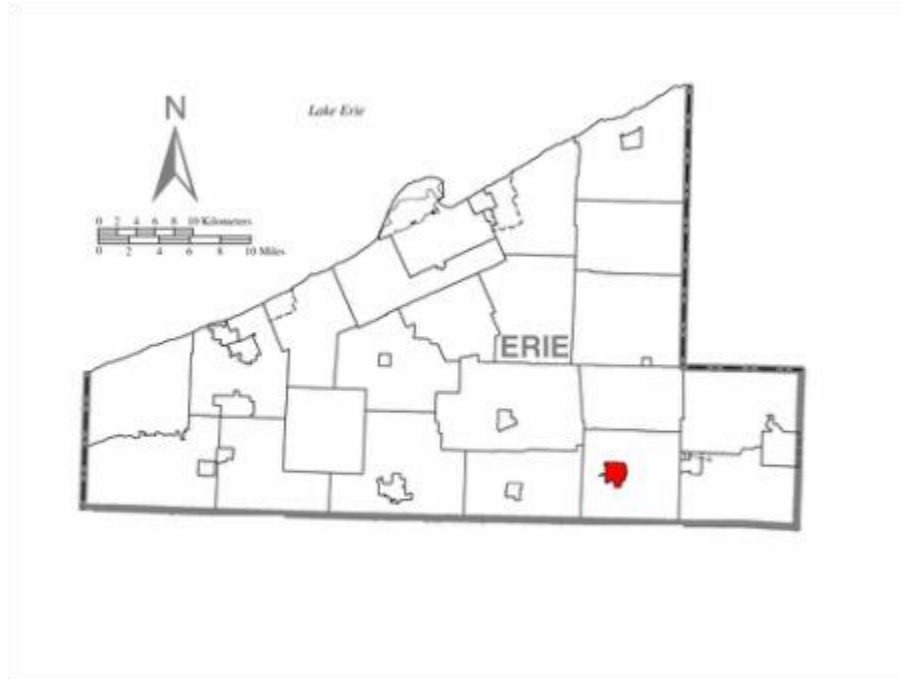
Ernest died in 1986 at age 81 and Geneva in 1994 at age 90.

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Chapter 20: Presbyterian Profiles

Women Pioneers Raft French Creek and Settle in Union Township



Women Crossing the Plains in covered wagons weren't the only brave pioneer women. A small army of women floated with their husbands and brothers down the Allegheny River and French Creek to build homes in the thick forests of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Matthew and Betty Gray Arrive In Union Township

The wilderness of Union Township in Northwestern Pennsylvania about twenty miles from Lake Erie, was almost impossible to travel through in 1797. The trees grew so thickly together that very little sunlight filtered through their branches and gloomy shadows lay around the cabin.

Matthew and his family had brought only as much of their goods as their horse could carry. The remainder would be floated down the Allegheny River by raft and then from the river to the South Branch of French Creek as far as it was navigable. From there, they would be transported by horseback.

Betty Gray Had the Inner Strength to Make a Home in the Wilderness

The entire family was tired after the long trip. Matthew had deep lines in his face which made him look older than his 35 years.

Elizabeth Gray or Betty, as Matthew called her, was not considered a pretty woman. Her hair was a mousy shade between brunette and blonde and she had a large mole on her chin and another on her cheek bone. Her inner strength shone in her face and she radiated kindness and serenity. She knew that her three children William, Francis B., and Eleanor, were tired. It had been a long trip.

Rachel, Matthew's sister, had come with the Grays too. She was slender and delicate and didn't look as though she could withstand the rigorous pioneer life. Joseph Lane, Matthew's apprenticed boy, had also accompanied the Grays.

The Grays Occupy Their Cabin

Working swiftly against the approaching night, the family unloaded the horses, tied a bell around the neck of one of them and turned them loose to graze the wild grass. After they had unpacked their few belongings and arranged them in the cabin, Mathew dedicated their new home to God.

The Matthew Grays weren't the only new settlers in the Union Township wilderness in 1797. Other families were coming into the area during this summer and building cabins at long intervals through the forest. Andrew Thompson and his family built their cabin about a mile and a half west of the Grays and Hugh Wilsons settled about two miles southeast of the Grays.

Hugh Wilson Works to Build His Hannah a House

Matthew Gray and his family didn't see much of Hugh, though Twenty-four-year-old Hugh had left his wife back in Centre County, Ireland, and came to the Union Township wildness to build a home for her. All during that summer, fall, and winter of 1797, he worked hard all day and spent the long dark nights in his cabin alone. Since he was 5'10" tall and weighed over 200 pounds, few men dared attack him. For added insurance, he always carried a loaded rifle.

People often asked Hugh to demonstrate his strength at public gatherings. He complied by taking a barrel full of whiskey and raising it on his chest. Then he turned it up and took a drink out of it, all of the time standing up straight.

Hugh Writes His Father and Mother About His New Home

Hugh wrote his father and mother in Ireland, describing the beautiful virgin country where he had settled. He told them that a man could secure title to 200 acres of land by living on it and making improvements. He added that there was an unlimited supply of timber and the woods were full of game without the obstacles of game law or landlords.

John Wilson, Hugh's father, was very interested in his son's letters. At the time, he lived on a 15-acre farm and paid 20 English shillings rent per acre. Also, he had to give a tenth of all his crops to the established church and pay additional taxes.

The Earl of Londonderry, his landlord, added a larger burden to John's livelihood. The Earl was enlarging his park and thinking of taking the place where the Wilsons lived. Even if he didn't

take their home, he would surely raise their rent.

John Wilson and His Wife and Daughters Come to Union Township

John Wilson had to make some painful decisions and John Wilson decided. He brought his wife, his two unmarried daughters and all of his worldly possessions to America. Hugh met them all at Pittsburgh and guided them through the woods to his cabin in Union Township.

John and his family were awed by the endless expanse of trees and snarls of thick underbrush. They arrived safely in Union Township and John built a cabin. He caught game from the forest every day and decided that life in this rough country was worth all of the effort it took to live.

Hugh Wilson's Wife and Daughter Arrive

The summer of 1798 was an exciting one for Hugh Wilson, because his wife Hannah, and their daughter, Elizabeth, who was only a few weeks old, arrived at the cabin that Hugh had built for them. Nathaniel Frompton, Hannah's father, escorted Hannah and Elizabeth through the wilds to Hugh.

Hannah Wilson was fair, healthy robust, and experienced in pioneering because her father had been a pioneer since her childhood. She was always ready to pitch in and do her share of the work.

Matthew and Betty Gray Have Neighbors!

Besides the Wilsons, John Richards and his grown family settled on the north side of French Creek and Jacob Shepard, a bachelor, settled with his widowed mother and two unmarried sisters two miles south of the Grays.

Even though the cabins were several miles apart, the Matthew Grays of Union City had neighbors.

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Onward Presbyterian Soldiers, Marching Off to War

War of 1812

Caleb Thompson Caleb Thompson, son of Abel and Jemima Thompson, was born January 30, 1790. He came to Union Township with his family in 1802 and eventually became a farmer and carpenter and joiner who finished many of the first houses in Union City.

A veteran of the War of 1812, Caleb served in Captain John Falmer's Company. It was a militia regiment commanded by Colonel John Thompson that served from November 9, 1814 until January 5, 1815. He died on October 15, 1863 at 74 years of age and was buried in the Thompson burying ground outside of Union City.

Joel Thompson Joel Thompson was one of the five sons of Abel Thompson, a pioneer of Union Township. He was a blacksmith and a stonecutter. Along with his father, Abel, they found boulders in the woods and from them made grinders for the new mills in the township. Joel made most of the tombstones in the township from native stone, and he and Abel also made all of the farming and household utensils for the community. According to county histories, Joel Thompson was a veteran of the War of 1812, serving under Perry. He also held the degree of Bachelor of Sciences.

William B. Gray

William B. Gray Union City contributed soldiers to both sides of the question in the Civil War, and if you listen to their voices, you will understand how they felt about their part in the most tragic war this country has ever known. One of the first voices for the Union side coming from Union City is William B. Gray. A stark notation in the session records of the Union City Presbyterian Church by David Wilson reveals what happened to William. "Was killed in battle near Richmond on the 27th day of June 1862. William B. Gray, a member of this church in the 26th year of his age." David Wilson

This one line about William B. Gray in the session records does not reveal the battle where William B. Gray fell, but the words "near Richmond" provide an important clue. William probably fell in the Battle of Gaines" Mill which occurred a few miles outside of Richmond on June 27, 1862. The Battle of Gaines" Mill was part of the Seven Days campaign which began on June 25, 1862. Ironically, this campaign ended a three-month Union drive to capture Richmond.

From June 25, to July 2, 1862, General Robert E. Lee and his army and Major General George B. McClellan fired at each other, marched and maneuvered in the Chickahominy swamps and then to the James River. More men were involved in three battles and more casualties resulted than any other campaign in American military history.

The biggest and bloodiest battle of the Seven Days campaign was Gaines Mill. General Lee had a combat strength of 56,000 men to Major General Porter's 35,000 and the casualty figures stacked up to 8,750 Confederates against 6,837 Yankee dead and wounded. One Union veteran

recalled June 27th. Even though he might not have known William, the day would have been the same for both of them, except that it was the day of William's death. The Union veteran said, "The morning of Friday, the 27th day of June, 1862, broke hot and sultry." It was a day better suited for frittering than fighting."

The fighting ended with the night. Some of Lee's exhausted men dropped in their tracks and slept while others searched the battlefield for friends. The Union Army was in temporary defeat, but Fitz-John Porter's defense behind Boatswain's Swamp allowed Major General George McClellan to change his base to Harrison's Landing on the James River.

Gainey's Mill was the first major victory of Lee's career. Ironically in 1864, his last major victory, the Battle of Cold Harbor would be fought on the same ground and Clark McAllister, another Union City veteran, fought there with him. The important question that William B. Gray's family and friends wanted answered was where did he fall? Was he in the firing lines that checked the Confederate advance or was he one of the cavalry men desperately trying to stem the flow of Rebels across the battlefield?

And what about William B. Gray and his personal life? A little of his history can be gleaned from the Presbyterian Session records. In May 1837, Reverend Chamberlain baptized one child for William Gray, named William Bracken Gray. In October 1854, William made a public profession of his faith, partook of the Lord's Supper and became a member of the Presbyterian Church. We lose track of him after that. Was he buried where he fell as were so many of the Boys in Blue? Three lines in an old session record are a poignant epitaph for William B. Gray. His family mourned him, but could they afford to bring his body home? Indeed, did they even know where he had fallen?

Dr. James Read

Dr. James Read Dr. James F. Read was born in Shouldham Thorpe, England in 1819. His father was minister in the Methodist Church and James followed in his footsteps, first being licensed to preach by the Methodist Church in 1830.

In 1836, James came to America and was re-licensed by the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, New School. He came to Northwestern Pennsylvania and served several churches. After a short pastorate in Pittsburgh, he joined Company B of the 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry as Chaplain.

After serving a year and half in the army, James retired as a sergeant and came to Union City as pastor of the Presbyterian Church from 1862-1867. After that he took up the practice of medicine in the school of homeopathy, but did not resign his ministry. 166 On Sunday afternoon, February 17, 1907, Dr. Read died at the home of his daughter Mrs. McClure in Homestead, Pennsylvania. On February 19, 1907, his body arrived in Union City over the Erie Railroad and was taken to the chapel in Evergreen Cemetery. Reverend C.H. Williamson of the Presbyterian Church conducted the services. Dr. Read was the oldest minister in the Erie Presbytery and the oldest in the Pennsylvania

Charles S. Steadman

Charles S. Steadman

Charles S. Steadman enlisted in Company A of the 145th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry on August 31, 1862 and served until May 21, 1865. He was taken prisoner at Petersburg in June of 1864 and imprisoned at Andersonville and Florence. He was exchanged in February 1865 and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant before he mustered out with his company on May 3, 1865.

