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..... FOREWORD

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In the pages of this book is written the story of 100 years of the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Because of the limitations of time, space, finance and human abilities, this historical sketch is far from complete. Some will find omissions, some may find historical discrepancies, but we ask your patience. To write a history of a single charge would challenge the ability of the greatest writers.

In view of this, we hope that the many pictures included in the book will help tell the story of hardship, sacrifice and blessing which has characterized these "100 years of glorious Christian service."

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DEDICATION



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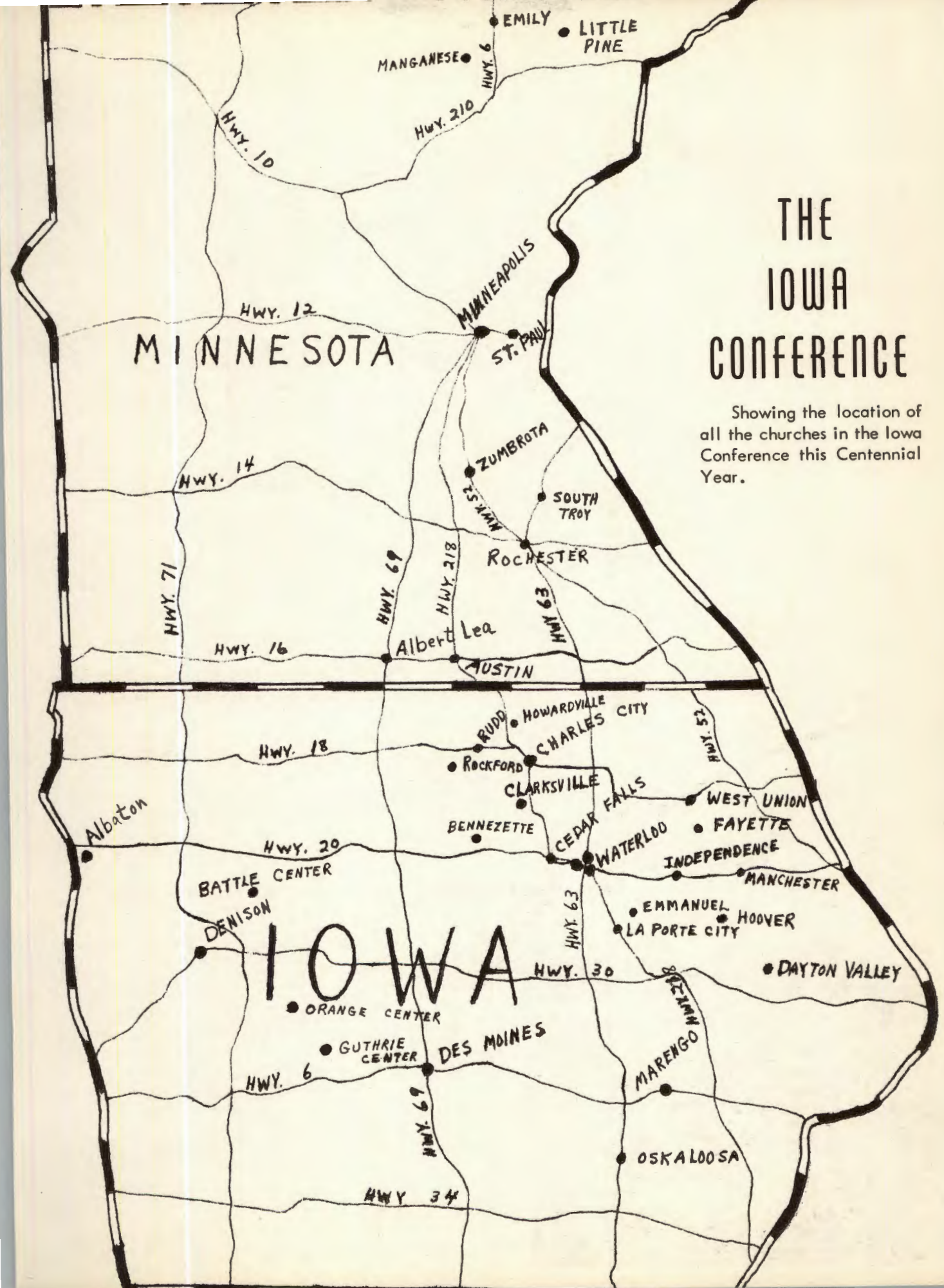
THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY
(Left to Right: Rev. Kind-
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Mrs. Kindschi and Gene.

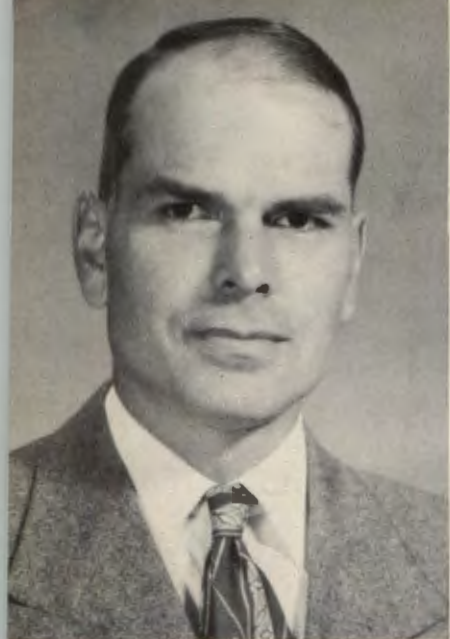


As a means of thanking the
Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, Pres-
ident of the Iowa Conference
of the Wesleyan Methodist
Church, for his loyal leader-
ship, hard work and unselfish
devotion to the church, we
dedicate to him THE IOWA
CONFERENCE CENTENNIAL.

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all the churches in the Iowa
Conference this Centennial
Year.





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THE IOWA CONFERENCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH

By ROY S. NICHOLSON

The connection of Iowa with the Wesleyan Methodist Church dates from the Church's very beginning. At the Utica Convention (1843) the territories of Iowa and Wisconsin were included in the Miami Conference, and at the first General Conference in 1844 the territory of Iowa became a part of the Wisconsin Conference. That arrangement proved impracticable and the General Conference of 1848 assigned its territory to the Illinois Conference. Four years later (1852) Iowa was declared a Conference in its own right.

In 1845 the Rev. Orange Scott visited Iowa as the representative of the general interests of the Church. In 1874 the Rev. Adam Crooks was in Iowa for the dedication of the Masonville church, which was later sold to the Methodists; but the bell was given to the Charles City church where it is still used. This interest in Iowa has paid the Church great dividends, for despite its early numerical weakness and being shifted from one Conference to another, the Conference grew and has manifested great interest in and hearty support of all phases of the Church life. Its record of loyalty to the Church's benevolences, its devotion to its spiritual standards, and its liberal contribution in personnel and material resources to both the Denomination and the Christian world merits the recognition and commendation of the whole Church at this Centennial.

General Officials

Some of the outstanding officials of the Church have come from the Iowa Conference. The first was the Rev. Alvin W. Hall, who was President of the Iowa Conference for the years 1885-1886. He was one of the able pulpiteers of the Church, as well as a business

administrator who served as Publishing Agent from 1890 until 1907. During Mr. Hall's seventeen-year term of service as Agent, that office developed beyond the administration of publishing interests to that of supervising many interests and involving investments in real estate in many sections so that his responsibilities were greatly influenced. Few today can appreciate the situations which faced Mr. Hall during his term of service at a time when the Church was experiencing unprecedented growth.

Mr. Hall's first work on a Church-wide scale was as Missionary Agent (1885-1890). There had been consideration of Japan, Africa and Siam as fields in which to do missionary work. Events at the General Conference of 1887 decided the Church upon beginning its foreign missionary work in Africa, and Mr. Hall was instructed to accompany the first missionary party and to assist in opening a station. Subsequent events seemed to indicate the advisability of an exploratory visit by Mr. Hall in the spring of 1889. In December of that year the Iowa Conference made the first contribution to Wesleyan Methodism's foreign missionary program in the persons of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Johnston and son, Irwin; and Dr. Alice Harris, who later became Mrs. Holiday. It is very significant that the first missionaries to go to Africa came from Hall's own Conference. His missionary zeal inspired a like spirit in those whom he knew best.

The next Iowa minister elected to the official life of the Church was the Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, who was chosen Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST in 1913 upon the resignation of the Rev. A. T. Jennings. At

that time Mr. Butterfield was pastor of the Miltonvale College church. For fourteen years he served as Editor of the Church paper, during the first six years of which he edited the Church's Sunday-school literature. Between 1927 and 1931 he was Editor of Sunday-school literature, but had become intensely interested in pioneering new churches in eastern New York and New Jersey, giving particular attention to the metropolitan areas. Those pioneer labors resulted in the organization of the Middle Atlantic States Conference and the development of the Wesley Grove Camp.

His wife, Mrs. Nellie Butterfield, was the beloved and efficient Editor of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY from its beginning until her death.

In 1931 the Church again turned toward Iowa for a General Official, electing the Rev. W. R. Emerson, who was then on leave of absence from his conference to serve as pastor of the Miltonvale College church, Editor of Sunday-school literature. But after some reflection on the matter, Mr. Emerson resigned and never entered upon the work. After 43 years as a minister of the Iowa Conference, eight of which were spent in the pastorate at Miltonvale, Mr. Emerson went to be with the Lord.

Noble Women

Miss Stella Wood who served as a missionary to India, representing the Iowa Conference, was elected Editor of THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY following the tragic death of Mrs. Susan McCarty, and rendered effective service to the Denomination in that capacity until her retirement in 1951.

There are many noble women, some of whose names may not have been mentioned as often as some of the others, whose contribution to the Church merits mention. They include Mrs. Clara G. Wilson (wife of the Rev. F. J. Wilson) who was General Treasurer of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (as the Woman's Missionary Society was then known) for thirty-six years. A daughter, Mrs. Oliver G. Wilson, wife of the Editor of THE WESLEYAN METHODIST, has also made a worthy contribution to the Church in connection with her husband's work at Miltonvale College and in the two offices the Denomination has chosen him to fill.

Mrs. William F. McConn, wife of the President of Marion College, is an Iowa girl. Another whose life has blessed the world through her own labors and through her family is the Rev. Mary Whitney (widow of the Rev. George Whitney) who is now 97 years of age and is the oldest known living woman preacher in the world. Her grandson, George Beverly Shea, is the world-renowned gospel singer whose songs are a feature of the Billy Graham evangelistic campaigns.

Missionaries

In addition to furnishing Wesleyan Methodism's first foreign missionaries (the Rev. and Mrs. Henry W. Johnston and Dr. Alice Harris, who have been previously mentioned) the Iowa Conference is known to have furnished the following missionaries for foreign service: Dr. Ruby Helen Paine, Dr. Alice Thomas, Miss Miriam Day who studied Arabic at Harvard University to facilitate work among the Mohammedans in Africa, Miss Delia Howlett, the Rev. and Mrs. C. B.

Harvey, the Rev. and Mrs. P. D. Doty, Misses Grace and Stella Wood (Miss Grace Wood rendered excellent service in Australia just before her retirement after long service in India), Mrs. May Lord Sprague, Miss Sarah Britton, Miss Eulah Purdy, Mrs. Floyd Fisk, the Rev. Ralph Coleson, the Rev. Glenn Barnett, Miss Irene Archer, and the Rev. Ferdinand Witthuhn. Those who have volunteered for definite service on home mission fields are Misses Ruby Kagel and Esther Sniffin of the Kentucky Mountain Missions.

Educators

The Iowa Conference has not only produced a corps of godly ministers and missionaries, but also of qualified laymen who have rendered distinguished service in the realm of Christian education. Among these educators should be listed Dr. L. J. Harrington who became the first President of the Wesleyan Methodist College of Central, S. C., and his wife, Nellie L. Harrington Leming. Readers of The Sunday-School Banner will remember Nellie L. Harrington as one of their favorite authors. Now well advanced in years, she resides in Warren, Indiana.

Other Iowa Wesleyans who have served as College Presidents are Dr. John W. Leedy, a former President of Marion College; and Dr. M. S. Ball, President of a Friends College in Iowa.

Another Wesleyan-born Iowan who attained fame in the educational world is Dr. Samuel R. Williams, as well-known physicist who taught for 41 years at Barnard, Oberlin and Amherst Colleges, and is now doing special research work for the government in the Physics Department of Duke University.

While he was not an educator, in the sense of being a college teacher, no one who was acquainted with Marion College for its first quarter of a century's existence can think of that institution without keen appreciation for John D. Williams' outstanding contribution as Treasurer of Marion College. Coming from their Iowa Wesleyan home, he and his brother, Horace, were great financial supporters of the work of Marion College and the building of the new college church. John Williams also served as Lay Vice-President of the General Conference from 1939 to 1947. In recognition of this devout layman's service to the Church, Houghton College presented him A Citation of Appreciation For Achievement in the spring of 1946.

Other Iowa Wesleyans who have devoted themselves to the educational work of the Church include Dr. Mary E. Dodd of the English Department, Marion College; Prof. Laura Emerson of the Speech Department, Marion College; Prof. Jennie Andrews, Taylor University; Prof. David Budensiek, Marion College; Prof. Marvin Pryor, formerly of Marion College; and Mrs. Bertha Emerson Johnson, a former instructor at Miltonvale College.

Evangelists and Others

The Iowa Conference has given the Denomination some outstanding evangelists, one of whom was the beloved Rev. E. R. Dodd whom to know was to love. His labors were abundant and his hardships in pioneer works were plentiful. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of many on earth and the full extent of his influence cannot be known until that day when God opens the books and we know as we are known.

Another whose service in Iowa prepared him for success in the field of general evangelism is the Rev. Clarence Budensiek, a former President of the Conference, whose vision and spirit of venture led him to encourage the pioneer efforts in the cities where there are now strong Wesleyan centers from which workers have gone into the adjacent territory and established new churches. Following his service in Iowa, Mr. Budensiek served as President of the Nebraska Conference for three years (1946-1948) and laid the foundations for that growing work.

Iowa ministers have been called upon to serve as the President of other Conferences in several instances. The Rev. William H. Dyer, a former President of the Iowa Conference who had encouraged the development of the work in Illinois, was elected President of the Illinois Conference upon its organization in 1949. Later the Rev. A. L. Bray, a former minister of the Iowa Conference who had been called to the pastorate of the Oak Park, Illinois (Chicagoland) church was chosen President of the Illinois Conference. The Rev. A. L. Nabholz, an Iowa pastor who felt the challenge of the pioneer field in Nebraska, took work there and was later chosen President of that Conference. Earlier in the history of the Iowa Conference the

Rev. J. C. McGovern felt called to labor for the Lord in the Dakota Conference and soon the responsibility of leading that Conference was placed upon his shoulders.

This list of the contributions which the Iowa Conference has made is admittedly incomplete due to human limitations, and the tributes paid these workers are all too brief. There have been godly laymen, such as Dr. Harold Hermann, the pediatrician; and others, who have devoted themselves to the relief of physical suffering. The record of all such laymen, without whom the Church could not exist, is on high; and if by reason of insufficient acquaintance someone has been overlooked, accept our apologies, but rejoice in that their labor is not in vain inasmuch as they have wrought for the glory of God and not for the praise of man.

As the Iowa Conference stands at the beginning of its second century of service to Christ and His Church, may the devotion to Christ, the loyalty to the Church, and the liberality for His work which has characterized the Iowa Conference during the past century, be its glorious identification marks as it moves forward in the proclamation of its message and the fulfillment of its mission to the world.

IOWA CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

D. G. Cartwright (1854-'56)
 J. A. Preston (1857-'59, '65, '67, '74, '76, '77, '80-'82, '88, '97)
 G. I. Cummins (1860-'62)
 E. G. Drake (1860)
 S. Smith (1868-'71, '75)
 J. A. McGlivra (1873)
 T. F. Blair (1878, '79)
 George Fry (1883, '84, '89)
 A. W. Hall (1885, '86)

G. W. Story (1887, '90, '91)
 S. A. Gilley (1892, '99)
 J. H. Meek (1895, '98)
 F. J. Wilson (1900-'11)
 W. R. Emerson (1912-'26)
 C. S. Weigel (1927-'29)
 R. Wesley Pryor (1930-'34)
 Clarence Budensiek (1934-'42)
 William H. Dyer (1942-'49)
 Paul L. Kindschi (1949-)

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE

In 1852, the year the first railroad came to the young state of Iowa, the Iowa Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was born.

The historic convention at Utica, New York only nine years before had marked the official organization of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. There the church leaders, realizing the attraction the rich farm lands of Iowa would be to pioneering families, named the territory as part of the far reaching Miami Conference. It was later allocated to the Wisconsin and Illinois Conferences respectively before its organization as a separate conference in 1852.

The Union Schoolhouse, near Montezuma, Poweshiek County, was the site of the first Iowa Conference session. It was held in October of 1854 with 13 charges included. D. G. Cartwright was the first Conference President.

At this time parts of Iowa were still considered frontier land although it had been admitted as a state in 1846. As late as 1857 the famed Spirit Lake Massacre of white

settlers by Sioux Indians had occurred.

For four years following 1867, a separate organization known as the West Iowa Conference was maintained. It was discontinued for a time and then reorganized in 1877. It continued until 1891 when it was reunited again with the rest of the state of Iowa.

The state of Minnesota became a part of the Iowa Conference in 1904 following an invitation extended by the Iowa Conference. Minnesota had been organized as a separate conference in 1859 and progressed fairly well through the 1890's. Because of the burning lodge question, many of the churches withdrew from the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination. By 1902; only South Troy--a rural church near Zumbro Falls, Minnesota and the oldest in the Minnesota Conference--remained.

To Rev. A.B. Gould goes the debt of gratitude for guiding this lone remaining Wesleyan Methodist Church in Minnesota to join the Iowa Conference. Many other churches have been established in Minnesota since that time.

WASIOJA SEMINARY, WASIOJA, MINNESOTA (Our area school from 1873 to 1894)



Wasioja Seminary in 1880



Wasioja Seminary today

An interesting incident in Minnesota Conference history was the establishment of a Wesleyan Methodist Seminary at Wasioja, Minnesota. One of the first colleges of higher learning in the state, it was founded by Free-will Baptists in 1860 and operated by them until 1868. It was privately owned until purchased by the Wesleyan Methodists in 1873, and was under their supervision until 1894 when it ceased to operate. The walls of the building are still standing but the remainder of the building was destroyed by fire in 1905. Recently the ruins have been deeded to the State of Minnesota as a historical site. Miltonvale Wesleyan College at Miltonvale, Kansas, founded in 1909, is now the school for this area.

The Iowa Conference Women's Missionary Society was organized September 11, 1903 with Mrs. L. A. Bishop as its first president. There were five societies and approximately 86 members. During the first year, \$96.30 was raised for missions. This year--the golden anniversary of the W.M.S. in Iowa--there are 32 societies and 520 members. The amount raised for missions the past year was \$6,756.98. Mrs. Paul R. Davis is the present president. At least seven missionaries have gone from

this state to the foreign field.

In the early 1920's a permanent camp grounds was established near Charles City, Iowa as the site for the Annual Conference and Camp Meeting services. Until this time various churches of the organization had been hosts for the sessions.

Both the Nebraska and Illinois Conferences were pioneered by the Iowa Conference in recent years. Nebraska became independent in November of 1944; and Illinois in September of 1949.

