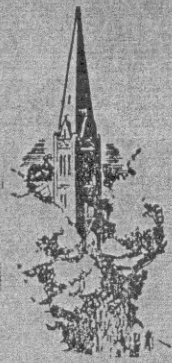


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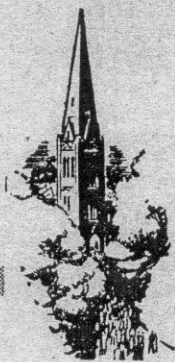
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### **DANNER'S CHAPEL** **Stampers Creek Township**

As far as we are able to learn, this church was organized by Aaron Farmer in 1829, being the second United Brethren church in the county, and the Rev. Frederick Kenoyer was given this circuit as a minister in connection with that of Union church.

The organization was affected in the home of one Joseph Danner, and they continued to worship in his home until 1833, when they erected a log house which was to be used jointly for church and school purposes.

They continued to worship here until 1841, when a frame house was erected, which is still standing today, though not in active use, but is used occasionally for funeral purposes.

The deed for church and burial ground was made by Joseph Danner to James Danner, Andrew Danner and Joseph Danner, who were trustees for this church. This deed was made Jan. 9, 1851.

Alive now are but few of the people who were members when this church was active, but at recent times there has been talk of reviving this organization and re-establishing a church society at this historic spot.

### **MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** **Stampers Creek Township**

The original records of this church show its organization to have been Feb. 17, 1844, in the presence of delegates from the churches of Philadelphia, Salem, and Mill Creek in Washington county, from New Albany, Lost River, Mt. Pleasant, and Spice Valley, then existing church organizations.

Among the members accepting admission at the time of the organization, we find the names of William Moore, George W. True, Fleming H. Duncan, Levi Hale, Charles M. Riely, Mittis J. Hale, Jane Boone, Sally Duncan, Sarah Warren, and Elizabeth Rogers.

George W. True and Fleming H. Duncan were the first deacons, and Charles M. Riely, clerk. The name given to this organization was the "Baptist Church of Christ at Millersburg." Services were in charge of Elder John Blackwell and Fleming H. Duncan for many years. In later years, we find the name of W. F. Burgess and R. N. Ruberson as clerk, and J. W. Thomas as moderator.

The land for the church building was a gift from Fleming H. Duncan and William Dillard, each donating one-half acre, and the church was continued in use for church services until about 1880, when was abandoned. It was later torn away, more than 40 years ago, and erected as a dwelling on a part of the original church land.

Some of the later members of the organization are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brengle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ellis, Mrs. Margaret E. Clevenger, and Polly Wilson.

### **BETHEL CHURCH** **Christian** **Orangeville Township**

\* Many years ago, when the Indian lived in this country, they had a burying ground in the north part of what is now the old cemetery at Bethel. As the white settlers came into this territory, they continued to keep the place as a resting place for their dead.

In 1854, a group of Christian people in this community felt the need of a place to worship God. A log church was erected a short distance from where the present church stands and was dedicated Oct. 3, that year. The log structure was almost square, faced the south with pulpit stand in north and fire place in west. There were two rows of peg benches. The land was given by Peter Monical. This church was used to worship in until near 1870 when lightning struck a tree near the church, causing the building to fall.

A new church building was erected in 1870-1871, which still stands. This building was dedicated Sept. 1, 1871, by Elder George Hon. Th

Christian and Presbyterian churches worked together in building this church home, each denomination to have the use of the church one Sunday of each month.

The Rev. Thomas Martin was one of the first pastors. He was followed by Bros. Krutsinger, Collins, Hon. Beck, Smith and Scully.

In 1917, Rev. Fred R. Daviess, district evangelist, helped the membership of the church and friends in repairing the church inside and putting a new foundation under the church.

In 1923, during Bro. Cox's pastorage, the church decided to have services each Sunday instead of once each month. A Sunday school was organized and has continued through these years.

The following ministers have been called since 1924: Rev. Lovel, Jacobs, Owens, Kline, O'Haver and Wells.

The church has membership of about 65. Since 1935, the church building has had a new roof, been painted, and a new pulpit stand. This year (1939) electric lights have been installed in the church.

Rev. Schulty of Mooresville, assisted by the pastor, S. E. Wells, have just closed a two weeks' revival here, with eight additions to the church. A church by the side of the road, inviting all who will to enter and worship.

#### **METHODIST CHURCH** **French Lick Town**

The first society of Methodists within the present boundaries of French Lick town was organized in 1852, and among the first members were Jesse Henson, William Wininger, William H. Kearby, and others. The first site for a building was donated by the late Dr. William A. Bowles, and a building was erected soon afterwards. This building was destroyed by fire in 1857. The loss of this building led to the suspension of the organization for many years, and the members worshiped during that time with the neighboring charges of Moores Ridge and Mt. Lebanon.

This organization still retained the ownership of the original church site, and in the early eighties a new class was organized and held services in the French Lick school building. First came the erection of

a parsonage in 1885, and the pastor of the French Lick Circuit, Rev. B. T. Van Cleave, was the first occupant. In 1889, a new church building was erected under the pastorate of Rev. George McNaughton, and was dedicated in the spring of 1890. This building was occupied until 1914 by this class, and numbered among its active membership were Samuel R. Ryan and family, William A. Claxton, H. E. Wells and family, and Martin Mickler and family.

The third and present Methodist church building in French Lick was erected in 1914, and among the names who were active in this enterprise we find the building committee composed of Levi K. Ellis, Azor C. Smith, and Will W. Cave.

The building was erected during the pastorate of Rev. R. T. Toole, Trustees of the church at that time were R. V. Claxton, W. H. Atkinson and W. W. Sloan, all of whom, save one, have gone to join the church triumphant.

This church has a very large and active membership and is thoroughly progressive. The present pastor is Rev. Olin E. Parrett.

#### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **Orleans, Ind.**

The Orleans Presbyterian church was founded Aug. 24, 1818, at the home of Mrs. Nancy Fisher, about five miles west of Orleans, near Orangeville. Meetings continued to be held in her house until some time in 1824, when a house of worship was built in the community for all denominations. It was about the year 1830, when the services were moved to Orleans, and the church was known thereafter as the Presbyterian church of Orleans.

At its organization and prior to its removal to Orleans, it had been known as Concord church, so named for Concord church in Nicholas County, Ky., from which church several of the charter members of this organization brought their letters of membership. And it, in turn, had been named after Concord church in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa.

There were nine charter members

as follows Mrs. Nancy Fisher, Zelek Fisher, Celia Fisher, James Donnell, Betsy Donnell, John Magner, Sally Magner, James Fulton, Catherine Fulton.

The church was organized by the Rev. William W. Martin and John Magner was chosen as a ruling elder in the Concord church and ordained to that office. In September of the same year, Robert Campbell was chosen a ruling elder and ordained to that office. It seems that no deacons were chosen until about the year 1848, when Zelek Fisher and Washington Wright were elected and ordained to that office.

In those early days there were very few settled pastors. Those pioneer ministers rode from place to place on horseback as itinerants, visiting the scattered churches, preaching, receiving members, and conducting communion services for them. Among the ministers who served the Orleans church several years after its organization were the following: W. W. Martin, Orin Fowler, A. S. Wells, Leander Cobb, M. A. Remby, M. Case, S. Kittridge, William Orr, W. C. Anderson, J. L. Martin, Josiah Crawford, H. H. Cambern, E. K. Lynn.

The first installed pastor was Rev. Samuel Hart who was installed on Saturday, April 26, 1845, by a committee of Salem Presbytery consisting of Rev. W. W. Martin, Josiah Crawford, and H. H. Cambern. This pastoral relation continued for 14 years. Since then ministers have served as pastors of the church, some only a few years, others many years.

The first church building erected by the Presbyterians in Orleans was a frame structure built in 1835, upon a lot donated by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Moyer, and the congregation continued to worship in this house until the year 1853, when they decided to build the large brick structure which they still use as a place of worship. The building was remodelled, rather extensively, in 1900.

In 1912, a modern seven-room

manse was built on the lawn just east of the church and fronting East Jackson street. In 1926, the congregation completed the erection of the annex including a commodious dining hall and fully equipped kitchen, making this one of the most complete and useful church plants in Orange county.

This year, 1939, further repairs and improvements have been made. A new heating plant has been installed, new floor laid in auditorium, and the entire interior redecorated. During the 121 years of its history, the church has been served by 35 ministers, either as installed pastor or supply, some of them for the third time. The present pastor, Rev. W. E. Gray, is now in his tenth year. The church has had 32 elders and 18 deacons in her career of 121 years.

This church, like practically all others located in small towns, has never had a large membership, but it has given religious training to many young people, who, when they graduate from school and later larger industrial center and give from college, usually locate in some their support to the church there. During its history, this church has received approximately 550 into its membership on confessions, and some 200 by certificate, making a total of 750, besides some 25 or more received upon re-affirmation.

#### **McDONALD CHAPEL**

**United Brethren**

**Greenfield Township**

This church is located near Ethel, in the southern part of Orange county. The same Rev. Joseph M. Osborn, who was instrumental in the organization of the Harned Chapel, United Brethren church, in Southeast township, was likewise the organizing head of this church. From the records of the Rev. A. B. Condo, we gather that the church was organized in 1891, and in 1894, a deed was secured to 1½ acres of land from William McDonald and William Pruett, upon which a build-

ing was erected, and was dedicated in 1895.

Among those who were active in the organization of the church, we find the names of Moses and Nancy Jane Roberts, Thomas and Luvica McDonald, William McDonald, John and Eina Roberts, Charley and Amelia King, John T. Apple, Davis Pruett, and Mary Pruett.

Many members have been added since its organization, and among them we find the names of William, Annie, Minnie, Nancy, James, Ella and Samuel King; Elijah, Mary Ellen, Edward, Effie, Thomas, and Iona Pruett; Ella and May Robbins; Eli, Alice, and Nellie Apple; William and Elzora Walton; Ada Gilliatt; Mattie Land; Mary J. Smith; Floyd Patton; Ben Walls and Emma Walls; Mr. and Mrs. William Hammond; Verl and Kenna Hammond; Dorothy and Fern Pruett; and Amy Hollen.

After its organization, Joseph Osborn became its first pastor, with Charley King, Thomas McDonald, and William McDonald as its first trustees. Other pastors who have served the church are Rev. W. H. Lutz, O. P. Danner, M. E. Apple, Lincoln Hobson, Rev. Turley, Simon Walls, Rev. Esque, Charles Galloway, Rev. Sincox, Porter Walls, James Bradford and David Owens, the last named serving the church at this time.

The present trustees of the church are William Hammond, Floyd Patton, Eli Apple, Thomas Pruett, and Charles E. Pruett. Under their direction, the church was repaired in 1933, and is now in good condition.

### **AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

#### **West Baden Springs**

In the boom days of West Baden Springs hotel, many colored persons were employed in its operation. Naturally, many of these were spiritually minded and desired a place of worship for their own race. A church building was erected in the south part of the town, which, for

many years, enjoyed a large membership, principally of hotel employees and their families, and with regular services.

Despite the passing of the hotel, and the removal of many of its members, as has been true of other churches in this vicinity, regular services were conducted by those who remain.

### **UNION CHURCH**

#### **Orleans Township**

This was the first organized United Brethren church society in Orange county, and is situated four miles southwest of Orleans, and about five miles northwest of Paoli.

This church was organized by John McNamar in 1828, in the home of Joseph Webb, Rev. McNamar being at that time a missionary sent by the Miami conference.

In 1830, at the first session of the Indiana conference, Rev. Frederick Kenoyer was assigned to the Orange circuit, and Union was the head of the circuit at that time.

The first church was a log building, erected in 1829, which stood not far from the present site. In 1845, they erected a frame building on the present site which they used up to 1903, when the present building was completed and dedicated for service. At the time of the building of this new church, the trustees were Thomas E. Lindley, L. F. P. Sanders, and W. G. Elrod. The contractor was W. H. Lutz, and the pastor at that time was Rev. Minnie Thorne. The church was dedicated by Bishop Carter the first Sunday in June, since which time, this date is kept as a regular anniversary date and home coming at this place.

Some of the early members of this church organization were the McPhersons, Stultzs, Stines, Webbs, Allegres, Jamisons, and Elrods, with others.

Out of this church came Rev. Thomas Elrod and his brother, Noah Elrod, who became well known ministers, and the Orange circuit,



including this church, turned out 17 preachers from 1830 to 1860.

It is mentioned that originally this church, first known as Lost River and later and now commonly known as Union church, became a part of the French Lick circuit, the Paoli circuit, and at present, the Leipsic circuit.

We are advised that under Bishop Edwards, who gave the ground for the first church, that it is quite probable that ground was also included for cemetery purposes, which served until 1894, when additional ground for cemetery purposes was purchased of Thomas R. Martin. A little later, other ground was purchased for a community grove, and in 1937, other land was given for cemetery purposes by Albert Brown, of Paoli.

Among the ministers who have served this congregation, we are given the names of W. H. Lashbrook, U. G. Watson, Rev. Gilley, W. R. Gentry, J. P. Watson, J. M. Osborn, A. W. Arford, W. J. Farnsley, W. H. Lutz, A. B. Condo, M. E. Apple, S. P. Walls, C. L. Carmichael, C. H. Ivy, F. W. McKain, J. M. Hedge, I. S. McIver, Paul Sherrell, William T. Barker, with Rev. Leon Taylor, as the present pastor, who serves this church and Leipsic.

The present board of trustees in charge of this church is composed of five members, Alvis Lindley, W. G. Elrod, John Ellis, Charles Hudelson, and Carl Brinson.

There has been, and now is, a fine cultured people in this community and in this church, who have ever been wide awake to the service of the Master, and to the preservation of the community, whose pioneer seed in His name has been sown for so many years.

With the beginning of this church school, which, for a time, was held organization, also begun a Sunday in the homes of the members if the organization. This sabbath school is still kept and has proven a very strong factor in the life of the church.

### APPLE'S CHAPEL Greenfield Township

This church was organized in the home of John Apple in 1847 by Rev. S. B. Falkenburg.

We are advised that at about the same time the beginning of an organization was made in the home of Thomas Apple, another of the religious pioneers of that community but it is not shown that any direct church organization was perfected.

On March 6, 1855, John Apple made a deed to the United Brethren church trustees, who at that time were John Apple, William R. Apple and Moses Apple, and from that date this church and community has been a United Brethren center. While not as strong as in former years, because of death and removal of members, they do however maintain a church society, and a community cemetery, both of which are kept in good condition and are much cherished by the older residents.

Recently an improved road has been built by the church which makes access much better and will no doubt, bring about better standing and growth of the church.

Ministers following Rev. Falkenburg were: Daniel Shuch, Lymal Chittenden, John A. Richardson and others.

Soon after the organization, a log church was built and served its members until 1877 when the present frame building was erected at a cost of \$600.00 and much free labor.

### UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH Paoli Town

Rev. A. B. Condo tells us that this is the "youngest child" of the United Brethren churches in Orange county. Being the county seat town and with several churches, it would have seemed quite likely that the United Brethren church would have long since been entered into the town, but the Church of the United Brethren in Christ has always been interested in rural work in Indiana and because of these rural churches so near the town it did not seem necessary that they come into the town. However, at different time prior to the institution of the church with the town they owned at least two parsonages in Paoli where

the ministers lived and served the nearby churches then located in the county.

During these years many United Brethren people moved into Paoli, and most of them went into other churches, since there was no church of their denomination in the town, and so came the need and the desire for a United Brethren church in Paoli.

In July, 1924, the Indiana conference secured the services of Rev. Robert Earls, evangelist of Tennessee, and George Catt, evangelistic singer, and under the supervision of the Rev. W. H. Lutes, the superintendent of Indiana conference at that time, a tent meeting was held, which resulted in a gracious revival. A church society was organized at once, with a class of more than 60 charter members, among whom was the Rev. M. E. Apple, who served as the first pastor the remainder of that conference year. The new church held regular services, including Sunday school in the courthouse for about two years. Among the charter members of the church are found the names of Young, Willard, Hickman, White, Jaimes, Brown, Love, Lindley, Apple, Harned, Carter, Gobble, and others.

At the annual conference of 1924, the Paoli church was placed on the Leipsic charge, and the Rev. C. H. Ivy was assigned as pastor.

During that year, the church class purchased a lot upon which to build a church, but the building was not started that year. Under Rev. Ivy's pastorate a Ladies' Aid was organized which was very active from the beginning in securing funds to aid the new building enterprise.