While imprisoned in Andersonville, Charles contracted an illness and came near dying from exposure and starvation. On his return north, he grew much better and for a number of years was able to be about and do considerable work, but eventually his disease forced him to give up active life. He was a man highly respected by all and especially among his comrades who were always happy in his presence because he put life into any gathering in which he was a member.

He was born in 1820 and died on September 11, 1886.

World War I

Presbyterian Veterans Union City Times-Enterprise Monday, March 11, 1918 Approximately 75 men weathered the storm yesterday morning to witness the unfurling of the service flag at the Men's Sunday Morning Bible Class in Gray Chapel. Reverend E.E. Lashley addressed the class and Coleman's Band played "The Star-Spangled Banner" as he unfurled the flag. 175 The names of the young men who have gone from this class already in the service are: Hugh Olds, Paul Bennett, Clifford Carroll, William Gillett, Clifford Campbell, Merle Bedow, Charles Driscoll, Marion Bedow, Carle Hazen, Wilbur Janes, Lester Michael, Ivan Reynolds, Vivian Shreve, Russell Willis, Robert Smiley, C.R. Faulkner.

Cholera in Northwestern Pennsylvania

Soldiers from the War of 1812 came home to Northwestern Pennsylvania, bringing cholera with them. Aunt Tamar Thompson nursed the soldiers and her neighbors. After the War of 1812 soldiers came home to Erie County, Pennsylvania, from Black Rock below Buffalo, where they had wintered in quarters so dirty that according to early Erie County historian David Wilson they contracted a fever “almost as fatal in its effects as the Asiatic cholera.” It was known as the Black Rock fever.

Ordinary Life Goes on, Despite Black Rock Fever and Death

When the soldiers returned home to Erie County, they carried cholera with them and many of the Thompsons and their neighbors died, including Andrew Thompson and his wife Martha and Margaret Smith Thompson, the wife of Joel Thompson. In 1816, Jemima Thompson died and Abel arranged for his son Caleb to live with him on the farm where they could both work and carry on their trades.

About 1822, Jeduthan Gray purchased a farm on nearby Oil Creek and his sons, son-in-law and widowed sister Tamar Ames who had married young and had several children, followed him to his farm. Abel saw Tamar during a public gathering and immediately fell in love. His friends realized the depth of his feelings when Abel discarded his slouch hat and bought a bell crown that was then the style.

Aunt Tamar Continues Her Nursing

Abel and Tamar were soon married and settled on the old Thompson homestead and Caleb resettled nearby. During the last decade of his life, Tamar faithfully cared for Abel. Even after Abel Thompson died in 1840 at age 84, Tamar continued to nurse her neighbors. She had been the only doctor in the neighborhood for years. Faithful, resolute and kind, she turned out the darkest nights and rode horse back to any place where she was called within a distance of four or five miles, charging only one dollar.

A Cholera Epidemic Rages in 1832

Aunt Tamar probably nursed some of the victims of the 1832 cholera epidemic brought on by English immigrants. New York City, Buffalo, and Utica were all particularly subject to the 1832 cholera epidemic.

The harbor at Erie, Pennsylvania was an important shipping and passenger center for the Lake Erie trade and the docks teemed with sailors and passengers. Often, they carried cholera, fever, typhus and other germs along with their valises and trunks. The farms and homes of Union Township were just a short journey from Erie and many local men occupied seasonal berths on the lake vessels or made short business trips between Erie and Buffalo. Unwittingly, they brought deadly diseases back home to their family and friends.

The Asiatic Cholera Microbe Tours the Great Lakes

In 1832, the United States government chartered four vessels to transport troops, provisions and munitions bound for Chicago to help fight the Blackhawk War. Captain Walker was master of the *Sheldon Thompson* and he chronicled the voyage of his steamer which sailed from Buffalo on July 2, 1832.

The Sheldon Thompson Leaves Buffalo with Asiatic Cholera Aboard

The *Sheldon Thompson* left Buffalo on the morning of July 2, 1832, with a full contingent of officers, troops, equipment and Asiatic cholera. The vessel most likely made brief stops at Erie and the other harbors along the Lake Erie shore. When Captain Walker arrived at Detroit, he discovered that Detroit authorities had ordered his sister ship, the *Henry Clay* to anchor near the foot of Hog Island about two miles from the city. Captain Walker moored at the wharf for a few minutes, taking on fuel and stores for the trip and then got underway. He anchored alongside the *Henry Clay* and General Scott and about 90 soldiers from the *Clay* boarded the *Sheldon Thompson*.

The *Sheldon Thompson* sailed on to Fort Gratiot (Port Huron) and landed about 50 of the troops. By the next day when the *Henry Clay* arrived in the St. Clair River cholera had winnowed the sailor's ranks like a wave sweeping over the decks. As soon as the *Henry Clay* anchored, the men rushed to shore fleeing the disease. Some ran to the fields, some to the woods, others lay in the streets and sought shelter under the river banks. Most of them died alone.

The Sheldon Thompson Carries the Cholera to Chicago

Captain Walker and the *Sheldon Thompson* continued their lake voyage, leaving three sick soldiers and two of the ship's crew on Mackinaw Island. No cholera deaths took place on board until the *Thompson* passed the Manitou Islands in Lake Michigan. The first person to die onboard did so about four o'clock in the afternoon when the *Thompson* was about thirty hours outside of Chicago. All twelve of the burial detail, including Sergeant Davis, sickened and died in a few hours and were also thrown overboard before the rest of the troops were landed at

Chicago. The *Sheldon Thompson* anchored outside of Chicago on the evening of July 8, 1832, still carrying General Scott, his men, and the cholera germs.

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Tamar Thompson and Aunt Nancy Range

Tamar Thompson and Aunt Nancy Range doctored backwoods patients in Warren and Erie Counties in Pennsylvania while medicine continued to grow into a profession. Arch Bristow tells Aunt Nancy's story in "Old Time Tales of Warren County."



In Erie County, Aunt Tamar Thompson and Aunt Nancy Range nursed the sick through cholera, and other epidemics. They sweated colds and starved fevers and delivered Erie county babies. By 1830, male physicians had taken over obstetrics and midwifery, at least for middle class women, but their dominance did not extend to the backwoods of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Aunt Nancy Range Doctors Through Warren and Erie Counties

Aunt Nancy Range, born Nancy Myers, was distantly related to Tamar Thompson and she followed the same profession. She was born June 4, 1784 in Clarion County, Pennsylvania, and was raised there. She married John Range Jr., on April 12, 1798, and they had 14 children. When Aunt Nancy wasn't busy tending her own family, she was doctoring her neighbors and ailing citizens of Warren and Erie counties.

In those days a doctor didn't need a license to practice medicine. A man might at any time put up

a shingle and proclaim himself as a doctor. These untutored doctors made all their own medicine, and sometimes even distilled their own whiskey for medicinal purposes. Aunt Nancy's skills were as good as or better than her male counterparts and she was in more demand.

Aunt Nancy Doctored from the Cradle to the Grave

In her middle age when she doctored in Warren County, Aunt Nancy rode Warren county bridle paths on her roan mare Mollie. She stretched above medium height with large bones, strong hands, and a strong jaw line. She wore steel rimmed specks with black strings on their bows fastened behind her head to keep the glasses from falling off when Mollie trotted hard or rode at a gallop.

Every pioneer household welcomed a frontier doctor like Aunt Nancy. The householders offered food, shelter and warm hospitality because it was an honor to shelter and entertain the doctor and in return, many householders eagerly awaited the news and gossip that Aunt Nancy carried from cabin to cabin.

When a message came that Aunt Nancy was needed she quickly dropped her herb brewing, spinning or dyeing while one of her sons saddled and bridled Mollie and brought her to the door. She grabbed her saddlebags that always hung behind the door ready for an emergency and climbed on Mollie's back.

Through wind and rain and snow reaching to Mollie's belly Aunt Nancy would ride on Mollie's back to reach her patients. When Aunt Nancy arrived at her patient's home and found a serious illness, she would stay right there until she nursed the sick person better. If the patient died, Aunt Nancy Range laid out the body, cooked a meal or two and tended matters in general.

Aunt Nancy's Herb Garden

At her cabin home near the headwaters of the Little Brokenstraw Creek in Warren County, Aunt Nancy had a large herb garden, a hundred yards long and 50 yards wide. In it she grew the herbs essential to her practice, like foxglove, catnip, lobelia, peppermint, smartweed, golden seal, spearmint, spikenard. The forest was also Aunt Nancy's herb garden and from the forest she gathered bloodroot, myrrh, mandrake or May apple, sassafras, tag alder, slipper elm and many other herbs.

Aunt Nancy knew just where to find blossoms, leaves, bark, or roots that were good for cures in woods or clearings or swamps. Foxglove reduced dropsy, sassafras thinned the blood, yellow dock purified the blood, and golden seal and licorice root acted as a general tonic and cured stomach ailments. Boneset cured colds. Hemlock tea was a standard home remedy. Indians used Queen of the Meadow for colds and Aunt Nancy used the same remedy calling it "a reliable Indian remedy."

Aunt Nancy Preaches Her Own Funeral Sermon

In the last years of her life Aunt Nancy ministered to souls as well as bodies. She preached on

Sundays in a log school house and the good folks came from miles around on foot and horse back to hear her sermons. She preached the old-fashioned hell fire and suffering for the damned and eternal bliss for the righteous. She loved that sort of preaching and went from the kindly character of nurse and doctor to the stern, vindictive pulpit personality in one sentence.

When she had reached her seventies and lived in Erie County near the site of present-day Union City, Aunt Nancy Range who now had white curls at her temples, had a premonition. She announced that she would preach her funeral sermon on the following Sabbath. A large congregation assembled and listened to her preach. They all agreed that it was a good sermon, preached with power and persuasion. Two weeks later on December 8, 1860, she died and went to her reward which has to be a good one because she relieved so much suffering on earth.

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The Dedicated Doctors Sherwood of Union City, Pennsylvania

Drs. Sherwood, father and son, practiced medicine in Union City, Pennsylvania, but their lives followed the same pattern as country doctors across America. Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood and Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood built a medical family tree in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Dr. A.C. practiced medicine in Union City continuously for 38 years and Dr. A.J. for 50 years.

Dr. A.C. Sherwood earned a reputation as one of the best surgeons in Northwestern Pennsylvania. From 1875 when he went into practice until his death in September 1911, he maintained that reputation. His son, Andrew Jackson, developed into an equally skilled surgeon while practicing medicine with his father. Together they accumulated about 88 years of medical service to Northwestern Pennsylvania. Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood and Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Establish a Medical Dynasty

During the early years of his practice Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood made his rounds with his horse and buggy. His son, Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood, had a favorite memory of his father when he

used to accompany his father on his rounds. They would jog down the Old Stone Quarry Road outside of Union City in the buggy while Andrew Jackson kept a weather eye on the horse. He learned much going with his father on his rounds and this is probably when he decided that he wanted to become a doctor just like his father. Later, when there were two Doctor Sherwoods, people separated them by calling them Dr. Sherwood Sr. and Dr. Sherwood Jr.