The years have wrought a multiplicity of changes in the Iowa Conference scene, but through it all God's hand has moved. Shifting population and centering of social activities in cities and towns have caused some rural churches to go out of existence. Only God can estimate the service they rendered in their time.

This brief sketch gives only a few high points in the development of the Iowa Conference. The real story can better be told in the pictures and histories of the individual churches which follow.

MILTONVALE WESLEYAN COLLEGE, MILTONVALE, KANSAS (Our area school since 1909)



College Inn and Bookstore



New Gymnasium



Abbott Hall



College Annex



Administration Building



CHURCH EXTERIOR

ALBATON

(NEAR SLOAN,

PASTORS:

John Balch (1886-88)
 W. J. Scovill (1888-89)
 B. F. Logsden (1889)
 E. Tuffin (1891-92)
 C. P. Sage (1892-95; 1920-23)
 Albert Johnson (1895-99; 1905-08)
 L. True (1899-1901)
 M. H. Bar (1901-03)
 R. E. Willis (1903-05)
 F. B. Green (1908-09)
 J. B. Omrod (1909-10)
 C. S. Weigel (1910-11)
 Mrs. G. Edwin Ellis (1911-13)

In 1886, the Albaton Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized under the name of the Monona Mission Church. It is among the 10 oldest organizations of the conference. The group first worshiped in the Davis School House under the leadership of Rev. John Balch.

A church building was erected in 1898 near Sloan, Iowa (3 miles west and 3 miles south) and by 1899 there were 75 members. In 1913 a parsonage was purchased.

This rural church was host to the Annual Conference of 1918.

HOWARD W. JOHNSON, Present Pastor



THE ALBATON CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS (Cont.):

A. W. Curry (1913-15)
 G. H. Doty (1915-16)
 A. M. Stephens (1916-17)
 Aaron Cameron (1917-19)
 E. E. Anderson (1923-25)
 Walter K. Hughes (1925-28)
 G. G. Huffman (1928-29)
 B. I. Griffin (1929-34)
 C. H. Barnett (1934-37)
 Paul Wolstenholm (1937-41)
 A. L. Treese (1941-43)
 A. L. Cretsinger (1943-45)
 Howard W. Johnson (1945-)



CHURCH INTERIOR

Among the outstanding Christian workers who have come from this church is the Rev. C.S. Weigel, pastor and Conference President. The Rev. Glen Barnett, missionary to Haiti, spent part of his boyhood in Albaton as a pastor's son. A present member of the church, Dale Ernst, is preparing to be a medical missionary.

In recent years both the church and parsonage have been remodeled; the church in 1949, the parsonage in 1952.

At present there are 31 members of the church and 46 enrolled in the Sunday School. The pastor is the Rev. Howard W. Johnson. The family includes Mrs. Johnson, Howard (Jr.), Lawrence, Arnold, David, Edward, Carolyn and Norva.

THE ALBATON PARSONAGE

THE JOHNSON FAMILY





CRANE ADDITION (IN AUSTIN)

PASTORS:

Joe Matt, Sr. (1936-45)

Joe H. Matt, Jr. (1945-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Crane Addition Community Chapel had its beginning in a building located on Mitchell Street in Austin and owned by John Hormel who was, and continues to be, extremely interested in this area. In this building the first Sunday School in this fast growing residential area began.

In 1936 Rev. Joe Matt Sr. purchased the present site and with his son Joe Jr. built with his own funds, and much of their own labor, the original Chapel which was to be the place of worship for 15 years.

In 1945 Rev. Joe Matt Sr. retired from the pastorate and his son, Rev. Joe Matt, Jr., feeling a definite call of the Lord to work in this area, became full time pastor. At the time Joe Jr. received his ministerial credentials from the Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association of Tabor, Iowa. In 1948 the association disbanded and Joe, along with many other pastors, transferred his credentials to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Up to 1950 the Chapel was operated as a mission church. In 1950, however, it was organized under the state laws of Minnesota as a local Community Chapel.

JOE H. MATT, JR., Present Pastor

THE PASTOR'S RESIDENCE



CHURCH MINNESOTA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Matt, Sr.
Rev. and Mrs. Joe Matt, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. George Waltermann
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burdick
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dunham
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lennberg



CHURCH INTERIOR

In 1951 a building program was begun and the present new Chapel built. It was dedicated November 25, 1951. Rev. Paul L. Kindschi delivered the dedicatory address with the pastor officiating at the dedication ceremony.

Much of the progress of the work is to be attributed to Joe Jr. who in addition to serving as full time pastor, works as Auditor of Accounts Payable in the Transportation Department of the George A. Hormel Meat Packing Company. He donates his services to the Chapel and the Lord as something he owes God and the Community.

The Chapel cooperates with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in many fields of service. It is active in sending it's youth to and supporting Midwest Youth Camp, supporting it's schools, using Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School material and supporting the Wesleyan Missionary program.

At present, the Chapel has a membership of 64 and a Sunday School enrollment of 120.



THE PASTOR AND FAMILY
Rev. and Mrs. Joe Matt, Jr.,
David and Barbara



CHURCH EXTERIOR

BATTLE CENTER

(NEAR IDA GROVE,

PASTORS:

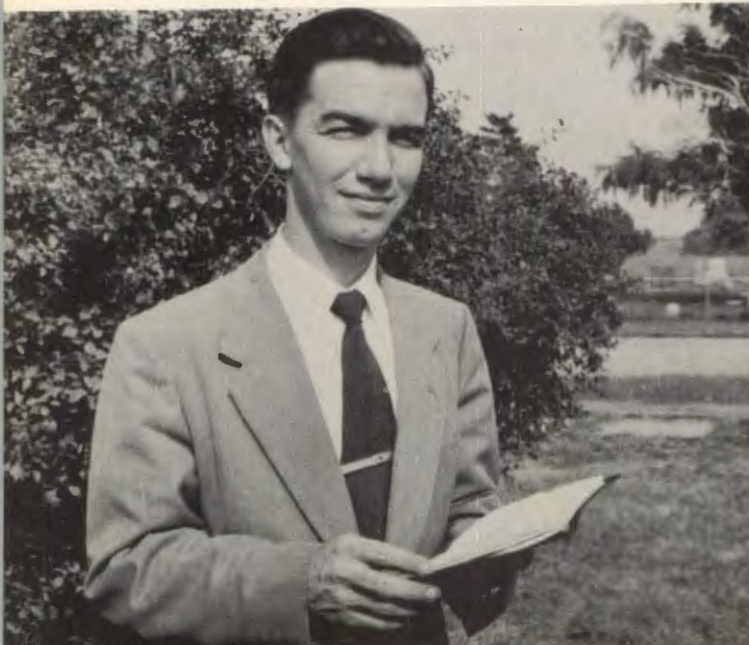
R. M. Kelly (1933-45)
 B. I. Griffin (1945-48)
 R. M. Kelly (1948-50)
 Richard Jamieson (1950-

The Battle Center Church is a Community organization located in Battle Township seven miles west and five miles north of Ida Grove, Iowa. The building was moved to it's present location and dedicated in 1906. It was supplied by ministers from the Methodist Church from then until 1933.

At that time Rev. R. M. Kelly, who was then associated with the Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association of Tabor, Iowa, came as pastor.

When the Denison, Iowa congregation organized as a Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1945, Battle Center became affiliated with it. Both churches were served by Rev. B. I. Griffin as the first Wesleyan Methodist pastor.

RICHARD JAMIESON, Present Pastor



THE BATTLE CENTER CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH

IOWA



THE BATTLE CENTER
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
(During Rev. Kelly's pastorate)



CHURCH INTERIOR

A Christian worker from this church is Miss Ruth Morrice who was employed by the Brainerd Indian Training School of Hot Springs, South Dakota for several years. This church is not organized, but it has a Sunday School enrollment of 19.

Rev. Richard Jamieson is the present pastor of the church. He and his family live in the Wesleyan Methodist parsonage at Denison, Iowa. There is no parsonage at Battle Center.

The Jamiesons have one son, Larry Eugene.

THE BATTLE CENTER CONGREGATION (Right)

REV. & MRS. RICHARD JAMIESON AND LARRY





CHURCH EXTERIOR

BENNEZETTE

(NEAR BRISTOW,

PASTORS:

Thomas Hartley (1885)
 F. J. Wilson (1885-86)
 W. S. Grange (1886-88)
 O. S. Davis (1888-91)
 J. Balch (1891-95)
 H. W. Rose (1895-96)
 R. Wesley Mack (1896-97)
 L. True (1897-98)
 S. A. Gilley (1900-01)
 W. R. Emerson (1901-02)
 F. A. Butterfield (1902-04)
 J. T. Platt (1904-06)
 Mrs. L. A. Bishop (1906-08)
 W. R. Emerson (1908-12)
 A. P. Breneman (1912-16)
 D. F. Smith (1916-18)

The Bennezette Wesleyan Methodist Church is one of the oldest of the present churches in the Iowa Conference. It is located 4 miles north and 2 miles west of Bristow, Iowa. It was organized by Rev. Thomas Hartley May 8, 1885. The charter members (Benjamin Nichols, Rev. Thomas Hartley, William Sproul, Charles Hovey, Mary Hovey, Sarah Hovey, Mr. McKernan) worshiped in Center School House. By 1893 there were 62 members, and in 1895 the church building was erected.

The parsonage was built in 1896 and a well drilled in 1898. Through the years, many improvements have been made on the church property. In 1948, an oil burning Lennox furnace was installed; in 1949, venetian blinds; and in 1950, a piano was purchased.

Improvements in the parsonage include built-in cupboards, water pressure system, bath complete with hot and cold water, replastering and remodeling of living room and dining room, and partial new siding. Two thousand dollars was spent in improvements on the parsonage during the Freiheit administration alone. All the buildings will be repainted in 1953.

REV. & MRS. FLOYD FREIHEIT, BETTY LOU AND KATHLEEN



THE BENNEZETTE CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS (Cont.):

J. Youngblood (1918-19)
 Ullis Heckel (1919-22)
 A. L. Cretsinger (1922-23)
 J. B. Hoover (1923-26)
 Clarence Barnett (1926-29)
 R. Wesley Pryor (1929-30)
 Wilbur Kemp (1930-31)
 A. M. Stephens (1931-33)
 W. Dyer (1933-35)
 Miss Elsie Spain (1935-38)
 Miss Vera Brainerd (1935-38)
 H. W. Johnson (1938-41)
 D. C. Elmer (1941-45)
 A. L. Cretsinger (1945-47)
 Oscar Hovland (1947-49)
 F. L. Freiheit (1949-)



CHURCH INTERIOR AND PRESENT PASTOR,
 F. L. FREIHEIT

Several outstanding Christian workers have come from the Bennezette Church. Mrs. Mae Lord Sprague went as a missionary to Africa in 1906 and served five terms there. She now lives at Intercession City, Florida. Miss Esther Sniffin is serving as a home missionary in Kentucky. Rev. and Mrs. William Poppinga are pastors of the Little Pine Church in Minnesota. Mrs. William F. McConn, wife of the president of Marion College, received her early training in, and considers this her home church. Dr. Alice Thomas of Greene, Iowa, was a missionary to Africa for one term from this church.

The present membership of the church is 26; the Sunday School enrollment, 38. The present pastor is Rev. F.L. Freiheit. His family consists of his wife and two daughters, Kathleen, 8 years old; and Betty Lou, 7 years old.

THE BENNEZETTE CONGREGATION (Right)

THE BENNEZETTE PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

CEDAR FALLS (IN CEDAR FALLS,

PASTORS:

Forrest Boyd and
G. Edwin Ellis (1946-47)
Charles Fisher (1947-48)
H. F. Clark (1948-)

The First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa was organized September 22, 1946 by Rev. William H. Dyer, Conference President. Twenty charter members, all of whom had previously been traveling to Waterloo First Church to worship, comprised the original group. Rev. Forrest J. Boyd and Rev. G. Edwin Ellis supplied the pulpit for the first year, one preaching in the morning, one in the evening. At this time the services were held in Humbert School.

In 1946 a lot at the corner of Second and Walnut Streets, Cedar Falls, was purchased.

H. F. CLARK, Present Pastor



CEDAR FALLS CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mrs. H. L. Bisbing
 Mr. & Mrs. Russell Bisbing
 Florence Bisbing
 Winifred Bisbing
 Amy Lee (Bisbing) Huffman
 Mrs. Mary G. Cummings
 Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Danielson
 Mary M. Roberts
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Roth
 Mr. & Mrs. Willard D. Tollefson
 Mr. & Mrs. Russell E. Sage
 Phylis H. Sage
 Carol E. Sage
 Mrs. Mabel Chambers
 Mrs. Pearl Rosenberger



CHURCH INTERIOR

The basement of the church was built in 1948 and the congregation worshiped there until the structure was completed in 1953.

Work was completed on a modern parsonage in 1949. This is located next door south of the church.

Christian workers from this church are Rev. Yorton Clark, pastor at Rudd, Iowa; Rev. Donald Calhoun, preparing to take work in the Iowa Conference; and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Roberts, part time song evangelists.

Rev. H. F. Clark is the present pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Clark have four married children. They are Rev. Henry J. Clark Jr., Rev. Edward A. Clark, Rev. Yorton Clark, and Mrs. William F. Tice.

Present membership of the church is 59 with 127 enrolled in the Sunday School.

REV. & MRS. H. F. CLARK



CEDAR FALLS PARSONAGE



CEDAR FALLS CHURCH (CONTINUED)



Rev. H. F. Clark at work



Rev. H. F. Clark and Rev. P. L. Kindschi at Cornerstone Laying



Congregation at Cornerstone Laying



Mrs. Paul Huffman, Organist



Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, speaker for the Dedication Service



Mrs. Kenneth Roberts, Pianist



Cedar Falls Ladies' Trio



Paul Roberts, Soloist at Dedication



Cedar Falls Choir (Director - Kenneth Roberts)



Congregation at Dedication (Left Side)



Russell Bisbing presents deed to Conference President



Congregation at Dedication (Right Side)

CHARLES CITY CHURCH (IN ACTION)



Children's Happy Hour



Mrs. Jannette Howe, Organist and Pianist.



Junior Choir



Board of Stewards (Harry Howe, Rueben Daake, H. A. Guthrie, Ted Stewart)



Senior Choir



Teen Ager's Time



Sunday School Board Meeting (In Session)



Board of Trustees (John Peterson, John Carey, George Van Eschen)



CHURCH EXTERIOR

CHARLES CITY

(IN CHARLES CITY,

PASTORS:

George Smith (1914-15)
 Frank Betzer (1915-16)
 R. W. Mack (1916-17)
 C. P. Carkuff (1917-18)
 E. J. Blough (1918-21)
 R. W. Pryor (1921-25)
 C. S. Weigel (1925-27)
 C. P. Carkuff (1927-28)
 W. H. Titus (1928-34)
 R. W. Pryor (1934-36)
 W. R. Emerson (1936-41)
 William H. Dyer (1941-42)
 Paul R. Davis (1942-49)
 W. H. Titus (1949-51)
 R. L. Ossman (1951-)

The Charles City Wesleyan Methodist Church had its origin in the efforts of several Wesleyan Methodist families who resided in the city. After holding mid-week prayer services for a time, the group was organized on July 17, 1913 by Rev. W.R. Emerson, Conference President. There were 14 charter members.

The newly formed organization worshiped in the home of Rev. W.R. Emerson, in the various homes of the members, and in the court house until the church was built in 1921.

A number of improvements have been made through the years, the most recent being the addition of an outdoor bulletin board and a Connsnatta organ.

ROBERT L. OSSMAN, Present Pastor

CHARLES CITY CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Emerson
 Rev. & Mrs. E. R. Dodd
 Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Emerson
 Mr. & Mrs. George Ladyman
 Mr. & Mrs. Lars Stolsbroten
 Miss Mary Dodd
 Miss Lois Dodd
 Mrs. George Newton
 Miss Bertha Emerson



CHURCH INTERIOR

The present parsonage was purchased in 1938.

Outstanding Christian workers who have come from the Charles City Church are Dr. Mary Dodd, Head of English Department, Marion College, Marion, Indiana; Miss Jennie Andrews, teacher in Taylor University, Upland, Indiana; Rev. Donald Olmsted, minister in Nebraska Conference; Miss Laura S. Emerson, Head of Speech Department, Marion College, Marion, Indiana; Lois Howe Ott, minister's wife in Indiana Conference.

Two young people are also attending Marion College, John Frank Carey, who is enrolled in the Theology Department; and Miss Meredith Towner, enrolled in the Education Department and serving as assistant to Rev. H.K. Sheets in the W.Y.P.S. Headquarters' Office.

The present membership of the Church is 63 and there are 96 enrolled in the Sunday School. Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Ossman are now pastoring at Charles City.

CHARLES CITY PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. ROBERT L. OSSMAN





CHURCH EXTERIOR

CLARKSVILLE (IN CLARKSVILLE,

PASTORS:

Paul R. Davis (1944-49)
Richard Ford (1949-51)
W. H. Titus (1951-)

The Clarksville Gospel Tabernacle became affiliated with the Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1947 under the leadership of Rev. Paul Davis. The building was purchased in 1941 and moved to the present site in Clarksville by Harold and Forrest Sherburne. After it had been remodeled, an independent gospel work was started and maintained by the Sherburnes.

In 1944 the Wesleyan Methodist Church was contacted, and Rev. Paul Davis, who was then pastoring at Charles City, supplied the pulpit. This resulted in the official organization of the church in 1947 with ten charter members.

W. H. TITUS, Present Pastor



CLARKSVILLE CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Lee Nitcher
 William Redfield
 Herbert Catchpool
 Mrs. Roy Marquand
 Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Miller
 Marjorie Miller
 Harold Sherburne
 Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Sherburne



CHURCH INTERIOR

The church now has a membership of 17 and a Sunday School enrollment of 45.

Rev. W.H. Titus is pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Titus have made an unusual contribution to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the three sons they have given to her ministry and one daughter as a minister's wife. Floyd and Clarence are pastors in the Wisconsin Conference. Walter is pastoring in Indiana. Eleanor Titus Woellhof is assisting her husband in Kansas. Paul and Dorothy are attending Marion College, Marion, Indiana.

CLARKSVILLE CONGREGATION (Right)

REV. AND MRS. W. H. TITUS





CHURCH EXTERIOR

DAYTON VALLEY

(NEAR CLARENCE,

PASTORS:

W. Johnson
J. A. Preston
Joel Grinnell
E. G. Drake
D. P. Baker
T. F. Blair
D. P. Rathbunn
A. M. Shimer
Annis A. Rathbun
W. H. Riley
Thomas Hartley
C. R. Hunt
B. F. Hester
H. J. Richardson
L. J. Harrington

Before 1900
(Exact years unknown)

One of the oldest in the Conference, Dayton Valley Church was organized September 21, 1856 by Matthias Simpson. The 14 charter members - Homer Frink and family, J.M. Kent, J.R. McCleod, Joshua Hammond, Lydia E. Decker, N.R. Hagar, Adelia Brink, John Story, and C.G. Brink - first worshiped in Kent School house.

The present church building was dedicated Dec. 12, 1869. It is located four miles northeast of Clarence, Iowa. Additions made to the church property since that time include new pulpit furniture, pews, and a furnace.