At the annual conference in 1925, Paoli was made a station and the Rev. A. B. Condo assigned as pastor. During the month of October, 1925, the church purchased the brick building on West Main street which it occupies at the present time. They remodeled the building and made it into an adequate church. The lot previously purchased, they platted for a cemetery, which the church still owns and where cemetery lots are for sale at a reasonable price.

During Rev. Condo's pastorate, he organized Christian Endeavor which has continued active throughout these 14 years.

In the conference of 1927, the Rev. W. S. Brandenburg received his appointment as pastor of Paoli church, and is now beginning his thirteenth consecutive year as pastor of the church.

During Rev. Brandenburg's pastorate, the Women's Missionary society, the Girls' Missionary society, known as the Otterbein Guild, and the intermediate and junior departments of Christian Endeavor have been organized.

Since its organization in 1924, the church has had a steady growth, its present membership being 321. The average Sunday school attendance for the past year was 144, while the record attendance for the year was 274.

Now since the United Brethren church is rather new in Paoli, it might be of interest to some readers to know a little history of the organization of that denomination. The United Brethren in Christ was the first new protestant denomination organized on American soil. It is not a split, nor a branch off some other denomination, but strictly a new church, organized in 1800 by Philip William Otterbein, a missionary to America from the German Reformed church in Germany, assisted by Martin Boehm, a Menonite missionary in America. These men became the first bishops of the new church. This organization was the result of a meeting which Martin Boehm was conducting in Isaac Long's barn near Lancaster, Penn., in 1766. Philip William Otterbein, serving a pastorate at York, Penn., attended Boehm's revival, and after listening to Boehm's eloquent testimony of Christian faith, Otterbein rushed forward at the close of the service, clasped Martin Boehm's hand, and exclaimed, "We are brethren!"

Also, to the United Brethren denomination must go the credit for the organization of the first Sunday school west of the Alleghenies. John G. Pfrimmer, a former surgeon in the French navy, settled in Pennsylvania, later moving to Indiana. In 1820, he organized the first Sunday school west of the Alleghenies. The place was at Pfrimmers Chapel, in Harrison county, near Corydon, Ind.

The United Brethren denomination has always been progressive,

standing out against sin and the evils of the world, being among the first to denounce slavery, intemperance, and war. Being an outgrowth of a missionary movement, it is both evangelistic and missionary in its program. While, for the past few years, its interest has turned to city and town work, the denomination is still promoting rural work, realizing that its greatest spiritual leaders have come from the rural churches.

### **WEST BADEN CATHOLIC CHURCH** **French Lick Catholic Church**

Because of the companionship of these two churches, they being the only churches of that faith in this county, the writer feels that whatever has affected one of these churches naturally has affected the other. And since they have always been so inseparable in the life, the history of two can best be given by blending their lives together here. So we allow Father Macke of the West Baden college tell us the life of these churches.

Before the erection of the French Lick church in 1886, the handful of Catholics of the district had to depend for religious services on the occasional visit of any priest who might be passing through. On those occasions mass was offered at the Doyle homestead about a half a mile from Russellville. Right Rev. Silas Chatard, bishop of Indianapolis, to which this territory belongs, saw the need of a church in French Lick. He, with Bishop McCloskey of the Louisville Diocese, gathered funds and directed the construction, on land donated by the owners of the French Lick Springs Hotel company, and by Hiram E. Wells, and early in 1887, the bishop of Indianapolis dedicated the modest frame structure with its 60 foot steeple. The church was appropriately named "Our Lady of the Springs."

It appears that in the beginning the priests did not reside at the church, but when the weather and the condition of the roads permitted, they came from one of the neighboring towns, principally Shoals. This may account for the rapid succession of pastors at that time. Among this list we find a Father Bogeman, then Father Basil, at present pastor at Jasper;

Frs. Mass, Burns, Harrington, and a number of others. The records showing first signs of a resident pastor appear in 1898, with the arrival of Rev. F. W. Wolf. Following him was the Reverend Theodore J. Mattingly in 1900; and Rev. J. A. Coulter in 1902.

During these last few years the number of Catholic guests at the West Baden Springs hotel was on the increase, and Lee W. Sinclair, its owner, realized the need of a Catholic church nearby. He set to work for the erection of a church on the hillside, just west of the hotel. The plans were interrupted for a time when the old wooden hotel burned. But by 1902, the inspiring little church (at a cost of \$40,000) was completed. The entire cost was borne by Mr. Sinclair. The building of pressed brick, with Bedford stone trimmings, was a fitting adjunct to the new hotel. The inside was well equipped, with a fine pipe organ, solidly built pews, and an exquisitely carved altar.

On Friday, Feb. 27, 1903, the Right Reverend Bishop O'Donoghue came from Indianapolis to dedicate the church. It was named "Our Lady of Lourdes" after the place in France where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a little girl and thereafter a spring has miraculously bubbled forth curing many who have used its waters.

The same pastors took care of both churches, and with the coming of Father F. X. Unterreitmeyer in 1905, the pastor's residence was transferred to the West Baden Springs hotel.

Father E. A. Cobb followed in 1908, and Father J. F. Mattingly in 1912. It was during the latter's term as local pastor that the world war broke out, a short time after which the West Baden Springs hotel was transformed into a hospital for the soldiers. This gave Father Mattingly the added duty of army chaplain.

The year 1925 marked the coming of Father Joseph Honnigford, a priest beloved and esteemed by all who came in contact with him, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. In the seventh year of his pastorate the West Baden Springs hotel closed its doors and as a result it wasn't long before the career of the West Baden Catholic church was also

closed. For 30 years that devotional little church had served the Catholic guests of the hotel. For 30 years the chimes in its steeple had sounded the quarter hours for all in the neighborhood. It had come to be considered an indispensable ornament of the hotel. Father Honnigford's life came to a close in 1933, and shortly after the arrival of his successor, Father Francis Scheper, the little structure was condemned as unsafe and was levelled to the ground. However, as a proof of its sturdiness several blasts of dynamite and a derrick were needed to accomplish this latter task.

The Catholic residents of West Baden were now obliged to go to French Lick for services. Father Scheper took up his residence there, but remained only one year. He was succeeded by Father James Holland, who arrived on the same day that the Jesuit Fathers took over the former West Baden Springs hotel for their college, June 28, 1934. Due to continued serious ill health, Father Holland was unable to continue the work and on May 1, 1936, the Fathers of the College, at the request of His Excellency, Bishop Ritter, took over the care of the parish. So, today, the Church of Our Lady of the Springs, after 52 years of service, still provides a becoming place of worship for the Catholics of French Lick and West Baden. The present pastor is Francis J. Macks, S. J.

#### **METHODIST CHURCH West Baden Springs**

This church is the outgrowth of the first religious service conducted in the town of West Baden Springs, beginning with a union Sunday school organized in the Odd Fellow hall in the Ritter hotel building in 1892. After conducting this class here for a few months, the late L. W. Sinclair, then president of the West Baden Springs Hotel company, kindly invited the class to have the use of the West Baden opera house for this service.

The Sunday school and the religious service in connection therewith continued in the opera house until the school building was erected for the town, and the meetings were then removed there. This plan continued for about two years, when Mr. Sinclair again came to

the rescue of this tiny band of worshipers, offering too them, if they would raise a specified sum of money, he would pay the remainder of the cost of construction. This offer was accepted, and the church was erected on land donated by Mr. Sinclair, near the hotel, Mr. Sinclair paying practically all the cost of the same.

This church was completed in 1906, with a membership of about 40 and with Rev. S. Thompson as the first pastor. They continued to grow in number and in influence, with the families of Ritter, Burton, Gerkin, Love, Moore, Charles, Smith, Porter, Atkinson, Sinclair, and Cave among its leading members.

In 1914, this building was destroyed by fire with all its furnishings and church equipment. Other arrangements for church services must be made. For a time, a restaurant room was fitted, and later in an upstairs room, where they continued until the erection of the new and present church.

Rev. G. W. Holmes was the pastor at the time of the beginning of this building, and appointed A. B. Dickey, W. V. Troth, Mrs. J. A. Ritter, and W. F. Moore as a building committee, and Dr. J. A. Ritter as superintendent of construction. The cornerstone was laid in 1916, and the basement room completed. Here for about two years the congregation worshipped. Then largely by and through the efforts of Rev. Carl F. Glick, a renewed building spirit spread, and the completed building at a cost of \$8000 was dedicated on April 4, 1920, followed by the acquisition of a parsonage, since which time there has been little interception of its regular service, and a continued love for the finer and better things of life. The present pastor is James M. Austin.

#### **MOORES RIDGE Methodist Church French Lick Township**

This church is the outgrowth of the earliest Methodist church organization, which appears to be the first church organization of any denomination in the present boundaries of French Lick township. It was instituted in the home of one William Marley, near French Lick

Springs in 1825, by a pioneer circuit rider named John Miller. Other than Mr. Marley, himself, we find among the names of the early members of this organization, Clayton Taylor, Alexander McGrew, and Joseph McGrew, with their wives and families.

The first church building was of log construction and was erected near the Marley home on what is now known as the Ryan farm, and in 1830, this building was destroyed by fire. Immediately, the organization began the erection of a new church on the farm now owned by Edward L. Claxton, south of French Lick, then known as the Bennett Grigsby farm.

The early history of this church records its destruction by wind storm in 1840, and a new building was erected some distance from the former where a cemetery had been started, with the first burial being a familiar figure of that vicinity, known as "Granny Crout."

The building served the congregation until 1882, when it was torn away and a frame building erected, this frame building serving the church until 1924, when it likewise was torn away and the present brick structure was built.

In the beginning of this church organization, we find it made up of the families of the Marleys, Moores, Newtons, Lashbrooks, Taylors, and others.

Since the building of the brick church the Kinseys with their surrounding neighbors and citizens of the community have been leaders in the church.

Among the first pastors of this church, we find the names of Marley, Moore, VanCleve, Gaskin, Winn, Blue, Pinnick, and others.

This church is now in a prosperous condition, is a real community center and much pride and forethought is given its annual meetings as well as to every service.

The present pastor of this church is Rev. Earl E. Denny.

### **FREEDOM CHURCH OF CHRIST** Northeast Township

In the year 1895 there came about the division of the church at Carter's Creek under the leadership of Rev. E. G. Denny, and 46 members of the mother church followed Rev.

Denny into the organization of a new church, to be known as the Church of Christ.

One acre of land was purchased from Elmer Baker in section 32, township 3 north, range 2 east, and conveyed to Rev. E. G. Denny and Daniel Somers for this church property.

In 1898 a church building was erected and named "Freedom." For 40 years this church held services every Sunday with Bib'e school. Its membership increased to 150.

Among the organizers, along with Rev. Denny, are given the names of William Richardson, W. B. Huston, James Johnson, Taylor Wilfong, Michael Ingram, Joseph Bishop, and others, the first four named above being elected as elders of the church. After the church was organized and before the building was erected the meetings of this organization were held in the Gammon schoolhouse, and after the building was completed, services were held regularly until about three years ago, when after the death of Mrs. W. B. Huston, one of the few remaining supporters and worshipers, church services were discontinued and have not been renewed.

### **LIBERTY CHURCH**

In the oldest church record of this congregation we find this statement: "The Church of Christ at Liberty, Orange county, Indiana, organized on the Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1819." Thus we find that the church here is 100 years o'd, Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1919, being the nineteenth day of that month. Such fact certainly gives the church a claim to be among the very oldest churches of any faith in the state and makes it a close rival of the Blue River church of Washington county for the honor of being the oldest congregation of Disciples of Christ in Indiana. If we look back a century we find that it takes us back to the time when Indiana was but three years old as a state, back to a time when Indianapolis was not even founded, back to a time when the Indians and the wild animals roamed many of our forests. Then, here and there, a few log cabins comprised the homes of the settlers of this community.

At this time the restoration movement was in its infancy. It was then that Alexander Campbell and his father and Walter Scott and others were doing their great work and trying to get men to accept the Bible and the Bible alone as the gospel plan of salvation. In Kentucky, Stone was presenting the same kind of message. By the year 1819 a few of the settlers of this community were ready to accept the aphorism of these reformers "Where the Bible speaks we speak, and where the Bible is silent we are silent." It is significant of the general awakening of religious interest of that period that the people who organized this congregation were the members of a congregation of Dunkards already existing here together with members of other religious communions, all of whom were united on the common ground of making the Word of God the final authority in all matters of religion, resolved to accept no creed except Christ and to adopt the Bible as a sufficient rule and guide to faith and practice.

A few years later, a hewed log church was erected near the spot where the present building now stands. On the same lot in those early days stood a schoolhouse showing the close connections of these two institutions in the thoughts and plans of our forefathers.

In a local history we find the following account of the early church here. "In the northeastern part of Orleans township is situated Liberty meeting house. The society here was probably organized in 1819 and is of the Christian or Campbellite denomination. Some of the first members were Christian and Adam Hostetler, David S. Lewis, John Ribbel, and their wives. This organization for a time flourished and took rank as the foremost church of its kind in the county for several years, but other classes being organized in this part of the county drew away much of its strength, although it is yet a strong society. It was probably organized at the house of a Mr. Knight who lived in the neighborhood and the meetings were held at private houses for some time. About the year 1824 or 1825 a hewed-log house was built which continued to be used until

the building now in use was erected about the year 1855. This is a good and substantial frame building about 40x60 feet and cost, it is said, about \$2,000.

In its history it has at times been more flourishing than at other times, but it has never ceased to be a force for righteousness in the community, a real community center holding aloft the light of God's truth to those who are in darkness and pointing the Christian to fields of service for the Master. It has also been a training ground for workers who have gone out to other fields.

The future of the church will be largely what the membership makes it. The membership is small today and there is no regular pastor. A Sunday school is maintained at the present time.

#### **SCARLET CHAPEL** **Northwest Township**

This likewise was one of the early United Brethren churches in the county. It was organized in 1846 by Rev. L. B. Lacy. A log church house was used until 1859, when they secured a deed for a church lot on which was erected a frame building.

This has been one of the leading community centers in the church life of Northwest township, is still active, and is now served as part of the Shoals circuit by Rev. Robert Hawkins. Other pastors whose names have been given are Rev. Moran; Rev. Brett; W. C. Courtwright; Rev. McKibbens, and William Brothers. The leading members of the church as given at this time, are Mr. and Mrs. A. Scarlett, Frank W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holden, and Mrs. Horace McKibbens.

#### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH** **French Lick Town**

This church organization became effective in 1904, with Byron H. Miller and William A. Gass among its first active leaders. Soon after the organization, a building was erected, which was occupied for a few years, when the present building was erected on Maple street, and is retained for the use of the

church organization at the present time.

This church is one of the strongest churches in the vicinity with many members, an active class and Sunday school, and prominent in the community life of the town.

The present pastor is Rev. Chris Parks, who also has charge of the Christian church at Orleans. Other pastors who have held of this church are N. L. Collins, Loyd Lovall, Lee Tinsley, Charles Shortridge, L. F. Drash, H. B. McLemore, and Reid McAlpin.

The church has a membership of about 100, among whom as leaders are named Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beaty, Mr. and Mrs. Gallie Clay, Mrs. Maude Beaty, Mrs. Amelia Gass, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Polson, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Livengood, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Conrad, H. T. Wright, W. G. Hoffman, and T. Goldman.

#### **PROVIDENCE CHURCH** Primitive Baptist Greenfield Township

Providence Baptist church was first known as being situated at Pittsburg but since Pittsburg is no longer known as a locality there we now think of it as Providence Baptist church at Youngs Creek. This church was organized on Aug. 7, 1819, the early organization being

The first building was erected from round logs, followed by a hewed log building, and later by a frame building, each of which served for a time, and then followed the march of time to better things. The present frame building was erected in 1880, at a cost of \$700, with much work and material furnished by members, and is situated near the south line of Orange county in section 26, township 1 south, range 1 west.

regularly practiced in what is now Crawford county in the home of Robert Sands.

Among the first members of this organization we find the names of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Newkirk, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. James McMahan, Mr. and Mrs. Rachael Pittman, Mrs. Mary Peters, and others. And among the first preachers for this church organization the names of Robert Sands,

Cornelius Newkirk, Samuel McMahan and James McMahan appeared. Although the record of the church shows but four regular ministers over this great period of years, these four have been Kinsey Veach, who served the church for more than 22 years; Samuel McMahan who was first called to the pastorate and moderatorship of the church in October, 1870, to serve one year, and in December, 1871, was called to "serve the people as long as the God in His goodness might see fit to cast his lot among us," and served the church for 20 years preaching his last sermon in April, 1890, and dying in November following; William Gammon serving 20 years; and William C. Hancock who preached his first sermon in the church on June 17, 1911, and his last sermon on Aug. 6, 1939, a period of 28 years.