In July 1950, Dr. John Norman Sherwood, the son of Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood, returned to Union City and went into partnership with his father. The Union City Times said that this partnership continued the practice of medicine at the same location on West High Street where it was established in 1860. It was in that year that Dr. H.R. Terry settled here and was joined in 1873 by his nephew, Dr. A.C. Sherwood, who in turn was joined by his son, Dr. A. J. Sherwood in 1903.

Dr. Norman Sherwood took his pre-medical work at Bucknell University and his medicine studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Both his father and grandfather were graduates of the University of Pennsylvania. John Norman Sherwood then spent his intern year at Philadelphia General Hospital. Following this, he spent two years as a surgical resident at St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie. The new Dr. Sherwood had been a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve since 1942 and was assistant surgeon with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Appointed Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Surgeon

Norman's grandfather, Doctor Alfred Carter Sherwood, was born in Erie County and received his early schooling there. He attended the State Normal School at Edinboro and then read medicine with his uncle, Dr. H.R. Terry, who had been in Union City since 1860. After a few years, he entered the University of Pennsylvania's Medical Department and on March 13, 1873, he graduated with honors. He immediately began practicing medicine. Even before he graduated, Dr. Sherwood had been appointed county physician and continuously held that position for a number of years. About the same time, he was also appointed surgeon for the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad and held that position for a number of years as well.

Three years after Dr. A.C. Sherwood began practicing in Union City, he married Miss Emma V. Jackson on January 20, 1876. Emma was the daughter of Andrew Jackson of Meadville. The Sherwoods had seven children, four girls and three boys. Belle E. Sherwood, Daisy M. Sherwood, Rose V. Sherwood, and Beatrice M. Sherwood all survived to adulthood.

Of the three boys, Frederick L., Alton C., and Andrew J., only Andrew Jackson survived to practice medicine with his father. Frederick died when he was seven and Alton when he was just three months. Daisy married F.H. Roth and lived in Union City. Belle E. married Merle N. Smith who was assistant general agent of the Carnegie Steel Company and they lived in Pittsburgh. Rose married Wayne Paulin, a merchant from Pittsburgh, and Beatrice married Reese Carroll, an electrical engineer and lived at Woodland, Pa. Andrew Jackson became a doctor and lived and practiced in Union City for fifty years.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Opens an Office in Union City

After Doctor Sherwood Sr. graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1873, he formed a partnership with his uncle, Dr. H.R. Terry, the same doctor with whom he read medicine. But after two years the doctors dissolved the relationship and from about 1875 until his son, Andrew Jackson, joined him as a partner in 1903, Dr. Sherwood Sr. practiced medicine alone. He earned a reputation as one of the best surgeons in Western Pennsylvania. The Union City Times of January 1880, featured Dr. A.C. Sherwood's business card. The card announced that Dr. Sherwood's office was located over the Old Brick Store and his office hours were from 10 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. It stated that he was the Surgeon to the P & E Railroad and Physician for the County Poor.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood practiced medicine in small town Union City, Pennsylvania, but his life paralleled that of other country doctors all over America. On February 19, 1880, Dr. Sherwood gave a lecture to the physiology class of the Union City Public Schools. He brought a "very fine skeleton and sections of the spinal column of different vertebrates" with him. He explained the peculiarities of the nervous system by dissecting portions of the spinal cord of an ox, and gave blackboard illustrations to show the distribution of the nerves of motion and sensation throughout the system. The pupils were delighted and felt that they learned much in an hour.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Practicing Physician and Presbyterian in Union City, Pa.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood was busy with surgery, healing the sick, and inventing cures like the "Paris Jacket" in his country medical practice.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood practiced medicine in small town Union City, Pennsylvania, but his life paralleled that of other country doctors all over America, and he skillfully created several medical innovations

Dr. Sherwood Has a Busy Spring and Summer

George McClelland of Union City was grateful that Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood practiced in his home town. In March 1880 he struck an axe in his foot while chopping wood and cut it badly. Dr. Sherwood attended him. The spring and summer of 1880 turned out to be just as busy for Dr. Sherwood. A few of his cases included being called to Waterford in May to attend his uncle who was quite sick. In July, a little grandson of Mr. Conroy fell while playing in the barn and put his elbow out of joint. Dr. Sherwood attended.

Besides his daily practice, Dr. Sherwood involved himself in medicine and the community in other ways such as serving on the Commission for the Poor and working in the Union City Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Opens a New Office

The year passed swiftly, propelled by medical cases. Highlights of 1881 for Dr. Sherwood Sr. included caring for the son of John Bartholme who fell and broke his collar bone while sliding down hill. In May, a boy was brought to Dr. Sherwood from Riceville for an operation for club foot. The doctor performed the operation successfully and felt that the deformity would disappear. "It was a delicate job of surgery and well done," noted the Union City Times.

June and July 1881 were moving months for Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood and Dr. Burnam, his colleague. They had rooms fitted up in the Landsrath Block over Gary Smith's Store and in July they moved into their new offices.

Dr. Sherwood's "Paris Jacket" Cure

In 1881, Dr. Sherwood performed a service for an old friend and introduced a medical innovation. Dr. D.R. Greenlee of Meadville came to Union City and Dr. Sherwood helped him fit what was known as a "Paris Jacket" on Rulaf Fuller and James Farrington.

Rulaf Fuller, a friend and neighbor of Dr. Sherwood's, had been seriously injured on the railroad and could not even sit up in bed. The doctors fitted him for the jacket and "although he cannot now sit up but five or ten minutes at a time, still it is so much better that he would not have it taken off for anything," reported the Union City Times. Mr. Farrington also received the Plaster of Paris Jacket, improved very rapidly, and walked out some. He said that the jacket was a good thing and he felt happy to think that he at last found something which he was certain would prove a success. The jacket held the back so secure as to give relief and assist the patient in sitting up. Many times, it proved an ultimate cure. Dr. Sherwood highly recommended it for some patients, even though it was an unusual procedure.

The Sherwood's are Involved in the Union City Presbyterian Church

Rulaf Fuller's diary for 1883 and 1884 revealed that he and Dr. Sherwood were good friends as well as physician and patient. Rulaf wrote that on Friday, July 6, 1883, Dr. Sherwood and his family came in for a while and again on Tuesday, July 10, 1883, Mrs. Dr. Sherwood visited for a while.

When Rulaf's daughter, Belle Anna, took sick in 1883, he noted it in terse entries. "Belle is very bad. Belle is so bad that Dr. Sherwood, Dr. Bonsteel and Dr. Abby was in most of the day." The diary revealed that Dr. Sherwood came in regularly to care for Belle until she recovered.

The Session Records of the Union City Presbyterian Church noted a red-letter day for Dr. Sherwood. On March 4, 1888, Andrew Jackson Sherwood, a boy of ten, who was baptized in infancy in this church, presented himself. The Session examined him as to his knowledge of scripture and piety and he was admitted to the full communion of the church. Dr. Sherwood and his entire family were active members of the church. Mrs. Sherwood was involved in ladies missionary work, the doctor served as an elder and their children participated in many church activities. A.J. Sherwood sang bass solos and the girls gave recitations.

The year 1896 proved to be busy and exciting for Dr. A.C. Sherwood. In January 1896, he displayed his card in the Union City Times. It read: A.C. Sherwood, M.D., Physician and Surgeon. Office at residence. Corner First Avenue and High Street, Union City, Pa. Office hours 10 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

The Sherwoods Celebrate Their Anniversary

The New Year hadn't started out too well health wise for Dr. Sherwood. He was seriously ill for a few days in the second week of January, but near the end of the month, he and Mrs. Sherwood celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary with a number of their friends. On Monday, January 20, 1896, the friends of the Sherwoods gathered at their home and enjoyed a delightful time for two hours. Reverend A.J. Herries of the Presbyterian Church made a few appropriate remarks on behalf of their friends present, and everyone gave the genial doctor and his wife a beautiful hand-painted china celery dish and a salad bowl, as a small token of their regard and esteem. The Sherwoods fully appreciated the gift and thoroughly enjoyed the presence of their friends and neighbors.

The Two Doctors Sherwood Practice in Union City, Pennsylvania

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood followed in his father's medical footsteps and joined Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood's Union City, Pennsylvania, medical practice. Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood practiced medicine in small town Union City, Pennsylvania, but his life paralleled that of other country doctors and he skillfully created several medical innovations.

Good family news came to Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood in June, 1899. His daughter, Miss Daisy Sherwood, received an appointment in the Philadelphia Presbyterian Hospital. She would not have to leave Union City immediately, but the appointment as a nurse was definite and an honor.

There came yet another office move for Dr. Sherwood in January 1903. Since his practice continued to grow he rented a suite of rooms on the second floor of the new Smiley Block in Union City and had them fitted up for an office.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Graduates from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood's case load increased, because in January 1903, the Directors of the Poor had reappointed him as physician for Union City and vicinity. The month also brought more surgical cases for Dr. Sherwood. He attended the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Baldwin, residents of Crooked Street in Union City. The boy fell and fractured his right arm. On Wednesday, January 7, 1903, Dr. Sherwood traveled to Corry Hospital to operate on Frank Austin.

The doctor's wife, Emma, led as busy a life as he did. In May 1903 she and Mrs. J.R. Mulkie attended the 38th Annual Assembly of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held at Cambridge Springs. A few days later Emma Sherwood entertained the High Street Twentieth Century Club at her home.

Dr. Sherwood Sr. celebrated two important events in June 1903. Along with Dr. L.D. Rockwell, he attended the annual meeting of the Northwestern Medical Association in Cambridge Springs. A week or so later, Dr. Sherwood went to Philadelphia to attend the 30th anniversary of his college class and also to attend the commencement of his son, Andrew Jackson Sherwood.

Even before Andrew Jackson Sherwood, later to be known as Dr. Sherwood Jr., graduated from medical school, he had earned a residency at the University Hospital in Philadelphia and was performing his duties. This position as resident physician was a highly competitive one and "his numerous friends in Union City heartily congratulate him upon securing the position," the Union City Times said.

The Drs. Sherwood Operate Together and Open a Joint Medical Office

When Dr. Sherwood Sr. returned from Philadelphia possibly he and Dr. Sherwood Jr. were already making plans to practice together. In July 1903 Dr. A.C. Sherwood went to Cambridge Springs to consult with Dr. Frank Young in the case of Mrs. John Hood who was seriously ill. Three months later, the Union City Times noted that at the Corry Hospital on October 7, 1903, Mr. A.J. Sherwood of Union City assisted by Drs. Stem and Sherwood, performed a very successful operation for the removal of an eye on Mr. Lewis Bloomfield of Riceville. This is the first mention in The Union City Times of the doctors Sherwood collaborating on a case.

Then a few weeks after that, on Wednesday, November 11, 1903, both of the Doctors Sherwood performed an operation. The patient was their Presbyterian minister, Reverend A.J. Herries, who had been in poor health for several weeks. The Union City Times said that Drs. A.C. and Andrew J. Sherwood performed the operation and it would be some days before Reverend Herries would be out and about again.

A few days later, a notice in the Union City Times dated Tuesday, November 17, 1903, made the merger of the two Doctors Sherwood official. The announcement said that "Dr. Andrew J. Sherwood has associated himself with his father, Dr. A.C. Sherwood, for the practice of his profession. The doctors had offices together in the Smiley block. "Drew" is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania located in Philadelphia and was at the head of his class. We bespeak for this new firm's success."