In 1879 the first parsonage was built. It was sold in 1901 and a new parsonage was built. A new kitchen and porch have been added since.

This church has made a large contribution to the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination. Rev. E.G. Drake, one of it's earliest ministers was present and cooperated in organization of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection (or Denomination) at Utica, New York, May 31, 1843.

ELSIE G. STEPHENS, Present Pastor

THE DAYTON VALLEY CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS (Cont.):

J. F. Platt (Before 1900)
 O. L. Snow (? - 1900)
 R. Wesley Mack (1900-05)
 W. R. Emerson (1905-08)
 F. E. Fitch (1909-1910)
 F. J. Wilson (1911-24)
 C. H. Barnett (1925-26)
 C. M. Tuggle (1926-28)
 E. A. Anderson (1928-34)
 B. J. Hoover (1934-36)
 D. F. Smith (1936-38)
 A. M. Stephens (1938-40)
 W. A. Kemp (1940-44)
 G. E. Warriner (1944-45)
 Elsie G. Stephens (1945-)



CHURCH INTERIOR

Rev. Alvin W. Hall, a member of this church, was Conference President for the years 1885-86. He also served as Publishing Agent for the Denomination from 1890 until 1907. From 1885 to 1890, Rev. Hall served on a church-wide scale as Missionary Agent. In 1889 he sailed to Africa to find a location for the Wesleyan Methodist Church to open a mission field. After a voyage of 31 days he landed at Sierra Leone, West Africa where a native church of 256 members, formerly independent, became members of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection. This was the beginning of Wesleyan Methodist foreign missionary work.

Hiram Orelup, Maurice Brink, and Joseph Fell were granted licenses to preach from Dayton Valley.

The Dayton Valley Missionary Society was organized in 1887.

The present membership of the church is 18. Rev. Elsie G. Stephens is the pastor.

THE DAYTON VALLEY PARSONAGE

MRS. ELSIE STEPHENS, As The Housewife



DENISON

(IN DENISON,

PASTORS:

Bert Griffin (1945-48)
Ralph Kelly (1948-50)
Richard Jamieson (1950-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Denison Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized on September 9, 1945 by Rev. W.H. Dyer, Conference President.

This work had been carried on in an independent manner for over fifty years. Such men as the Rev. Seth Rees, Dr. Godbey, Rev. B.S. Taylor, and Dr. H.C. Morrison first held meetings to begin what was then known as the Apostolic Union. E.A. Stone was leader of the work for many years. In later years, Rev. R.M. Kelly, who was then associated with the Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association of Tabor, Iowa, became its leader.

In 1945 the congregation unanimously voted to organize as a Wesleyan Methodist Church with 16 charter members. Rev. Bert Griffin was the first Wesleyan Methodist pastor. The E.A. Stone home was first used as a place of worship, and later the R.M. Kelly home.

RICHARD L. JAMIESON, Present Pastor

DENISON CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Stone
 Paul Stone
 Mrs. R. M. Kelly
 Mary Ellen Kelly
 Honour May Kelly
 John Wesley Kelly
 Dr. Anna Gelander
 Rev. & Mrs. Bert Griffin
 Harold Griffin
 Everett Griffin
 Mrs. Martha Dixon
 Mrs. Tillie Selander
 Mrs. Lydia Riddle



CHURCH INTERIOR

The church building was erected in 1949 under the efficient leadership of Rev. R.M. Kelly. The basement of the church was made into an apartment as living quarters for the pastor in 1951.

Those from the Denison Church who have gone into Christian service are Rev. Harold Griffin and Honour May Kelly Griffin, present pastors at Belle Fourche, South Dakota; and Carol Kelly Hysom, pastor's wife of Free Methodist Church, Valley City, North Dakota.

The present membership of the church is 10, and the Sunday School enrollment is 25.

Rev. Richard L. Jamieson is now pastor of the congregation. Rev. Jamieson's family consists of his wife, Margaret, and a son, Larry Eugene.

SOME DENISON MEMBERS

REV. AND MRS. RICHARD L. JAMIESON
 in front of parsonage





CHURCH EXTERIOR

DES MOINES

(IN DES MOINES,

PASTORS:

D. C. Elmer (1947-48)

F. K. Smith (1948-50)

C. P. Elsberry (1950-)

The First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Des Moines had its beginning when, under the direction of the Missionary Board, a basement church formerly owned by the Church of the Nazarene was purchased. This is located at 2601 East Maple Street in Des Moines.

In August of 1947 Rev. D.C. Elmer was appointed pastor of the work. For a time he and Mrs. Elmer canvassed the community, in preparation for the beginning of services.

The church was organized on September 5, 1947 by Rev. William H. Dyer, Conference President. There were 20 charter members.

CLAYTON P. ELSBERRY, Present Pastor



THE DES MOINES SUNDAY SCHOOL



CHURCH IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Russell Sage	Marlene Yarrington
Alice Sage	John Becker
Phyliss Sage	Fred Gardner
Carol Sage	Mrs. Fred Gardner
Charles Beeson	Shirley Gardner
Emitt Huss	Mabel Chambers
Myrtle Huss	Rev. D. C. Elmer
Naomi Huss	Mrs. Roas Elmer
Ivan Yarrington	Richard Johnson
Ilah Yarrington	Rev. J. M. Dennison



CHURCH INTERIOR

Improvements made on the church since it's purchase include tiling of the basement floor.

In 1951, during the pastorate of Rev. Clayton P. Elsberry, a modern home was purchased as a parsonage. It is located at 901 East 25th St. Court, Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. Clayton P. Elsberry is the present pastor of Des Moines First Church. His family consists of his wife, Elaine; a son, Jimmy; and a daughter, Julia Beth.

There are now 27 full members and 13 associate members. The Sunday School enrollment is 130.

THE DES MOINES PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. CLAYTON P. ELSBERRY,
JIMMY AND JULIA





CHURCH EXTERIOR

EMMANUEL

(NEAR LAPORTE CITY,

PASTORS:

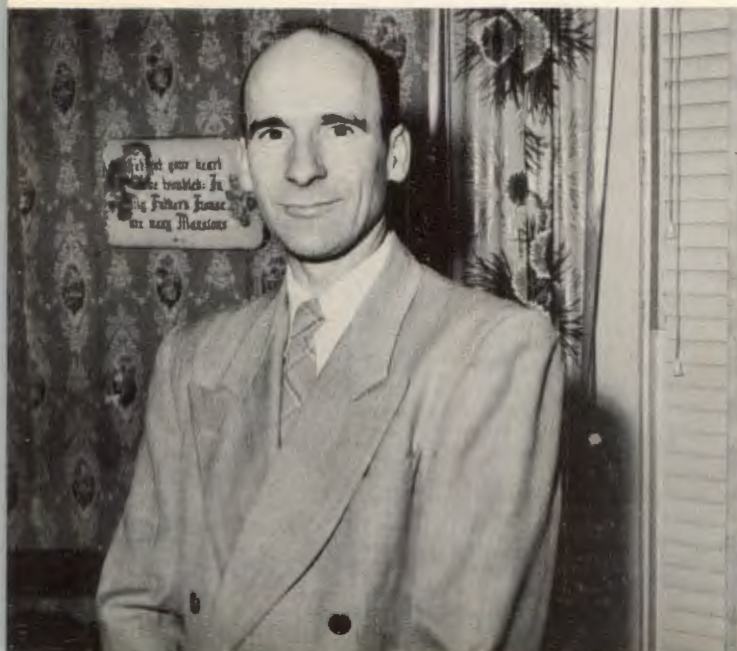
E. R. Dodd (1895-97)
 W. E. Deharpert (1897-98)
 F. J. Wilson (1898-1900)
 G. F. Kelley (1900-02)
 D. W. Scott (1902-07)
 F. A. Butterfield (1907-08)
 A. P. Breneman (1908-12)
 S. S. Cameron (1912-13)
 B. J. Hoover (1913-15)
 A. W. Curry (1915-18)
 Frank Betzer (1918-19)

The Emmanuel Wesleyan Methodist Church was started in 1890 as a Sunday School in an old stone schoolhouse which stood near the present church site. A Presbyterian layman by the name of George Shaeffel first organized the Sunday School. For several years the Free Methodist Church and others worked hard to establish a church but with little results.

In the spring of 1894, Rev. E.R. Dodd who had just graduated from Houghton College was engaged as an evangelist for a tent meeting. The Spirit of the Lord was moving and hundreds were converted. It was one of the greatest revivals ever held in this part of the nation in a country community. One Sunday there were over 500 wagons, buggies, and other rigs around the church which had carried the hundreds of people from every direction to the meeting. Rev. Dodd became the main leader and in 1895 the congregation was accepted as a Wesleyan Methodist Church. In that year the present church building was erected which is located eight miles north-east of La Porte City, Iowa.

OLA D. CAMPBELL, Present Pastor

EMMANUEL CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS (cont.):

J. W. Youngblood (1919-20)
 C. S. Weigel (1920-22)
 C. R. Belknap (1922-23)
 Albert Johnson (1923-28)
 Walter K. Hughes (1928-32)
 C. H. Barnett (1932-34)
 W. A. Kemp (1934-40)
 Arthur Rothfuss (1940-41)
 Harold Scoggan (1941-44)
 W. J. Poppinga (1944-49)
 Ray D. Heilborn (1949-52)
 Ola D. Campbell (1952-)



CHURCH INTERIOR

There were 59 charter members and over 40 more were added to the church during the first year.

The parsonage was built in 1899 under the direction of Rev. F.J. Wilson. Two rooms and an enclosed porch have been added since.

A number of Christian workers have come from the Emmanuel Church. Rev. A.M. Stephens, now deceased, was a minister in this Conference. Rev. Raymond Stephens is now pastoring in the Kansas Conference. Rev. Russell Buck is a minister in the Wisconsin conference. Rev. Arnold Nabholz is president of the Nebraska Conference. Miss Eulah Purdy is serving as a missionary in Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission.

The present membership of the church is 29 and the Sunday School enrollment is 73.

The pastor at the present time is Rev. Ola D. Campbell. His family consists of his wife, Grace, and two children, Rebecca Sue and David Roger.

EMMANUEL PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. OLA D. CAMPBELL, BECKY AND DAVID





E. R. DODD MEMORIAL (EMILY,

PASTORS:

Paul R. Davis (1939-42)
William Goldsmith (1942-44)
Harold Scoggin (1944-46)
Charles Mason (1946)
William Judkins (1946-49)
William Poppinga (1949-52)
Daniel Huffman (1952-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

In 1939, the Revs. Oliver Weigle, Clarence Budensiek, and Paul R. Davis held a tent meeting in Emily, Minnesota which resulted in souls being saved and in the organization of a Wesleyan Methodist Church.

The church was organized on September 13, 1939 by Rev. Clarence Budensiek, Conference President. He appointed Paul R. Davis, then stationed at Little Pine, as supply pastor. It was arranged that Rev. Frank Todd preach every other Sunday evening.

The 18 charter members first worshipped in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hite. In 1939, the year of organization, work was also begun on a church building. By September of 1940, the first services were held in the church basement.

Logs for joists and heavy timbers in the construction of the church were donated by Don and Cecil Winegarner. The remainder of the lumber came from 40 acres of local timber purchased by the church for that purpose. Much of the labor on the building was donated.

REV. AND MRS. DANIEL G. HUFFMAN AND GORDON



CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH MINNESOTA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Mel Brannon
Mr. Stacy Huff
Mr. & Mrs. Glen Hite
Lois (Hite) Fletcher
Dorothy (Hite) Ratcliffe
Glenwood Hite
Lucille Hite
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Jones
Ivan Olson
Mrs. Agnes Sullivan
Jeanne Sullivan
Mrs. Ethel Taylor
Edwin Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Todd



CHURCH INTERIOR and
DANIEL G. HUFFMAN, Present Pastor

A capacity crowd filled the new church sanctuary for the Christmas program of 1940. This was the first service in the new church. However, the church was not dedicated until June 20, 1941. Rev. W.R. Emerson preached the dedication sermon.

The house and lot directly north of the church building was purchased for a parsonage in 1944. By 1946, the church was free from indebtedness on the church property. A recent major improvement in the parsonage is the installation of a jet pump and water system.

The present church membership is 18, and the Sunday School enrollment, 44. Rev. Daniel G. Huffman is the present pastor at Emily. He and his wife, Marian, have a son, Gordon.

CONGREGATION (Right)



PARSONAGE





FAYETTE

(IN FAYETTE,

PASTORS:

Mrs. Anna B. Willson (1926-36)
 William H. Dyer (1936-41)
 Paul Wolstenholm (1941-42)
 C. P. Elsberry (1945-50)
 R. W. Pryor (1950-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

On July 29, 1926, Rev. E.E. Anderson was authorized by Conference President Rev. W.R. Emerson to organize a Wesleyan Methodist Church at Fayette, Iowa. For several years preceding this, Miss Sylvia Sampson had conducted a Sunday School here. She was assisted occasionally by Rev. N.K. Long.

The members first worshipped in a church formerly used by another denomination. Later they purchased a lot and moved in a church building in 1928.

Under the leadership of Rev. William Dyer, the present church building was moved from Thorpe, Iowa in 1939. In the same year, the old church was remodeled into a parsonage. A new heating plant has been installed in the church and new pews purchased.

Those in Christian service from the Fayette church are Rev. Paul R. Davis, pastor of Waterloo First Church, Waterloo, Iowa; Rev. Daren Durey, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Princeton, Illinois; and Rev. Oliver Paul, minister in the Iowa Conference, on leave of absence.

R. WESLEY PRYOR, Present Pastor

FAYETTE CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mrs. Dolly Shessler
 Mrs. J. L. Potter
 Mrs. Margaret Noble
 Mrs. Edith Smith
 Mrs. Anna Larson
 Mrs. C. B. Sampson
 Sylvia Sampson



CHURCH INTERIOR

Others in Christian service are Mrs. Betty Cass Hersey, a licensed minister and wife of an Iowa pastor; George Durey, preparing for the ministry; and Mr. and Mrs. Vaylard Zupke, in part-time visual aids evangelism. Rev. A.L. Bray, a former pastor, is now President of the Illinois Conference.

Rev. R. Wesley Pryor, senior member of the Iowa Conference, is the present pastor of the Fayette Church. Rev. Pryor served as Conference President from 1930 to 1934. Rev. and Mrs. Pryor have six children. They are M.J. Pryor, a teacher; R.D. Pryor, an Insurance Agent; Leland Pryor, a teacher; Dorothy Kjell, house wife; Mariam Judkins, pastor's wife; and Bertha Durey, pastor's wife.

The present membership of the church is 28 and the Sunday School enrollment is 106.

FAYETTE PARSONAGE

REV. AND MRS. R. WESLEY PRYOR





CHURCH EXTERIOR

GUTHRIE CENTER (IN GUTHRIE CENTER,

PASTORS:

E. I. Grinnell	} before 1899 (exact dates unknown)
M. Grinnell	
J. A. Preston	
D. Mengee	
William Moyle	
E. Preston	
H. Hull	
G. Platt	
James Meek	
Albert Johnson	
H. Rose	
Robert Rose	
G. Richardson	
C. P. Sage	
G. M. Kelley (1899-1900)	
J. M. Whitehead (1900-01)	
H. E. Buck (1901-02)	
D. E. Knapp (1902)	
W. D. McFryman (1903-06)	
J. W. Peterson (1906-07)	

The Guthrie Center Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized January 20, 1871. The early church books cannot be located, therefore there is no record of charter members and other details of the church's beginning.

Rev. E. I. Grinnell served as first pastor of the church at the time of organization.

In 1888, the present church building was erected. A basement has since been constructed under the church. Remodeling has also been done in the church interior.

REV. AND MRS. MARVIN OSSMAN AND CHILDREN



GUTHRIE CENTER CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS: (cont.):

Sarah C. Wilcox (1907-08)
 Eva Carothers (1908-09)
 Laura Everett (1909-10)
 John Hiner (1913-14)
 Daniel Smith (1914-15)
 E. J. Blough (1915-16)
 Roy Nelson (1915-16)
 A. Johnson and wife (1916-22)
 D. F. Smith (1923-24)
 A. L. Cretsinger (1924-25)
 A. M. Stephens (1925-26)
 D. F. Smith (1927-29)
 C. P. Carkuff (1929-35)
 W. K. Hughes (1935-37)
 A. L. and Dorothy Cretsinger (1937-40)
 Andy James (1940-45)
 Oscar Hovland (1945-47)
 Ralph Smedley (1947-50)
 L. L. Root (1950-52)
 Marvin Ossman (1952-)



CHURCH INTERIOR and
 REV. MARVIN G. OSSMAN, Present Pastor

The church parsonage was purchased July 25, 1891.
 Rev. Marvin G. Ossman is now pastor of the Guthrie Center Church. His family consists of his wife, Ruth; a daughter, Sharon; and a son, Marvin Charles.
 The present church membership is 35; and the Sunday School enrollment, 45.

GUTHRIE CENTER CONGREGATION (Right)



GUTHRIE CENTER PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

HOOVER

(NEAR WALKER,

PASTORS:

T. C. Breeding (? -1899)
 Wilburn Barr (1899-1900)
 D. E. Knapp (1900-03)
 George Cameron (1903-04)
 A. B. Culbertson (1904-05)
 Bertha Betzer Ellis (1905-06)
 G. J. Cameron (1906-09)
 F. A. Butterfield (1909-10)
 G. E. Ellis and Bertha Ellis (1910-11)
 Cameron S. Weigle (1911-14)
 J. F. Hiner (1914-18)
 R. W. Pryor (1918-19)

The Hoover Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized sometime before 1884. There is no record of the exact date of establishment. In 1884 land was donated to the community to use for a church and cemetery. There the frame church which is still in use was constructed by a Rev. Mr. Bender. Martha and Charles Hoover furnished the land and lumber for the church. Others in the community also helped with the project.

The church is located seven miles southeast of Quasqueton, Iowa and is one of the oldest in the community.

REV. RALPH W. SMEDLEY, Present Pastor



HOOVER CONGREGATION

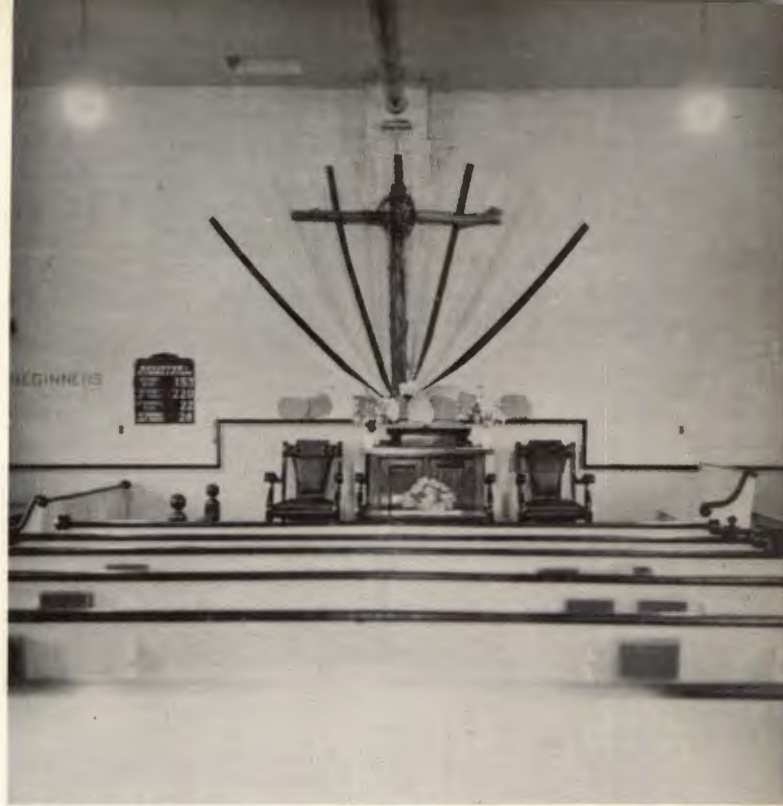


CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS (cont.):

A. M. Stephens (1919-21)
 Charles Sauer (1921-22)
 C. R. Belknap (1923-26)
 N. K. Long (1926-29)
 C. H. Barnett (1929-31)
 Fred Conrad (1931-35)
 Andy James (1935-38)
 Dan Smith (1938-40)
 William Poppinga (1940-44)
 E. A. Anderson (1944-48)
 Orville Hartman (1948-50)
 R. W. Smedley (1950-)



CHURCH INTERIOR

The first building project since the construction of the church is now in progress. It will include a basement, housing a furnace room and Sunday School class room; and also an addition to the main floor of two 9' x 12' class rooms and a choir loft. This improvement will make adequate class room space.