The present pastor in charge is Rev. Paul Chastain.

#### **ROCK SPRING CHURCH** Primitive Baptist Southeast Township

This church was first organized in 1826, at the home of Charles Vandever, who, at that time, resided in Stammers Creek township. Among those who associated themselves together in the formation of this church, we find the names of Charles, Aaron, Joe and George Vandever, with their wives, a Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, and A. Pearson and wife.

Aaron Vandever became the first minister and others whose names are given who held pastorate at this church are Charles Vandever, Jonathan Jones, William Robertson, T. N. Robertson, and Samuel McMahan.

The first church house was built for this organization in 1841. Several years later it was replaced by the present frame building. It has always been the custom to hold church services here regularly on one Saturday and Sunday in each month, but the church is now without a pastor, and is seldom used.

#### **CHRISTIAN CHURCH** New Prospect

#### **French Lick Township**

This church was organized in 1858, Phillip Shively and wife, and Daniel Lane and wife, being active

in its formation. The first building was erected in 1860, and a class of worshipers has been active with this church since its founding. It is now known as the Church of Christ at New Prospect, continues with active, regular worship and Sunday school.

Among the pastors who have served this church, we are given the names of Rev. Richard Bex and Rev. Omer Porter, Horace Hinds, Logan Hatfield, J. E. Poer, who has just completed his pastorate here, and A. J. McLaughlin, the present pastor.

The history of this church includes the names of many pioneers in the religious life of the community. The ground upon which the church stands was originally given by Rev. Phillip Shively, a well-known evangelist of that day who gave freely of his time and his work. Daniel Lane and John K. Mavity were also largely instrumental in the organization of this church, whose members now worship in a new church on the site of the old.

#### **LICK CREEK CHURCH** **Friends (Quakers)** **Paoli Township**

The Quakers who arrived here in the early 1800's came principally from North Carolina, a slave holding state. Many Quakers had slaves, but were under a definite conviction, led by David Sands, a minister in William Penn's colony in Pennsylvania, which gradually grew more strong during the years 1745 to 1818, all over the north territory. Because of this anti-slavery conviction, the North Carolina Quakers came to the Northwest territory (later Indiana) which was entered as a free state in 1816 in order that their slaves might legally become free men.

The Quakers as a religious sect, had laws, or rulings of their own, by which they were wholly governed, beginning as early as 1750. These included laws governing education, ceremonies for marriage, bitter against divorces, and for marrying outside their church affiliation, crime, manner of dress—always to be plain—plain language, free speech and free thought, clean thinking and clean living, honest dealings, refusal to swear, or be sworn, but rather to affirm alle-

giance to the powers that be, and a steadfast refusal to bear arms against their countrymen, adhering to the teaching "Thou shalt not kill."

The advent of this religious body—the Quakers—into Orange county brought these principles, deeply instilled into the Lick Creek meetings, which is the mother of all western yearly meetings of that faith.

There is little doubt that this church organization was the first of all the churches which have been founded in Orange county, the organizers of this sect coming into this locality from the Friends organization at West Branch, Ohio, as early as 1812, or even at an earlier date, following closely the coming to this locality of one Jonathan Lindley and his family, and the first church building known as Lick Creek was erected in 1813, being, so far as known, the first church building erected in this county, the record naming the place of meeting as "by the spring," and later called Lick Creek.

The first building was of temporary construction of poles and served only until the log house could be constructed. The exact location of the pole building is not known, but evidently was situated near the site of the present building, neither of the buildings believed to have been erected on the same site. The second building was made of hewn logs, and evidence is found of its location west of the present school house. It was used until 1853, when it was replaced by a frame building, erected at a cost of \$991.50, east of the present school building. This building was 60x36 feet inside, and with a customary removable partition separating the men's meeting from the ladies' meeting.

This building was used until about 1900, when the record shows that the old meeting house was sold to William Stout for \$300, and other receipts and the disbursements are shown in the record of the completion of the new building. This, the present building, was erected a short distance west of the former frame building which was torn away.

These church building have all been erected on a part of section 8, township 1 north, range 1 east, and situated south, just off U. S. high-



way 150, southeast of Paoli. The first meeting of record is shown to have been held Sept. 25, 1813.

Among the early members and organizers of this class, we find the name of Thomas Maris, William Lindley, Jonathan Lindley, Owen Lindley, Sr., John Maris, George Maris, Robert Hollowell, Enoch Thompson, James Crane, David Lindley, Ephraim Doane, Samuel Chambers, John Towell, Jesse Towell, George Towell, Silas Dixon, and many others. This being a distinct religious organization, and being the first among them, caused it to become firmly grounded in the citizenship of this locality from its infancy.

In the early beginning of the Friends church in this community, it was a part of their practice that there should be a meeting of "women Friends" and of "men Friends," each with an official board, separate and distinct from each other. And in the first minute book, on page 1, of the women's meeting, we quote this form that record:

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"At a monthly meeting of Women Friends opened and held at Lick Creek the 25th day of the 9th mo. 1813, agreeable to the directions of the West Branch (Ohio) Quarterly meeting

Elizabeth Hoggatt is appointed Clerk and Hannah Braxton assistant. Also appoints Margrat Trueblood overseer for Lick Creek particular meeting—Martha Lindley, Jane Holaday, Hannah Hitchcock, Deborah Hoggatt and Esther Cox are appointed to join men Friends to propose two men Friends and two women Friends to stand in the station of Elders."

And in the minutes of the same date we read this:

"At a monthly meeting held at Lick Creek the 30th of the 10th mo., 1813.

Christopher Hill and Mornen Trueblood appeared at this meeting and published their intention of Marriage. Abigail Crowe and Esther Cox were appointed to make the necessary Enquiry concerning the young woman's clearness from other like engagements, and report their case to next meeting."

At the following meeting "the 27th of the 11th mo. 1813," we find this record:-

"the friends appointed in case of Christopher Hill and Mornen Trueblood report they find nothing to obstruct they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage according to good use among friends. Abigail Crowe and Esther Cox are appointed to attend said marriage & see if it be orderly accomplished and report their case to next meeting."

A complete record of this practice regarding marriages among Friends was kept of record in a separate minute book until about 1870, but is now seldom used among Friends in this locality, though has been required in a recent marriage wherein one of the contracting parties resided in this county.

It further set out in the various minutes in this language:

"The preparative meeting complains of—formerly ——— for accomplishing her Marriage contrary to Discipline. Rachel Doan & Jane Holaday are appointed to visit her and report to next meeting."

As is mentioned in the history of some of the other Friends churches, there was a distinct belief in this church, setting it apart from all others, and one of those beliefs and practices at that time was in permitting the female members of the organization to have ministerial powers. From this privilege, one of the early preachers at this church was Amy Lindley Moore, whose name and services is mentioned elsewhere. Eleanor Lindsey Chambers and Sallie Thompson were others of the female preachers of that church. Others who had the care of this church are Bayless Fisher, William Gillum, William Holmes, William Stout, and Bart Morris, who has the pastoral care of the church at this time.

The organizing members of this church and its followers have been, and are yet, one of the stronger forces for the upbuilding of the community, and for the exertion of a great moral influence upon its citizenship, and have always stood for the protection of their state and against the influences and the

esults of war. At present the church maintains regular service, has about 50 active members among whom are found the families of Lindleys, Pluris, Hawkins, Stout, and Thomas.

### **SULPHER CREEK CHURCH** **United Brethren** **French Lick Township**

The organization of this church was planned and principally carried out by Hugh McDonald, who, likewise, suggested the name by which it is known today. The first church house was built of logs in 1880, and served the congregation until November, 1905, when the building was destroyed by fire. The following year, a frame building was erected, which still stands. The land for the site of the church and the cemetery was donated by Mr. McDonald, who throughout his life, labored for the growth of the church.

One of the leaders in the organization was Rev. Simon Walls, and the first circuit rider to serve the membership was Rev. Inman. It was during the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Condo that the church burned, the occupants removing practically all the seats and furnishings of the church before it was destroyed.

The new church was dedicated in August, 1906, by Rev. J. M. Fowler, and it being the home church of Rev. Simon P. Walls, it is worthwhile to note that three of his sons, J. H. Walls, S. L. Walls, and S. P. Walls, each became preachers in the conference, two of the family, Rev. Simon Walls, who died in 1913, and Jacob H. Walls, who died in 1921, being buried in the cemetery near the church. The fruits of their labors still live, and the church is in a good working condition at the present time.

It is one of the active rural churches, and is located about four miles east of French Lick. Rev. Isaac McIver is the pastor at this time.

### **MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** **West Baden Springs**

The Baptist organization like that of the Methodist begun their services with a small beginning in an upper room in the old Grigsby building at West Baden, and it was

not until 1907, that a real church organization was formed, largely through the efforts of the late Fannie Campbell Rhodes. The class when first formed met for some time in a building formerly used by the congregation of the First Christian church in French Lick. They continued in this manner until 1911, when they erected and moved into their new church building on Broadway, in West Baden, which building has been their place of worship since that time.

Among the organizing members, consisting of only 17 faithful followers, are found the names of Mrs. William Prow, Mrs. Fannie Campbell Rhodes, and Mrs. I. L. Grigsby as leading factors in this church organization, and other members who were willing to give their assistance in its continuation, among who are found the Bedster, Felknor, and Rhodes families.

The church has had a steady growth and a very creditable standing in the community, and now has a membership of 160, with Reverend R. Davis Mohler as the pastor in charge of this church.

### **FRENCH LICK** **UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH** **French Lick Township**

It is conceded that the Rev. Joseph M. Osborn did much to scatter the seeds of Christian religion throughout the rural regions of this county, and likewise he did not forget the needs and opportunities offered by those persons residing in the town communities.

In the winter of 1898 and 1899, he organized the United Brethren church at French Lick, and secured a deed from the French Lick Springs company to a lot of ground on which was erected a good frame building and was dedicated to this service in 1898.

The trustees of this organization, who received the deed, were James Lomax, J. W. Kellums, Austin S. Palmer, T. J. Davidson, and John D. Fulton, who, with Charles Kellams and family, and others of that community were the founders of this church organization.

Here the church worshipped until 1922 when this building was sold to the French Lick city to be used as a public library, and at the same time

the trustees of the United Brethren church purchased the Presbyterian church property, which is a good brick structure, modern in every respect, and one of the nicest small churches in the county. In connection with the church they have a nice brick parsonage nearby, and the church is progressing nicely at this time.

Other pastors who have served this church during its service here have been A. B. Arford, J. A. Hile, W. H. Lutes, J. H. Walls, O. C. Taylor, S. L. Todd, M. E. Apple, C. H. Ivy, O. W. Haynes and Perry Key, the last named serving the church at this time.

The only charter member now living is James Lomax. Other leading members at this time are Johnson Main, William Elledge, Howard Purkhiser, Charles Mason, Oscar Allstott, Cyrus Eastridge, Ebb Bennett, Clair Lomax, Alvin Qualkinbush, Mrs. Hallie Corbett, Mrs. Viva Moore and Mrs. Mary Andrews. There is a total membership of near 300.

#### **ISLAND METHODIST CHURCH** **Northeast Township**

Along about the year 1850, a few neighbors got together and organized a church and called it the "Island Methodist Church." This church was built by Mark Ferguson. Some of the charter members were: Joseph A. Tegarden, Henry Monyhan, Robert Walker, David Worrell, James Fisher, George Peters, and Dr. Hobbs. In years past this church was voted as one of the leading churches of the community, and as a great community center, a place for picnics, school exhibitions, and a general place of interest to young and old. During series of meetings there wouldn't be standing room in the building and people would be standing on the outside. As death called one by one of the older members, the church began to go back and at the death of Mr. Monyhan, it seemed as though the interest was gone, and in 1910 or 1911 the church was disbanded and later, in the year of 1916, the building was sold to the late Fred Walker for the sum of \$200.00, and the land to W. H. Walker for \$49.00. At this time the members were transferred to the Orleans Methodist church and other nearby churches.

The "Island" will always be a sacred place in the hearts of those who remain to look back and think and talk of the place that was so dear in the hearts of their loved ones, long a sacred spot in the southeast quarter of section 2, township 2 north, range 1 east.

There are but very few left to tell of the happy days that were spent at the "Island."

#### **MT. GILEAD** **Paoli Township**

This church, sometimes known as Sandy Hook, was the third in line of the early United Brethren churches in Orange county. It was organized by Rev. Jacob House in 1842 and is located two and one-half miles northwest of Paoli.

In the organization of this church we find the names of Wells, Claxton, Brown, Newton, Fullen, and Kimbrel families and with the old pioneer citizens there began a very prominent church for many years. In recent years, because of roads and automobiles and the rural population going into the towns, the church membership is not so strong, but it still remains active for church services and for funerals occasionally for the families of those who lie buried in the cemetery adjoining the church.

The present church building was erected in 1859 at which time a deed was secured for the church and cemetery ground. The church has been blessed with a great amount of ministerial work, and among the pastors who have so served the church, are listed the names of the following: A. H. Chittenden, John Riley, John Tucker, J. W. DeMunbrun, Z. B. Elledge, Albert and John Richardson, A. B. Condo, Daniel Shuck, Henryr Trueblood, S. L. Todd, A. W. Arford, John Breeden, Thomas Elrod, A. C. Scott, Jacob Walls, Joseph Osborn, M. E. Apple, Porter Walls, W. J. Farnsley, J. W. Gilley and W. H. Lutes.

#### **MOUNT HOREB CHURCH** **Missionary Baptist** **Orleans Township**

It is very evident that from the present history available that this church was the first Missionary Baptist church organized in Orange county, and it is not exactly clear as to when the first meetings were

held which led to the church organization. We are advised that this dated back to as early as 1833 and included the Barton, Sanders, Baker, Laswell, and Riggs families. A copy of the original records of this church organization shows that the church was organized definitely on Dec. 21, 1839, in the home of Joseph and Nancy Sanders. Attending this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Laswell, Mr. and Mrs. Moses Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. James Laswell, William Harris, Elizabeth Laswell, Levina Noblitt, Levica Riggs, Rachael Kelly, and Sally Harris. At this meeting the names of John Blackwell, William Duncan, Joseph O'Dell, and Alexander Connolly were named as official additions in the organization.

The records of this organization are so complete that the prayer given by Reverend Joseph O'Dell at the opening of this meeting for the purpose of "building a foundation which would weather all future storms" is given verbatim in the record. Hymn No. 127 of the hymnal then in use was sung after which Mr. Riggs read the constitution as prepared for the organization in which the church was constituted on the Articles of Faith of the General Union of the Missionary Baptist, and Joseph Sanders and Moses Riggs were elected deacons, with Moses Riggs also as clerk. By the constitution it was agreed that the church should meet once each month and was to be known as Mount Horeb Baptist church.

At the meeting, Jesse Laswell, Samuel Sanders, and Moses Riggs were selected to secure a place for a meeting house.

#### Church Buildings

There have been three buildings housing this organization, the first being a log building followed in after years by a frame building, and this followed in years by the present building which has been kept as one of the prettier church grounds in the rural districts of the county, and at the present time action is being taken to make it more beautiful.

Preaching is now held at the church on the first and third Sun-

day in each month, with Sunday school on each Sunday morning with Robert Noblitt as superintendent. Among the leading members of today are Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Pickens, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peacher, Willard Colch'asure, Hugh Pickens, O. R. Brooks, Robert Noblitt, Lloyd Baker, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sanders, Mrs. Lou Rice, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rose. The total membership is 125.

The present pastor of the church is Reverend Herman Ishley, who has been preceded during the 100 years existence of the church by Reverends Joseph O'Dell, Boston, Hardin Burton, William Baker, Wright Sanders, I. K. Crothers, P. H. Rhodes, James P. Gore, J. M. Carter, Cassius Carter, L. S. Sanders, J. F. Brengle, David Blenkinship, C. H. Pack, McDavid, A. J. Husby, M. C. Clark, W. A. Sanders, Ray Banks, H. C. Lowder, Caines H. Mason, J. H. Avery, Thomas Robertson, M. A. Cammach and a Rev. Burness.

#### CANE CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH Jackson Township

This church was organized in the name of the followers of Alexander Campbell and, therefore, for many years carried the name of Campbellite. It was organized in 1825 and among the first members were the Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wise, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Flick, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Johasa Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. William Pennick, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drake.

Soon after the organization, a log house was erected for the worship of this congregation. This structure was used until 1844, at which time a new building was erected, the work being done by the members of the church. This likewise was a log church and was continued in use until 1872, when a new frame building was erected at a cost of \$1,000.