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Becomes Grandpa Sherwood

On Thursday, March 9, 1905, at his finely appointed suite of office rooms in the Smiley Block, Dr. A.J. Sherwood gave a reception to about 60 of his young lady and gentlemen friends. The reception was in every particular a most successful social function. Bridge whist was the game of the evening and all enjoyed it very much. An elaborate lunch was served in fine style and all who enjoyed the pleasure of being present voted the doctor an entertainer who would be hard to beat.

All of the physicians in Union City met at the office of Dr. A.C. Sherwood on Tuesday, August 8, 1905. Dr. L.D. Rockwell delivered an address. In it he congratulated Dr. Sherwood on the fact that another honored title had been added to his name - that of Grandpa Sherwood. Dr. Rockwell informed Dr. Sherwood that among the long list of doctors that had practiced their profession here since Union City was founded away back in the dim and misty past, he was the first one who had ever attained the distinction of grandfather. Grandpa Sherwood responded, thanking his brother physicians for their thoughtfulness and assuring them that the gift of the stout oak cane that they presented him was fully appreciated. Then followed an hour of social chat in which all joined heartily. The event was a happy one.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Leaves Erie County a Medical Legacy

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood and his son, Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood, practiced caring medicine and illustrated the importance of small-town doctors. Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood and his son, Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood, kept certain traditions in the family. Both their names started with "A", and they both married women named Emma.

Monday, July 15, 1907, was an important day for Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood. According to the Union City Times wedding announcement, he and Miss Emma V. Anderson of Rouseville were married by their favorite pastor, Reverend C.H. Williamson. They were married at the home of Dr. Sherwood's sister, Mrs. Merle N. Smith of Pittsburgh. The immediate relatives of the young couple were all that attended the quiet home wedding. The house was prettily decorated and a sumptuous wedding supper enjoyed before Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood departed on their honeymoon to eastern cities and the sea coast.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood and his Bride, Emma, Settle in Union City, Pennsylvania

When they returned to Union City, the newly wed Sherwoods were given a gala reception. The Union City Times announcement noted that the groom graduated in 1896 from Union City High School and continued his education at Bucknell University, the University of Pennsylvania, and the hospitals of Philadelphia where he spent two years. Since 1903, he had been in partnership with his father, Dr. A.C. Sherwood and had a steadily increasing practice.

The Union City Times described the bride as an accomplished young lady, the daughter of Isaac Anderson of Rouseville. She was recognized as one of the best violinists in America through having studied under several masters.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Works With the Union City Board of Health

Early in January 1908, Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood was involved with the Board of Health in Union City. On Monday, January 6, 1908, the Board of Health met in the Council Room in the City Building at the call of the president, Rulaf Fuller. C.G. Ames, John F. Duncombe, George W. Brooks, Dr. A.J. Sherwood and Officer Horace Rice made up the full board. The board discussed the scarlet fever situation in the school houses and Dr. Sherwood said that the methods of disinfecting the school houses were defective and if the disinfection could not be thoroughly done it had better not be done at all.

Mr. Brooks moved and Mr. Ames seconded the motion that Dr. Sherwood be given authority to use his own judgment in granting permission to officers and attendants to enter houses that had been quarantined and to perform such other duties as he deemed necessary. J.F. Duncombe moved that the President of the School Board be instructed to close the schools on Tuesday, January 7, and that they remain closed as long as necessary to thoroughly disinfect the school

buildings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brooks and unanimously adopted. Dr. Sherwood moved and Mr. Duncombe seconded the motion to obtain proper disinfectants to use.

The Andrew Jackson Sherwoods Enjoy Family and Social Activities

As well as his medical duties, Dr. Sherwood had a growing family to tend. The Sherwoods had a son, Alfred Carter, born April 27, 1908. Richard Miller was born January 27, 1919 and John Norman was born May 20, 1923.

On January 25, 1910, the Andrew Jackson Sherwoods enjoyed a social evening. Mrs. Paul D. Mullin entertained three tables at bridge at her home, and introduced Miss Anna Ayers of Columbus as her honor guest. Mrs. A.J. Sherwood and W.C. Westcott won first prize. Mrs. Ernest Carlburg and Dr. A.J. Sherwood had to be satisfied with the consolation prize.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood and His Wife, Emma, Celebrate Their Anniversary

Dr. Sherwood Sr. wasn't feeling too well in December 1910, but he soon rallied and went about his daily rounds. He improved so much that by March 1911, the Sherwoods had house guests. The doctor's sister, Mrs. A.L. Hunter of Waterford, stayed with them for the week. Mrs. Hunter was the oldest of six sisters, all living, and another of the Sherwood sisters was Mrs. A.S. Drake of Union City. Dr. A.C. Sherwood was the only brother. The Sherwoods and Mrs. Hunter enjoyed the visit.

Emma and Alfred Carter Sherwood celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Friday, January 19, 1911. Dr. and Mrs. L.D. Rockwell entertained the several physicians of Union City and their wives at their home on East High Street to celebrate the occasion. The rooms were decorated in green and white and a splendid six course dinner was served in faultless style.

Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood Dies, but Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Carries on His Legacy

Eight months later on September 25, 1911, Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood died. He had practiced his profession in Union City continuously for 38 years and at the same location on West High Street that his uncle Dr. H.R. Terry had established in 1860. He had joined his uncle in 1873 and his son, Andrew Jackson, had joined him in 1903. Dr. Alfred Carter Sherwood left a medical legacy that his son Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood was determined to continue.

In 1908 when Andrew Jackson Sherwood's first son was born, he was named Alfred Carter Sherwood after his grandfather to carry on the name to the next generation.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood

Doctors at the Stone Quarry Camp

When Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood's son, Alfred Carter Sherwood II became ill, the result wasn't as favorable as usually happened for Dr. Sherwood's patients. Alfred was taken ill with infantile paralysis on Monday, October 8, 1917, and died on Wednesday, October 10, 1917. He was in the third grade at the Union City public school and a great favorite of his classmates. Reverend E.E. Lashley of the Union City Presbyterian Church presided at his funeral services from his home on the corner of First Avenue and West High Street, and he was buried in the family plot in Evergreen Cemetery.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Fishes on French Creek and Attends Patients

To help ease his grief for his son, and because he loved it for its own sake, Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood frequently angled for trout in local streams, especially in French Creek. The Union City Times noted that on Wednesday, May 1, 1918, he was seen fishing down the Pennsylvania and Erie tracks. Dr. Sherwood didn't neglect his patients for fishing though. Donald Northrop of Union City had his tonsils removed at St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie the first week of March 1924. Dr. Sherwood operated and reported that Mr. Northrop was recuperating satisfactorily.

On Thursday, March 10, 1932, Dr. Sherwood attended a staff meeting of doctors at St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie, which was led by Dr. A.H. Roth. Dr. Sherwood discussed at length the problems of a physician and surgeon of 25 years before. He said that the greatest problem in those days was transporting patients to the hospital. The entire community feared the surgeon's knife and scores of patients died rather than submit to an operation. Appendicitis was an unknown disease and was rarely seen in the hospital. People died at home of "inflammation of the bowels" which was nothing more than peritonitis, following a ruptured appendix.

Fifty doctors attended this meeting and Dr. Maxwell Lick, well known in Union City, presided. Professor E.R. Hadlock, County Superintendent of Public Schools, fervently testified to Dr. Sherwood's skill. On May 17, 1932, he was suddenly stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis and taken to the local hospital on Warden Street in Union City. Dr. Sherwood operated on him and he fully recovered. Dr. Sherwood Makes His Rounds at the Old Stone Quarry Immigrant Camp

Part of Dr. Sherwood's rounds during the 1930s-1950s included traveling the Old Stone Quarry Road outside of Union City. In a series of articles he wrote that were published in the Union City Times after his death, Dr. Sherwood talks about the Old Stone Quarry Road. He says that he had always loved it and recalled as a child going over its length with his father, Dr. A.C. Sherwood, when he made his rounds.

Later as a youth and young man he traveled the road on errands of his own. At the first dip in the road west of town, Dr. Sherwood knew the grove and the exact tree where his father had tied his horse one morning in 1888. With an air of mystery, the doctor took a long package from under the seat of the buggy. He handed it to Andrew Jackson Sherwood and said, "It's time you learned how to handle a rifle."

Dr. Sherwood Jr. said, "The gun which the ten-year-old first used that day still stands in his gun cabinet, and it served his boys when they, too, took their first lessons in marksmanship."

Immigrants Dig the Townline Cut of the Pennsylvania Railroad Outside of Union City

In the 1930s, the eastbound track of the Pennsylvania Railroad was built through the country bordering French Creek by the Stone Quarry Road and the Townline Cut. The Railroad brought over foreign laborers to do the physical digging of the cut. There were husky crews of "Hunkies," "Slavs," and Italians and the camps, about five of them, were separated as far as practical because the men fought each other. Steam shovels and dump cars rumbled in the depths of the Townline Cut, and 100 or more Hungarians lived on the rim in the Stone Quarry Camp.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Doctors at the Stone Quarry Camps

Dr. Sherwood recalled the camps in several newspaper articles published in the late 1950s. He recollected the day that he was called to the bunkhouse to see a sick baby. The father told the doctor, "Baby, he no eat." Dr. Sherwood investigated and found a pale, spindly, two-month-old baby lying under a heavy quilt in a stifling room. Flies buzzed around the room and the baby was vainly sucking at a beer bottle, trying to drink what appeared to be milk for a few calories and vitamins. The baby wasn't getting any milk from the bottle because the milk had solidified in it. So, the baby cried and the father complained, "Baby, he no eat."

Dr. Sherwood took the parents aside and offered to take the baby home and care for him. They refused, so the doctor had no choice but to leave the baby to his fate. Regretfully, Dr. Sherwood speculated that the baby's fate would not be long in coming. Several years later at another camp, Dr. Sherwood saw the same baby, now a sturdy youngster, caring for his two younger brothers.

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Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood's Adventures at the Stone Quarry Camp

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood encountered "Jumbo" and began to appreciate of what America meant to immigrants working on the Pennsylvania Railroad cut. One-night Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood answered the call of a man at one of the Stone Quarry Road camps for immigrants building the Pennsylvania Railroad cut outside of Union City, Pennsylvania. The man said, "Woman, she have baby."

Dr. Sherwood Sews Up A Woman Stabbed by a Jealous Husband

Dr. Sherwood thought that he was going to help a woman having difficulty delivering a baby. He crowded into a hut among pigs, chickens, and milling humans. Finally, he reached the bedside of a woman with a baby in swaddling clothes at her side. In one hand she held a nearly empty whiskey bottle. Probing a little more, the doctor discovered that the woman had a neat slit under her left shoulder blade. As the doctor sewed up the woman, he asked her husband what had happened. Her husband said that the woman had spent the night before at the home of the expectant mother and when she had come home, he stabbed her. He thought that because she had been gone all night, she had been unfaithful, even though she had brought home the baby she had delivered.

After the husband explained, he fled. The woman recovered, forgave her jealous husband, and he came back home.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Learns the Story of John Pavolicz

As doctor of the camps, Dr. Sherwood learned the story of John Pavolicz. At his home in Hungary, John had heard glowing reports of the golden opportunities in America and returning immigrants assured him that all he needed to make it in the land of promise was a strong back and two hands capable of grasping a pick or a shovel. In three years, with some financial assistance from an uncle, John finally accumulated enough money for passage to the United States. On the long trip by train and ship, he lived mainly on black bread, bologna and coffee. After several months of working odd jobs in and around New York City, he had put his mark on a labor recruiting agency contract, and with others he had been deposited at the Stone Quarry camp in Erie County, Pennsylvania, to dig the Pennsylvania Railroad cut.