The old log stove which has been in service since 1884 will now be replaced by a modern furnace.

The present pastor of the Hoover Church is Rev. Ralph W. Smedley, Rev. and Mrs. Smedley have three children. They are Rose Ann Bach of Pensicola, Florida; Shirley Mae and Ronald Keith both at home.

The membership of the Hoover Church is now 16 and the Sunday School enrollment is 45.

HOOVER PARSONAGE

REV. AND MRS. RALPH SMEDLEY AND FAMILY





CHURCH EXTERIOR

HOWARDVILLE (NEAR FLOYD,

PASTORS:

Edwin R. Gould (1861- ?)
 Junius A. Preston (1870-71)
 L. E. McGilora (1871-75)
 E. J. Grennell (1875-77)
 John Balch (1877-79)
 George Fry (1880-84)
 Thomas Blair (1884-85)
 Thomas Hartley (1885- ?)
 William Moyle (1885-86)
 W. S. Grange (1888-89)
 George Allen (1889-92)
 William Riley (1893-95)
 Rev. Rickart (1895- ?)
 M. R. Baldridge (1898- ?)
 E. R. Dodd (1902- ?)
 R. Wesley Mack (1905- ?)
 S. S. Cameron (1911- ?)
 George Smith (1914-15)
 Frank Betzer (1915-16)

In 1857, a Free Sabbath School was established in Howard's Grove, a community center near Floyd, Iowa. This was continued until 1859 when the group organized into a Wesleyan Methodist Church with five charter members--Lucian M. Foster, Sarah M. Foster, Betsey Bennett, Mary Ann Caswell and Sophia Foster.

Several Sunday Schools and preaching points were started from this organization.

By 1890, attendance was such that the building being used was inadequate to accomodate the number. In 1892, land located three miles north of Floyd was purchased from R. A. Foster. Here the present church building was erected.

A house purchased from Minnie Dodge was moved adjacent to the church as a parsonage in 1936.

REV. AND MRS. W. A. KEMP

HOWARDVILLE CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH IOWA)

PASTORS (cont.):

E. J. Blough (1918-19)
A. M. Stephens (May 1919)
R. W. Pryor (1919-25)
C. S. Wiegel (1925-27)
A. M. Stephens (1927-28)
Clarence Budensiek (1929-34)
Paul Wolstenholm (1934-37)
W. O. Harrell (1937-39)
Robert Howlett (1939-42)
G. M. and Marie Hubby (1942-44)
W. A. Kemp (1944-48)
Thomas D. Hersey (1948-50)
Daniel Huffman (1950-52)
W. A. Kemp (1952-)



CHURCH INTERIOR and
REV. W. A. KEMP, Present Pastor

In 1940 both church and parsonage were provided with electricity. In 1942 a new floor was constructed in the basement and in 1949 the kitchen of the parsonage was remodeled.

An oil heater was installed in the church in 1949, and a platform rug purchased in 1951.

Those who have entered Christian service from the Howardville church are Rev. Adolphus Cretsinger, a pastor in the Dakota Conference; John Howell, former Book Committee member and Conference Treasurer; and Miriam Day, a missionary to Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Kemp are now pastoring at Howardville. The membership of the church is 10; and the Sunday School enrollment, 40.

HOWARDVILLE CONGREGATION (Right)

HOWARDVILLE PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

INDEPENDENCE

(IN INDEPENDENCE,

PASTORS:

C. P. Carkuff (1925-27)
 Bert Griffin (1927-29)
 C. H. Barnett (1929-32)
 C. S. Weigel (1932-36)
 Allen Treese (1936-40)
 R. Wesley Pryor (1940-45)
 F. L. Freiheit (1945-49)
 D. C. Elmer (1949-50)
 Kenneth Rumppe (1950-)

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Independence, Iowa was organized on July 14, 1925 by Rev. W.R. Emerson, Conference President.

The 14 charter members worshiped in the home of Rev. C.P. Carkuff, the first pastor.

In 1934, the former Pleasant Hill Church of near La Porte City was moved to Independence and placed on a lot at 504 Fourth Avenue, N.E. The adjacent house was purchased as a parsonage.

Improvements on the church building include finishing of the basement for Sunday School rooms, redecoration of the church interior with Nu-wood, and the installation of a new furnace.

The parsonage has been completely redecorated and a new furnace installed.

REV. AND MRS. KENNETH RUMPPE AND SON



INDEPENDENCE CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Atchison
 Mrs. Hetty Miller
 Gladys Miller Black
 Thelma Miller Dean
 Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Jamieson
 Mrs. Ida Klotz
 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Sherretts
 Rev. & Mrs. C. P. Carkuff
 Walter Blake
 Mrs. Gladys Hart



CHURCH INTERIOR and REV. KENNETH RUMPPE, Present Pastor

Those in Christian service from the Independence Church are Rev. Arnold L. Nabholz, President of the Nebraska Conference; Mrs. Marian Miller Nabholz, President of the Nebraska Conference Woman's Missionary Society and wife of the Nebraska Conference President; Rev. Marvin Ossman, Pastor at Guthrie Center, Iowa Wesleyan Methodist Church; Rev. Robert Ossman, Pastor of the Charles City, Iowa Wesleyan Methodist Church; Mrs. Inez Hart Goodell, Pastor's wife in the Dakota Conference; Mrs. Marlys Miller Ford, Pastor's wife in the Iowa Conference; Rev. Warren Scandrett, studying for the ministry at Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Rev. Roy Weigel, pastor of a Nazarene Church.

Rev. Kenneth Rumppe is now pastor of the Independence Church. Rev. and Mrs. Rumppe have one son, Drayton Kenneth.

The present membership of the church is 35. The number enrolled in the Sunday School is 120.

INDEPENDENCE CONGREGATION (Right)

INDEPENDENCE PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

LA PORTE CITY (IN LA PORTE CITY)

PASTORS:

Allen Treese (1935-36)
 Anna B. Willson (1936-37)
 I. L. Treese (1937-39)
 Andy James (1939-40)
 Arthur Rothfuss (1940-43)
 Katrina Ruse and Stella Wood (1943-45)
 Orville Hartman (1945-48)
 B. I. Griffin (1948-51)
 Leon Barse (1951-52)
 Gerald A. Wolter (1952-)

The La Porte City Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized January 22, 1935 by Rev. Clarence Budensiek, Conference President.

Rev. Charles Yotter was appointed as supply pastor and served the church a brief time. Rev. Miss Ruby Kagel supplied the church from May, 1935 until conference, at which time Rev. Allen Treese was appointed first full time pastor.

The congregation met in a hall and various homes for the first few years. Under the leadership of Rev. Arthur Rothfuss, a lot was purchased on Bishop Avenue, October 4, 1940. The church building was moved from Spring Creek Township, rebuilt on this lot and dedicated free of debt, August 2, 1942.

The present parsonage was purchased in the spring of 1945 while the Reverends Miss Ruse and Miss Wood were serving the church.

REV. AND MRS. GERALD A. WOLTER



LA PORTE CITY CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Yarrington
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Christian
 Mrs. Pearl Williams
 Mrs. Olive Haymond
 Mrs. Henrietta Dooley
 Beverly Dooley
 Mrs. Mary Good
 Mrs. Samuel Flieshen



CHURCH INTERIOR and
 GERALD A. WOLTER, Present Pastor

During the past year, a complete bathroom and water system has been installed, and new sidewalks constructed in front of the parsonage.

New venetian blinds were installed in the church sanctuary while Rev. B.I. Griffin was pastor and new pews while Rev. Leon Barse was pastor. Following a fire in the church basement in February 1953, a new furnace was purchased, the basement completely remodeled, the sanctuary redecorated, and the old floors replaced with new fir flooring.

Rev. Kenneth Skene, a former member of the La Porte City Sunday School, is now pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Beloit, Wisconsin.

The present Sunday School enrollment is 102, and the church membership 15. Rev. Gerald A. Wolter is the present pastor. He is assisted by his wife, Helen.

LA PORTE CITY CONGREGATION (Right)



LA PORTE CITY PARSONAGE





CHURCH EXTERIOR

LITTLE PINE (NEAR AITKIN,

PASTORS:

W. C. Reeve (1916-25)
 Lester Fletcher (1925-29)
 N. K. Long (1929-31)
 Cora Bromaghin (1931-33)
 E. E. Anderson (1933-35)
 C. O. Bush (1935-36)
 Paul R. Davis (1936-42)
 William Goldsmith (1942-44)
 F. F. Todd (1944-49)
 Rolland Fletcher (1949-51)
 W. J. Poppinga (1951-)

The Little Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized on August 4, 1916 when the Bethlehem Evangelical Church voted to join the Wesleyan Methodist Denomination. Rev. W.R. Emerson, Conference President, was the organizer. There were five charter members.

The present church building was the group's first place of worship. The parsonage was constructed in 1934. Improvements have been made on both buildings.

W. J. POPINGA, Present Pastor



THE LITTLE PINE CONGREGATION



CHURCH MINNESOTA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Huff
Mrs. Robert Kagel
Otto Fletcher
Mrs. C. O. Bush



CHURCH INTERIOR

Three persons have been called into full time Gospel work from the Little Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church. They are Rev. Miss Ruby Kagel, pastor at Duncannon, Pennsylvania; Rev. Mrs. Eunice Shirbroun, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rockford, Iowa; and Rev. Lester R. Fletcher, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Poppinga are now pastoring at Little Pine. The church membership is 19; The Sunday School enrollment, 18.

THE LITTLE PINE PARSONAGE



REV. & MRS. W. J. POPINGA





MANCHESTER

(IN MANCHESTER,

PASTORS:

Marvin Ossman (1943-45)
 Ralph Smedley (1945-47)
 Floyd Boardman (1947-50)
 Thomas Hersey (1950-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Manchester Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized in 1951 by Conference President, Rev. Paul L. Kindschi. Rev. Thomas D. Hersey was pastor at the time.

The 15 charter members worshiped in the present building which was purchased in 1945. It was built in 1894.

In 1946 a parsonage was built. Improvements include a bathroom installed and equipped in 1953.

Rev. Thomas D. Hersey is the present pastor. His family consists of his wife, Betty; three sons, Tommy, Johnny, and Stephen; and one daughter, Sara Beth. The present membership is 15. The Sunday School enrollment is 45.

Connected unofficially with the Manchester Church is the disbanded Dundee point. It was the site for camp meetings and conferences years ago and was one of the strongest churches in the Conference.

THE MANCHESTER PARSONAGE



THE MANCHESTER CONGREGATION (Left)



CHURCH IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Eugene Benter
Donald Benter
Beatrice Benter
Ada Boardman
H. F. Boll
Betty Hersey
Rev. Thomas Hersey
Ethel Holthaus
Viva Carter
Mary Meader
Carol Meader
Bertha Perry
Cassie Wilson
Jennie Aimers
Eva Boll



CHURCH INTERIOR AND THOMAS D. HERSEY, Present Pastor

It was founded in 1895 by Rev. E. R. Dodd. Other pastors who served this charge are Rev. Knapp, (1895-96); J. C. McGovern (1896-1902); J. C. Meek (1902-03); B. J. Hoover (1903-05); G. J. Cameron (1905-08; 1909-12); Mrs. A. L. Bishop (1908-09); J. E. Bradley (1912-13); George Smith (1913-14); R. W. Mack (1914-17); W. D. Eastham (1917-19); W. K. Hughes (1919-21); C. P. Carkuff (1921-24); Mrs. Elsie Stephens (1924-26); B. I. Griffin (1926-27); C. R. Belknap (1927-29); Fred Conrad (1929-31); B. J. Hoover (1931-32); E. A. Anderson (1932-40); G. E. Wariner (1940-42); Elsie Spain and Esther Nauman (1942-43); and Marvin G. Ossman (1943-45). The Dundee Church was active for exactly 50 years and served its generation well. Missionary Ralph Coleson is the son of Ralph Coleson, once a member of the Dundee Church.

THE MANCHESTER CONGREGATION (Right)

REV. & MRS. THOMAS D. HERSEY AND FAMILY





CHURCH EXTERIOR

MARENGO (IN MARENGO,

PASTORS:

William Fry (1867-73; 76-77)
 J. A. McGilvra (1873-74)
 William Fry and J. E. Anderson (1874-75)
 T. F. Blair (1878-80; 85-86)
 J. A. Preston (1880-81)
 George Allen (1881-83; 87-89)
 L. J. Harrington (1883-85)
 William Moyle (1886-87)
 Thomas Hartly (1889-90)
 S. A. Gilley (1890-92; 93-96)
 J. E. Calhoun (1892-93)
 C. P. Inge (1896-97)
 R. W. Mack (1897-99)
 J. F. Platt (1899-1901)
 W. D. Merryman (1901-02)
 S. A. Bishop (1902-04)
 D. W. Scott (1904-05)
 George Fry (1906-08)

The First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Marengo, Iowa was organized in 1857. At this time the point was called Fairview Chapel and the group worshiped in Fairview Schoolhouse 1 1/2 miles southeast of Marengo.

The early church books were destroyed by fire when the home of James C. Wilson, then church clerk, burned in 1891. Thus there is no record of the names or number of church members.

In 1923 the present church building was purchased and moved to Marengo. At this time the name of the Church was changed from Fairview to First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Marengo, Iowa. Since then a new basement has been constructed under the church. A parsonage was purchased in 1923.

Many outstanding Christian workers are products of this church.

LEONARD L. ROOT, Present Pastor

THE MARENGO CONGREGATION



CHURCH IOWA)

PASTORS (Cont.):
 Donald Deware (1908-09)
 George Cameron (1909-11)
 S. Whitney (1911-12)
 Mary Whitney (1912-14)
 C. S. Weigel (1915-20)
 B. J. Hoover (1921-23)
 R. W. Mack (1923-24)
 Frank Honnold (1924-25)
 C. R. Belknap (1925-27)
 W. L. Braman (1927-29)
 L. R. Fletcher (1929-32)
 Walter K. Hughes (1932-34)
 G. E. and Bertha Ellis (1934-37)
 B. I. Griffin (1937-39)
 W. O. Harrel (1939-41)
 Howard Johnson (1941-45)
 W. H. Titus (1945-49)
 Oscar Hovland (1949-52)
 Leonard Root (1952-)



CHURCH INTERIOR

They are Rev. Frank A. Butterfield, former editor of the Wesleyan Methodist; Mrs. Frank A. Butterfield, Miss Delia Howlett, Dr. Ruby Payne and Dr. Alice Thomas, missionaries to Africa; Rev. C.S. Weigel, former Conference President; Maxine Scott Ball, wife of the President of Friends College, McPherson, Kansas; Rev. Robert Howlett, Iowa Conference Secretary and pastor of the Rochester, Minnesota Wesleyan Methodist Church; and Rev. Eldred Cummings, pastor of the Red Cloud, Nebraska Wesleyan Methodist Church. John D. Williams, for years Treasurer of Marion College, Marion, Indiana came from this church. (See Page 10)

Mrs. Mary Whitney, a former pastor of the church is the grandmother of George Beverly Shea, famed Gospel singer. (See Page 9)

Rev. L.L. Root is the present pastor of the Marengo Church. He and his wife, Ava, have a son, Paul Leonard.

The church membership is now 22; the number enrolled in Sunday School, 25.

THE MARENGO PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. L. L. ROOT AND PAUL





MINNEAPOLIS

(IN MINNEAPOLIS,

PASTORS:

E. G. Gearhart (1930-36)
 D. C. Elmer (1936-40)
 Lester R. Fletcher (1940-42)
 Clarence Budensiek (1942-46)
 Martin W. Cox (1946-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR (Under Construction)

An independent work under the direction of Rev. E.G. Gearhart culminated in the organization of the Waite Park Wesleyan Methodist Church on April 22, 1936. The group of 38 charter members was organized by Rev. J.B. Clawson, President of the Wisconsin Conference. The church was received into the Iowa Conference on July 27, 1939.

A frame tabernacle, now used as an educational building, was the place of worship for several years. Construction was begun on a new basement structure in 1949, under the leadership of Rev. Martin W. Cox. This was dedicated on February 19, 1950. The superstructure of the new building was started early in 1953.

In 1943, when Clarence Budensiek was pastor, a parsonage was purchased. One other lot has also been added making a total of five lots in the church property. This is an area of 128' by 200' located on the corner of Lincoln St. and 33rd Ave. N.E.

MARTIN W. COX, Present Pastor

THE MINNEAPOLIS SUNDAY SCHOOL



CHURCH MINNESOTA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. George Walquist
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Odell
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Sperry
Hazel Sperry Paul
Vera Sperry
Florence Sperry
Mr. & Mrs. Clare Gearhart
Ed Sullivan
Rev. & Mrs. E. G. Gearhart
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dunnell
Darrel Dunnell Corgand
Wayne Dunnell
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gearhart
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Gearhart
Mary Galt McNamara
Cora Tollefson
Mr. & Mrs. Arvid Carlson
Luverne Carlson
Neil Denendorf
Mr. & Mrs. John Douglas
George Gearhart
John Gearhart
Lowell Gearhart
Irene Mahan
Roy Odell
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pitcher
Mrs. Leonard Scott



CHURCH INTERIOR

Rev. Burl Baty, now a pastor at Eli, Nebraska is a product of this church. Irene Archer Zobrist, missionary to Africa under the Sudan Interior Mission, is supported by the Minneapolis Church. They also support her young son, Freddy Zobrist.

Dr. Harold Hermann, a member of the church, is supporting Dr. Lowell Jennings, missionary to India, through the Minneapolis Church.

George Walquist, Conference Sunday School Secretary and outstanding layman in the denomination has been active since the church's beginning.

The present pastor of the Minneapolis Church is Rev. Martin W. Cox. Rev. and Mrs. Cox have two daughters, Marilyn and Karen Lea.

The present membership of the church is 122; the Sunday School enrollment, 276.