Among the earliest ministers who comprised this were Christian Hostetler, Solomon Hostetler, and David Lewis, who came from near Orleans. Other ministers who have served the church in its earlier date were Christopher Flick, Philip

Shively, Christopher Cox, Thomas Cox, and B. T. Goodman. A fact worth mentioning is that in the fall of 1843 a very great revival was conducted in the church by Philip Shively and Christian Hostetler, mentioned above, in which revival more than 40 members were added to the church membership. Following this, in 1850, Reverend Goodman, mentioned above, conducted another revival and nearly 60 additional converts were made, which included among these the best citizens of that community, bringing its membership to a total of about 150 members.

We are not advised with reference to any Sunday school with this church organization, except to say that prior to the time of the building of the last church, no Sunday school had been organized with this church. The present pastor of the church is Reverend Travis Pennick.

**RED QUARRY**  
**Christian Church**  
**French Lick Township**

This church was organized by Rev. N. L. Collins, about 1919, and names given in its organization are J. H. Carnes, and family, the Moore family, and the Campbell family. It has had a fair, active growth and continuation. The present pastor is Rev. Trevor Pinnick.

**PILGRIM'S HOLINESS CHURCH**  
**Orleans, Indiana**

This church, first known as the Holiness Mission church, was organized on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 1907, with 28 charter members, really a branch from the Methodist Episcopal church.

The trustees selected at that time were L. A. Mathers, Mrs. E. B. Walker, and Miller Gerkin. The treasurer was Mrs. Maud Shirley and the secretary was Mrs. Adda Hattabough. Thus was the beginning of this church. The first pastor of the church was the Rev. John C. Patty of God's Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Later, this church became a part of the International Holiness church with headquarters at Cincinnati, and took the name of that church. At the general assembly of the International Holiness church held

in Cincinnati, in October, 1922, the name was changed to Pilgrim's Holiness church. It carries that name at the present time.

The present church building was completed in June, 1902, and dedicated on July 13, in the same year. Later the church purchased a four-room cottage nearby to be used as a parsonage. Both buildings have been recently painted on the outside and papered inside, and are in good repair and free from any indebtedness.

The requirements for membership in this church were from the beginning, and are at present, that candidates be converted and living in a justified state before God, and that they believe in sanctification.

At present, this church is in a good spiritual condition with Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sunday. Cottage prayer meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. and church prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:00 of each week.

Among the pastors who have served this church during its years of growth are: Revs. William Dean, Sadie K. Strong, James Kerby, Carrie Gick, Rev. Bland, Groshart, Middleton, and Moreland Yundt, the present pastor.

Among the members of the church who have been its leaders, and who have so faithfully carried on the work of this church throughout its history are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mathers, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Workman, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Raney, Jr., who, with Lee Lashbrooks as Sunday superintendent, Mrs. Arthur Crider as church treasurer, Mrs. Laura Logan as secretary, Emmett Trewatha and Virgil Lashbrooks as elders; Mrs. T. J. Raney and Mrs. Evan Roll as deaconesses, with nearly 25 other lay members, comprise this organization for Christian worship today.

**STAMPERS CREEK CHURCH**  
**Primitive Baptist**  
**Paoli Township**

"We, whose names are under written, having a due knowledge of each other, wishing to become a Baptist Church, we freely give ourselves up first to the Lord and then to each other by the will of God.

**Brother's Names**

George Duncan, Sen.  
John M. Lewis  
Jonithan Stout  
George Duncan, Jun.  
John Duncan  
John Johnson

**Sisters' Names**

Elizabeth Duncan  
Betsy Duncan  
Patsy Duncan  
Elenor Stout  
Ana Johnson"

So reads the first page of the first record of the organization of Stammers Creek Primitive Baptist church, situated four miles east of Paoli, on Aug. 30, 1818, the organization being perfected by delegates from the Baptist churches at Lost River, Sinking Spring, and Lick Creek. And of these delegates so sent, we find the names of Jonathan Jones, from Sinking Spring church; Uriah Glover, David Johnson, David Read, and George Henton, of Lost River church; Abraham Stark, Joseph Pound, and Elisha Stark from Union church; and Daniel Lambdin and Edmond Sorels, from Lick Creek church.

Rules of decorum and articles of faith were prepared, giving the name to the church and the rules by which it should be governed. At this meeting, Jonathan Jones was called to take care of the church, and George Duncan, Sen., was selected the clerk. It is worth while to note in this that Jonathan Jones who was called as pastor of this church at its organization served the church in this capacity continuously until his death 35 years later.

A log church building was first erected near the site of the present church and was used for several years, the records noting repairs to the church from time to time.

In about 1830, the records begin to show minutes pertaining to the erection of a new building and, in 1833, subscriptions were taken among the members and others interested to defray the expenses of the building. Evidently the church was not completed until 1836, when the minutes of the church show the completion of the building. This church building served the congregation until some time during the latter part of the eighties, when

the present building was erected near the site of the former building.

Soon after the organization of this church, a cemetery was started near the church ground and the first burial was in 1820. This came to be a community burial ground and by about 1850 land was purchased for cemetery use. The former house was sold and the money derived therefrom was used in the purchase of additional land for cemetery purposes. The cemetery has been added to from time to time and is now one of the largest rural cemeteries in this section of the county. One of the annual events is their annual memorial services and homecoming

The present church is still in active service, has a large number of members, and the present pastor is now Rev. Leslie Wolfe.

Other pastors since the time of Jonathan Jones, whose names we find, are Charley Sands, Harrison Cornwell, James L. Noblitt, Charles R. Radcliff, F. M. Mattox, Omer Chastain, Rev. Hardy, J. V. Wolfe, Kay Jones.

**AMES CHAPEL  
Methodist Church  
French Lick Township**

As a beginning of this church, we find this early history. A class of Methodists was founded in 1836, in the neighborhood of what later became known as Nelson Chapel, about one mile northeast of the location of the present Ames Chapel church. Among the first members of this organization, we find the names of Allen Miller and wife, David Osborn and wife, William Stout and wife, Alfred Bruner and wife, and others.

In 1841, this organization erected a church known as Nelson Chapel, with Phillip May as the pastor, and Henry Talbott as presiding elder. In 1853, the late James P. Campbell was engaged as a local pastor to serve this church. Later, under the pastorate of Francis Walker, the class at Nelson Chapel divided. At this time, there was a class numbering about 80. A part of the class later became known as Smith Chapel, and met at the home of James Hicks, and there organized a Sunday school in 1858.

The year following, 1859, Smith's

Chapel was built at a point on the old Paoli and Hayesville Road, about one-half mile east of the farm of the late Azor C. Smith. Benjamin R. Smith and William A. Charles are numbered among the first class leaders of this Smith's Chapel class.

In the fall of 1879, Nelson Chapel, located where Jessie Wilson's home now stands,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles northeast of the present Ames church and Smith Chapel, then located one mile south of Abydel, consolidated and built a new church and called it Ames Chapel. Moses T. Ham donated three acres of ground, one acre to be used as cemetery, and two acres of ground for building and hitching places. Notley Harris was the contractor and Joe Morris and J. P. Campbell and others were the carpenters. The pastor who preached at Nelson and Smith Chapel and who lived at Paoli was Rev. M. S. Havenridge. In the spring of 1880, the church was finished and Rev. Havenridge held a revival meeting. Martha Belle Stackhouse was the first convert and a wonderful revival came from this meeting.

This church was dedicated in July, 1880. Rev. P. F. Wells, was first pastor, then at Ames and Paoli; second, Rev. John W. Allen, and among others who followed were Rev. Miller, Rev. N. E. Boreing, Rev. Rader, who served five years, Rev. J. W. Baker, Rev. McCalister, Rev. Frank Hon, Rev. Breeden, Rev. J. W. McFail, Rev. Raaf, and Rev. O. E. Haley. This building burned May 10, 1913, at which time, Rev. J. W. Walker was district superintendent.

The trustees of the church were George A. Charles, Richard Lashbrooks, John A. Stackhouse, and Charles Pipher, and they, with other friends and members, built the present Ames Chapel. With Rev. E. O. Haley as pastor, this church was dedicated May 17, 1914, with a big basket dinner and a house full of people and pastors. At this time West Eaden and Ames were put together. Following Rev. Haley was Rev. G. W. Homes, who served three years, then the World's war, and the church was without a pastor for awhile, having some older pastors at times. In 1916, Rev. Arthur Jean came. Then Rev. Carl Glick, Rev. W. L. Mitchell, Rev. N.

F. Denny, Rev. Eugene Montgomery, Rev. O. H. Rumbley, Rev. E. E. Young, Rev. Harbon and Rev. James Austin, the present pastor. Some of these pastors served as long as five years. The daughter of the first convert in Ames Chapel, who has been a member for 24 years, has assisted much in gathering the facts of this church through older members, John A. Stackhouse, Lucy A. Lambdin and others.

The church auditorium has recently been redecorated, and the present officials, in their true Christian spirit, are keeping alive and in good condition this beautiful church located between Paoli and West Baden Springs, on U. S. Highway 150.

### **ELON (CHRISTIAN) CHURCH** **Jackson Township**

This church is located at Elon in Jackson township, and was organized in 1899 by members of the following families: Clements, Cox, Hubbs, and Crowder. It has always carried a small congregation, but has remained active throughout its existence. The present pastor is Reverend Elsoff who conducts regular services in this church.

### **PAOLI PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **Paoli, Ind.**

The Paoli Presbyterian church was founded Sept. 10, 1825, under the care of the Salem Presbytery, a part of the Synod of Kentucky. Its charter members were David and Sarah Hudelson, Nicholas and Elizabeth Springer, William Springer, William Goodwin, Nancy Scott, Eleanor Campbell, Elizabeth Clements, Levi Thornton, Elizabeth Lynch, and Elizabeth Davis, all having been members of some branch of the Presbyterian church in the United States, all or practically all of Scotch and Scotch-Irish ancestry, and Fundamentalists in their views, an attribute of Presbyterian today.

The first meetings were held in the old stone courthouses, presided over by the Rev. W. W. Martin, a very brilliant man, and a former missionary to China. Later their meetings were held in the old Methodist church here, and often in joint service.

In 1845 subscriptions were solicited for building a Presbyterian

church building, the site was secured on what is now North Gospel street, and the contract was let to William H. Harmon for the sum of \$750.00, of which \$250.00 was to be paid in corn, wheat, and potatoes. In 1845 a bell was purchased for the church, the selection having been made by the late John R. Simpson in Philadelphia, and because of its clear and resonant tone, when a new church was built, this bell was transferred from the old to the new, thus calling to worship the members of this church for more than three quarters of a century, during which time it has tolled its farewell to many departed loved ones and former members, has resounded the funeral knell of many of the nation's illustrious dead, has rung out the passing of the old year and pealed its welcome to the new, and awakened the joy of our people at the signing of the Armistice for the closing of the World war.

The high tide of church favor came to Paoli in 1874 through the preaching of the noted Rev. Scammahorn, resultant in many additions to both the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches. During this period of revival, one hour of each day was used in the school here for a session of prayer, led by none other than Prof. Pinkham, whose power in education in Paoli is well remembered by the citizens of that day.

The old church will long be remembered as the "home" of these devoted and consecrated mothers and fathers, who helped to build for posterity a sacred community for their sons and daughters. One of these sons was William J. Frazier, who was licensed to the ministry May 14, 1874, and became well known for his service in the gospel field. But time has brought its change, in church as well as state, and the old has given way to the new. So on Nov. 27, 1921, a new Presbyterian church was dedicated in Paoli. Today the old church—like its old-time members—lives only in memory; yet a memory that does not forget. The lives of these, and the memory of their labors for the Master, live anew in the hearts of its membership today. And led by the Rev. Frederic A. Parker, the present minister, this band of

Christian workers is striving to carry on the work of the Presbyterian faith in Paoli.

### **GREENBRIAR CHURCH** Union Stampers Creek Township

This church was the fruits of various meetings held in the school houses and in the homes of families in the south part of Stampers Creek township. About the year 1915 and 1916, the church was built on land donated by members in section 24, township 2 north, range 1 east, and was dedicated in 1916. The exact date is not known to the writer.

It was built and has been used as a church house for all Christian organizations, and has no definite and regular meetings but is used frequently, by whatever Christian organization might desire to use it.

### **FAUCETT'S CHAPEL** Methodist Northwest Township

This society was organized as early as 1837, in the home of James Faucett, whence comes its name. The organization was perfected under Rev. William McGinness, who was listed as a missionary for the organization of churches at that time. Among the names of those who became members of this organization and were influential in its growth and continuance, were given the names of James Faucett and his wife, Elizabeth, William and Hannah Faucett, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, William Hamilton, James and Elizabeth Perine, Joseph Hamilton, and Susan Hamer.

For several years, church services were held in the homes of the organizing members, and it was not until 1847 that the first building was erected for church purposes, it being a log building and the pastor at that time being Samuel Hicks.

The records give the names of trustees as follows: J. L. Brown, William Hamilton, James Perine, Eli H. Faucett, and William Faucett.

This church building served the purpose of the congregation until 1879, when a nice, new frame house was erected at a cost of more than \$1000, and this church still serves its membership. While the congregation is not so active as in former



years, yet to many of those who affiliated with that church for so long, and the memories that it brings of the loved ones who are gone, it is yet a community center, full of interest and affection for those of its members who remain.

**BEECH GROVE**  
**Friends**  
**Paoli Township**

As near as we are able to learn, this church was organized in the year 1820, meeting in the homes of the settlers, and carried on in the customary silent worship for many years, prior to its becoming an independent church in the new land. Often times they remained silent at the meetings for as long as an hour or more, without one word being spoken, merely meditating seriously on their God. Devout men and women enjoyed this form of service. After a time what were known as traveling ministers would feel a "concern" to visit the Friends meeting, coming from some other meeting and would then preach a few sermons and then pass on into the next Friends community.

The records show a request was made to the parent church, Lick Creek, April 17, 1824, to form a separate church, and Robert Hollowell, Aaron Maris, Abram Osborn, William Harned, and Joseph Johnson were appointed a committee to meet the parent church and make such request, and report at the next meeting. Their request was granted, and in due course of time, Beech Grove church became a separate church organization.

Many of this faith—the Friends—came from North Carolina—The Friends of the south met with the Friends of the north, on common ground, with common thought and purpose, joining hands to remain the friends of the Prince of Peace, even when the old home was arrayed in bloody strife against the new.

The first church building was erected of logs, in 1825, the charter members of this organization being the Moons, Lindleys, Doans, Aaron Maris and wife, William Trueblood and family, Jesse Hill and wife, Christopher Hill and wife, Nathan Hill and wife, Jonathan Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, John Stout,

Thomas Atkinson, Jonathan Jones, William Hill and wife, and Arch Moulder and wife, with Joseph Farlow named as "overseer" for Beech Grove church.

Since this first log building, there have been two frame buildings serving this church during its 100 years of existence, the second of which is yet in good condition and a sacred community spot to its members.

Beginning about 1870, there came into the church some local ministers at various times in the persons of Thomas Atkinson, James Jones, followed by Isaac Morris, Ed Hill, and others. For the most part, these ministers drew no salaries for these services, feeling themselves sent by God for this purpose. Isaac Morris is yet living in this community and still has pastoral connections with this church.

Sunday school has always been a regular part of the church, and is still active. These factors in this Friend's community, beside being a source of great blessing to the persons residing here, have exerted a powerful influence upon the growth for truth, for peace, and for Christianity in this community, and as time goes on, extends throughout the state and nation. Among the leading members of this church today are Rev. and Mrs. Bart Morris and Rev. Isaac Morris.

**BONDS CHAPEL**  
**Methodist**  
**Northwest Township**

This church, while not as old as some of the other churches of the township, and though we have been unable to get as much data concerning its life as has been given of some other churches (all of which have been brief), nevertheless, Bonds Chapel can not be considered as one of the unimportant church organizations of the county.

The Christian spirit of its founding is kept in its name, coming from the Rev. John Bond, an M. E. minister, who donated the land about 1850, upon which the first church—of hewn logs—was erected. This church served the congregation until 1881, when the present building was erected on land purchased from the Hiram Kirk heirs for a church site and cemetery plot. The old building was sold and is yet

in use as a farm building on the farm of Oscar Meehan.

The church has been served by many pastors, among whom we are given the names of Revs. Shively, Allen, Elrod, Julian, Davidson, Crowe, Morgan, Walls, Downing, Suddarth, McClure, Bivins, Shearer, Hartsaw, McMichael, Kinneman, and Austin.

Services are still maintained. Located in a beautiful grove, with a well-kept cemetery and surroundings, it maintains its standard as a community center in Northwest township.