Continued hard work, poor food, and other hardships had taken their toll on John's body. When he consulted Dr. Sherwood, John was a pale, anemic husk of a man, scarcely able to stand. His arms and legs were swollen and blotchy and saliva dripped from his swollen mouth and bleeding gums. He said that he could "no chew." Dr. Sherwood listened to the "Hippocratic whisper" that told him to give John scraped raw potato and lemon juice. Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood and "Jumbo", the Stone Quarry Camp Bully Often, Dr. Sherwood was called to one or another or all of the camps to treat the victims of stabbing and shooting frays that went on there. One time, he was presented with an ear neatly wrapped in a soiled bandanna and was asked to "sew him back." The doctor said that the victim looked like "a sloop with a single spin maker, sailing before a stiff breeze." The men didn't think too highly of "Meester Doctor" when he told them he couldn't restore the ear to its former owner.

The Doctor recalled one occasion where he was in personal peril at the camps. This was the aftermath of an epic battle at the Stone Quarry Camp. Jumbo, a gigantic "Hunky" and the bully of the camp had on several occasions, had much of his paycheck demolished because of a company policy. The construction company in charge of the work on the railroad deducted the payment for medical services from the paycheck of the perpetrator. As Dr. Sherwood put it, Jumbo had "received many anemic paychecks in a row because he got into so much trouble." His latest fight was with a bantam weight Slav. Jumbo had "caressed" the Slav with a section of iron pipe, and split open his skull. The Slav had put a throat-hold on Jumbo, but bystanders had separated the fighters and called in Dr. Sherwood to do the repair work. When he had finished the time keeper said, "Look out for Jumbo. He has a knife and is outside laying for you."

Dr. Sherwood had made the trip by horseback. He describes his horse as being a "combination of polo pony, Texas Ranger and bull-dog which would allow no one but his master to approach him. He stood with his head in the door watching the clinic with deep absorption, and there, too, I stood, until Jumbo's sanity had partially returned." Both the horse and Doctor Sherwood lost no time heading for home.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Appreciates Union City and America

Dr. Sherwood found it interesting to speculate what had led the immigrants to leave home and country and come to America. The work was hard and after living and carousing expenses, the pay was not high. Still, the men came and worked hard and sent for their families. Many of the Americans living around the camps would not do the heavier labor of these jobs and if an American was caught working with one of the gangs of "Hunkies," he became a social outcast. The "Hunkies" themselves were always looking forward to better things, a plot of ground and a home. That seemed to be their main reason for enduring the hardships of immigrating to America - the hope of a better future and a good life for their families.

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Three Generations of Sherwood Doctors in Union City, Pennsylvania

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood finds poignant memories along the Old Stone Quarry Road and welcomes his son, John Norman Sherwood, into practice with him. Doctor Andrew Jackson Sherwood often answered the siren call of the old Stone Quarry Road while driving his car. On the way home from a visit to a cottage located on the road, voices usually stirred his memory and pictures appeared in his mind to accompany the voices. At one point the road took a wide swing away from the Pennsylvania Railroad track and followed the edge of French Creek for several miles. Here, he usually visualized a younger version of himself battling a five-pound bass, and wrestling it to shore. The older doctor marveled at the ease of movement of the younger one.

Around the bend was another memoir for the doctor. A canoe holding three men capsized, leaving all three stranded in a tree top. The doctor smiled ruefully. All of them should have known better than to attempt a trip in the icy flood of French Creek in early spring. Around the next bend, the doctor made out the outline of a giant maple. He stopped and got out of his car. He walked over and stood underneath the maple, and for a moment it was THAT night again. Years ago, on a moonlit night, THE girl gave him her "yes" under this tree. Now on this present night, he smiled. The girl, older, but still saying yes, was waiting for him at home.

Memories of Alfred Carter Sherwood II

Dr. Sherwood got back into the car and followed the moonlit road. This trail caused a stab of pain in his heart, even after years had turned the saplings into full grown trees. Thick-trunked trees stood where once men labored with sledge hammers and heavy vines covered the face of the cliff, hiding its scars. The doctor turned to cross the old bridge and stared at the gravel bar. The years fell away and the doctor saw a younger doctor struggling with a leaping bass. A nine-year-old boy danced in excitement and called, "Don't lose him, daddy! Don't lose him!"

"Daddy didn't lose him," the doctor said aloud. He saw the boy and the man frying fish for supper over a campfire by the gravel bar. Before many more months passed, the doctor had lost the boy and through the years he made a shrine of their picnic ground and his visits a ritual. Tears ran down his cheeks as he started the car and pointed it down the road that led home.

Dr. John Norman Sherwood Makes the Third Generation of Sherwood Doctors

The Sherwoods raised their two remaining sons, John Norman and Richard. Richard Sherwood grew to become an accomplished pianist and organist and his name appeared in the account of the celebration of the 130th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in October 1941. He gave an organ recital and also accompanied the special music. The Union City Times of Thursday, June 29, 1950, reported that Dr. Norman Sherwood had become associated with his father in practice. The two doctors Sherwood located their offices in the same house on the corner of First Avenue and West High Street. Dr. Norman Sherwood took his pre-medical work at Bucknell University and his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Both his father and grandfather were graduates of the University of Pennsylvania.

He spent his intern year at Philadelphia General Hospital. Following this, he spent two years as surgical resident at St. Vincent's Hospital in Erie. He had been a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve since 1942 and was Assistant Surgeon with the rank of Lt. J.G. He began practicing with his father in early July.

The Union City Times of March 23, 1953 noted that Lt. .and Mrs. J.N. Sherwood arrived for a short visit with his parents Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Sherwood. Norman completed two and a half years of service in the medical department of the U.S. Navy and re-enlisted as a flight surgeon in the naval Air Force. He was on the way to Pensacola, Florida for six months training in Aviation medicine.

The Erie County Medical Society Honors Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood

On Thursday, September 10, 1953, Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood was honored during the regular monthly meeting of the Erie County Medical Society. His colleagues presented him with a 50-year plaque. Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood died on June 19, 1954 and his wife Emma died in 1957. On Sunday, December 30, 1962, the recently installed chimes were dedicated at a Memorial Dedication service at the Union City Presbyterian Church. They were given by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Sherwood and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherwood in memory of the late Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Sherwood.

Dr. Andrew Jackson Sherwood Finds that "Old Country Roads Lead Home" In concluding the articles published after his death, Dr. Sherwood articulated his philosophy of life. He said, "To have health, friends, to be of a little service to others, perhaps I had found part of the answer after all. I do not know if others have found their path to peace along some old country road. Theirs may lead through books, or music or art. But whatever form it takes it should have character, and must be in living, or else they have not lived. And it should lead, as mine, toward home.

Because of the efforts of pioneer doctors practicing caring medicine and transitional physicians like the Doctors Sherwood who expanded and applied modern medicine, home in Erie County, Pennsylvania is a healthier place.

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Presbyterian Citizens

Allyn Stephens Brown



In 1956, Allyn Stephens Brown, his wife Ellen K. Brown, and his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Thompson purchased a group of newspapers from Mr. and Mrs. William P. Rose. They named their publications the Brown Thompson newspapers in several Erie County communities, including the Times Leader in Union City, the Millcreek Sun, The Cosmopolite Herald in Fairview and Girard, the 218 Independent Enterprise in Edinboro and Cambridge Springs and the North East Breeze. They moved their headquarters to Union City in 1962.

Allyn S. Brown was born on February 7, 1916. He graduated from Cleveland Heights High School in Ohio and from Amherst College in Massachusetts with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1937. He served in the United States Army Air Force from 1943-1945 and earned the rank of master sergeant. He headed the Air Force Message Center at the Pentagon for the last three years of the war.

In 1946, Allyn Brown took a job on the Sayre Evening Times in Bradford County, Pennsylvania. After working for daily newspapers including the New York Post, and the Goldsboro News Argus in North Carolina and the St. Petersburg Florida Times to forge a newspaper career, Allyn Brown transferred to private industry for a time.

In 1956, he and his family purchased the Will Rose Newspapers and renamed them the Brown Thompson Newspapers.

As well as publishing newspapers, Allyn Brown contributed much to the Union City community. He was a member of the Union City Presbyterian Church and after fire destroyed it, he encouraged the congregation to rebuild, to expand its property, and to purchase the house next to the church as a parsonage. He led the fight to save the Union City Memorial Hospital when officials wanted to shut it down because of an excess of hospital beds in Erie County. He credited the hospital with saving his life when he had a heart attack. Allyn Brown also served on the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association and the Union City Memorial Hospital as well as boards of other corporations.

After they retired from Brown Thompson Newspapers in 1981, Allyn and Ellen Brown moved to Athens, Bradford County and in 1987, they moved to North Carolina.

The January 12, 1993 issue of The Times Leader- (Allyn Brown combined the Waterford Leader and the Union City Times in 1970) held a front-page tribute to Allyn S. Brown who died Friday, January 1, 1993, while visiting his daughter Diane in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Laura Breon, one of his employees, wrote that he was a family man and that he really cared about his family and his employees. She recalled in her tribute that the maxims Mr. Brown lived by included "Dare to be Different," "Don't Get into a Duel with a Skunk," and "Don't Ever Have the Papers Look Like a Daily Coming Out Once a Week."

Allyn S. Brown took Union City to the pinnacle of newspaper publishing and transformed Squire Jackson's original one sheet newspaper and dream of what it could be into the reality of an excellent small-town newspaper- The Union City Times, The Union City-Times Leader.

A.G. Buller, Union City Fish Hatchery Superintendent

In June 1905, A.G. "Abe" Buller, who was from the State Fisheries Department came to Union City to locate a suitable site for a new fish hatchery. William Hubbell drove A.G. Buller to several likely places, taking care to point out how suitable they were for hatchery purposes. He had to convince A.G. that Union City was better than Girard, North East, and Waterford, who were competing with Union City for the hatchery.

William Hubbell was a convincing salesman. He sold A.G. Buller on the site and by the end of July 1905, Union City officials had received a letter from Harrisburg outlining the requirements that they had to meet. The borough donated the 35 acres that the Fish Commission needed and raised enough money to pay for them.

By September 22, 1905, Fish Commissioners Mr. Meehan and Andrew Whittaker of the State Fish commission and John Hamburger of Erie were visiting Union City as guests of A.G. Buller. They accepted the deeds for the land east of the city and authorized work to begin on the new fish hatchery which would cost about \$15,000.

Mr. Meehan and Mr. Whittaker said that they were well pleased with the location of the grounds and promised that this would be one of the best hatcheries in the state. Ground was broken at once for the first of the hatchery buildings which would be 40 x 100 feet in dimension and the work was scheduled to be completed as soon as possible. The hatchery troughs were arranged on a different system from those the Corry Hatchery used, being in three tiers.

The two commissioners went from Union City to Corry, where they inspected the hatchery and looked after a shipment of black bass that had already arrived from Illinois and would stock the Union City Hatchery. These bass were gathered from the Illinois River by the United States Bureau of Fisheries for the Pennsylvania Department and were being taken care of temporarily at the Corry Hatchery. The Union City Hatchery grew and thrived. Less than a year later, on March 13, 1906, A.G. Buller informed the Union City Times that the lake trout were in the process of hatching at the Union City Fish Hatchery.

September 21, 1906 Superintendent A.G. Buller and his wife, Reverend and Mrs. C.H. Williamson of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. and Mrs. J.A. Hodgins, Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Caflisch, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caflisch, Mrs. Ernest Caflisch, Charles Hubbell and Jay Smith all went to Lake Pleasant Tuesday. They fished for bass with which to stock the ponds at the local fish hatchery. They had a delightful day, but a small catch of fish

William Gillett

Locked up in Union City- 1880s

Union City constables faced a problem after they captured criminals in tow. Where were they supposed to lock them up? One of the options the constable had was taking the criminal or criminals to the jail on West High Street.