THE MINNEAPOLIS PARSONAGE



REV. & MRS. MARTIN W. COX,
MARILYN AND KAREN





MINNEAPOLIS FEATURE PICTURES

1. Men's Fellowship
2. Fund Raising Team for the New Church
3. The New Church Goes Up
4. The Tabernacle
5. Front End of New Church
6. The New Church (Before Superstructure was started)

7. The Sunday School Staff
8. Rev. Cox enjoys his coffee
9. Dr. Harold Hermann
10. George Walquist, Conf. S.S. Secretary
11. Rev. Martin W. Cox, Pastor beside the Church Sign

ST. PAUL CHURCH

(ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA)

PASTORS:

N. K. Long (1943-47)
Kenneth R. Johnson (1947-48)
Martin Cox (1948-49)
W. H. Judkins (1949-)



CHURCH EXTERIOR

In 1943, Rev. N. K. Long purchased a vacant church with adjoining living quarters in St. Paul, Minnesota. He and his family established residence there and started a Sunday School and church services.

Later, at the request of Rev. Long, the conference took over the ownership of and payments on the church building.

The church was organized on February 11, 1945 by Rev. William H. Dyer, Conference President. There were 14 charter members.

Necessity of many repairs on the church building and the undesirable location have made it seem advisable to sell this property. The congregation plans to relocate as soon as possible.

The present pastor is Rev. W. H. Judkins. Rev. and Mrs. Judkins have three children, a son and two daughters.

ST. PAUL CHURCH INTERIOR



REV. & MRS. WILLIAM JUDKINS AND FAMILY





CHURCH EXTERIOR

ORANGE CENTER (NEAR COON RAPIDS,

PASTORS:

John T. Platt (1888-90)
 Albert Johnson (1890-1902)
 C. M. Howe (1902-03)
 W. D. Wherryman (1903-06)
 W. J. Peterson (1906-09)
 Laura D. Everett (1909-11)
 Rev. Ingram (1911-12)
 John Hiner (1912-14)
 D. F. Smith (1914-16)

The Orange Center Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized sometime before 1888 as a part of the Guthrie Circuit. This Circuit also included Prairie Hall and South Coon.

There were 24 charter members—Henry Cretsinger, Ella Cretsinger, Milton Cretsinger, Lena Cretsinger, L.W. Easton, R.M. Easton, Allie Hall, Mollie Hall, Jessie Hickman, A. Harvey, Mrs. A. Harvey, John Hopson, Bertie Hopson, Lydia Hopson, Albert Johnson, Mina Johnson, David Miller, W.R. Martin, Sarah Martin, Julia Prettyman, Lena Rinehart, Deziah Teter, Curtis Teter, and Hattie Teter.

ALBERT H. FLETCHER, Present Pastor



THE ORANGE CENTER CONGREGATION



CHURCH IOWA)

PASTORS (Cont.):
 Henry Weigel (1916-18)
 D. F. Smith (1918-36)
 Eunice Huff (1936-39)
 B. I. Griffin (1939-40)
 E. A. Anderson (1940-44)
 Clifford Hull (1945-50)
 Leonard Root (1950-51)
 Albert Fletcher (1951-



CHURCH INTERIOR

The charter members first worshipped in School House No. 4, Orange Township. In 1891 the present church building was erected about 5 miles southwest of Coon Rapids, Iowa. A parsonage attached to the church was built in 1922. In 1943 new pews were purchased for the church.

A Christian worker from this church is Rev. Lester Morgan, a pastor in the Kansas Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Rev. Albert H. Fletcher is the present pastor of the Orange Center Church. His family consists of his wife, Lucille; a son, Steven; and a daughter, Linda.

The membership of the church is now 14. The Sunday School enrollment is 44.

THE ORANGE CENTER PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. ALBERT H. FLETCHER AND STEVEN.





CHURCH EXTERIOR

OSKALOOSA (IN OSKALOOSA,

PASTORS:

James Dennison (1945-47)

Edward Clark (1947-50)

R. M. Kelly (1950-51)

William W. Goldsmith 1951-)

The Oskaloosa Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized on July 8, 1945, by Rev. William H. Dyer, Conference President. There were five charter members. The present building was purchased on March 2, 1946. It is located at the corner of South Market and 5th Ave. East in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The adjoining parsonage was obtained at the same time. Since then it has been remodeled and rewired.

The church has an interesting historical background. Known in past years as the Pentecostal Mission, it was the scene of many holiness meetings. From its pulpit preached such evangelists as Dr. Godbey, Dr. H. C. Morrison, and Rev. Charles Stalker. The church was the birthplace of the Central Holiness University, later known as John Fletcher College, and finally Kletzing College. The Chicago Evangelistic Institute which now occupies the campus has been of great assistance to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in the assignment of student help.

WILLIAM W. GOLDSMITH, Present Pastor



THE OSKALOOSA CONGREGATION



CHURCH IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Rev. & Mrs. James Dennison
Cardine Dennison
Rev. & Mrs. Orville Price



CHURCH INTERIOR

The attendance has consisted largely of college students, many of whom are preparing for Christian service. This had led to a fluctuating membership as many of the students have joined the church temporarily. Some of these former student members are continuing their preparation for Christian service elsewhere. One is Miss Ruth Ratcliffe who is enrolled in the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri and is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist church in that city now.

One of the present members of the church is Mrs. Alda Plum whose father, Rev. S.A. Gilley, was at one time President of the Iowa Conference and President of the Wasioja Theological Seminary in Minnesota. She has been an ardent mission and personal worker and in earlier years accompanied her father as an evangelistic singer. Her son is teaching music in the University of Kansas City.

The church membership is now 20; the Sunday School enrollment, 40.

Rev. William W. Goldsmith is the present pastor of the church. He has two sons, William and David. His wife passed away in 1950 after many years of faithful service to the Lord.

THE OSKALOOSA PARSONAGE

REV. WILLIAM W. GOLDSMITH AND SONS.





CHURCH EXTERIOR

ROCHESTER

(IN ROCHESTER,

PASTORS:

F. L. Freiheit (1940-41)
 Eldred Cummings (summer of 1941)
 W. R. Emerson (1941-Nov. '44)
 Willard L. Archer (Jan. 1945-46)
 William H. Dyer (1946-47)
 Robert A. Howlett (1947-)

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Rochester, Minnesota was organized on August 11, 1941 by Rev. Clarence Budensiek, Conference President. A little white church at the corner of West Center and 3rd Ave. in Rochester was the first place of worship.

Rev. F. L. Freiheit, then pastor of the South Troy Church, first held services there in 1940 and 1941. The summer before organization, Rev. Eldred Cummings was supply pastor. Rev. W. R. Emerson was the first pastor after the church was organized with six charter members, and he served the church until his death in November of 1944.

The present brick church located at 804 East Center Street was purchased by contract for deed in August of 1946 and by actual deed in October, 1951.

ROBERT A. HOWLETT, Present Pastor



THE ROCHESTER CONGREGATION



CHURCH

MINNESOTA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:
Mr. & Mrs. William Damaska
Mr. & Mrs. John Hedeman
Ida Herrick
Charlotte Healey



CHURCH INTERIOR

The adjacent parsonage was purchased at the same time as well as a dwelling formerly used as a Sunday School annex and since sold and moved. The kitchen of the parsonage has been remodeled, the exterior painted, and the entire interior redecorated.

Rev. Thomas Lentz, from this church, is now pastoring a pioneer work at Wapakonetta, Ohio. Rev. Robert A. Howlett, the present pastor, has also acted as hospital chaplain in the world-famous Rochester hospitals.

Rev. Howlett's family consists of his wife, Kathryn, and two sons, Robert Dean and Donald Lee.

The present church membership is 31 and the Sunday School enrollment, 76.

THE ROCHESTER PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. ROBERT HOWLETT, Robert and Donald.





EXTERIOR OF ROCKFORD HALL

ROCKFORD

(IN ROCKLAND,

PASTORS:

Clarence Budensiek (1931-32)
 Vera Brainerd (1932-36)
 Ruby Kagel (1936-37)
 C. H. Barnett (1937-40)
 A. L. Nabholz (1940-43)
 O. E. Paul (1943-45)
 M. G. Ossman (1945-52)
 Eunice Shirbroun (1952-)

On December 8, 1937, permission was given to Rev. C. H. Barnett and Rev. R. W. Pryor by Conference President, Rev. Clarence Budensiek to organize a Wesleyan Methodist Church at Rockford, Iowa. The Herman Janssen home was the place of worship for the eight charter members.

Rev. Clarence Budensiek first supplied the church before it was organized while pastoring at Rudd, Iowa. Misses Vera Brainerd and Ruby Kagel also pastored the church in its early years. Rev. C. H. Barnett was the first pastor after organization.

A church was purchased in 1941, but was sold in 1951 as it was badly in need of repairs. It was destroyed by fire the year after it was sold.

EUNICE SHIRBROUN, Present Pastor



THE ROCKFORD CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Ella Wood
Florence Reynolds
Minnie Haunches
Joe Haunches
Albert Reams
Mamie Jannsen
Occea Fuller
Anne Reams



INTERIOR OF ROCKFORD HALL

Since the church was sold, the congregation has worshiped in the Legion Hall.
A parsonage was purchased in 1944. Improvements made on this include rewiring and redecoration.

Rev. Eunice Shirbroun is the present pastor of the church. She has three children; a daughter, Mary Ann; and two sons, Franklin and John. Mr. Shirbroun passed away several months ago.

The church membership is 6. The Sunday School enrollment is 12.

THE ROCKFORD PARSONAGE



REV. EUNICE SHIRBROUN AND FAMILY





CHURCH EXTERIOR

RUDD (IN RUDD,

PASTORS:

John Warner (1924-25)
 C. S. Weigel (1925-26)
 A. L. Cretsinger (1926-27)
 A. M. Stephens (1927-28)
 Clarence Budensiek (1928-34)
 B. I. Griffin (1934-38)
 C. H. Barnett (1938-41)
 Arnold Nabholz (1941-44)
 Floyd Fisk (1944-45)
 Oliver Paul (1945-47)
 Kenneth Rumppe (1947-50)
 Frank Smith (1950-52)
 Yorton Clark (1952-)

The Zion Wesleyan Methodist Church of Rudd, Iowa was organized October 9, 1925 by Rev. C. S. Weigel, under the direction of the Conference President, Rev. W. R. Emerson.

Prior to organization, a mission work had been conducted by Rev. John Warner for a year. Rev. C. S. Weigel was the first appointed pastor.

The church building was purchased in 1921 by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Morack and deeded to the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Several improvements have been made on the church since it's purchase. It has been rewired and remodeled with Nu-wood inside. A new furnace has been installed and new pulpit furniture and pews purchased. A basement has also been constructed under the church.

YORTON CLARK, Present Pastor



THE RUDD CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Morack
 Raymond Morack
 William Redfield
 John Holtz
 Ernest Holtz
 Mrs. Charles Sibert
 Dorothy Sibert
 Helen Sibert
 Ruth Sibert
 Kieth Sibert



CHURCH INTERIOR

The first parsonage was purchased in 1931. This was sold in 1945 when the present house with seven rooms and a bath was bought for a parsonage.

Mrs. Hazel Shelley, a pastor's wife in the Dakota Conference is from this church. Rev. Yorton Clark is the present pastor. His family consists of his wife, Thelma; and a daughter, Barbara.

The church membership is 27; the Sunday School enrollment, 57.

THE RUDD PARSONAGE

REV. & MRS. YORTON CLARK AND BARBARA





CHURCH EXTERIOR.

SOUTH TROY (NEAR ZUMBRO FALLS,

PASTORS:

H. E. Walker (1856-72)
 George Pegler (1872-75)
 H. E. Walker (1875-77)
 M. R. Baldrige (1877-78)
 Thomas Hartley (1878-80)
 C. H. Norton (1880-81)
 Charles Cox (1881-93)
 Rev. Reeve (1893-94)
 Rev. Rickert (1894-98)
 A. B. Gould (1898-1907)
 C. P. Sage (1907-09)
 A. B. Gould (1909-10)
 Frank Butterfield (1910-12)
 C. P. Carkuff (1912-15)

New pews in the church and a bottled gas heating system in both church and parsonage were given to the church by State Senator James A. Carley as a memorial to his parents. Mrs. L. Eastham also purchased a communion table in memory of the Easthams.

The South Troy Church has contributed many workers to the field of Christian service--Miss Laura Everett, retired from Gospel work; Miss Lottie Buttermore, former pastor in the Iowa Conference, now retired; Walter Eastham, (deceased) served in the Iowa Conference; Rev. Clarence Budensiek, former president of the Iowa and Nebraska Conferences, now a General Evangelist; Rev. Edward D. Angell, pastor of the Houghton College Church; Rev. Floyd Freiheit, pastor of the Bennezette Church; Rev. Mrs. Elsie Stephens, pastor of the Dayton Valley Church; Mrs. Eleanor Kemp Gilbert, pastor's wife in the Nebraska Conference; Rev. Wilbur Kemp, pastor of the Howardville Church; Mrs. Dorothy Walker Whittum, pastor's wife in Missouri, and Rev. Wendell Buttermore, pastor in the Nebraska Conference.

The South Troy Church was also instrumental in starting churches at Zumbrota and Rochester, Minnesota.

Rev. Duane Janssen is the present pastor. His family consists of his wife, Ouida; two sons, Duane and Bobby; and a daughter, Jean Marie.

The church membership is 50 and the Sunday School enrollment, 94.

REV. & MRS. DUANE JANSSEN AND FAMILY



THE SOUTH TROY CONGREGATION



CHURCH

MINNESOTA)

PASTORS (Cont.):

B. J. Hoover (1915-21)
 C. S. Wiegel (1921-24)
 R. W. Pryor (1924-27)
 W. E. Reeve (1927-30)
 C. S. Wiegel (1930-32)
 L. R. Fletcher (1932-40)
 F. L. Freiheit (1940-45)
 R. W. Pryor (1945-50)
 Duane H. Janssen (1950-

CHARTER MEMBERS:

William Perkins
 Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Martin
 Mr. & Mrs. Francis Fryer



CHURCH INTERIOR AND DUANE H. JANSSEN,
 Present Pastor

The South Troy Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized in 1856 by Elder H. E. Walker. The five charter members first worshiped at the South Troy schoolhouse. This is believed to be the first church established by the Wesleyan Methodist denomination in Minnesota.

The same year, 1856, a church was organized at the Red Schoolhouse near South Troy. In 1869 another group known as the Greenwood Wesleyan Methodist Church was formed in this area. It later united with the organization at the Red Schoolhouse. Membership and attendance crowded this building, so plans were made to build a church. It was begun in 1882.

At this time, all Wesleyan groups in the vicinity united in the new church. This structure is still being used as the South Troy place of worship.

The first parsonage was built around 1896. It was destroyed by fire and a new parsonage built to replace it in 1920. A water system was installed in 1947 while Rev. R. Wesley Pryor was pastor.

Through the years, outstanding physical improvements have been made on the church. Under the ministry of Rev. W. E. Reeve, a basement was put under the church. It is now complete with a youth chapel, classrooms and church office. While Rev. F. L. Freiheit was pastor, a new oak floor was laid and Nu-wood put on the interior of the church.

THE SOUTH TROY PARSONAGE

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CHURCH EXTERIOR

WATERLOO FALLS

(IN WATERLOO,

PASTORS:

E. V. Perkins (1945-52)
 Vivian Craker, Youth Director (1949-50)
 Genevieve Ellingson, Parish Worker (1949-51)
 Robert Ossman, Associate Pastor (1951)
 Claton G. Butcher (1952-)

The Falls Avenue Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized on January 21, 1946 by Rev. William Dyer, Conference President. There were six charter members.

In March of 1945, a building known as the Waterloo Gospel Tabernacle had been purchased and Rev. E.V. Perkins appointed pastor. Until this time the tabernacle had been maintained as an independent Gospel work under the direction of Rev. W.A. Buell.

In May of 1946 the present house of worship was purchased from the United Brethren Church of Fairview, Iowa and moved in sections to 2222 Falls Ave. in Waterloo. It was dedicated March 6 and 7, 1948.

CLATON G. BUTCHER, Present Pastor



THE FALLS AVENUE CONGREGATION



AVE. CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mrs. William Jones
Mr. A. W. Reed
Mrs. A. W. Reed
Mrs. Fred Conrad
Rev. E. V. Perkins
Mrs. E. V. Perkins



CHURCH INTERIOR

A youth chapel has been constructed since and four additional lots purchased. A chancel picture, lighted crosses and a neon welcome sign were placed in the church in memory of Robert Perkins, son of Rev. and Mrs. E.V. Perkins, first pastors of the church.

Construction was begun on a new parsonage on December 29, 1952. It was completed in the spring of 1953.

Rev. Claton G. Butcher is now pastor of the Falls Ave. Church. He and his wife, Dorothy, have one son, Steven.

The church membership is now 54; the Sunday School enrollment, 150.

THE FALLS AVE. PARSONAGE



REV. & MRS. CLATON BUTCHER AND STEVEN





WATERLOO FIRST

(IN WATERLOO,

PASTORS:

Clarence Budensiek (1934)
 William Mahler (1934-35)
 Waldo Tindall (1935-36)
 C. S. Weigel (1936-40)
 G. E. Ellis (1940-42)
 Lester R. Fletcher (1942-43)
 Paul L. Kindschi (1943-49)
 Paul R. Davis (1949-)
 Gerald A. Wolter-Assistant (1950-52)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

A tent meeting held by Rev. C. H. Barnett and Rev. Will French was the beginning of the First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Waterloo, Iowa.

On August 9, 1934 the church was organized with eight charter members by Rev. R. Wesley Pryor, Conference President. Rev. Clarence Budensiek was the first pastor.

This group first worshiped in a tent, then in a store-building and finally in the old Hammond Home at the Corner of South and Hammond.

The Methodist Church of Clarksville, Iowa was purchased and brought to this location in 1938 and rebuilt into the present church structure. Many improvements have been made since the erection of the building. The most outstanding is an adjoining \$20,000.00 brick educational building built in 1950-51 during the pastorate of Rev. Paul R. Davis. During the past year, the sanctuary has been completely re-modeled and new pews purchased.

PAUL R. DAVIS, Present Pastor



THE PARSONAGE



CHURCH

IOWA

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Mrs. H. M. Yarrington
Gerald Buck
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Mrs. Mable Chambers
Mr. & Mrs. George Yarrington
Mrs. Pearl Williams



CHURCH INTERIOR (Since the remodeling)

The old Hammond home was used as the pastor's residence until 1940 when, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. G. Edwin Ellis, a new parsonage was built adjacent to the church.

An outstanding number of Christian workers has come from Waterloo First Church. They are Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fookes, pastors at Zumbrota, Minn.; Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Huffman, pastors at Emily, Minn.; Rev. Richard Jamieson, pastor at Denison, Iowa; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ossman, pastors at Charles City, Iowa; Rev. Leonard Root, pastor at Marengo, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Purdy, Mrs. Charles Rowell, and Ellwyn Yarrington, all preparing for Christian work.

Former members of this church have helped in starting three nearby churches: Cedar Falls, Falls Avenue and Maywood Wesleyan Methodist Churches.

The present pastor of Waterloo First Church is Rev. Paul R. Davis. Rev. and Mrs. Davis have four children, Alice, Paul, Charles and David.

The church now has a membership of 110 and a Sunday School enrollment of 251.