#### **COOKS CHAPEL Greenfield Township**

This is a union church, built in 1911. While there was not a definite church organization at this place, yet for many years prior to that time there had been a community cemetery near the home of Absolom C. Cook, and if burials occurred in bad weather, he opened the doors of the home to the bereaved family and friends for funeral services. In addition to this service, annual memorial services were held here, and as it is said that "Necessity is the Mother of Invention," so necessity brought about the erection of a church here. With Mr. Cook and Linden White, as leaders, and joined eagerly by others, the church became a community center.

The church was dedicated in 1912 by the Rev. James Bobbitt, evangelist. A large assemblage gathered to hear this dedication sermon, dedicating the service to all orthodox churches and believers, and with the distinct understanding that no denomination was to have exclusive use of the church exceeding two weeks time, providing some other denomination desired the building for church services.

It was a part of the church organization that the trustees who continue from time to time should be made up of one trustee from each separate church organization in that community, the first trustees being L. B. White, Methodist; Enoch Underwood, Friends; Absolom Cook, Christian; George Landreth, United Brethren; and William Self, Baptist.

At the present time, they have as trustees, Arthur Underwood, Friends

organization, Lee Teaford of the Primitive Baptist organization, Charles White from the Methodist organization, and a representative from the United Brethren organization.

Prior to the completion of the church and what may be termed the first usage of the church was for the funeral of Miss Oma Inez Cook, daughter of George C. and Lilie R. Cook, bringing before the congregation assembled, the greater need for such a building.

While there have never been any regular church services held here, they have been held frequently by the ministers of all denominations. At the present time Rev. Nyman Waynick is preaching at the church on the first Sunday night of each month, and it is hoped that renewed interest by the various churches may be renewed and upheld.

#### **LEIPSIC UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH**

##### **Northeast Township**

Leipscic is a little town of small circumference on the Monon railroad, east of Orleans, but its citizens are large in their belief in the work of the church, and to these few citizens and the strength they have helped to gather from the surrounding community is due the success of this church since the time of its organization.

One among the leading persons who was interested in the founding of the church was Mrs. Minnie Thorne, a devoted minister of the United Brethren faith, and it is also much through her efforts in 1910 as a leader that this church was organized.

In 1912, a deed for the land was secured and a frame building was erected, which has continued to be one of the more active churches among the community since its organization.

In a brief history of this church, Rev. A. B. Condo mentions the "reverting" clause in the deed to the land prohibiting its sale at any time in the future, should the church desire to locate elsewhere.

#### **AFRICAN (COLORED) CHURCH Paoli, Ind.**

The colored church in Paoli has long since disappeared, because of

the dying off, or the moving away of the colored people. The best information we have is that the church was standing on Northwest Third street, Paoli, about 1895. The building itself is still standing, although it is not used for any church purposes.

Miss Mary Lindley, who lives near where this church stood, tells us that frequently her mother was invited there to preach or to direct the colored congregation, and she remembers her mother helping one of the colored ministers, Hetty O'Bannon, with their music in the church.

Some of the families who attended this church and were instrumental with it were the Thomases, Bowmans, O'Bannons, Burnetts, Phillipases, and Howards. These families are now all gone except Oscar Bowman, of the Bowman family.

#### **BROMER CHURCH** **Northeast Township**

While this church is primarily the work of the Presbyterian denomination, yet it has always been considered a church for the use of all religious denominations. Really, it was first organized along in the seventies at the home of Robert Doak, who lived west of Bromer and was called the "Oak Grove Sunday School Organization." Mattie Lynd was the first superintendent. From this organization a move was started to build a church at Bromer.

As stated above, the Presbyterians took the lead and secured from John Shelton, who owned the land surrounding the little town, a deed to a tract of land in section 19, township 2 north, range 2 east for this church building and ground. Funds were solicited from the entire community, with the distinct understanding that when the Presbyterians were not using the church house, all other denominations were welcome to its use. In soliciting of funds for this building, Mrs. S. J. Colglazier and Mrs. C. L. Boyd took the lead, and were amply pleased at the welcome received in this service. Erastus A. Doak took the leadership in securing the material for the building of the church in which many others gave a helping hand.

On the last Sunday in August, 1385, the church was dedicated by

the Rev. Lorimer of the Livonia Presbyterian church, with Rev. J. K. Howard of the Livonia Missionary Baptist church, assisting.

The Presbyterians continued regular services here for a number of years. About 1910 or 1911 the Methodists of the Island church organization, which had been abandoned, perfected a church organization at Bromer with Rev. Hauger as pastor, continuing their services in the Bromer church for several years.

In 1914, Rev. John W. Marshall, a minister of the Christian church organization, likewise gathered a band into a church organization who worshipped at the Bromer church for a number of years. Rev. Gertrude Reiner, a pastor of the Friends church, while living in this community, gave her assistance to the spiritual side of the community and held services in this church for two or three years.

In more recent years, Rev. Paul Sherrill, a regular minister of the United Brethren church at Lapsie, held regular services at this church for many months. Others who have held services at various times in the church have been the Primitive Baptists, the Missionary Baptists, and many other religious organizations with or without any definite church affiliations. At the present time, no regular church services are held here, although services are always welcome and the church is kept in proper condition.

#### **VALEENE CHURCH** **Christian** **Valeene, Ind.**

The church at Valeene, known as the Bluff Spring Christian church was first built of logs in 1827, and was dedicated on the seventh day of August, 1827, by Rev. Peter Wright. Among the charter members of this church we find the names of Hollowell, Selfe, Moore, Pirtle, Sanders, Bobbitt, Holaday, Harned, and John M. Free and wife.

This log house was erected at a cost of \$150, and was sold at the time of the building of the new church for \$25.

A frame church was erected in 1855, at a cost of \$600. Some of the ministers who preached in this building were Rev. David Stewart, Moses Smith and Sampson Cox.

In the spring of 1876 this house

was destroyed by a cyclone which passed through that community. Immediately following this destruction the present building was erected at a cost of \$1000.

Among its members at that time we find the names of Mary Ellen Free, Mary Waynick Atkinson, Mary Enoch Harned and family, J. O. Stalcup and wife, the Key family, Simon Cornwell, Anna Cornwell, O. E. Cornwell and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ottie King, and Sam King. These family names principally constitute the present membership.

The church house and the cemetery adjoining are kept in first class condition by Elias Glenn, one of the older citizens. He has, perhaps, had more to do with keeping alive the community spirit of Va-leene and this church than any other single person.

The present pastor of the church is Rev. Otho Jackson.

#### **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH West Baden Springs, Ind.**

The First Christian church at West Baden Springs is among the youngest church organizations in French Lick township. For a time, after its organization, it was a thriving church, and bid fair for much future work in the community. The organization held its services in a white, frame building, overlooking what is now state highway 56, the main highway passing through West Baden Springs.

However, adverse business conditions came to them at the time when it should have been developing itself into a distinct church, which conditions led to the abandonment of this organization, and the members of this church have become active members in the work of other churches of the town.

The church building was taken over by the Nazarenes, and is used for Christian good.

#### **SOUTH LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Jackson Township**

In 1869 the families of Seyboldt, Rogers, Smith, and Beaty, were principally instrumental in organizing a worshipping church in the northeastern part of Jackson township. Later the church assumed the name of the Church of Christ and is still carried in that name. The

present building was erected more than 20 years ago, and the church now has a large membership, served by Rev. Michaels.

#### **OAK GROVE Church of Christ Southeast Township**

In the first record found pertaining to this church, we find these lines:

"Dec. 28, A. D., 1867

The Church of Christ this day associated at schoolhouse No. 10, Southeast township, Orange county, Indiana, believing the Bible to be the word of God, and therefore perfect, do receive it as our rule of faith and practice."

Then follows the signatures of the following members so associating:

Nehemiah Tower, James H. Walker, named as elders; Henry Riley and Simon P. Moon, as deacons; Phoebe Riley, George Riley, William Bobbitt, John T. Bobbitt, Joel F. Denton, Samuel Holiday, James Bobbitt, and members of their families.

In this manner, apparently, about 1856, in Stampers Creek township, section 26, township one north, range two east in the home of James Harvey Walker, came the organization of this church. Near the home of Mr. Walker stood a large oak tree, and from beneath this spreading oak bubbled forth the crystal waters of a large spring, the fountain head of what we now know as Patoka river. Then the spring was known as Oak Spring, and the church organization as that of Oak Spring church.

As early as 1860, James H. Walker conveyed land as a site for a log church and a cemetery, but for some reason, the project was abandoned. In cold weather, the meetings continued in the homes of members, principally in the home of Mr. Walker. In the summer season, many of the meetings were held beneath a large beech tree near the home of Mr. Walker. Many additions were made to the membership, and as pioneer preachers, we find the names of John Bobbitt, Nehemiah Tower, Alfred Lomax, E. R. Wright, Isaac Young, Ridley Apple, and David Mavity.

About 1879, the church organiza-

tion purchased an unfinished grange hall on section 6, township 1 south, range 2 east, nearby, but in Southeast township, and proceeded to complete this building into a church. With the new building and a more permanent home, came many new members, among whom we find the names of John Buchanan, William Harned, Tom Sanders, Vandever Holaday, Young Stalcup, James Fancher, Charles A. Fancher, Henry Riley, Ben Radcliff, Emily Sullinger, and their families. Regular meetings were held under the pastorate of Rev. Frank Martin, Bob Radcliff, and "Daddy" Williams, until 1896, when the church building was destroyed by fire.

Discouraged, but not defeated, meetings were held among the trees with lanterns hanging from the branches for night services, until a new church could be erected. Other land was purchased of Peter Sullinger, in the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 6, in township one north of range two east. A new church house was begun in the fall of 1896, and completed the following year, at a cost of \$600. In connection with the church, a fitting cemetery was made a part of the church property, and this has already become the earthly resting place of many, among whom are three World war soldiers, Clarence Busick, Dewey K. and Albert Bobbitt.

The church house has recently been repaired and is now in good condition, a new macadam road has been built from U. S. highway 150 to the church, and the tiny spark of Christianity kindled by and in the home of James Harvey Walker 80 years ago has continued to this day for the betterment of humanity. And as was laid by John, the revalator "A man goes down to his grave and his works do follow him."

Pastors who have continued to serve this church in later years are Enos Turner of Pekin, Ind.; John T. Hoke of Kentucky; Isaac Hopper, James Hopper, and Samuel R. Lankford of Paoli.

The last record in the minutes is of December 12, 1914, in this language:

"The Church of Christ, Oak Grove, Ind. The present organization of the congregation con-

sists of Elders James L. Walker and C. A. Fancher; Deacons, James Fancher, Wm. E. McDonald, and Wm. S. Kingcade."

The membership roster, however, continues as late as 1933, and named among the members the following familiar names: Bobbit, Busick, Buerckley, Clements, Colglaziers, Duncan, Fancher, Freeman, Gresham, Holaday, Hunt, Kingcade, Kemple, Lee, Ladd, McDonald, Martin, Marshall, Moon, Mackey, Noblitt, Radcliffe, Rinker, Stalcup, Sevedge, Towell, Tindall, Taylor, Tarr, Tussey, Walker, Whitman, and White. Many of them are still attempting to carry on in the faith of the fathers who established his home of God's people almost 80 years ago.

### THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Paoli, Town

This church was organized in Paoli May 9, 1863, the Rev. J. B. Porter acting as moderator, and Luke B. Cogswell as clerk, and was fully recognized by the Baptists of Indiana on July 10, 1868.

The first meetings of this organization were held in the Presbyterian and the Methodist churches. In 1886 and for a few years afterward, meetings were held in the court house, continuing there until the dedication of the present Baptist church building on May 27, 1894. The pastor of this organization at the time of the dedication was Rev. O. T. Conger. The contractors for the building were Joseph Cox and William Cox, both of this place.

Among the early members of this church organization were the following: A. T. Belinds, Catherine, Henry, and Martha Dickey, Mary Clancy, Louise Potter, Mary, Margaret, and Lorinda Wallace, Joannah Lingle, John and Eliza Jones, and L. B. and Elizabeth Cogswell. The first deacons of this church were A. T. Dickey and George Pinnick, they being ordained as such May 30, 1888. The Sunday school was organized March 14, 1866, with Ary E. Beswick as superintendent.

Early pastors of this church were Revs. J. B. Porter, Wright Sanders, J. K. Howard, C. F. Dame, J. G. Brengle, E. H. Tubbs, M. C. Clark, W. H. Harris, D. Blankenship, and

G. W. Gawthrop, the latter now one of the highest officers in the California and Nevada state conventions. Rev. William B. Thirlwell is the present pastor.

#### **NAZARENE CHURCH** West Baden Springs, Ind.

This church is perhaps the youngest of the active church organizations in French Lick township, having been formed a few years ago, and upon the disbanding of the Christian church organization in West Baden, the Nazarene church took over the building wherein the Christian church services were held, and continues to worship at that place.

They have a fair congregation and are earnestly pursuing their work.

#### **MT. LEBANON CHURCH** Methodist French Lick Township

This church is located about two miles southwest of French Lick, on U. S. Highway 56, and at the time of its organization in 1840, was known as Scarlett Ridge class of a Methodist church. It was organized by one Rev. Johnson, and has among its first members, William and Samuel Scarlett, and their wives, Isaac Damewood, Mr. and Mrs. William Wininger, Harrison Hankins, and others.

The first meetings were held at the Scarlett schoolhouse, and soon afterwards a church building was erected in the town of French Lick. This building being destroyed by fire, they returned to the Scarlett schoolhouse for their services and later built a new church on the site of the old, and then gave it the name of Mt. Lebanon, which name is yet carried.

For many years, this was known as a Mission church, and not until 1850 did it become a part of a regular established Methodist church, known as the Hayesville charge.

The present church building was erected in 1874 and 1875. It is commendatory to the members of this church organization that they were very active in helping to erect the first church within the present limits of the town of French Lick. The Mt. Lebanon church is now a part of the French Lick circuit

along with Moores Ridge and points in Dubois county, and the pastor of this church is Rev. E. E. Denny.

It is noteworthy to say that this church enjoys the distinction in having three of its former members as present members of the Indiana conference: John H. Carnes of Richmond, now retired; Lemuel G. Carnes, of Lawrence, and William G. Morgan, Barth Place, Indianapolis.

This church maintains a Sunday school in connection with its other church activities, and among its early ministers, were John Julian, George Walker, Thomas Ray and James Charles.

#### **WESLEY CHAPEL CHURCH** Methodist Orangeville Township

This church was founded in 1857, the leaders in this early organization being Alfred and Mary Bruner, Henry and Sarah Bressie, Nathaniel B. Wilson, Thomas L. Mathers, George Shirley, Nathaniel W. Britton, and others of that community.

On Dec. 24, 1857, Alfred and Mary Bruner deeded the land for the church building off of what is now known as the James Elrod farm, and on the same day, Henry and Sarah Bressie deeded land to the church on the west side of the roadway, the land from which it was conveyed now belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chatham.

Nathaniel Wilson, Thomas L. Mathers, George Shirley, Nathaniel W. Britton, and Alfred Bruner were the first trustees and the church building was erected in 1858 by Samuel Hicks and Harvey Denny. This building still stands and is in a splendid state of preservation, having been kept in good repair, well painted and well roofed all these years. Much of this work has been done directly by the membership of that community, who have also considered it a community center, and it is still held in that esteem. The interior of the church and preservation of the community spirit has been done in large part by the ladies of that community, even though they may adhere to other church affiliations, and this work has extended to a new floor in the building, new carpets, electric

lights, and other interior decorations which have added much to its appearance.

A Ladies' Aid of the church was organized in 1932, under the pastorate of Joseph L. Stout, then regular pastor of the Paoli M. E. church. Mr. Stout also had much to do with the beautification of the church lawn, and of the church building itself. This has continued under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Mathers until the lawn itself has been made more beautiful through the plantings and the donation of plantings for this purpose by R. A. Troth, of Orleans, and the assistance of men of the community.