One of the first jails in Union City Borough was located between the corner diner and the Bisbee Implement Company on West High Street. It was a small building about 12 x 15 feet with a fireplace and a large flue. One night a Union City constable jailed a citizen who had been a guest in some of the best jails in Erie County. He locked the prisoner in the Union City jail with the promise of food and lodging for the night.

William Gillett, the great-grandfather of William Gillett and the father of the William Gillett who played in Coleman's Band for many years said the man was "not much in love with this jail."

The prisoner then took matters into his own hands. Taking advantage of his slender build, the prisoner shimmied up the smoke flue and then jumped down to the ground and freedom. It was not a clean jail break as he was a "much soiled bird" by his tight squeeze in the flue.

March 1880

At this point in its history, Union City excelled as a manufacturing town. Barrie Wilson in a History of Union City, reprinted in the Thursday, March 25, 1880 edition of the Union City Times listed these manufacturing concerns:

Anchor Grist Mill

Brunstetter's Steam Sawmill

Blanchard & Hanson's Furniture Factory

Carroll's Shingle and Cider Mill

Culberton's Cheese Factory

Clough's Shingle Mill

Cooper's Planing Mill

Church's Grist and Sawmill

Clark & Sons Saw, Stave and Handle Mill

Dunmeyer's Industrial Iron Works

Hunter's Pump Factory

Hatch's Broom Factory

Irwin's Carding and Grist Mill

Jone's Cheese Box Factory

Jenkin's Sash, Door and Blind Factory

Kimball & Harrison's Shingle Mill

Maurer's Stave Works

Pratt & Son's Sawmill

Terrill's Tannery

Thompson's Water Wheel Works

Union City Iron Works

Woods & Johnson's Barrel Factories

Wheeler's Chair Factory

Westcott's Broom Handle Factory

Wood's Stave Factory

Wager's Beer Brewery

Church's Grist and Saw Mills, Cooper's Planing Mill, Clark's Factory and Blanchard & Hanson's Factory were powered by French Creek water and Thompson's and Irwin's Mills by the waters of Church's run. There were many small shops surrounding these major establishments.

There were many small businesses that Union City residents and people from the surrounding countryside patronized. They included:

C.B Geer. He was a jeweler and occupied one half of the store room immediately north of the Johnson House. In 1880 he rented a room and enlarged his stock.

C.W. Dabney operated a clothing business.

P.C. Brown of Waterford moved to Union City in April of 1880. He was a jeweler.

Thomas Dunham manufactured and repaired boots and shoes. He was located under A.O. Gillett's furniture store.

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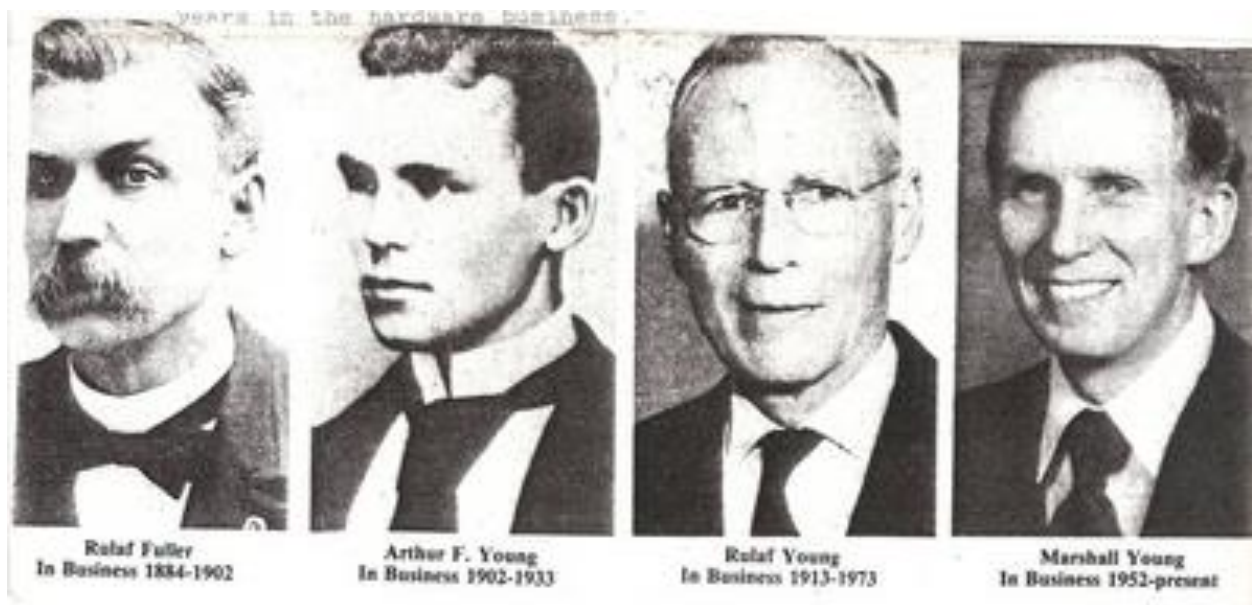
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Will Union City celebrate Labor

Young Hardware, An Enduring Union City Business

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3	We.	72.34	12.15	12.15	1.30	5.77	1.1	6.35	7.07	1.30	1.30
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31	We.	16.62	9.15	9.15	0.00	0.00	1.1	0.34	0.00	0.00	0.00

THUR. TUES. JAN. 1, 1884. WED.
 It has been pleasant all day
 we all spent the day at home
 brother Butler is here with us
 the slaying is very nice the
 music teacher came & gave Belle
 & Clara a lesson. Kate M. Henny
 & Abner were in I felt very good.
 THUR. WEDNESDAY 3. WED.
 It was a very stormy day snowed
 & the wind blew very hard all day
 could hardly see the church.
 Belle is getting better does not
 go out doors I have got a hard
 cold I feel bad there was a
 number in to day.
 THUR. THURSDAY 3. WED.
 It has been very stormy & cold
 all day the wind blew very hard
 the worst day that we have had
 this winter. I felt bad all day
 single Abner came this evening
 stand over to Father Main's church
 Mill burnt down at night.



The story of Young Hardware, a family business that began in Union City on August 27, 1891, really begins with Rulaf Fuller, the father-in-law of A.F. Young.

Rulaf Fuller was born September 26, 1842 at Jordan, New York and came to Union City in 1865. He brought with him his wife Aduretta Main Fuller, also of Jordan, and an ambitious

spirit. He had charge of the stock room at the Shreve Chair Factory for many years, then something happened to him that would change the course of his life and eventually affect the lives of his friends and neighbors in Union City.

The *Union City Times* of January 15, 1880 reported that Rulaf, who then resided about two miles south of town was quite seriously injured that morning. At press time the editors did not have any details about the accident. It wasn't until later in the week that the story of what happened to Rulaf Fuller emerged. He had been riding on the Pennsylvania & Erie Railroad between Union City and Erie on his way home. The car in which he was riding was thrown from the track near Jackson's station and his injuries were of such a nature that he never again stood on his feet. Medical opinion - including that of Dr. A.C. Sherwood of Union City, his doctor - agreed that he probably would never sit or walk again. (Union City Times, Thursday, April 13, 1882.

One of the major changes his accident produced in Rulaf Fuller's life included moving from his home two miles south of Union City, where he still resided in January of 1880 when the accident happened. It is unclear whether the accident precipitated the move or whether he and Aduretta planned to move their family into town anyway. By May of 1880, Rulaf had made enough improvements on his lot on West High Street to rate a mention in the *Union City Times*. (Union City Times, Wednesday, May 5, 1880). By this time, the Fullers had four children: Will, born in 1866; Belle, born in 1868; Clara born in 1870; and Comer born in 1873.

According to the doctors, Rulaf would have to come up with some other way to make a living, because he could no longer go to his office at the chair company every day or do heavy lifting. In fact, his attending physician, Dr. A.C. Sherwood, took drastic action to try to improve Rulaf's condition. In late November of 1881, Dr. Sherwood, with the help of his colleague Dr. Greenlee of Meadville, put what was known as a Plaster of Paris jacket on Rulaf. Since his injury on the railroad in January of 1880, Rulaf had never been able to even sit up in bed. Then the two doctors put the Plaster of Paris jacket on him and he could sit up for ten minutes at a time. The jacket held his back so secure that it gave him relief and assisted him in sitting up. It also enabled him to spend most of his days in a wheelchair instead of flat on his back. (Union City Times, Thursday, December 1, 1881).

While he was beginning the long slow process of recovery from his accident, Rulaf mapped out a plan of action. After attempting to settle with the railroad out of court several times, Rulaf finally brought proceedings against the company. He sued the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$25,000 which didn't seem to be a large amount of money to compensate him for what he had lost. Only 38 years old when the accident happened, Rulaf was still a young man and had been most industrious and hard working. The suit was finally tried in Erie the second week in April, 1882. J.W. Sproul, Esq., assisted by S.A. Davenport represented Rulaf Fuller. J. Ross Thompson and Frank Grant represented the Pennsylvania Railroad.

According to his lawyer, J.W. Sproul, Rulaf had been returning to his home from New York on January 15, 1880. At the Erie depot he purchased a ticket for Union, and took his seat as a regular passenger on what was called the local freight train. Hitched to the train were some flat cars. At a point traced on maps produced in court, the train had to run onto a siding to let the regular train pass. The flag man threw the switch too soon and the car in which Rulaf Fuller was

riding was thrown off the track. Rulaf was flung violently on his back, causing spinal injuries which prevented him from rising to his feet from that moment on. Before the accident, Rulaf had earned \$1,200 a year and had a reasonable expectation of 30 more years of life and work ahead of him.

The medical testimony said that Rulaf's injuries were permanent and he would never be any better. Other testimony showed that he had indeed been an industrious hard workingman up to the time of the accident. It took the jury about twenty minutes to come to a verdict and award him the full \$25,000. The railroad appealed, asking for a new trial and the court ruled that unless Rulaf would remit \$8,000 of the sum that the jury awarded to him, a new trial would be granted. He did so, leaving the railroad to pay \$17,000 instead of \$25,000. No new trial was granted. (The Union City Times, Thursday, April 15, 1882).

The Pennsylvania Railroad took the case to the Supreme Court on a writ of error but the Supreme Court upheld the verdict of the lower court. Rulaf Fuller received his \$17,000. The Union City Times commented that "under the circumstances the amount is none too large and his friends who are legion, all are glad to know that he finally got the matter settled. We understand that this is the largest judgment ever awarded in the state. (The Union City Times, Thursday, January 4, 1883).

Now Rulaf and his family could try to resume their lives despite all of the changes his accident brought. In April he built an addition to the family home on West High Street which improved its looks and made it more convenient for him to use his wheel chair. (Union City Times, Thursday, April 19, 1883).

According to surviving diaries that Rulaf kept for the years 1883 and 1884, life went on pretty much as usual for the Fuller family. He arranged for music lessons for all of his children and bought a piano. His oldest daughter Belle, became ill in October of 1883 and Rulaf and Aduretta worried that she might not survive. On Monday, October 29, 1883, Rulaf's anxiety about Belle is revealed in his terse diary entry. "The doctor was in three times today. Belle is very bad. They had to cut her hair off today. We got a woman to come to help take care of Belle." (Diary of Rulaf Fuller).