FIRST CHURCH CONGREGATION

REV. & MRS. PAUL R. DAVIS AND FAMILY





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and Mrs. Milo Elsberry

JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPT.

WATERLOO FIRST CHURCH



PRIMARY BOYS' CLASS

Teacher - Eddie Koons



JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Alfred Jamieson



JUNIOR GIRLS' CLASS

Teacher - Mrs. Bernice Yarrington



JUNIOR BOYS' CLASS

Teacher - Mrs. Delbert Black



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' CLASS

Teacher - Mrs. Rose Janssen



INTERMEDIATE BOYS' CLASS

Teacher - Everett Griffin



JUNIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS
Teacher - Paul Shaw



YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS
Teacher - Mrs. George Yarrington



BUILDER'S CLASS
Teacher - Mrs. John Hillen
Assistant - (In Photo)
Mrs. Paul Kindschi

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WATERLOO FIRST CHURCH



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WATERLOO MAYWOOD

(IN WATERLOO)

PASTORS:

Esther Nauman (1945-46)

Forrest Boyd (1946-47)

Oliver E. Paul (1947-51)

Richard E. Ford (1951-)

CHURCH EXTERIOR

The Maywood Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized on June 4, 1950 by Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, Conference President. There were 13 charter members.

This was the culmination of a Sunday School work begun in 1942 by Rev. Lester R. Fletcher and members of Waterloo First Church. In 1945 a basement chapel was built under the direction of Rev. Paul L. Kindschi while pastoring at First Church. Miss Esther Nauman was appointed to serve as first pastor.

The present church building was erected in 1952 at 607 Bishop Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa. The first service in this new building was held on Easter Sunday, 1952.

RICHARD E. FORD, Present Pastor



THE MAYWOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL



CHURCH

IOWA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Rev. & Mrs. Oliver Paul
Mr. & Mrs. Lester Dean
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Gray
Mrs. Richard Roquet
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Braathen
Mrs. Florence Holten
James Holten
Jack Gray
Frank Gray, Jr.



CHURCH INTERIOR

The basement chapel was used as a social room for a time after the new church was built and was then remodeled into a parsonage. A house had been previously rented for the pastor and his family.

The present pastor of Maywood Church is Rev. Richard E. Ford. His family consists of his wife, Marlys, and a daughter, Cheryl Rosalie.

The church membership is 18; the Sunday School enrollment, 144.

THE MAYWOOD PARSONAGE



REV. & MRS. RICHARD FORD AND CHERYL





CHURCH EXTERIOR

WEST UNION (IN WEST UNION,

PASTORS:

A. W. Hall (1878-80)
 William Fry (1880-83)
 Homer Hull (1883-85)
 C. R. Hunt (1885-87)
 O. S. Davis (1887-89)
 D. W. Rose (1890-91)
 M. W. Kenney (1891-93)
 J. Balch (1893-95)
 F. J. Wilson (1895-98)
 S. A. Gilley (1898-99)
 M. H. Barr (1899-1900)
 M. J. Appleby (1900-01)
 George Fry (1901-02)
 G. J. Cameron (1902-04)
 J. C. Chandler (1905)

On September 12, 1880 the West Union Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized by Rev. A. W. Hall. The home of James A. Iliff was the place of worship for the six charter members - James A. Iliff, Ella Iliff, Thomas Hennings, Eliza Hennings, John Phillips and Frank Crosby.

Construction was begun on a church building in 1884 and dedication was held on February 1, 1885. The church was moved to its present location in 1902. In 1945 it was remodeled.

The parsonage was built in 1886. It was modernized in 1943-44 and hot water and a shower installed in 1952. Asbestos siding was also put on in 1952.

ROLLAND L. FLETCHER, Present Pastor



THE WEST UNION CONGREGATION



CHURCH

IOWA)

PASTORS: (Cont.)

Bertha Betzer (1912-13)
 A. M. Stephens (1913-15)
 Ullis Hekel (Summer 1915)
 I. E. Bradley (1915-17)
 A. M. Stephens (1917-18)
 C. P. Carkuff (1918-21)
 W. K. Hughes (1921-23)
 N. K. Long (1923-25)
 E. E. Anderson (1925-29)
 C. R. Belknap (1929-32)
 E. R. Dodd (1932-36)
 Raymond Stephens (1938-42)
 George S. Warriner (1942-44)
 William W. Goldsmith (1944-51)
 Rolland L. Fletcher (1951-)



CHURCH INTERIOR

A garage was built in 1943.

Several Christian workers have come from this church -- Gladys Hall, a home missionary in Kentucky; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, pastors in the Nebraska Conference; Minnie Yarrington Warner, formerly in evangelistic work; Oscar Johnson, former pastor in the Kansas Conference; and Clifford Hull, former pastor in the Iowa Conference.

Rev. Rolland L. Fletcher is the present pastor. He and his wife, Alice, have two daughters, Diana Lynn and Laurel Julene.

The West Union Church membership is now 32; the Sunday School enrollment, 64.

THE WEST UNION PARSONAGE



REV. & MRS. ROLLAND FLETCHER,
 DIANA AND LAUREL





CHURCH EXTERIOR

ZUMBROTA (IN ZUMBROTA,

PASTORS:

Lester R. Fletcher (1933-37)
William Goldsmith (1937-42)
Robert Howlett (1942-47)
Ray Heilborn (1947-49)
Albert Fookes (1949-)

On February 10, 1935, nine charter members organized into the Zumbrota Wesleyan Methodist Church. Rev. Clarence Budensiek, Conference President, was the organizer.

This was the culmination of weekly services held by Rev. Lester R. Fletcher since January of 1933 while pastoring the South Troy Church.

The group met in Menneola Town Hall for several years. Then the old St. Charles Church from near Charles City, Iowa was moved to Zumbrota under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. William W. Goldsmith.

ALBERT R. FOOKES, Present Pastor



THE ZUMBROTA CONGREGATION



CHURCH (MINNESOTA)

CHARTER MEMBERS:

Carl Budensiek
Phyllis Budensiek
David Budensiek
Lessie Budensiek
Morris Budensiek
Wilbur Rowell
Maude Rowell
Leota Scherer
Mrs. Ed Wuiff



CHURCH INTERIOR

This building was dedicated on May 21, 1939. The basement walls and floor were finished in 1944. In 1949, new pews were installed.

A parsonage was purchased in 1945 and by 1950 was debt free. It has been redecorated and the kitchen remodeled.

Several Christian workers are products of this church: Rev. David Budensiek, teaching in Marion College; Rev. Morris Budensiek, pastoring a Wesleyan Methodist Church; Mr. & Mrs. James Wilson, studying for the ministry at Marion College; Rev. and Mrs. Russell David, pastor and wife at Wesleyan Methodist Church, Kaleva, Michigan; Mrs. Margaret Jamieson, pastor's wife at Wesleyan Methodist Church, Denison, Iowa; Rev. Walter Rowell, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mary Budensiek and Charles Rowell, both in school studying for the ministry.

Rev. Albert R. Fookes is the present pastor. Rev. and Mrs. Fookes have two children, James Edwin and Rebecca Jo Ann. The Zumbrota Church now has a membership of 30 and a Sunday School enrollment of 46.

THE ZUMBROTA PARSONAGE

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FEATURE PICTURES FROM THE PAST

1. Mrs. Carrie Ernst and Mrs. Mary Ernst, long time members at Albaton.
 2. Former pastors at West Union - (L. to R.) Revs. Dodd, Belknap, Anderson, Long, Hughes, Carkuff, Stephens, Sr.
 3. Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Miller, active members of the Independence Church and the Iowa Conference for many years.
 4. Former Pleasant Hill Church being moved to Independence. Rev. C. S. Weigel in foreground.
 5. Rev. Katrina Ruse, faithful pastor of the Conference for many years.
 6. Conference Picture of 1915, taken near La Porte City, Iowa. (L. to R.) Back Row: Rev. C. S. Weigel, Levi Dundee, John Yancy, ? Rev. George Fry, Rev. Frank Betzer, Frank Ballou, Charles Everson, Rev. Dan Smith, ?, Rev. John Hiner. Second from back:

Rev. Ira Bradley, Rev. R. W. Mack, Lizzie Lortscher, Ida Gorman, Janet Johnson, Elsie Stephens, Cleo Clement, May Lord Sprague, Susie Coleson, ?, ?, Winnie Mosher, Will Howlett. Third from back: Burl Betzer, Mrs. Frank Betzer, Mrs. W. R. Emerson, Rev. W. R. Emerson, Mrs. A. B. Gould, Silas Bond, Rev. & Mrs. E. R. Dodd, Mrs. Sam Cameron, Mrs. Wattles, ?. Front Row: Laura Emerson, William Emerson, Nellie Linebarger, Vera Boll, Lois Dodd, Mary Dodd, Burt Derr.
 7. Rev. C. P. Carkuff and grandson, Sterling Hubbard.
 8. Rev. and Mrs. Andy James and family.
 9. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davis and Alice.
 10. Camp Scene in 1931 - Standing - Revs. Barnett and Conley. Seated - Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Budensiek and Ronald.
 11. Old Log Stove used at Hoover Church for many years.



MORE FEATURE PICTURES

1. Rev. & Mrs. C. P. Carkuff, served many churches of the Iowa Conference.
2. Rev. & Mrs. B. I. Griffin, former Iowa pastors, now pastoring in Dakota Conference.
3. Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Kelly, under whose ministry the Denison church was built - now members of the Dakota Conference.
4. Camp Scene in 1928 - (L. to R.) Revs. E. E. Anderson, Albert Johnson, G. Edwin Ellis, R. Wesley Pryor, Robert Conley, J. M. Hames, C. S. Weigel, B. J. Hoover.
5. Rev. A. P. Breneman, former pastor in the Iowa Conference.
6. Rev. E. R. Dodd, outstanding pastor, evangelist and church leader of the Iowa Conference for many years. Church at Emily Minnesota named in his honor.
7. Rev. R. Wesley Pryor, Conference President (1930-'34) and pastor of many of the Iowa Churches.

8. Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Emerson. Rev. Emerson was President of the Conference from 1912 to 1926 and was pastor of many Iowa Churches. He served the longest term of any Iowa Conference President.
9. Rev. Clarence Budensiek, Iowa Conference President (1934-'42), later President of the Nebraska Conference and now General Evangelist.
10. Rev. Walter K. Hughes, pastor in the Conference for twenty years.
11. West Union Charter Members - (L. to R.) Mr. & Mrs. James Lüff, Mrs. D. J. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Clark.
12. Emmanuel Feature - Standing, Della Brandt Hunter and Raymond Stephens, On horse, Frank Purdy, Forest Worley, Donald Purdy.
13. Eulah Purdy, missionary to Africa from the Emmanuel Church. She is shown with a number of her "black jewels."
14. Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Barnett and family. Rev. Barnett is a former Iowa minister.



CAMP MEETING FEATURES

1. View of Camp Grounds from entrance.
2. Waterloo dormitory.
3. West dormitories.
4. Rev. Orval Butcher, 1952 Youth Evangelist.
5. W.M.S. Missionary Chapel.
6. The Main Tabernacle.
7. Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Knapp, 1952 Song Evangelists.
8. View of Camp Grounds from the Southwest.
9. New dormitory.
10. Rev. H. K. Sheets, 1952 Camp Evangelist.
11. Youth Tabernacle.
12. Cottages.
13. Dormitories north of Dining Hall.
14. Committee House.
15. Cottages.
16. Dining Hall.



MORE FEATURES OF THE 1952 CONFERENCE AND CAMP

1. Kathryn Hillen, Camp Organist.
2. Ordination Service showing Rev. Paul Kindschi, Conference President and the nine ministers ordained at the 1952 session. (L. to R.) Revs. Paul L. Kindschi, Robert Ossman, Ola Campbell, Leonard Root, Richard Ford, Joe Matt, Albert Fletcher, Richard Jamieson, Gerald Wolter, Daniel Huffman.
3. The Conference President's Family, (L. to R.) Rev. Kindschi, Gene (seated), Douglas (standing), Mrs. Kindschi, and Bonnie Lou.
4. The Sunday afternoon congregation at the 1952 Camp.
5. One of the Camp Quartets, (L. to R.) Revs. Clayton Elsberry, Rolland Fletcher, Albert Fletcher and Kenneth Knapp.
6. Rev. & Mrs. William N. Wager, missionary representatives to the 1952 Conference.
7. Typical dining hall scene, Joan Black and Rev. Orval Butcher washing dishes.
8. Paul Roberts, Camp pianist.
9. Rev. Clayton Elsberry, Camp Vibra-harpist.
10. Albert Lea Cottage.
11. Young People's Day Picnic.
12. Esther Lien, Camp Cook.
13. Rev. & Mrs. H. K. Sheets, Camp Evangelist and wife.
14. Rev. & Mrs. Pryor's Cottage.



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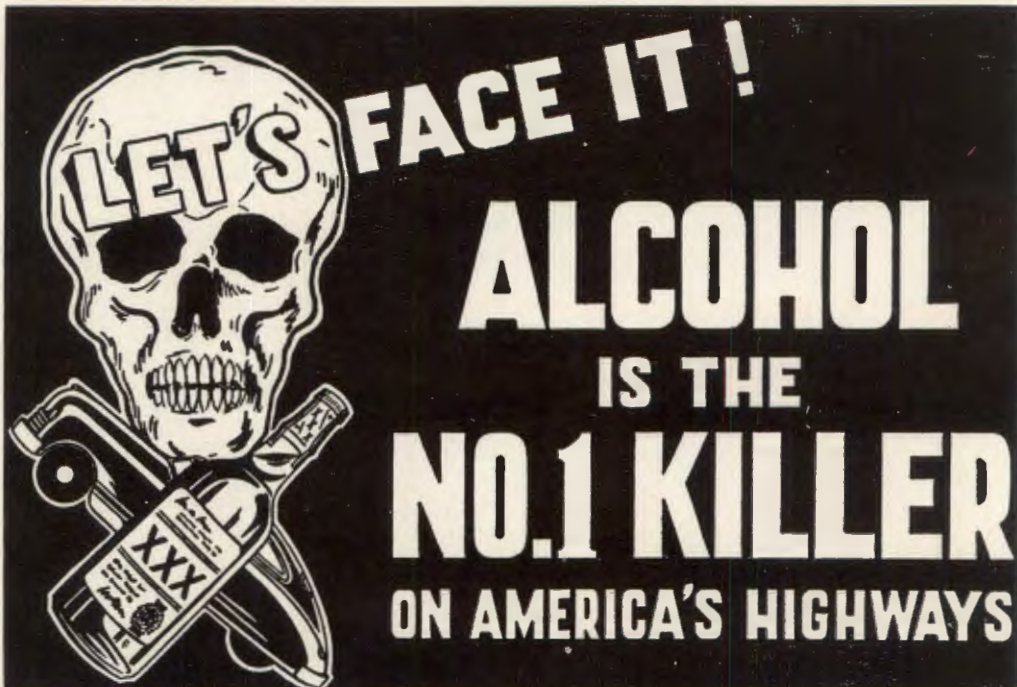
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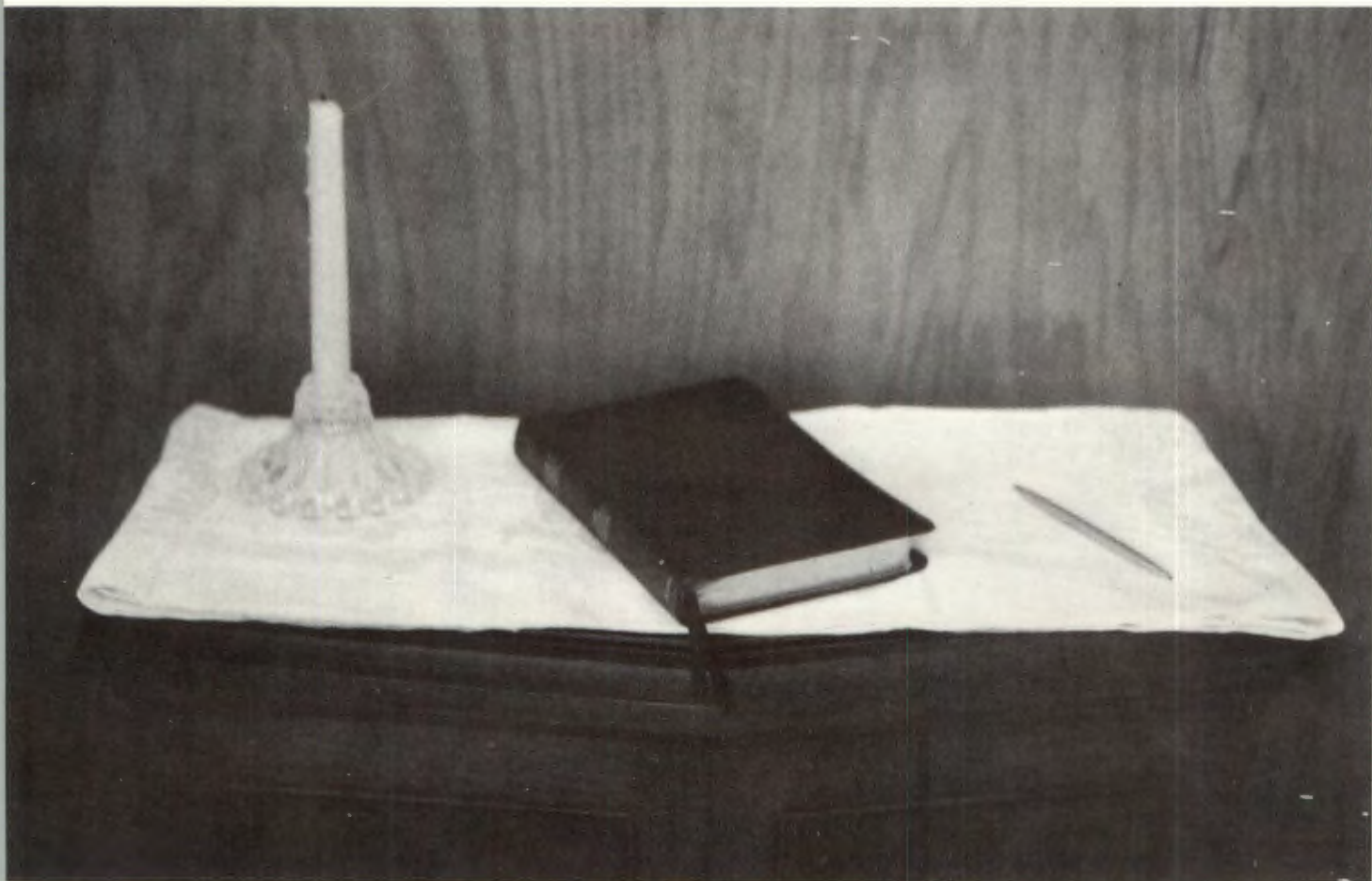
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FOREWORD

Appreciation for the heritage of the past is a good foundation for building the future. Herein is a brief record of our heritage covering the years since the 1953 centennial. Numerous people would desire to secure a copy of the formerly published book but none are available. We present this book as a supplement.

Meeting at the last session of the Iowa Annual Conference in Waterloo in 1968, the conference passed a resolution asking that a record be published presenting the history of the conference since 1953.

The years have brought many changes. Eleven new congregations and churches have come into existence. Four churches have been added through merger. Twelve congregations have built new buildings replacing those which

appeared in the 1953 publication. Seven congregations have either added units or remodeled extensively.