A list of the ministers who have served this church has been well kept, and though served by many pastors, often regular pastors of other churches, this list is as follows:

I. N. Thompson	1858-1859
W. E. Ravenscroft	1860
E. L. Kemp	1861
David Swartz	1862
W. P. Armstrong	1863-1864
A. W. Shively	1865-1866
Lawrence Jones	1867
G. M. Hilliard	1868
J. V. Moore	1869-1870
S. H. Talbott	1871
H. W. Welker	1872
N. E. Boring	1873-1874
G. W. Houpt	1875
C. W. Woods	1876
R. W. Julian	1877
John Speer	1878
H. W. Wright	1879
H. T. Allen	1880-1881
S. L. Culmer	1882-1883
Newt E'rod	1884-1885
W. H. Davidson	1886
Geo. M. Puett	1887
John Crowe	1888
N. F. Denny	1889-1890
W. H. Headen	1891-1892
T. N. Heaton	1893
W. S. McMichael	1894-1895
F. W. Davis	1896-1897
C. W. Manpin	1898-1899
T. G. Tone	1900
W. G. Morgan	1901-1902
G. R. Walls	1903-1904
W. S. Suddarth	1905
G. A. Emerich	1906
G. W. Speedy	1907
Valentine Dietch	1908
Arthur Bentley	1909-1911
Oscar Luck	1912-1913
H. W. Bybie	1914

E. W. Scarber	1915
W. A. Hartsaw	1916
P. H. Downey	1917
A. J. Shearer	1918
R. D. Beven	1919
R. Callison	1920
C. C. Kinneman	1921
C. M. Hewilt	1922-1923
Robert Hamm	1924-1925
D. R. Johnson	1926
H. D. Bassett	1927
R. O. LaHue	1928
L. C. Murr	1929
M. Brittingham	1930-1931
Joseph L. Stout	1932
E. E. Young	1933-1935
J. E. Harbin	1936
James Austin	1937-1939

### ORANGEVILLE CHURCH Methodist

#### Orangeville Township, Ind.

Under the pastorate of Rev. George W. Walker, of the Orleans circuit, a board of trustees, composed of William P. Hobbs, Harvey Denny, Lewis B. Wilson, Robert Higgins, and Alfred Bruner, were elected on Jan. 10, 1851, for the erection of the Orangeville M. E. church.

On Nov. 4, 1851, Nathaniel B. Wilson and wife deeded the lot on which the church now stands, and during the remainder of that year, and the early spring following, the church building itself was erected. One of the interesting things in the erection of this church is shown by an old record which shows that Hicks and Denny furnished 650 feet of clear poplar lumber for the seats in this church, at a cost of \$6.50.

The main part of the erection of the building was done by Harvey Denny and it is further shown that Dr. John A. Ritter, lately deceased, lathed and plastered this building.

This building remained as originally built until 1930, when it was remodeled under the supervision of the late Rev. M. F. Denny, then pastor at this place, and since that time, beginning Sept. 17, 1939, electric lights were installed for the use of the building from the new county rural electrification.

During the time this church has been in existence, some 60 ministers have served the pastorate here, most of them being connected with other churches in this section.

In the history of this church, we

find that for a time the Methodist churches were grouped in circuits and in 1852, the Orleans circuit became independent from the others, and Orangeville circuit was known as the Orangeville Mission and consisted of Methodist organizations and classes of what was then known as Bruners (now Wesley Chapel), Faucett's Chapel, Bond's Chapel, and others, and during the time of this mission, a revival was held at Orangeville by the Rev. Thomas A. Whitted in which more than 100 converts were added to the church roster and the influence of this wide-spread membership has been retained with that organization.

### **CHURCH OF CHRIST Paoli, Ind.**

In July, 1910, Rev. W. W. Otey, an evangelist, held a series of gospel meetings in a tent here for the purpose of organizing a Church of Christ. Much interest was shown and officers were appointed for the church organization as follows: Elders, Samuel R. Lankford and William Bundy; deacons, James E. Manship, John H. Apple, John M. Roach, and Otis Downey.

A church building was erected on South Gospel street, and while much of the time there was no regular minister, on each Lord's day the membership of some 130 members met for Bible study and worship. In this manner they continued until 1926, when the old building was torn away, and a new and more modern church building erected on the same site.

The new building was dedicated Sept. 12, 1926, Rev. Loran Rains of Bloomington, Ind., preaching the dedicatory sermon. New officers for the church were appointed as follows: Elders, James E. Manship and Milton N. Mavity; deacons, Albert Luttrell and Clifton Lankford. Rev. Omer Porter of Williams, Ind., was the first pastor of the new church. Other pastors since that time have been; Revs. Shandon Baker, J. M. Poor, Rev. Beck, Oliver Kay, Rev. Williams, Omer Porter (re-appointed), W. A. Crowder, S. R. Lankford, and Frank R. Smith of Bloomington, Ind., the present pastor.

### **PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH Primitive Baptist Orleans, Ind.**

This church was organized on April 14, 1928, and, therefore, is one of the youngest Primitive Baptist churches in the county. The counsel in the organization of this church was composed of the following elders and deacons: Elder George W. Atkins, French Lick, William C. Hancock, Youngs Creek, Harvey O. Chastain, Indian Springs, Omer O. Chastain and Orra G. Chastain, Campbellsburg, John A. Lewis, Paoli, and John A. Mattox, Livonia. The church was dedicated on Sunday, July 4, 1928.

In the list of members noted in this organization, we find Mr. and Mrs. Willis McDonald, Oscar P. Danner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. James V. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foster. These members so joining in the organization of the Pleasant Valley church were from the churches of Pleasant Grove, Stampers Creek, and Lost River.

The first pastor selected for this church was Elder Harvey Chastain, and among other pastors who have served this church, we find the names of J. V. Wolfe, E. B. Martindale, Omer Chastain, and W. C. Hancock, the last named being the present pastor.

The building serving this church was originally built for school purposes, but was later purchased by this organization and converted into a church. It is nicely located in the town of Orleans, and is well kept.

The church has had a very active service to this time.

### **CHURCH OF CHRIST Youngs Creek Greenfield Township**

About 1843, the Christian or Campbellite church was organized at the home of Absolem Gobble, near the present town of Youngs Creek, also known as Unionville, in Greenfield township. The first members mentioned in our record are Mr. and Mrs. Absolem Gobble, Valentine and Mary Cook, Absolem and Anna McCabe, and John and Rebecca Davis.

Ministers who have been instrumental in the establishment of this



church and carrying on for a number of years have been Rev. John Bobbitt, Rev. Phillip Shively, and Rev. John Wright.

For many years after the formation of this church organization, meetings were held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gobble, where it had previously been organized.

By about 1850, a log house was erected, the work being done principally by the members with very little cash expenditure being made. This church served this congregation until 1873, when a new, frame church was erected at a cost of more than \$1000. At that time, the church had a very large and active membership, revivals were frequently held with many additions, a Sunday school had been organized with a large class, and a great interest was taken. It is characteristic that there was strong competition in Christian work between this church and some of the other churches in the community, and frequent arguments and debates were held between their respective leaders.

### **CONCORD UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH**

**Southeast Township**

The church organization known as Concord was organized in 1865, and in 1867, they received a deed for church ground upon which was erected a log building, in section 32, township 1 north, range 1 east. This building was used for more than 25 years. During the pastorate of Rev. U. G. Watson in 1892 and 1893 the present frame church was erected.

We are not able to say definitely as to who organized this church, but most probably it was Rev. Thomas Elrod, Rev. James Granger, or Rev. J. W. Daugherty, all of whom served this church and were instrumental in bringing the organization to great work in that community.

The church is located on the Paoli Valeene road, has a fair membership, and while regular services are not held, the church is frequently used for Gospel services, for funerals and as a center for community activities.

### **FRENCH LICK BAPTIST CHURCH**

**French Lick Township**

The old French Lick Baptist church, which was located on the grounds of what is now known as the old Baptist cemetery, about two miles east of French Lick, on the old Paoli and Hayesville road, was first used as a school house from 1830 to 1840, and numbered among its first teachers are Jacob Dishion, Davis Smith, and David Foster. Among the patrons, we find the names of Giles, Robbins, Wolfington, and Pinnick.

William Ferguson was the last teacher at this school and created quite a disturbance in the community by attempting to teach a silent school. The parsons could not understand how pupils taught in a silent school would ever be able to carry on in a noisy world.

After the building ceased to be used as a school, it was a well known Baptist meeting house for that day, but later the house fell into decay and the society disbanded many years ago.

The cemetery near by is still used occasionally as a burial place.

### **PAOLI METHODIST CHURCH**

**Paoli, Ind.**

Methodism followed immediately the founding of the town in 1816, the first services being held in the homes, followed later with meetings in the first courthouse on the northwest corner of the public square.

The first ministers were known as 'circuit riders.' They served, in addition to Paoli, similar organizations at French Lick, Orangeville, Nelson Chapel, Bond's, Kirby's, Island, and Moore's Ridge, all in Orange county. One of the pioneer ministers, sometimes called the Demosthenes of the west, was Rev. William Beauchamp, who died in Paoli in 1824 and is buried in the old cemetery here. Other ministers of this early class were Bishop Roberts, Rev. Francis Walker, and Bishop Asbury, whose circuit riding was perhaps greater than that of any other.

Early families who worshipped with this church in Paoli were the Jacksons, Osbornes, Kirbys, Moores, McVeys, Throop's, Giffords, Millises, Stuckers, and Wilsons, all of

which are familiar names here today. They listened to such men of God as Peter Cartwright, Lorenzo Dow, and John Strange, in addition to those already named.

John Throop, the father of Miss Sarah and Miss Jane Throop, was the founder of the Methodist Sunday school. He was also one of the first trustees in the church.

The first Methodist church was erected in 1839, and stood on the site of the present Methodist parsonage. The building itself was financed by both Methodists and Presbyterians, being used for several years by both denominations.

This church differed from the present in that there were two front doors, one leading to the men's side and one to the women's side of the church. Among those who occupied places in the choir at that time were Mrs. Benjamin D. Stinson and Miss Sena Cox, a member of the faculty of the Paoli schools at that time.

During the life of this church, Rev. J. A. Scammahorn conducted a great revival during which 169 converts and 75 new members to the church were received. During this revival the schools, then headed by Prof. W. E. Pinkham, were dismissed and held sessions of prayer because of the interest in this revival.

The present church was built in 1881, at a cost of \$2175. When completed, the Rev. J. S. Woods, D. D., of New Albany preached the dedicatory service and in the afternoon Rev. Scammahorn returned to deliver the Gospel message. The pastor at the time of this dedication was Rev. M. S. Heavenridge.

This church has undergone various improvements, the most extensive being in 1923, during the pastorate of the Rev. George Dalrymple, at which time a recreation room was added in the rear, basement rooms, including dining room, kitchen, and class room were added, and memorial windows installed, as well as brick veneering the exterior of the church. When this was completed, Rev. J. W. McFall, a former pastor, returned and delivered the dedicatory sermon. During the pastorate of Rev. H. D. Bassett, a pipe organ was also installed in the church. The interior of the

church has recently been redecorated, and this church is now a beautiful place in which to worship God.

During the nineties, the Epworth League, the Ladies' Aid, and the Womens' Foreign Missionary society were organized. The League was organized by Rev. W. S. Rader, and was among the first chapters in the state. Mrs. Christian Pro was the first president of the Ladies' Aid, and Mrs. W. M. Baggerly was the first president of the W. F. M. S. The surviving charter members of the last named organization are Miss Sarah Throop and Mrs. Charles Harrison.

The list of pastors of this church since its last organization is too great for all to be mentioned, but, sufficed to say, that the list includes 63 pastors who have served this church. Those of more recent years include the following: W. S. McAllister, F. T. Hoon, H. W. Baldridge, J. A. Breeden, J. W. McFall, R. W. Raff, O. E. Haley, Elmer S. Clair, W. L. Alexander, John Asher, George Dalrymple, H. D. Bassett, R. O. LaHue, L. C. Murr, M. Brittingham, Joseph L. Stout, Theron Castleman, and Donald M. Boyd, the present pastor of the church.

### **BRINER SPRINGS CHRISTIAN CHURCH French Lick Township**

The Christian church at Briner Springs was organized and the first building erected in 1880, the charter members of this class being John Briner and wife, Thomas V. Trimble and wife, James Briner and wife, John L. Gilliatt and wife, Emily Trimble, John Wilson and wife, and Mary A. Hall.

Due perhaps to its location, with the accessibility and the membership with other churches, this church organization did not survive many years, and it has now been disbanded and the building sold and removed from the ground.

### **YOUNGS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Greenfield Township**

Youngs Creek Primitive Baptist church was organized Nov. 23, 1872, in the town of Unionville, now known as Youngs Creek, Orange county.

The organization of this church was made up of members from

Providence and Rock Springs churches, which had previously been formed. Among members of this organization, these names are taken from the roster of the Providence church: Lentsford Lomax, Elvira Lomax, Harriette McDonald, Elizabeth Lambdin, Rachel Williard. From the Rock Springs organization we find the names of John Cook, Anna Cook, Rutha J. Lomax, Louvica Hancock, Martha Lomax, Mary E. Lomax, Sarah Hill, Ellen Wright, Leander N. Wright, William Willyard, Nelson Willyard, Nancy Willyard, Emma Lomax, and Albert Mayfield.

Prior to the erection of a church building, the services were held in the Hammond schoolhouse in that vicinity. The church was erected in 1873, and is situated about three fourths mile east of Youngs Creek postoffice.

The church services were first held there in November, 1873, and continued regularly until a few years since. Because of the moving away and death of many of its members, the church is now inactive. However, there are yet several members and church services are held irregularly.

The first pastor for this church was Elder Thomas N. Robertson. Since that time the church has been served by Rev. Samuel McMahon, George T. Mayfield, James Noblitt, William H. Gammon, J. B. Hardy, James B. Wolfe, William C. Hancock, Omer S. Chastair, and Roscoe Totten.

#### **NEWTON STEWART UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH**

In 1834, under the direction of Rev. J. A. Richardson, whose name is mentioned elsewhere in connection with the United Brethren church in this county, an organization was perfected among the families of Jess Tucker, Taylor Dillard, Joseph Whitmire, and others as a church organization and for several years church was held in the school building and in the homes of families nearby.

A deed for a lot for a church building was received by the trustees in 1896 and in 1897 a good frame building was erected.

Earlier than this, perhaps during the forties, there had been a log

house about 1½ miles north of Newton Stewart where the United Brethren faith had worshipped. This place was known as Newton's Ridge and after the new building was completed the church organization was connected with it. The old building stood for many years, although not used for a church.

This church is now used more as a union church with Rev. Taylor as its pastor.

#### **THE INDEPENDENT HOLINESS CHURCH Stampers Creek Township**

This church is located 1½ miles north of Rego and was erected during the fall of 1938, being dedicated on Nov. 4 of that year. The church was the culmination and the outgrowth of religious services conducted by Rev. Elmer Duncan of Indianapolis who, after its building, became the first pastor.

Since the organization of this church, it has had a rather steady growth, and is now conducted under the pastorate of Mrs. James Hueston of West Baden Springs.

Other officers of the church at the present time are James Hueston, treasurer; Miss Shirley Cornelius, secretary; Mrs. George McDonald, Mrs. Ross Cornelius, James McDonald, and Leander Trinkle, trustees, who direct the activities of the church.

Services are held each Thursday and Sunday nights; Sunday school is held on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, followed by regular services, to which the public is welcome.

#### **PLEASANT GROVE Primitive Baptist Church Stampers Creek Township**

The above church is situated about two miles south of Millersburg, on the road leading from that place to Rego, in section 7, township 1 north, range 1 east on land donated to this church organization by the late Henry H. Polson on the third Saturday in September, 1875.

Previous to this, a church organization had been perfected in a school building on the third Saturday in April, 1874.

Charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. William McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. Sarah S. McCoy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H.

Polson, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Griffin, Mrs. Mary A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Wible, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Patton, Mrs. Emily L. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Joah Burt, Mrs. Elizabeth Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Berry Strange, Mrs. Phoebe Rigney, and Mrs. Amariah Warren.

Elder Wesley Polson was elected as the first pastor and moderator of this church, and Henry H. Polson was first clerk. Samuel S. Wible and Granville Patton were elected and ordained as the first deacon. Joah Burt, George W. Griffin, and William McIntosh were the first trustees of the church.

The trustees who have served since the first three are: Jackson McCoy, Jacob Cornwell, Albert Mattox, Lewis Wolf, Samuel J. Norman, Richard P. Magill, Charles P. Clements, William Wells, Fred Trinkle, Alva T. Clements, and Ernest Magill.

Since the first two deacons, Sherman Chastain, Albert Mattox, Richard Magill and Charles P. Clements have served in this capacity, and other clerks serving since Henry H. Polson have been Samuel J. Norman, who served as clerk for 50 years, Charles P. Clements, Carrie Roberts and Mrs. Norah Clements, the present clerk.

The first church services were held at the present and only building on Nov. 20, 1875, the church itself not being fully completed until April, 1876. The records do not show the date of the dedication of this church. At the April, 1876, meeting it is shown that the total cost of the church was \$1,084.90 and the building committee had been discharged and it is quite probable that the dedication would have been held in May following.