Belle still had not improved by November 6, 1883. That day, Dr. Sherwood, Dr. Bonsteel from Corry, and Dr. Abby were in most of the day. (Diary of Rulaf Fuller, Tuesday, November 6, 1883). But by her birthday on Tuesday, November 20, Belle was getting better. Rulaf reported that "Belle is gaining. Belle is fifteen years old today. We gave her a pair of bracelets and a plastic pocket book." (Diary of Rulaf Fuller, Tuesday, November 20, 1883).

Rulaf improved in health over the next year to the point that the Union City Times remarked in October 1884 that everyone was pleased "to see our old friend Rulaf Fuller able to get downtown, even if he has to do so in his invalid chair." (Union City Times, Thursday, October 9, 1884).

Rulaf also took another big step in late October, 1884. He bought the store building and stock of groceries of M.E. Mendonsa. The store was located on the corner of Main and Market Streets

(now South Street). Rulaf gave his son, Will, full charge of the business with expectations of success because Will already had experience in the grocery business. (Union City Times, Thursday, October 30, 1884).

Rulaf and Will did make the store a success and by August 1885, Dr.C.G. Hollister had even located his officers over Fuller's Grocery Store to the rear of those occupied by Dr. W.P. Biles. (Union City Times, Thursday, August 27, 1885).

A great deal of R.F. Fuller & Son's success stemmed from effective advertising in the local paper, the Union City Times, and word of mouth from satisfied customers. They also practiced some innovative merchandising techniques. In July 1889, they featured Easley's Lemon Juice Extractor in their newspaper advertisements. They also placed the extractor on their counters in the store. It sold for 15 cents, and according to them had no equal in cleanliness, convenience and cheapness. They said that "no family who ever uses a lemon can afford to be without one."

In late 1890, R. Fuller & Son's advertisements offered a variety of items for sale. The Union City or country customer could buy one pint or one or two-quart glass fruit jars. If the customer was canning, Fuller & Son offered pure cider vinegar, spices of all kinds and mixed spices. Or customers could buy smoked meats and lard, one half and one-bushel baskets, four, meal and graham, choice teas and coffees, and creamery butter. (Union City Times, September 4, 1890).

Perhaps foreshadowing things to come, the R. Fuller & Son advertisement of October 2, 1890 offers one of the best oil cans made. Rulaf said that the customer could fill a lamp full of oil but cannot run it over by using their oil can. He advised his customers "to see the can before you buy." (Union City Times, October 2, 1890).

In November 1890, Rulaf went back to strictly groceries, offering new buckwheat flour, new raisins, new figs and new un-colored Japan tea to his customers. He also featured sweet potatoes by the barrel or pound, and Fuller's Fine Cut tobacco by the pound. (Union City Times, Thursday November 20, 1890). By February 1891, the doctors had moved out of the rooms over the store and R. Fuller & Son had new tenants. The rooms had been remodeled and the Union Mutual Benefit Society had moved in to its new general offices. The secretary of the company could be seen any time.

By August 1891 Will Fuller had decided he wanted a change because he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law W.T. Everson, who had married his sister, Belle. They purchased the stock of hardware of P. Conway and planned to run the store. They planned to increase the stock at once and add to it as the trade warranted. In addition to keeping a general line of hardware, tin ware, etc., they decided to put in a full stock of plumbers supplies and planned to stock glass doors, windows, blinds, door and window trimmings and such as well as general stock. The jobbing and tin department would be in charge of P. Conway who had superior skill as a first-class workman. The Union City Times noted that the two were "both young native businessmen and will no doubt succeed." (U.C. Times, August 27, 1891).

Fuller & Everson advertised in the Union City Times as Fuller & Everson, the Brooklyn Hardware Dealers, Main Street, Union City.

In the meantime, in August 1892, Reverend E.P. Clark of the Presbyterian Church in Union City married Rulaf's youngest daughter, Clara, and Arthur Fred Young. This uniting of two families would eventually have a profound impact on the hardware scene in Union City. Eventually the couple would have four children: Rulaf F; Belle; Arthur F. Jr. and Marjorie Rose.

Arthur F. Young had to be enterprising and his early youth, because after his father's death he had to help his widowed mother raise his younger brothers and sisters. When in his early teens he went to work as a printer's devil at the Union City Times and became one of the best printers in the business. He continued to work with the McLean Brothers in the printing business for many years until he took over Fuller & Everson's Hardware Store in August 1903. Later, Arthur became a partner when the Times and Enterprise were consolidated and continued to work there until William P. Rose of Cambridge Springs and Harry L. Merritt of Waterford bought it out in the late 1920s.

During the administration of President Grover Cleveland, A.F. Young was appointed postmaster of Union City, succeeding J.C. McLean. He officially assumed his duties as postmaster on Saturday morning, August 1, 1896 and served his constituents faithfully and well. In 1903 when he took over the hardware store, he began to build it into a thriving, important business in Union City and surrounding area.

But for the next five years, Will Fuller & Will Everson continued to operate the hardware store, while Rulaf ran his grocery store across the street. In February 1896 Fuller & Everson and Rulaf Fuller both announced in the Union City Times that they were adopting a strictly cash system in their hardware and grocery stores. Rulaf phrased his front-page advertisement this way: "Strictly Cash Grocery Store. Call at my store and I will convince you that Fuller's Cash Store is the place to buy Groceries. R. Fuller." (Union City Times, Thursday February 27, 1896.)

Rulaf invited all of the ladies to a cookery exhibit at his grocery store during the first week of February in a front-page advertisement in January 1896. In April 1896 Rulaf said in his advertisement that he was entirely satisfied with his new departure, that of a strictly cash ready pay store. He said that he could sell his goods lower and the people were seeing that they could save money by trading with him. Fuller & Everson were satisfied with their no credit policy as well. They added bicycles, plows, refrigerators, and land rollers and plows to their stock of goods to sell and expanded their business into roofing contracting. In August 1896 they made a successful bid on a contract for putting a felt roof on the new addition of the Union City Chair works. (Union City Times, April 2, 23, 27, 1896).

They also furnished steel girders for the Sproul and Morrow Block which were put into place in July 1896. Summer 1896 was the time that Rulaf decided to have a large veranda built in front of his residence on West High Street and in September he put down the finest flag stone walk in front of his house "to be seen in the city. "According to the Union City Times, "it is a five-foot walk and adds much to the costs of his property." (U.C. Times, Thursday, September 2, 1896).

Summer of 1898 marked some significant changes in the lives of Rulaf Fuller and his youngest

son, Comer. Reverend A.J. Herries of the Presbyterian Church married Comer and Miss Mary Bole on June 9, 1898. Not quite a month later, Rulaf sold his grocery business to Comer. For his next business venture, he opened an insurance agency. Other interesting events happened in Rulaf's life over the next tree years. In July 1899 he was the first man to drive down Main Street over the new pavement and bragged about the fact. In March 1900 he had new telephones installed in his home and office. His office number was 47 and his home number 49B. Rulaf's wife Alduretta died in May 1901. Rulaf could well agree with her obituary that "to her husband shew as ever a devoted, loving companion and to her children an indulgent mother, whose greatest aim was to make them happy and contented." (U.C. Times, Thursday, May 23, 1901).

Another big change happened for Rulaf in July 1901 when he sold his insurance agency to John F. Dillon. John Dillon took possession of the agency on July 11, 1901 and was well and favorably known in the community. Rulaf sold the agency to Dillon because of his failing health. He operated the agency for about a year and because of his close attention to business and fair treatment of customers, he nearly doubled the agency business. (U.C. Times, Thursday July 11, 1901).

The old newspaper advertisements for Young Hardware seem to indicate that about 1902, Will Everson ran the store by himself for about a year until A.F. Young took over in July 1903. Advertisements for July 1902 talk about Everson's Illustrated Hardware Bulletin for June which had just been issued and was being distributed. "It is one of the best numbers yet sent out by Mr. Everson," the Times said. The advertisements are also in the name of W.E. Everson's Double Store by the Spring. A paragraph in the Union City Times of Tuesday, February 10, 1903, talks about the miniature sugar camp showing the iron kettle as well as the latest device in sugar-making utensils is an attractive feature in the window display at W.E. Everson's hardware store at the present time.

The first time there is an advertisement in A.F. Young's name only for the hardware store is in late July 1903. The advertisement for July 21, 1903 called attention to the special sale of bicycles to be continued during this week by Mr. A.F. Young at Everson's old stand. By October, A.F. Young had begun to run full page advertisements for his store, offering such varied items as cookware, stoves, and shotguns, as well as bicycles. In October 1904, he also hired a clerk, Fred Shaw, to help him in his hardware store.

Arthur himself was an avid cyclist and enjoyed taking long distance rides. He also did contracting work and even built items in his own shop. His advertisement of February 2, 1905 offered a sap evaporator for sale. He calls it A.F. Young's Portable Evaporator and says that his evaporator requires less fuel, is more durable, and is the cheapest on the market. "These evaporators are built in my shop and fully warranted," he assured his customers. "None but the very best material is used in their construction. Call at my store and see samples and get my prices. Don't delay. This is the time to get your rig in working order."

Arthur Young also had a knack for arranging window displays in his store. The Union City Times noted one of his displays in its July 4, 1905 edition. It said that the window display of cutlery, etc., at A.F. Young's Hardware store attracts much attention of people passing along the

street. "The arrangement is complete and very tasty."

Besides establishing and skillfully taking care of business, both Rulaf Fuller and A.F. Young made contributions to the community and civic life of Union City. In June 1905 A.F. Young was elected president of the New Board of Education and in August was instrumental in organizing a new lodge in Union City. According to the Union City Times, at a well-attended meeting of Odd Fellows at Odd Fellows Hall Arthur Young and others decided to organize a Canton of Patriarchs Militant. Arthur was elected captain and W.E. Everson, Rulaf Fuller's other son-in-law, was elected accountant. The required number to procure a charter was obtained and the proper state officers came about the sixth of September to muster in the canton and get it in readiness to work. The men voted to hold another meeting in a week, and invited all who wished to become charter members to be present.

According to close friends, A.F. Young was naturally of "a retiring disposition," but he took an active part in many social and fraternal organizations. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Eureka Lodge NO. 366, Erie Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons, Zem Zem Temple Order of the Mystic Shrine and a Past President of the Golden Rule Club of Union City. He was an active organizer of the Coleman Hose Company and served as their captain and manager. He helped them become esteemed fire fighters and sought after marchers in parades and athletic events. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he served as a session member and ruling elder.

Arthur F. Young continued to shape and add to the hardware store he had taken over from W.E. Everson. In August 1906 he hired Frank Turner to help him out in the store. Arthur continued to do contract work and the Union City Times noted that in October 1906 he was awarded the contract for installing the heating apparatus in the hotel at Wattsburg which was being entirely overhauled and repaired by Erie parties. In November 1906 he was awarded the contract for putting on the roof of the new furniture factory that was being built by L.S. Clough on the site of the old Keystone Chair company in Union City. Arthur began work at once and according to the Times, "this is the largest roofing contract ever given to a Union City firm and Mr. Young is to be congratulated on landing the job."

December proved to be another busy month for A.F. Young. He had four men at work in Wattsburg installing a new steam heating plant in the hotel and also doing the plumbing in the house. He estimated that it would take about two weeks' time to complete the job. The hotel had recently been remodeled throughout and when the heating apparatus and plumbing is done, it will be one of the most up to date hotels in Erie County.