A merger, the first of its kind among any major holiness groups, has united The Pilgrim Holiness Church and the Wesleyan Methodist Church into The Wesleyan Church.

The 1968 tornado wiped out in a few seconds the work of past generations in constructing a camp ground. Future records will tell how the present generation rose to the challenge to continue the work and carry on the vision.

It is our hope that this book will give a glimpse of the work done during 2 decades. What is shown will be the end product. Not shown will be the hours of praying, planning, working and giving which made it all possible.

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DISTRICT LEADERS

Donald D. Calhoun has served in a leadership capacity since 1962, first as president and later as superintendent. Rev. Calhoun also serves on the Executive Board of the General Board of Administration and as Chairman of the Board of Bartlesville-Miltonvale College.

Under his leadership the district purchased a new home in Charles City, Iowa for a district parsonage. Dedication was held August 7, 1965.

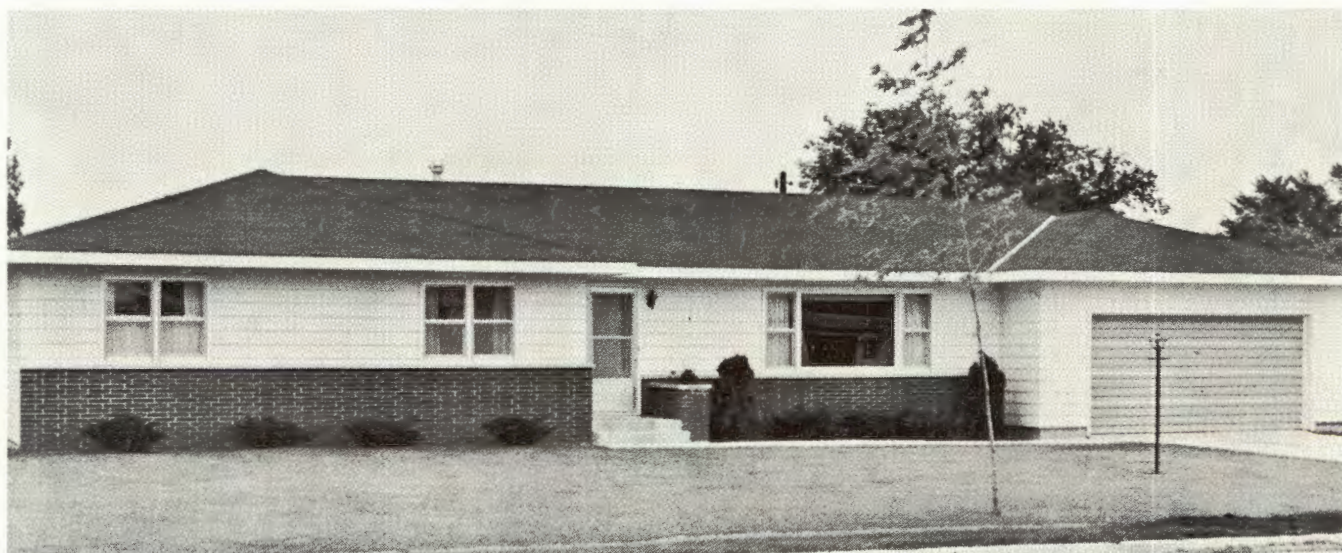
Serving the conference at the time of the Centennial was Paul L. Kindschi. Dr. Kindschi became Executive Secretary of the National Holiness Association in 1954. He was succeeded by Rev. Clarence Budensiek, who served until his death in 1962. Rev. Paul R. Davis filled the unexpired term of office while also pastoring the Rochester Church.

CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

Paul L. Kindschi	1949-1954
Clarence Budensiek	1954-1962
Paul R. Davis	1962
Donald D. Calhoun	1962-

RIGHT: Donald D. Calhoun

BELOW: The district parsonage located at 104 Hilltop Drive, Charles City, Iowa.





THOSE WHO LEAD

The Iowa District is one part of The Wesleyan Church which was formed in 1968 by the merger of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and The Pilgrim Holiness Church. At that time four men were chosen to lead the new denomination. Each of these had served his former denomination on the general level.

Doctors Bernard H. Phaup and Virgil A. Mitchell were elected General Superintendents having served in this same position in the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Doctors Melvin H. Snyder and J. D. Abbott were elected to the same position having served in this capacity in The Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Dr. Melvin Snyder serves over the geographical area of which the Iowa District is a part.

Serving the church on the district level is Rev. Donald D. Calhoun, superintendent; Rev. Albert R. Fookes, assistant superintendent; Rev. Robert Howlett, secretary and Jerome Vonderheide, treasurer. Mr. Vonderheide is a layman in the Cedar Rapids Church.

ABOVE, LEFT: District officers with Dr. B. H. Phaup. They are: Donald D. Calhoun, Albert R. Fookes, Robert Howlett, Jerome Vonderheide and Dr. B. H. Phaup.

ABOVE: The District Office located at 104 Hilltop Drive, Charles City, Iowa. Board meetings and district business is conducted here.

LEFT: Standing, Dr. Melvin H. Snyder and Dr. B. H. Phaup. Seated, Dr. Virgil Mitchell and Dr. J. D. Abbott.





MISSIONS

The Women's Missionary Society has played an important role in keeping before the churches the vision of missions. Praying, giving and working have all been a part of the program to inspire people to get involved in sharing the Gospel with all men.

Monthly meetings offer inspiration, and information on the fields of the world. During work meetings sewing and bandage rolling for hospitals provide a means to help man's physical needs. Special missionary prayer services are spent in remembering the urgent requests that come from the fields.

Missions is often close to home and the ladies are urged to participate in community missions in their own neighborhood.

ABOVE: District Executive Committee: Mildred Walquist, treasurer; Marie Hubby, president; Amy Huffman, Y.M.W.B. superintendent; Olive Slye, secretary; and Sara Ernst, vice-president.

RIGHT: Barrels of hospital gowns, blankets and supplies are packed at each conference.





MISSIONARIES

ABOVE, LEFT: The Mitchell Cotrone family left for language study in 1966 and then went to Colombia in 1967.

LEFT: The Don Kinde family left in 1966 to teach in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

ABOVE: The A. L. Nabholz family left in 1968 to work with The Philippine Missions Inc., in the Philippine Islands.

BELOW, LEFT and MIDDLE: Carl and Andrea Possehl left in 1968 to teach in Puerto Rico.

BELOW, RIGHT: Harriet Brunner left in 1969 for Colombia.

NOT PICTURED: Alice Davis left in 1965 to teach in Colombia. Irene Holmquist taught in Sierra Leone in 1967-1968. The Oswald Zobrist family serve in French West Africa with S.I.M. Lois Buck left in 1966 to teach in Puerto Rico.



DISTRICT YOUTH

The Iowa District Youth are led by Rev. William Tice, Jr. The program for youth includes Midwest Youth Camp which celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1970. WeJuHi camp was held at Charles City for Junior highers until the tornado.

A Holiday Teen Retreat has proven to be a popular drawing card as teens have traveled to Twin Lakes Bible Camp for winter recreation and spiritual challenge.

For a number of years quizzing was very popular. Preparation for play-offs involved a study in depth on a book of the Bible. A new program is "Teens 'n' Talent" which provides zone play-offs for the youth. Winners in the zones are then pitted against each other in the district. District winners have formed tour teams to provide evenings of youth talent in the zones.

Thirty-four of the 42 churches of the district report organized W. Y. locals.



ABOVE: William Tice, Jr., District Youth President.

LEFT: Last day at camp.

BELOW, LEFT: Teen 'n' Talent tour group.

BELOW: Mid-winter teen retreats at Twin Lakes.





ABOVE: Site development plan for new camp grounds.



ABOVE: Downriver from near the cabins and spring.



CEDAR SPRINGS WESLEYAN CAMP

In a new venture of faith the Iowa District purchased a new camp site in September, 1968. The site, consisting of 72 acres of beautiful wooded limestone bluffs, is located on the Cedar River northwest of Floyd, Iowa.

A survey of pastors and delegates from the preceding Annual Conference revealed the desire to establish a camp site at a new location following the destructive tornado.

The property was purchased from Dr. R. A. Fox and includes two cabins, an airplane river boat, fruit trees and graded roadways. A large spring near the riverside cabins maintains a constant temperature of 48 degrees summer and winter.

At a joint board meeting held in March, 1969, the name Cedar Springs Wesleyan Camp was given to the new camp site.

Harrison Associates, Inc. have provided the site development planning.

BELOW, LEFT: Camp Sunday, the first public service held on the new Cedar Springs Wesleyan Camp grounds, August 3, 1969.

BELOW: A view of the large tent used to seat over 1,200 people who attended the first services on the grounds.





CAMP GROUND

The Charles City campground was established in the early 1920's as a permanent site for the Annual Conference and camp meeting. Growth and progress marked the years of its existence.

A new tabernacle was built in 1955 and dedicated in August, 1956. A new sanitary unit was also built at this time with water and sewer lines being extended to the grounds.

Many of the buildings were remodeled during the later years. Room for trailers, campers and tents was made available and on week-ends the facilities were taxed to their limit with the crowds.

A new concession stand was built in 1966 with a book shop at one end. In 1967 a new workers cabin was built filling a real need.

Each summer C.Y.C. Camp was held for five days with over one hundred boys and girls attending. Camp WeJuHi immediately followed for junior highers. Family Camp was a big event each year as hundreds of people attended each year to share in the spiritual ministry of God's Word.



TOP: The new tabernacle with delegates to a national workshop on missions held shortly after the dedication.

ABOVE, RIGHT: Dedication of a new flagpole with the tabernacle in the background.

RIGHT: Centennial building with C.Y.C. campers.





ABOVE: A pastor walks the windswept floor of the tabernacle. The shambles was littered across the full length of the ground.

AND THEN . . .

On May 15, 1968 at approximately 4:45 p.m., a tornado swept across the Charles City camp ground destroying in less than a minute the work of nearly 45 years. The camp ground was unoccupied at the time and the loss was material.

City and state crews moved into the rubble the following week with heavy cleanup equipment and cleared the rubble.



ABOVE: Rev. Calhoun stands at the door of the president's office in the Centennial Building.



ABOVE: Taken from the platform of the tabernacle this picture looks northeast towards the sanitary unit.



ABOVE: A tangled wreckage and twisted trees testify to the force of the wind.

ALBATON

PASTORS

Floyd L. Freiheit	1953-1956
H. F. Clark	1956-1960
Mitchell Cotrone	1960-1966
James W. Doll	1966-

The Albaton Wesleyan Church is located at rural Sloan, Iowa. Physical improvements in the facilities since 1953 include the stuccoing of the church in 1959; the addition of a fully insulated porch to the east side of the parsonage which gives space for a small office and utility space; a 35 x 48 foot educational unit was built, dedicated and paid for in 1966. This unit also provides space for fellowship with a modern kitchen, pastor's study, storage room and entrance hall.

A new two stall garage has been completed adding to the value and enhancing the looks of the property.

The church was actively involved in the establishment and building of the church at Sioux City. Missions has also been a ministry of the church. Besides missionary support the church gave a former pastor, the Mitchell Cotrone family for work in Columbia.





ALBERT LEA

PASTORS

Paul R. Davis	1953-1954
Yorton Clark	1954-1962
Howard Johnson	1962-1966
Stanley Gravett	1966-1969
Arvith Foat	1969-



Ground was broke July 2, 1961 for a new annex to the church. Of brick construction the unit provides a large assembly area or fellowship hall, a kitchen, pastor's study and rest rooms.

An attractive entrance has also been provided for on the upper level with a foyer and nursery.



ANOKA

PASTORS

Paul R. Davis	1963-1967
Richard Jamieson	1967-

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of Anoka, Minnesota was organized with seventeen charter members on June 23, 1963 by the Iowa Conference President, Rev. Donald Calhoun. Rev. Paul Davis was called to serve as the first pastor of the new work.

Soon after organizing, the present church structure was purchased from the Mount Olive Lutheran Church. The parsonage was constructed in 1965. The first floor provides living space for the parsonage family and the lower floor serves as an educational unit for the church.

Sunday school attendance has climbed over the one hundred mark and two worship services are conducted each Sunday morning.





BATTLE CENTER

PASTORS

Richard Jamieson	1950-1954
Orland Johnson	1954-1955
W. J. Poppinga	1955-

Pastoral ministry to this non-Wesleyan church has continued since 1933. The loyal group has continued to meet and to minister in the rural community.

The church is located near Holstein, Iowa.



BENNEZETTE

PASTORS

Ronald Rhoades	1953-1955
Richard Stoneberg	1955-

Bennezette is one of the older of the churches in the Iowa District. Organized in 1885, it stands today as one of the oldest churches in Butler County.

Physical improvements have been made to the parsonage since the Centennial. The church has been completely re-modeled. Placed on a new foundation the church has also been enlarged by the addition of an educational wing.

The new wing contains overflow space, classrooms, rest rooms, pastor's study and a kitchen, besides a lovely and spacious entrance.

Carpeting, new pulpit furniture and refinishing of the pews have made the church look as new as the new wing.



Shown above is the interior of the lovely country church.





BURNSVILLE

Pastors

Albert R. Fookes

1965—

The Burnsville Church is one of the newest of the district. Rev. Albert R. Fookes and family moved to the Burnsville area following the annual conference of 1965. Services were begun in September at the Vista View School. Thirty-seven were present for the first worship service.

On July 1, 1966 the family moved into the beautiful parsonage that was purchased at 13812 County Road 5. Property was purchased and ground breaking was held January 28, 1968 for the new church.

The congregation moved into the basement area of the new building in July of 1968. Services were begun in the new sanctuary in September, 1968.

The church was organized with 30 full and 6 junior members on December 8, 1968. Rev. Albert Fookes continues as pastor of this new work of the district.



CEDAR FALLS FAITH

PASTORS

(Cedar Falls First)

H. F. Clark	1948-1956
Duane Janssen	1956-1962
Lowell Stoesz	1962-1968

(Cedar Falls Faith)

Paul R. Davis 1968—

The First Wesleyan Methodist Church of Cedar Falls was built in 1948 and 1953. With steady growth the church saw the need for larger facilities. In 1968 the congregation moved to new facilities and gave the property to the district for a church extension project.

Rev. Paul R. Davis and family were asked to pioneer a new church. Extensive remodeling was completed which included, new ceiling and walls in the lower auditorium, new lights, pella door partitions and new furnaces. The complete church was carpeted; new restrooms were built and a new ground level entrance made for the lower auditorium.

The new congregation of Faith Wesleyan was organized May 24, 1969 with 47 full members. The church has been a self-supporting since it's beginning.



Above: The present parsonage built in 1940.





CEDAR FALLS TRINITY

PASTORS

Lowell Stoesz

1968—



Trinity Wesleyan Church of Cedar Falls, Iowa was born as God impressed upon his people at First Wesleyan Methodist Church, the need for expansion to care for the growing congregation.

A ten acre plot was purchased on South Main Street and on September 3, 1967 a groundbreaking service was held. A lovely new parsonage was purchased in February, 1968 about one mile from the site of the church.

First services were held in the new church in August, 1968 with dedication being held November 10, 1968.

The church has a sanctuary of nearly 3,700 feet of floor space; a fellowship hall with 2,160 feet and the Aldersgate Chapel has 740 feet. A large foyer, secretary's office and pastor's study are part of the wing.

Sunday school rooms, kitchen, nursery, rest rooms and storage are on the lower floor.



CLARKSVILLE

PASTORS

W. H. Titus	1951-1954
Ralph Smedley	1954-1959
James W. Doll	1959-1963
Ellis Sollie	1963-

The Clarksville, Iowa Church was organized in 1947 under the leadership of Rev. Paul Davis, pastor of the Charles City Church. A new tile block church was constructed in 1955-1956. The church contains a full basement for educational purposes.

The work was without a parsonage so in 1965 a new parsonage was built just to the west of the church. The home is 26' by 56' and includes a garage. Dedication was held November 28, 1965.

God has blessed the faithful people as they have taken steps of faith to see their work go forward.





DENISON

PASTORS

Richard Jamieson	1950-1954
Orland Johnson	1954-1958
Vernon Swanson	1958-1959
Oscar Johnson	1959-1969
Ron Becker	1969-

The Denison, Iowa Church was organized on September 9, 1945. The work had been independent for over fifty years.

The church building was built in 1949 with living quarters for the pastor in the basement. Under the ministry of Rev. Oscar Johnson the basement was used for Sunday School purposes.

In 1969 the church bought a spacious two story home for a parsonage on East Broadway.



DEBRA HEIGHTS

PASTORS

Edward Boone	1937-1957
Adrian Grout	1957-1960
George Farah	1960-1963
Harold Monroe	1963-

The Debra Heights Church of Des Moines, Iowa was organized in 1937 under the ministry of Rev. Edward Boone under the direction of the General Home Missionary Department of the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

For nearly twenty years the congregation met at Harding Road and University Avenue. In 1954 construction began on a 128' x 50' new church in a new housing development known as Debra Heights.

The first service in the new church was held on June 12, 1955. The church, conservatively evaluated at \$140,000, has a pastor's study, secretary's office, twelve class rooms, and a large assembly room which can be divided into six additional class rooms.

The parsonage located beside the church was built in 1960.

The church became a part of the Iowa District through the merger.





DES MOINES GRACE

PASTORS

Clayton Elsberry	1950-1957
Robert Howlett	1957-



The Des Moines Grace Church was organized September 5, 1947. The church used basement facilities until 1960 when a super-structure was raised. The new church was dedicated September 23, 1960.

The basement was remodeled at the time to provide a fellowship area, class rooms, rest rooms and furnace room. The new church includes a pastor's study, nursery, balcony and foyer.

A four bedroom parsonage was purchased in 1963. It is located one block east of the church at 2626 Maple. The church is located at 2601 Maple on the Capitol City's east side.



EDDYVILLE

The Eddyville, Iowa Church is a part of the Iowa District as a result of the merger with The Pilgrim Holiness Church. Formerly a part of the Central District of The Pilgrim Holiness Church, it became a part of the Iowa District at the District Conference held in August, 1969.

The church has provided a ministry in the community for a number of years. Under the able leadership of Rev. Mrs. Lois Williams the church has recently undertook to build an addition to the church to provide restrooms and needed space for the congregation which is experiencing new growth.



COUNCIL BLUFFS

The Council Bluffs, Iowa Church is another product of the merger with The Pilgrim Holiness Church. It was one of four churches formerly of the Central District of The Pilgrim Holiness Church which became a part of the Iowa District. Rev. E. Puffer and his wife have ministered to this church for a number of years.





EMILY

PASTORS

Daniel Huffman	1952-1956
A. L. Nabholz	1956-1968
James Slye	1968-

The Emily, Minnesota Church was organized on September 13, 1941. The new church building was dedicated in June of 1941.

In November, 1964 a new masonry church with split block exterior was started and on July 4, 1965 dedicated. The main floor seats 250 and the balcony seats 50. Also on the main floor are the pastor's study, nursery and rest rooms.

The basement has a chapel and 8 Sunday school rooms besides furnace and storage rooms.

Under the direction of Rev. Nabholz a fellowship hall was built. In 1968 the old church was remodeled into an attractive parsonage across the road from the new church.