The various ministers following the first named are: Francis Marion Mattox, James L. Noblitt, Henry H. Polson, W. H. Lanman, James V. Wolf, T. W. Mitchell, George W. Atkins, William C. Hancock, Sherman Chastain, Oscar P. Danner, Omer Chastain, the present pastor, Ray Jones, and Leslie Wolf.

### SYRIA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Syria Christian church was first organized about 1820 by B. W. Stone, under the name of the Union

church. As was customary during that period, the building was made of logs; it became known as "Pin-hook" because of the wooden hooks, or pins, inserted in the walls for wraps. For 40 years, services were held regularly in this log house. Then, in 1860, when it proved inadequate, it was sold and moved to the farm of William Patton, later known as Tom Phillips' farm, now owned by Arthur McIntosh.

A frame house supplanted the original log cabin. The latter was built by two brothers, Isaac and John Martin, and required two years for its erection. Besides furnishing a place of worship once a month, this structure was used for a school house. Its history as a temple of learning was tumultuous, since there was difficulty in obtaining teachers for the three-months' session. About 40 pupils attended each year. One of its students, John Marshall, who lives west of Orleans, is still alive. To him, this writer is greatly indebted for invaluable aid and for information concerning the early history of the church.

Until a school house was built near-by, students continued to pour over their books in the little frame building. It, too, was called "Pin-hook," the name derived from the earlier church. Meantime a small village had developed south of the church. This village became known as Rife-town, a name dedicated to Dr. Rife who devoted his life to the community and was beloved by all. About 1875, however, it seemed advisable to change the name of the town. A very devout lady, Ella Mavity, who later, twice in succession, became superintendent of Syria church, suggested the Bible name of Syria. To this day, the village and the church have been honored with that title.

On Nov. 29, 1865, one of the most outstanding ministers of the middle west, John W. Marshall, was born in the log house where Millis Lynd now lives. After holding meetings in 14 states, also in Ontario and Manitoba, Canada, he became a revered pastor of the Syria church. Altogether, he had several hundred confessions. Another strong leader was Dr. E. M. Linton, who guided the church activities for about five years. Since then, Dr. Linton has

been for many years a learned professor in the department of government at Indiana university. His influence is felt throughout the state, as well as in many other parts of the country, because of the numerous pupils who have benefitted from his wisdom and kindness.

Commencing with 1860 and continuing to the present day, ministers who have presided at the helm of this church include: Brother Hays, T. Mavity, James Rudder, Brother Shively, Frank Martin, Peter Maris, T. D. Maris, William Beck, Brother Trusty, George Han, William Krutsinger, Thomas Mahan, William Teagarden, John Denny, Ephriam Richardson, William Boston, Homer Adamson, Claude Cogswell, E. M. Linton, A. W. Gehres, W. W. Carter, H. Lee Jacobs, George Owens, H. V. Kline, B. J. Goodrich, and G. Haleck Rowe.

In 1919, while Dr. E. M. Linton was minister, the present church was built. The official church board consisted of F. H. Turner, superintendent, W. H. Riester, Grover Pickens, Ralph Walker, and A. A. Roberts, treasurer. Dedication ceremonies were conducted on June 6, 1920. From adjoining counties great crowds of people attended. Participating in the ceremonies of this grand occasion were many well-known ministers, including Dr. E. M. Linton, S. S. Lappin, John W. Marshall, and Fred R. Davies. Of the total cost \$5028.25, all except \$1300.00 had been paid before the dedication. Withing 28 minutes that amount had been made up. Later so many more contribuions were received that a well was drilled and a cemetery fence constructed. In March, 1927, a full-sized basement was dug at a cost of \$2200.00.

Some of the early leaders were: William Mavity, John Duncan, John M. Lewis, Joel A. Nichlos, T. Mavity, Milton S. Mavity, John Mavity, John K. Mavity, Jefferson Pickens, W. H. Riester, and F. H. Turner. Of the more recent leaders, Ray Daugherty resigned after faithful service and was replaced by Leon Johnson, who has proved himself a devout and capable leader—a man who is fearless and trustworthy. Under his chairmanship, 26 additions to the church have been made in less than 12 months. As an elder,

he is a bulwark of strength; and as a teacher of the young people's class, he has wielded strong influence for good over the community.

In the spring of 1937, the congregation voted to elect a committee to clean the cemetery. This committee consisted of Manse Johnson, chairman, Manse Turner, and Edward Pickens. As a result of their labors, Syria has one of the most beautiful cemeteries to be found in any country community. The present committee is made up of John Turner, chairman, Ralph Walker, and Amos Pickens, treasurer.

With ambitious hopes for the future, immediate plans are to re-decorate the interior and procure new doors and a furnace during the coming year.

Syria has an excellent organization of young people, known as "The Christian Union." This society was first formed in September, 1939. Virginia Speer, the current president, although a young lady of only 15 years, is an earnest and capable leader, full of enthusiasm and splendid ideas.

The present church board includes: Elders, Leon Johnson, Manse Turner, Amos Pickens, John Turner; trustees, Shelby Cornwell, Frank Pickens, Harry Fisher; deacons, Robert Turner, Frank Lindley, Earl E. Newlin, Dale Lanier, Frank Pickens, Frank McCoy, Ralph Walker, Burrell Fisher, Edward Pickens; church clerk, Merle Johnson; pianist, Mrs. Ralph Walker, and treasurer, Mrs. Stella Turner.

### **METHODIST CHURCH Chambersburg Paoli Township, Ind.**

The Methodist Episcopal church of Chambersburg was organized during the early forties and for the next few years meetings were held in private homes of the organizers and in school houses.

During the early fifties, a frame church was erected, principally from labor of interested parties and from donations of members and friends of the organization.

Among the early members of this church are found these names: Daniel Robbins, Jane Robbins, Alexander Kearby, Joel Kearby, Edward Kearby, Robert Paschal, Mary Paschal, John G. Cadle, Mil-

ton Hobson, Hiram T. Lindley, Mrs. Caroline Baker, a number of Boyd families, Stewarts, and others.

The greater number of the regular ministers were supplied from the M. E. church at Paoli. However, church services were discontinued many years since and the building has now been torn away, and no further church services are held in connection with this organization.

#### **WESLEY CHAPEL** **Methodist Church** **Jackson Township**

In about 1860 the Bruebecks, Eastridges, Gilliatts, and other families of that community gathered themselves together for the organization of a Methodist church organization. For sometime the church services were held in the homes of families in that community and in the school houses nearby. Later a building was erected for these services and continued to the present time. The present pastor now serving this church in regular meetings is Reverend Coats.

#### **CHRISTIAN CHURCH** **Orleans, Ind.**

In the year 1862, Dr. E. D. Laughlin and family came to Orleans from Roseville, Ind., in Park county. The Dr. and Mrs. Laughlin were earnest members of the church and they soon set about to establish a church of the New Testament order in Orleans.

At this time, the Christian church at Liberty had a large congregation, embracing many families in Orleans, as well as in the country surrounding the church, and it was not an easy matter to establish a new church under these conditions. Dr. Laughlin, however, kept his purpose in view, and, while practicing his profession and driving long distances through the country solicited subscriptions for the proposed new building.

Associated with Dr. Laughlin in this endeavor, were George P. Hon and William Wright, and these three men were responsible for raising the funds. There really was no organization until the building were erected and dedicated. The lot upon which the church was built was bought of Dr. Henry Lingle, the

purchase price of which was \$100.00, half of which was donated by Dr. Lingle. The building is said to have cost \$1200.00 and many of the donors gave trees as their donations, and in many cases brought them long distances.

The building was dedicated in the fall of 1867 and William Black of Chicago was the minister in charge of the dedicatory services. Hamilton Clipp and John P. Carter were the building contractors. The first officers of the church were Dr. E. D. Laughlin, William Wright, and George P. Hon, elders, and these men also served as trustees. Dr. Laughlin served this church as elder for 40 years, resigning at the age of 80 years. The other two served until the time of their death. From an old record dated April, 1867, we find the names of Volney Menaugh, John Chenoweth, and Benton J. Hon, as deacons.

Mrs. David Huffstetter is said to have presented the church with its first pulpit Bible.

Many people from the church at Liberty transferred their membership to the new church in the village, and the congregation soon became a strong and powerful force for good in the village and surrounding territory.

The first marriage performed in the church was that of James T. King and Mrs. Irene Watts, which occurred on May 6, 1869. The second was that of Jefferson L. Nugent and Miss Kate Moore on Dec. 31, 1876.

Among the first ministers are found the names of Moses Smith, John Mavity, James Mathers, Gardner, Bray, Treat and others.

In the year 1880, Bro. Jonathan Stanley held a meeting which resulted in the addition of 116 souls to the membership.

The Dorcas society, the first woman's organization, was organized in 1887. Mrs. Mahala Hardman, Mrs. Rachel Moore, Mrs. Syrilda Ficklin, and Mrs. Irene King were the first deaconesses.

Jefferson L. Nugent was probably the first Sunday school superintendent.

In 1919, John W. Marshall became the pastor of the church and his coming as pastor meant new life and prosperity to all the depart-

ments of the work. A new and more commodious building now became necessary and plans were soon put into operation to this end. A building committee consisting of O. W. Stephenson, chairman, James Cloud, J. T. White, and R. M. Chatham were appointed. The financial committee was composed of George Carter, chairman, Dr. O. H. Stewart, John W. Marshall, William Jones, Mrs. Maude Shirley, and Louella Moore. Miss Moore served as treasurer of the building fund.

The work of erection was begun in April, 1920. The cornerstone was laid in May and the building dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1920, with Bro. C. W. Cauble and Bro. John W. Marshall officiating. The building cost \$25,000.00.

Following the ministry of John Marshall, the church called T. J. Wilson in April, 1922. In January, 1924, W. W. Carter was called. He was followed by short ministries of Bro. Jacobs and Bro. Owen. In 1930, Bro. H. J. Kline was called and remained until August, 1934. In October, 1935, the church called W. A. Everhart who remained until July, 1937. The congregation immediately called C. W. Parks to its ministry and he began work Sept. 1, 1937.

The first task undertaken was the payment of \$1500 still due on the building fund debt. The payment of this debt was made possible by the agreement of one member to pay half the debt if the church would raise half. This debt in this manner was easily and quickly raised and on the third Sunday in November, 1937, the mortgage was burned and the church declared free of debt. This was a day of great rejoicing.

A new floor was placed in the basement at a cost of \$350.00, which was paid in cash.

The women's organization, now known as the Service club, had accumulated throughout the years, a sum of money to be used in replastering and decorating the auditorium. Under the direction of Rev. Parks, this task was finished in the month of April, 1933. A new indirect lighting system was installed and at present, this is one of the most attractive auditoriums in the county.

This church now does a modern

work in every respect. It maintains a Bible school of 150 members, with Vance Worrell as superintendent. It has not only its Service club, of which Mrs. Zola Wilfong is president, but it has an active missionary society, a Christian Endeavor society, an orchestra, men's chorus, choir, and daily vacation Bible school, and sent three young people to a Christian service camp the past summer.

### **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** **French Lick**

The Presbyterian church in French Lick was organized in 1907, under the leadership of Andrew H. McCampbell and wife. Within a few years, the society erected a church at the corner of Main and Monon streets and for a time thereafter continued as an active Presbyterian church.

However, the support of the church was not sufficient to enable its meager membership to continue, the membership of the church disbanded, and became worshippers with other churches, and the building itself was sold to the United Brethren church, which is mentioned elsewhere.

### **PANTHER CREEK** **CHURCH OF CHRIST** **Jackson Township**

This church organization began in 1840 principally by the families of Parks and Bledsoes. It is located in the central part of Jackson township, and their services are now conducted in the church building erected about 25 years ago, which is the second of the main buildings erected for this church. The pastor at the present time is Reverend Fred Mills.

### **PLEASANT VALLEY** **CHRISTIAN CHURCH** **French Lick Township**

During the late eighties, a Christian church, known as Pleasant Valley class, was organized and a church building was erected about four miles south of French Lick.

Among the persons identified with this church were Abraham L. Baxter and family, William J. Livengood and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Sutton, and Mr. and Mrs. William M. Baxter.

This church organization was disbanded many years ago, and the church building has now been torn away.

### MT. PLEASANT CHURCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST

#### Paoli Township

The first record pertaining to this church is dated Dec. 31, 1841, when delegates called from Spice Valley, Mount Oreb, Beaver Creek, and Lost River, met with brethren and sisters that had agreed to be constituted into a church capacity at Mount Pleasant on Lost river, and were organized into a presbytery and proceeded to business by appointing brother Joseph Odell as moderator, and brother Moses Riggs, clerk. Rev. Odell apparently served until 1847.

The record shows a very large number of persons at once became members of this new church body, and among these names, the family names most familiar to present day readers were Stephen Fröst, William Baker, Isaac N. McLane, Henry H. Webb, William Webster, Abraham Wells, Ashberry Speer, Lemuel Pickens, Meredith Tungate, Silas McCart, William H. Cowherd, Robert True, and many others, who, with their wives and families, subscribed to the Articles of Faith, the Covenants of the Church, and the Rules of Decorum as prepared, and became a separate and distinct church organization.

By the Rules of Decorum, it was provided that the church shall meet on the first Saturday in each month, unless otherwise directed, and soon afterward, at least, one Sabbath in each month is 'directed' for services. The first trustees selected were Henry Webb, George Aldridge and William Baker.

In 1842, a committee composed of William Baker, Abraham Wells, and Robert True was appointed to select a site for the building of a house of worship. They later reported that they had received a grant of one acre of land from Isaac Kimbley on which to build a church (1843) and a committee was appointed to receive subscriptions for building cost. No record is found of any building on this site.

Again in 1848, a building committee composed of Z. C. Smith, Wil-

liam Baner, Abraham Wells, Lemuel Pickens, Hiram Marshall, Robert True, and John Baker was appointed, and in October, 1848, a deed was secured from Lemuel Pickens for one acre of land on which to build a house of worship. It is not until April, 1853, that the records show the completion of the frame church building at a cost of \$705.99. At this time, among the members, the names of Wells, Jones, Chisham, Pickens, Baker, McCart, True, Doak, Porter, Speer, Marshall, Irvine, Chatham, Frost, and Noblitt appear.

In 1869, the church donated the north one-third of church ground to be used for cemetery purposes, and also secures additional land for church use.

Record of first Sunday in March, 1889, shows permission of church for use of house to carry on union Sunday school with church.

The church has always shown an interest in the needs of the world and among these we find that on the last Sunday in April, 1913, a "collection of \$7 was taken by the Sunday School for the flood sufferers at Lawrenceburg."

In 1921, a building committee was appointed to consider a new building. The new building, of brick veneer construction, was completed at a total cost of \$5008 50, exclusive of labor given by members, and dedicated by Rev. C. G. Morse of Martinsville, Ind., July 29, 1923.

Since the completion of the new building, many additions have been made, including a drilled well, a new piano, a lighting system donated by the late Frank H. Turner, a neighbor and a friend to the church, a basement completed for church use, and this year (1939) rural electrification has brought to the church complete electric service.

It can be truly said that this has been throughout its life of almost 100 years, one of the stronger rural churches of the county, a community center for the young, and a Bible home for the aged, and bids fair to so continue for many years.

Among the pastors who followed Rev. Odell, the first are found the names of J. Carothers, William Baker, J. B. Porter, J. K. Howard, Aaron Speer Sr., Rev. Renfro, R. M. Parks, Jacob Brengle, Fleming H. Duncan, J. D. Crabbs, M. C. Clark,



Wright Sanders, E. P. Thorne, J. D. Arvin, J. S. Cobb, W. C. Polson, E. P. Thorne, W. J. Neal, Rev. Paddock, H. S. Burns, Lacy Basham, Gilbert McCammack, H. C. Lowder, Ralph Johnson and Rev. Windham.

**UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH**  
of Chambersburg  
Paoli Township

Following soon after the organization of the Methodist Episcopal church in Chambersburg, a group of Godly people organized the United Brethren church in Chambersburg, under Rev. L. S. Chittenden. At that time, the church was under the Washington circuit, and for several years thereafter this church alternated with the Methodist church in the use of the school building for church purposes.

A deed was secured for a church lot in 1864, at which time a frame house was erected on this ground.

Among the early members were Solomon Danner and family, Joseph Cox and family, William Gray and family, Joseph Moore, Elijah Purkhiser, J. T. Wolfe, R. S. Dillinger, and others.

From 1880 to about 1900, a parsonage for the charge was also located at Chambersburg.

While the society was never at any time numerically great, at times there were some very strong revivals which brought much activity in His service for extended periods. At the present time, however, the church is inactive, and the buildings have been torn away.