Young Hardware celebrated the New Year of 1907 with another new contract. This time A.F. Young secured the contract for putting in a steam heating plant in the Sproul & Morrow block on Main Street in Union City. By February 25, 1907, the Sproul & Morrow block was equipped with a new steam heating plant with radiators in every room in the building. The Times said that "the new plant was put in by A.F. Young, the hardware dealer, and that it works to the complete satisfaction of the owners is another proof that when Mr. Young secures a contract he always gives the best of satisfaction in its fulfillment."

In 1908 A.F. Young continued to develop his merchandising talents. In April he announced a Saturday morning special sale of enameled granite ware in the Times. He thought that he had enough stock on hand to supply the community, but before twelve o'clock the last piece was sold and many customers late in arriving had to be turned away. He continued to do contracting and installation work. The week of October 19, 1908, he installed a new Halsey furnace in the United Brethren Church, having secured a contract from the trustees of that denomination.

A window display that Arthur created made Union City Times mention at Christmas 1909. The paper called it "one of the prettiest and most artistic window displays of Christmas goods in the city, and said that hundreds of people stop in front of the window of A.F. Young's Hardware store to inspect it every day." His window display of March 17, 1910 created another sensation. Arthur placed on exhibition in his show window on St. Patrick's Day of 1910 a pair of six-month-old alligators sent him by W.E. Everson from Palm Beach, Florida. They attracted the attention of all those passing by.

In the meantime, Arthur and Clara Young's family was growing up, enough for the Union City Times to begin mentioning their activities. On July 8, 1909, the Union City Times noted that William King, Rulaf Young and Allison Clough were camping and fishing at Lake Pleasant for the week and were enjoying themselves thoroughly. By August 1911, Rulaf was again mentioned in the paper as being a recent graduate of the Eastman Business College. He accepted a position and entered upon his duties on August 21, 1911, in the Shreve Chair Company's office.

Arthur Young Jr. spent some time with his parents in early January 1918, then returned to his studies at Franklin & Marshall College. Before the year ended, Arthur Young Jr. would die and be buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Rulaf Young had married by February of 1918, because the Times noted that Mrs. Rulaf Young entertained the members of the Entre Nous Club in their rooms on Friday. In April 1918, Rulaf Young was appointed captain of a team to sell liberty bonds. In May 1918, Clara Young and her daughter Marjorie went to Erie where they spent the day with her daughter, Mrs. Ray Cooper and family.

In 1918, Arthur F. Young took over the office of mayor of Union City and served for three years, from 1918 to 1921. He made many decided and lasting improvements in the town. In his election proclamation, Mayor-elect Young declared, "I trust that it will be my pleasure to see harmony prevail at all times and a united effort on the part of all to give our constituents a broad, businesslike administration, to the end of which I pledge to you my earnest support."

Mayor Young became instantly popular with his constituents by recommending no tax increase for the year 1918. He lost the recommendation in the first round with council, but the Times remarked that should not discourage him. "A raise of 1 mill in the taxes is not a large amount."

Although he was very busy with his family and civic activities, Arthur still had time to experiment with his merchandising techniques and to introduce innovations for a small-town merchant. He became the local dealer for the Reo Car around 1914 and displayed one of the latest models in front of his store. The new model attracted considerable attention and was equipped with a self-starter and electric lights.

A post card from a satisfied customer told Arthur how effective his dealership of the Reo was for one family. A.L. Reynolds who with his family and the family of George Reynolds toured in Canada and they sent A.F. Young a postcard. The postcard said, "We made Toronto the first day of our trip and never had a puncture or any trouble whatever. The Reo is some car."

One of his newspaper advertisements in 1915 spells out A.F. Young's business philosophy and the secret of the success of his store. In the advertisement he says, "This store of ours is a business with a purpose - and if you have been dealing with us for any length of time, you will have guessed what that purpose is. The shortest way we can state it is that we aim to give standardized service in standard goods. By service we mean a good bit more than handing you what you ask for and punching the cash register - more than courteous treatment and great deliveries. It means keeping a line up with the new things. It means looking for better grades, wider assortments, progress all along the line. It means going a little further than many a hardware store usually thinks of going. It means carrying bigger stocks, more satisfying range, greater freedom of selection - and every article backed by us, to give satisfaction to the customer. If you are interested in anything in the hardware line call and see our line.

A.F. Young by the Spring

Arthur cleverly used the natural assets of his store location, too. For many years, a natural spring bubbled in front of his store and thirsty, hot, customers would use the tin cup sitting beside it to get a cooling drink of water. Eventually the spring was capped for sanitary reasons, but all of the time the spring flowed, he mentioned it in his advertisements.

During the years 1921-1924, death visited the Fuller-Young family twice more. Rulaf Fuller died in December 1921, after a lingering illness. Four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren mourned him. Reverend A.S. Wilson of the Presbyterian Church conducted his funeral services and he was buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Rulaf Fuller left a business legacy and one of community service that his son-in-law, Arthur Fred Young, continued into the next generation and his son Rulaf and his son Marshal into the present generations.

In 1924, Rulaf's two daughters, Clara Young and Belle Everson, died within six months of each other- Belle on Monday May 18, 1924, and Clara on Thursday November 13, 1924. Reverend Ashley S. Wilson of the Presbyterian Church presided at both funerals and they, too, were buried in Evergreen Cemetery. In August 1926 A.F. Young remarried. His second wife was Vina Rouse, a Union City school teacher.

Arthur Young made another change in his life in January 1927, when he decided to make certain his hardware store would be family operated into another generation. He announced that he had taken his son Rulaf Young, as a partner in the hardware business. He said that the new firm would be known as A.F. Young and Son. Rulaf Young had been clerking in his father's store for a number of years and was well acquainted with the business and the buying public and his father decided to recognize his faithful service by making him a junior partner in the thriving business.

Besides selling hardware and contracting work, A.F.Young and Son sponsored cooking

institutes. In March 1929, they secured the services of Miss Grace Preston of the Home Service Department in Erie, Pa. Miss Preston was well known throughout the United States as a lecturer on cooking and household engineering problems. She came to Union City and gave a series of lectures starting on Tuesday April 2, 1929, at 2 p.m.

In July 1930, A.F. Young & Son won an important plumbing contract for improvements at the high school. The Youngs made a low bid of \$1,389 for the new installations asked at the special meeting. New toilets and laboratories would be installed in the high school building in the next few weeks at a cost to the school board of \$1,389. They continued their advertising into 1931 and 1932 with an advertisement in the paper that read A.F. Young & Son Hardware Plumbing, 19-21 South Main Street.

The years 1932 and 1933 proved to be again a time of loss for the Young family. In February 1932, Arthur Young and his son Rulaf, motored to Rochester, New York, to spend the weekend with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Jack Rose. Marjorie Young Rose had been critically ill, but was now on the way to complete recovery, or so the doctors said. In April 1932, Rulaf Young and his wife, Julia Marie, went to Rochester to visit Marjorie. In July 1932, Marjorie died at her home in Rochester.

Marjorie Young was born August 13, 1908, in Union City and received her education in the Union City public schools. She graduated from Union City High School in 1925, and attended the National Park Seminary at Washington D.C. during 1925 and 1926. In 1926 and 1927 she was a student at Mechanics Institute in Rochester, New York. She married Jack Dill Rose of Rochester, New York on March 12, 1929, and the couple lived in Rochester. Reverend Walter I. Eaton, the Presbyterian minister, conducted her funeral at the Young home on West High Street and she was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Six months later there was another funeral in the Young family. On Thursday January 19, 1933, Arthur Fred Young died at his home on West High Street. His many friends called at his home Friday and Saturday to bid him good-bye. Reverend Walter I. Eaton conducted private funeral services on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, standing among a great display of beautiful flowers. His close friends Elton H. Blair, Comer H. Fuller, Ben. J. Stranahan, Charles H. Eastman, A.G. Buller of Corry and Homer Andrews of Chautauqua, New York carried his casket. He was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Rulaf Young carried on the family business as R.F. Young Hardware and gradually expanded the line of merchandise he sold at the hardware store. Some of his advertisements included O'Cedar Sponge Mops for \$3.25 and Frigidaire Appliances, ranges and refrigerators. He sold sleds and skis, hardware tools, tool boxes, planes, pliers, table lamps, hair clippers, Pyrex ware, Big Ben and Baby Ben clocks. Besides continuing the family business, Rulaf Young served on the Union City Council. He was elected from the Second Ward on March 20, 1933. In time Rulaf and Julia Marie Young had two sons, Marshal, born in 1928, and David, born in 1932. Marshal would be the next generation of Youngs to run the family hardware store.

Rulaf Young died in July 1973. He had spent about 60 years in the hardware business, had been actively involved in the community, and had carried on his father's tradition of

innovative advertising and merchandising in the small-town hardware business.

While he was growing up in Union City, Marshal clerked in Young Hardware just as his father had done. He joined the Navy in 1948 and was attached to an electronic anti-submarine unit which went to Key West, Florida, with instruction to remove some electronic equipment from Ernest Hemingway's yacht. During the Second World War, Hemingway had outfitted his yacht, the Pillar, with submarine detecting gear and spent a year and a half cruising off the coast of Cuba hunting Nazi submarines. The Navy men found no one home at Hemingway's villa, but they saw the yacht moored to the dock. They towed it to Key West and removed the gear.

Marshal's next adventure with Hemingway happened during the Korean War in Key West when he bought a boat and ran "Young's Fishing Service." One day a fisherman fishing from Marshal's boat caught a record-breaking tarpon. Hemingway heard about it and he came down and asked Marshal all about the fish, including what tactics were used to catch it. After Marshal answered all the questions, Hemingway turned and walked away.

The last encounter Marshal had with Hemingway involved an autographed copy of his book, "Across the River and into the Trees." Hemingway autographed the book and Marshal took it with him on a train. The book disappeared and eventually Marshal wended his way back to Union City. After he got out of the Navy, Marshal decided to go into the hardware business full time. To use his words: "On February 4, 1952, I was mustered out of the Navy Air Force at the end of the Korean War and I returned to Union City where I began working full time in the store with my father and Carlton Clough, who was the accountant and also a clerk. Carlton retired in 1963 and at about that time we changed the name of the business to the present, Young Hardware."

When Marshal came to work at R.F. Young Hardware full time, so did a new department. The new department in the store was called "The Fly-Fishing Center," and it was announced in April 1952. In conjunction with the opening, the store offered a new fly rod to the fisherman who caught the largest trout on opening day. The only condition was that the fish had to be a brook, rainbow or brown trout from one of the area streams. Marshal, the manager of the new department, said that the store planned to carry the largest stock of fly fishing and spinning equipment to be found in this section of the country. From 1952 until it closed in the late 1990s, Young Hardware has been a fly fishing, fish story, and fly-tying gathering spot for anglers.

For a number of years Marshal wrote a column for the Union City Times called Prospective on the Outdoors, carrying on the tradition of family involvement with the Times as well as the hardware business. Customers of the hardware store and outdoorsmen, in many cases the same people, enjoyed the columns. A few of the most memorable were the one about bird watching and how it can truly be a family affair. The other was a column about gathering the right materials for fly tying. In this case it was the hairs from a freshly killed cat named Fluffy, who had met her demise from a car. Marsh happened upon the scene and when he determined he couldn't help Fluffy, he decided to pass on some of her hairs to fishing posterity. Fluffy's horrified mistress came upon Marsh poised to cut off some of the hairs. "What have you done of Fluffy, you beast!" was her comment when she caught him red-handed. Marsh fled without

Fluffy's hairs.

Marshal owned and operated Young Hardware with the help of his wife, Ellen, and her brother, John Suter, until the late 1990s.