The Little Pine Church was merged with the Emily Church in 1966.





FAYETTE

PASTORS

Howard Johnson	1953-1959
Richard Jamieson	1959-1965
Harry Johnson	1965-1966
Wm. Hotchkiss	1966-1967
Clayton Elsberry	1967-

The Fayette, Iowa Church was organized in July, 1926. A church building was moved from Thorpe, Iowa in 1939 and the old church was remodeled into a parsonage.

In January, 1957 a fire destroyed the church. Under the leadership of Rev. Howard Johnson the faithful people put up a \$70,000 building and it was dedicated in October of the same year.

Educational facilities are at the rear of the sanctuary separated by dividers which can allow for overflows. A pastor's study is to one side of the platform.

A large brick and wood planter sign has been erected on the church lawn.





GLENWOOD

PASTORS

Rev. Cole	-1955
Rev. Mayfield	1955-1958
Rev. Houck	1958-1964
Rev. Moberly	1965-1967
Rev. Dodd	1967
O. K. Biddlingmeier	1968-

The Glenwood, Iowa Church was originally with the Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association serving for many years with this group. On June 17, 1948 the church voted to be a part of The Pilgrim Holiness Church.

Glenwood was one of the four churches of the Central District which became a part of the Iowa District in August, 1969. The present pastor, O. K. Biddlingmeier, moved to Glenwood in 1968 from Walla Walla, Washington.



GUTHRIE CENTER

PASTORS

Marvin Ossman	1952-1956
Robert Merrill	1956-1958
Orland Johnson	1958-1961
Alvin Wagner	1961-1964
Earl Miller	1964-1969
John Zimmer	1969-

The Guthrie Center, Iowa Church was organized January 20, 1871. The present church structure was erected in 1888.

Under the leadership of Rev. Johnson the church built a new entrance and added restrooms. Sunday school rooms and a kitchen were put in the basement. Work was also done in the parsonage with living room and dining rooms given new walls and windows.

The parsonage was completely redone from 1965-1969. Insulation and new walls were put in along with new windows and storms.

The kitchen was extended and completely modernized. A new street level garage was also built.





HOOVER

The Hoover Church located at rural Walker, Iowa was built on land donated in 1884. The frame church is still in use.

Considerable improvements were made on the former parsonage located a short distance from the church. Then under the leadership of Rev. Dennis Johnson the church has built a new parsonage to the back of the church building.

Much of the work on the interior has been done by the pastor and people. The new home makes a lovely addition to this rural church.

The church had more than a 100 per cent increase in Sunday school attendance during the 1968 Sunday school contest and had the highest score of all the Sunday schools of that year.

PASTORS

Ralph Smedley	1950-1954
W. H. Titus	1954-1957
Manley Swarthout	1957-1962
L. R. Lutig	1962-1967
Dennis Johnson	1967-

HOWARDVILLE

PASTORS

Albert R. Fookes	1953-1957
James W. Slye	1957-1963
Jack Wolgamuth	1963-1968
Gary Brewster	1968-

The Howardville Church of rural Floyd, Iowa is one of the oldest in the district. Organized in 1859, the present church structure was built in 1892.

Through the years the church has been well maintained. In 1961 a \$15,000 remodeling job was completed. This included a new full basement with assembly room, restrooms, class rooms and kitchen.

Considerable work has been done in the church also. Dedication of the newly remodeled work was held in November, 1961.

Work in the parsonage has included new cupboards and a new furnace.





HUTCHINSON

PASTORS

Lowell Stoesz	1961
Roy McGowen	1962-1964
Alvin Wagner	1964-1968
Manley Swarthout	1968-

The Hutchinson, Minnesota Church was organized in June of 1962. An interested group of people had contacted the Wesleyan Methodist Church and expressed an interest in being associated with the church in 1961.

The church worshipped at the Masonic Temple until a large house was purchased in 1963 to be used as a parsonage-church unit.

The parsonage family lives upstairs. The downstairs houses the chapel, pastor's study and Sunday school area.





INDEPENDENCE

PASTORS

Kenneth Rumppe	1950-1955
Ola Campbell	1955-1962
G. E. Yarrington	1962-1965
Glen McMurphy	1965-1967
Vernon Anderson	1967-

The Independence, Iowa Church was organized in 1925. A building was moved to the present property at 504-4th Avenue, N. E. in 1934.

In 1956 the church was enlarged increasing the seating capacity by 50 per cent. A new parsonage was built in the fall of 1965. Remodeling in 1966-1967 included a new entrance and foyer and extensive work in the basement.

On January 1, 1969 a fire did extensive damage to the church. Services were held in the parsonage basement while the church considered the future.

Voting to build new, the congregation was faithful during the months of construction and are now occupying a lovely new church with adequate facilities for growth.





LA PORTE CITY

PASTORS

Gerald Wolter	1952-1954
Richard Jamieson	1954-1959
Howard Johnson	1959-1962
Walter Rice	1962-1963
Paul Huffman	1963-

Organization of the La Porte City, Iowa Church was held January 22, 1935. The first church was moved to the property on Bishop Street in 1940. A home next to the church was purchased in 1959 to serve as a parsonage.

On August 11, 1964 the Emmanuel Church was merged with the La Porte City Church upon request of both churches through their trustees at the Annual Conference.

Additional lots were secured with the view to building. By March 1967 plans for a new building had been approved and a ground breaking service was held.

The new 40' x 70' church with an 18' x 37' foyer was dedicated July 7, 1968. The church provides adequate room for growth and lovely facilities for fellowship, education and worship.



MARSHALLTOWN

PASTORS

G. M. Hubby	1966-1969
Ola Campbell	1969-

In August, 1966 the Iowa Conference assigned Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Hubby to Marshalltown, Iowa. During the summer of 1966 a home had been purchased at 101 Thunderbird Drive and five lots had been bought.

Services were begun at the Binford House. On October 22, 1967 groundbreaking services were held at the site of the new church.

The new church was completed and dedicated July 9, 1968. At a cost of approximately \$65,000, the church is of modern design and will seat 200. The structure is the first of a three-unit plan for the property.

The church property and church are on highway 14 in the south edge of Marshalltown.





ROSLYN PARK

PASTORS

Ronald Rhoades	1955-1961
Donald Calhoun	1961-1962
Clayton Elsberry	1962-1967
Gary Noyes	1967-1969
Earl Miller	1969-

The Roslyn Park Church is located in the Minnesota suburb of Fridley. Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Rhoades were appointed as the pioneer workers to the area in 1955.

A small home was purchased and services were started at the Nelson Elementary School near the present site.

The first unit building was constructed on lots at 5300 and 6th Street. The church was organized on March 2, 1958 with twenty-seven charter members.

The church secured additional lots and in 1965 a large home was built to serve as the church parsonage. The parsonage located at 401-53rd Avenue N. E. also provides space for limited youth activities in a portion of the large basement.





WAITE PARK

PASTORS

Clarence Huffman	1953-1954
Gerald Wolter	1954-1964
Thomas Phillippe	1964-1969
Franklin Hauser	1969-

The Waite Park Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota was organized in 1936. A frame tabernacle was the first place for worship and served as an educational facility for a number of years.

The present superstructure was completed in 1954. In 1959 the present parsonage valued at \$30,000 was built.

Under the leadership of Rev. Phillippe the church launched into another building program. A 112 by 53 foot building of three stories valued at \$152,000 was dedicated September 18, 1966.

The new unit nearly doubles the seating capacity of the sanctuary and provides a large fellowship hall, Sunday school rooms, restrooms, pastor's study, a large Fireside Room and living quarters for the church custodian.





OSKALOOSA

PASTORS

Duane Janssen	1953-1956
Donald Calhoun	1956-1961
Albert Fookes	1961-1965
Richard Jamieson	1965-1967
Supply	1967-1968
Melvyn Connell	1968-



The Oskaloosa, Iowa Church was organized on July 8, 1945. Because of the need for a good building the church purchased lots on the east edge of the city. In 1957 a parsonage-church unit was erected which still serves the congregation.

The church has a ministry to the Wesleyan students at Vennard College. The college is located a short distance from the church. A number of pastors within the district have come from Vennard.





ROCHESTER

PASTORS

Robert Howlett	1947-1954
Paul R. Davis	1954-1963
William Hotchkiss	1963-1966
William Tice	1966-

The church in Rochester, Minnesota was organized on August 11, 1941. In 1966 the congregation secured the present property on the south side of the city for building. The East Center Street property was sold and in March, 1967 a new parsonage was purchased at 2918 Paradise Court.

In June of the same year construction commenced on the new church. The fellowship hall was completed first and services were held from September through early November there. Services were held in the new building beginning November 12, 1968.

Dedication of the new facilities was held May 12, 1968. Located on one of the highest points of the city the church has adopted the new name, Oak Hills Wesleyan Church.





RUDD

PASTORS

Yorton Clark	1952-1954
G. M. Hubby	1954-1957
Albert Fookes	1957-1961
F. L. Freiheit	1961-1966
Darrell Kenworthy	1966-1969
Jack Wolgamuth	1969-

The Rudd, Iowa Church was organized October 9, 1925. The steeple has been removed from the church and a fund started for future building. The property has been nicely maintained and presents an attractive place to worship in the small Iowa town.



SIoux CITY

PASTORS

Ola Campbell	1962-1969
Stanley Gravett	1969-

The Sioux City, Iowa Church started with prayer services held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bandy, members of the Albaton Church living in Sioux City.

Regular weekly services were begun in November, 1961 in a rented store building. Rev. Mitchell Cotrone, pastor of the Albaton Church served the group as pastor. Land was purchased near the Leeds exit of Floyd Blvd. for a future building site.

August, 1962 saw the Ola Campbell family move to Sioux City to assume the leadership. Ground breaking for the new church was held on July 21, 1963 with the construction beginning in August. Within three months the congregation was using the unfinished building.

The church was organized on Easter Sunday in 1964 with the dedication held September 20, 1964. Living quarters were provided for the pastor and family within the church structure.

A lovely parsonage was built in 1968 and the apartment vacated by the pastor's family was used to provide room for Sunday school expansion, a church office and pastor's study.





SOUTH TROY

PASTORS

Walter E. Simpson	1953-1955
Glen McMurphy I	1955-1965
Paul L. Davis	1965-1969
David Howell	1969-

The South Troy Church of rural Zumbro Falls, Minnesota was organized in 1856. The present church building was begun in 1882.

The history of the church has been one of constantly improving both church and parsonage that they might be effective instruments of service to the church and the community.

Improvements have included carpeting of the church, the building of a pastor's study in the basement and work in the parsonage.



MINNEHAHA AVENUE

PASTORS

William Hotchkiss	1959-1963
James Slye	1963-1968
Jack Wolgamuth	1968-1969

The St. Paul Minnehaha Avenue Church had its beginning in 1959. In August of that year the need and possibility of a new work in the East St. Paul area was presented to the conference.

With the approval of the Conference Board of Church Extension and Evangelism public meetings were started in

the Beaver Lake School in September. During the fall months several ministers officiated at the services.

In December of 1959, the new group extended a call to Rev. and Mrs. William Hotchkiss to serve as pastor. The call was accepted and a month later the new group bought a five acre wooded property on East Minnehaha Avenue.

The first service to be held in the new building put up was March 1, 1961 with organization held on April 12, 1961. Dedication services were held April 7, 1963.

The church has a parsonage a few blocks distance located on Conway Street. Adequate space is available for future expansion on the acreage of the church.





ST. PAUL RIVERVIEW

PASTORS

N. K. Long	1950-1966
Perry Makeeff	1966-

The St. Paul, Minnesota Riverview Church was organized February 12, 1961. At that time the deed presenting the property to the conference free of debt was presented to the Conference President.

Formerly used by the German Congregationalists, the building was purchased in March 1950 by Rev. N. K. Long, who felt God would have him gather a new congregation. The first service was held in April of that same year with only three persons attending.

Considerable work has been done to the property and a ministry has been established to the community.



WASECA

PASTORS

H. F. Clark	1961-1962
Vernon Anderson	1962-1967
L. R. Lutig	1967-1968
Stanley Gravett	1968-1969

The Waseca, Minnesota Church was organized November 5, 1961 with twenty one charter members. For some months Rev. Yorton Clark had ministered this group, driving from Albert Lea.

The new church building was dedicated August 19, 1962. A home was purchased for a parsonage in 1965.





FALLS AVENUE

PASTORS

Clayton Butcher	1952-1956
Spencer Moon	1956-1963
Don Polston	1963-



The Falls Avenue Church of Waterloo, Iowa was organized in January, 1946 with eleven charter members. Under the leadership of Rev. Spencer Moon a new church was completed with a sanctuary seating 250.

In 1967 a large educational unit was built which added twenty class rooms and a dining-fellowship area seating 250.

Under the continued leadership of Rev. Don Polston three houses have been purchased and additional lots secured for future expansion of a new sanctuary in the future.

In 1969 a new split foyer home was purchased as a new parsonage replacing the parsonage completed in 1953.



WATERLOO FIRST

PASTORS

Clarence Budensiek	1953-1954
Robert A. Howlett	1954-1957
Clayton P. Elsberry	1957-1962
Yorton Clark	1962-1968
Don Glenn	1968-

Organization of First Church, Waterloo, Iowa was August 9, 1934.

In 1962 realizing more space was needed for educational and worship purposes, the church moved the parsonage to the far end of the property on Hammond Avenue and considerable remodeling was done.

Plans for a new church were approved in February, 1963. Plans called for razing the frame building and building on both sides of the existing educational unit.

A 60' x 104' unit was constructed in 1963 which seats 600. The first service in the new church was held October 6, 1963.

The original frame structure was then raised and construction began for a two floor educational unit to be used for class rooms, kitchen and fellowship purposes.

A five room home and garage next to the church property was also purchased in 1963 to accomodate an assistant pastor.





MAYWOOD

PASTORS

W. J. Poppinga	1953-1954
Leonard Root	1954-1957
Mitchell Cotrone	1957-1960
Oliver Paul	1960-

The Waterloo, Iowa, Maywood Church was organized June 4, 1950 with 13 charter members. The present church building was erected in 1952.

New restrooms and interior decoration has added to the cheerfulness of this church.





WEST UNION

PASTORS

William Goldsmith	1953-1955
Kenneth Rumppe	1955-

The West Union, Iowa Church was organized in September, 1880. A church building was constructed in 1884 and moved to the present site in 1902.

In 1955 a full basement was put under the building and a new entrance put at the front providing entrance to both levels, bath rooms, and a pastor's study.

New insulation, combination windows and furnace have contributed to the comfort of the church people. Considerable re-decoration has added to the pleasing interior appearance of the church.

The parsonage has been paneled and carpeting done.





ZUMBROTA

PASTORS

R. Wesley Pryor	1953-1957
Vernon Anderson	1957-1962
Glen McMurphy	*1962-1963
James W. Doll	1963-1966
Paul L. Davis	*1966-1969
David Howell	*1969-
*Supply	

The Zumbrota, Minnesota Church was organized February 10, 1935.

Both the parsonage and church have been remodeled and redecorated and new heating plants placed in both the church and parsonage. The church has provided a number of workers for the denomination.



HISTORY'S RECORD

A brief record of the churches which have been closed since the centennial is given here. Three of those listed were merged with other Wesleyan Churches in the community. Two of the churches date back to the early days of Wesleyan Methodism in America. God holds the record for them all.

DAYTON VALLEY

The Dayton Valley Church of rural Clarence, Iowa was organized September 21, 1856. The church carried on a ministry for over a century. In a quarterly meeting held July 18, 1958, the local church voted to ask to be disbanded as of September 1, 1958. Since that time the parsonage has been sold. The church furniture was given to the Des Moines Church. At present the church building is standing waiting disposal. Mrs. Elsie Stephens faithfully served as pastor from 1945 until services were discontinued in 1958.

EMMANUEL

The Emmanuel Church of rural La Porte City, Iowa was started in 1890. A church building was built in 1895. At the August, 1964 Annual Conference, the trustees of both the Emmanuel Church and the La Porte City Church asked that the churches be merged. The conference voted to allow this. God has blessed the merger. A new church has been built in La Porte City which enlarges the ministry of the combined churches. Following the pastorate of Ola Campbell (1952-1955) the church was served by W. C. Roberts (1955-1959) and Earl Miller (1959-1964).

LITTLE PINE

The Little Pine Church of rural Aitkin, Minnesota was organized August 4, 1916. In 1954, under the leadership of Donald Calhoun, the church site was relocated and a new building erected. A new parsonage was built in 1955 next to the church. By vote of the Annual Conference in 1966, the church was merged with the E. R. Dodd Memorial Church in Emily, Minnesota.

Pastors serving the church since 1953 have been Donald Calhoun (1953-1956), G. Elwyn Yarrington (1956-1962) and Stanley D. Gravett (1962-1966).

MANCHESTER

The Manchester, Iowa Church was organized in 1951. Faithful labor by a number of men failed to produce a growing work and upon recommendation of the Conference President in August, 1967, the conference voted for the disbanding of the church and the sale of the property.

Serving the church in a supply capacity have been Ralph Smedley, Darrell R. Holz, Vernon Swanson, Lee Hoge, Manley Swarthout, L. R. Lutig and John Landon.

MARENGO

The Marengo, Iowa Church was organized in 1857. For over a century the church ministered in the community and shared its workers with the conference and denomination. The church provided missionaries to Africa, a Conference President, educators, pastors and a General Editor.

At the 1966 Annual Conference, and upon recommendation of the Conference President, the conference voted to disband the church and sell the property.

Pastors serving since the centennial have been W. J. Poppinga (1954-1955), Edwin Beach (1955-1957), Daniel G. Huffman (1957-1961), and Janet Aspenwald (1961-1962).

ORANGE CENTER

The Orange Center Church of rural Coon Rapids, Iowa was organized before 1888 as a part of the Guthrie circuit. Since 1958 the minister from Guthrie Center supplied the pulpit. At the 1969 District Conference the church was merged with the Guthrie Church.

Pastors following Albert Fletcher were Manley Swarthout (1954-1958), Orland Johnson (1958-1961), Alvin Wagner (1961-1964) and Earl Miller (1964-1969).

ROCKFORD

The Rockford, Iowa Church was organized in 1937. Following the ministry of Eunice Shirbroun, the church was supplied by the pastor from Rudd. Following two years without services being conducted, the church was disbanded in 1961.



Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Clark take a good picture.



A glance across the camp ground at the Waterloo dorm.

Cotrones receive short wave radio from C. Y. C. Camp.



The Charles City camp ground from the front.



LEFT: Parking on a Sunday afternoon on the old camp ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hermann of the South Troy Church.



Miss Sylvia Sampson of the Fayette Church.



RIGHT: Rev. Glen McMurphy pauses for a picture at camp.



Rev. Paul R. Davis warms up at pastor's retreat.





Captain and Mrs. Roger Jamieson and family. Captain Jamieson is serving as a chaplain at the U. S. hospital in Zoma, Japan.



Visiting on a warm Sunday afternoon following a service.



A volunteer offers help in cleaning up and closing camp.

The Independence Church which burned January 1, 1969.

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Rev. Lowell Stoesz presents a picture of deep meditation.



Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fookes pose for a close-up.



Aerial view of the 1968 tornado on the camp ground.



Pastor's wives enjoy an outing each fall.

Part of the Falls Avenue educational unit. Dividers break this into class rooms.