**Highland**  
**Methodist Church**  
French Lick Township

This church is situated about three miles north and west of West Baden Springs, and had its beginning in the early nineties, when a class was formed in what was then known as the Buncombe school house. This class continued to worship for some time in this school building, until the present church house was erected.

Among the families connected with the Highland (Buncombe) class, are found the names of Alfred Tomlinson and family and Ellis Speece and family.

This church organization was a part of the Orangeville circuit for

several years, and later was connected with West Baden charge. At the present time there is no active church organization here and only occasional services are held in this church.

**PILGRIM HOLINESS CHURCH**  
French Lick Town

This church was organized about 1914. Some time after its organization, the members purchased the church then in use by the Methodist class, at which time, the Methodists erected their present building.

Among those who were connected with the organization of the Pilgrim Holiness church, are found these names: Charles Crowder and family, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Johnson, and Mr. and Mrs. George W. Taylor.

This church holds regular services with a fair membership. It is now under the pastorate of Rev. Jesse Hayhurst.

**THE RED QUARRY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Founded 1888

In the year of 1888, Brother John P. Davis held a revival meeting during the month of December, in the Red Quarry school house. A number of people gave their lives to Christ and united with the church at that time. After the revival, Brother Davis preached in the school house each month. Soon afterward, with the help of Brother Volney Trimble, another meeting was held and in the spring of 1889 ministry. Brother Trevor Pinnick the first church of any kind to be organized in the Red Quarry community came into existence and was named the Red Quarry Church of Christ.

This church was founded on the first principles of the primitive Christian faith, which embodied faith in the Fatherhood of God and the Divine Sonship of Jesus, the Christ. "Christ our creed, and the Bible our rule of faith and practice," and "Where the scriptures speak, we speak, and where the scriptures are silent, we are silent," were slogans adopted and followed.

Some of its charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mac, Hattie Purkhiser, Martin Purkhiser, Mr. and Mrs. John Purkhiser, Mr.

and Mrs. William Campbell, Sr., Della Campbell, Elca Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. William Spoonmore, Mr. and Mrs. John Laws, Eva Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Singleton Pinnick, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Shields, Mr. and Mrs. William Wyman, William Holt, Curt Holt, Mac Holt, Mr. and Mrs. John Foote, Mamie Abels, Lizzie Purkhiser, and Mr. and Mrs. Hueston Shields. The elders elected and ordained for this first organization were: Levi Shields and Daniel Nelson, Sr. The deacons were: William Campbell Jr., and Singleton Pinnick. Asberry Carnes came into the church during this early period and was baptized by Elder Nelson.

In 1898, William Cox held a revival meeting and among those who gave their lives to Christ during that revival and placed their membership with this church were: Mary Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. John Carnes, Mahalia Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carnes, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson. Following the ministry of William Cox came that of James Cox.

Brother William Cummins held a revival meeting in 1910, at No. 5 school house in this community and many were added to the church at that time. The writer does not have a list of these additions. Brother Cummins, assisted by Brother McKinney of the French Lick Christian church, continued his work for some time.

From about 1918 to 1921, there was no active church in this immediate community. Because of the need and desire of the people here, and upon the invitation of two young ladies of this community who were then teaching in the French Lick schools, Brother N. L. Collins, then with the French Lick Christian church, came and held a series of meetings. Through his leadership and inspiration, this church was revived and the present building was erected by the people of this community assisted by neighboring communities.

The Red Quarry Christian church building, which was dedicated July 30, 1922, is a modern country church. Its auditorium comfortably

seats 200 people and the basement is same size. This church is built on a hill overlooking the beautiful countryside for miles around. On every Lord's day morning, its doors are open for Sunday school and worship. Many young people are getting the training and inspiration here that will guide them through life. One young man of this church was ordained here in July, 1938, and has consecrated his life to the is now a student in Johnson Bible college where he is soon to be graduated. During his vacations, he preaches for his home church and for neighboring Christian churches.

Among the pastors who have served this church since its dedication are: Otho Jackson, Loyd Van Loyal, Lee Tinsley, Drash, Calois Cogswell, Harry Graham, McAlpin, Chris Parks, and Trevor Pinnick. Some of those who have held evangelistic services are: Davies, James Small, Bob Kelly, Weaver, and Stark.

At present, the church is in good condition and it is the sincere desire of the officers and laymen that all people in this extended territory, without a church home, will make this their church home; and all those who have a church home elsewhere come often to our church and make it their home while with us.

The present trustees of this church are Thomas D. Pinnick and J. Harry Hendrix; Brother J. H. Carnes served as trustee until his death in 1938. At this writing no one has been elected to succeed him. The present elders are Trevor Pinnick and B. L. Newland and the deacons are Roy Land, Harry Carnes, and John M. Daugherty.

#### **THE FRIENDS CHURCH IN PAOLI**

Many of the early settlers of this county, and especially of this community were of the Friends (or Quaker) religion, and therefore the earliest churches of this community were of that faith. As years went by, many of these settlers moved into Paoli and the need of a church there became more apparent.

At a monthly meeting held at Newberry church in August of 1899 a committee was named to procure a suitable site for a church and to plan the building. The site was pur-

chased from the late Dr. L. S. Bowles on North Gospel street, and the following February Clark Brown, Amos Stout, S. C. Hill, John E. Lindley, Laban Lindley, James Jones, Thomas Maris, Hiram Trueblood, Aaron Maris, and Adolphus Braxtan were appointed a committee with authority to proceed with the erection of the building.

As the building neared its completion, it was agreed that beginning with January, 1892, all monthly meetings should be held with the Paoli church, and that the name should be changed from Lick Creek to Paoli monthly meeting, and that the April and October monthly meetings should be held with this church each year. With this action completed, in November, 1891, formal permission was granted to set up a separate meeting at Paoli. The builders completed their work, and the church was dedicated Mar. 6, 1892. The first monthly meeting was held in April 1892, with the late Mrs. Belle T. Braxtan as presiding clerk.

Immediately after the dedication a Sunday school was organized with Dr. C. L. Boyd as superintendent, continuing for many years. The present superintendent is John J. Copeland, who has now served many years, and whose every activity has been for the growth and success of the school. Because of the growth and activities of the church and its Sunday school, a movement is now on foot to build additional rooms to accommodate these activities.

Because Friends have never before as minister was recorded to Clara P. Lindley.

Later ministers have been Orlando Tomlinson, Murray Kenworthy, George H. Moore, Walter Brown, James R. Jones, Henley Sherrill, Albert Copeland, Lee Partington, Frank Long, and Eldon. Believed that the divine call to religious service is a matter of sex, gifted women have served the church acceptedly as pastors and as officers. Two of such women have served this church, Mrs. Lydia Heath and Mrs. Gertrude Reiner. During the service of the first pastor of the church, the Rev. Cyrus Jones, the Farmer. In 1933 a residence was secured near the church to be furn-

ished as a home for the pastors, and is known as Friends' House for the ministers.

All department of the church are well organized and doing satisfactory work. There are the Wee Friends, the Juniors, the Young Friends the Missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid, and especially to be commended for its work is the music committee. Also a group of members of the church are interested and are in care of the management of the Community cemetery, and their services here are equally commendable.

### **CORKS CHAPEL** **Primitive Baptist Church** **Jackson Township**

This church was organized in 1839, principally through the influence of Cork King, Richard Pittman, and — Gilliatt. It is located in the eastern part of Jackson township. The membership is not very large and the church has been served by several pastors and visiting pastors. At the present time Reverend Omar Chastain of near Campbel sburg,

### **CARTERS CREEK CHURCH** **North East Township**

Early in the 1820's a brother by the name of Thomas Green came from Kentucky to this part of the state, preaching the Gospel. After listening to his preaching, a number of his listeners believed and obeyed the truth as it was expounded by him, and on the fourth Sunday in May, 1827, he organized the Church of Christ at what was known then as Mount Pisgha, now known as Carters Creek. Among those members were Isaac Headley, Abraham Fulfee, Rillah Lee, Polly Richardson, Sarah Hayes, and others.

For the first few years the meetings for worship were in private homes. Then in 1832, the first church was built and was situated across the creek to the south from the present church building. It was a log house, in which building the entire community gave a helping hand. In October, 1832, the building was dedicated by Reverend Joseph Hostetler, and Thomas Lockhart, the dedication being followed by a series of meetings with a large number of additions to the church

The building served the congregation until 1852 when, during that year and the year following, a new building was erected and is still in use. This new church was dedicated by Lemuel Martin and Thomas Martin and continued as a live community center, a church organization of peace and harmony and devoted to the work of the Master until 1895. During the years from its organization to that date, it had come to be known generally as the Christian or Campbellite church.

A part of the practices of the Carters Creek church for the first 10 years of its existence was that of "Communion services every three months," but in later years this service of communion was held each month.

It has always been the characteristic of this church, signifying the love and the faith of its members, that during the first 75 years of its existence very little was said about the finances of the church, but as it was shown to be needed the members came forward and covered the needs happily. This had been true from its beginning since in the first organization of the church there was shown the need of a church treasurer, and Alex Wilson was selected as the first church treasurer. Others who became leading members of the church during or about this period were Columbus H. Richards, Samuel Hayes, Washington Case, William Wires, Phillip Clipp, William Mathew, James M. Baker, James M. Worrell, and Frank Ingram.

In 1895, as mentioned herein, there came about a division in the minds of the members of this church and a number of its members left this church and organized another church nearby known as the Freedom Church of Christ. It is further mentioned in the history of the churches of Orange county.

It is a further fact worth noting that during the entire existence of his church organization one name stands out on the record from its beginning until the present date. That name is Hayes, with six generations of that family following their worship in this church. The first of these generations was Sarah Hayes, followed successively by Samuel Hayes, John Hayes,

Charles Hayes, Delbert Hayes, and Fred Hayes. It is further perhaps true that no other church congregation in the county can make such a splendid statement from its church records.

Together with the name of Hayes, mentioned above, there are among the active members of the church today, these families names:

Henry C. Freed and others of the Freed name, James D. Worrell and wife, the Bishop family Harold Edwards and wife, Elmer Baker, and many other members of the Baker family, the Moon family, the Hayes families, Crocketts, Hoars, and other of the community citizens.

From this number the official family of the church is as follows: Elders, Henry C. Freed, Elmer Baker, and James D. Worrell; deacons, Glen Bishop and Harold Edwards; secretary, Lula Moon.

Many ministers of the Gospel have served this church through i s more than 100 year of active service for God in that community, and among the names of these pastors during that time are found the names of George Hon, Lemuel Martin, William Hayes, William Krut-singer, William Ingram, Edmond Chastain, Aaron Hubbard, Moses Smith, William McCoy, John S. Denny, Daniel Sommers, P. B. May, Frank Martin, John W. Marshall, Edward Crawford, A. C. Trusty, Grant Sutherland, C'aude E. Cogswell, B. E. Schofield, Ira Cowling, Emmett Wells, Ora Cox, B. J. Goodrich, and R. G. Rains, the last named being the present pastor of the church.

Not only have these ministers served the church, but from its membership have gone forth as ministers of the Gospel of Christ, the following: Isaac Headley, William Hayes, William Krutsinger, Edmond Chastain, William Tegar-den, William Ingram, Ephriam Richardson, Arvy G. Freed, Theodore J. Freed, now located at Rockport, Ind., and Claude E. Cogswell, located at Knox City, Texas.

Note: There may be some errors and some omissions in this account, due to the fact that the complete records of the church were destroyed by fire many years ago, in the destruction of the home of Joseph Freed, and were re-written from

memory by A. H. Hayes, a lifelong member of this church, and his active participation in the work and the happenings of this church organization.

**HARNED CHAPEL**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Southeast Township, Ind.**

This church is listed in connection with what is now known as the Harned Chapel United Brethren church, because the first church organization was founded by the Methodist church three miles southwest of Valeene in 1845. The original church was of log construction, later being weatherboarded, and for many years was used by this Methodist organization, having among its membership the names of Thomas Harned and family, the Dillard's, Sloans, Crandalls, Stones, and others of that vicinity of that period. During the time of the continuation of this church organization, Willam, Michael, and John Harned became ministers in the work of that church. A strong Sunday school class was likewise kept in connection with the church services.

Later with the changes which time often brings, this church was discontinued entirely, and the grounds and the building were purchased by a United Brethren organization and became a church of that faith, but retaining the same name. A new building was erected some little distance from the old and continues its worship today as

**HARNED CHAPEL**  
**United Brethren Church**

It is one of the later United Brethren churches established in Orange county, being organized by Rev. J. M. Osborne in 1891, by and with the assistance of James Trinkle, Volney Stone, Joel Denton, Bal Moon, and others.

In 1894 a frame building was erected upon land deeded to the organization by Thomas Crandall, and in the fall of that year the new building was dedicated by Rev. A. B. Condo, a well-known U. B. minister, and one who has perhaps done more to perpetuate the history of the United Brethren churches in Indiana than any other one person.

This church today has a small membership, but a community of friends who are interested in the church and give of their support to it, and make of it a very active community center. It has a strong Sunday school and is very active in this work. Among its present membership are found the names of Mr. and Mrs. Ott Dooley, Mrs. W. T. Eichelberger, David Apple, Mrs. Andrew Redden, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Moon, Mrs. George Landreth, Mrs. Emma Walls, and others. With these there are several who retain their membership here, but are living in other localities.

As pastor of the church, it is now under the care of Rev. David Owens of Paoli. Others who have served the church in this capacity during its existence are Johnny Richardson, Simon Walls, Porter Walls, M. E. Apple, Thomas Kendall, I. S. McIver, Charley Galloway, Rev. McClure, and perhaps others. It remains today a "church by the side of the road," eager to continue in its service of praise, and in the spread of good fellowship throughout the land.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**Orleans, Ind.**

The organization of this church dates to March 26, 1852, at a meeting held in the Methodist church, to consider the propriety of forming such a church organization. In this meeting was set out a Church Covenant, declaring themselves as "Constituting a Baptist Church of Christ in this place (Orleans) and having all due knowledge of each other in point of work of Grace in our hearts, religious principles, and moral character, and being desirous of enjoying the privileges of God's people in a church relation, do, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, voluntarily and freely give ourselves up to the Lord and to one another, according to his word, to be one body under one head, to exist and act by the bonds and rules of the Gospel, etc."

Likewise the records of this church organization sets out the Articles of Faith and Rules of Order as adopted and signed by the members constituting the organization meeting on the date above mentioned. Among the names of

these early members were J. D. Crabbs, William McCoy, R. M. Parks, E. P. Bond, T. N. Robertson, Levisa Sheilds, Eliza Fidler, Nancy A. Cloud, Martha W. Wells, Mary A. Shinder, Robert Patton, Anna Moore, Frederick Baker, and others to the total number of 31.

The first trustees selected from the membership were J. V. Alexander, Z. C. Smith, and J. M. Archer. The first regular meeting of the organization, in accordance with the Rules of Order of the Church, was held on the fourth Saturday in April following the date of the organization. The records available do not show where this meeting was held, but presumably in the home of one of the organizing members or in the Methodist church, the members of which had so kindly given them the use of their church for organization purposes.

Soon after its organization, lots number 225 and 6 in the Bradley and Allen addition to the town of Orleans were deeded to the new church by Benjamin Blackwell and wife, Lawrence Bradley and Albert Allen, public spirited citizens of the town "to be used in such manner as they might choose to further their desires for a home for Christian worship." The early records state: "A church house was finally completed in 1854 at a cost of \$800. It is a very good frame building and is yet in use (1880) though several times repaired." Elder T. N. Robertson was the first pastor, and for him the church first purchased a parsonage near the Monon railroad station, later erecting a parsonage just south of the church.

(The church records from its beginning, as above set out, to April, 1876, were not available, hence no record of the activities between these periods is given herein.)

The resumption of the church minutes shows the pastorate of W. L. Botson, T. B. Walker, and records very completely the death of Elder T. N. Robertson, March 17, 1879, 'who had aided in the planting and organizing of this church and many in this section and elsewhere.' Other ministers who served the church following those named were Wright Sanders, J. K. Howard, B. J. Davis, John H. Wright, I. P. Trot-

ter, J. F. Brengle, M. C. Clark, J. E. Watson, E. A. Howard, L. P. Groves, A. C. Pyle, M. L. Harris, Rev. Duncan, and Rev. G. L. Prather, covering the period to 1915.

Among other pastors who have served the charge since that time, are found the names of J. H. Wright, W. L. Boston, R. M. Parks, B. J. Davis, C. A. Sigmon, J. R. Stuckey, Rev. Burns, F. C. Leudecke, Rev. J. Paul Clark, H. B. Leonard, G. C. Mitchell, and Roscoe M. Boston, the last named serving the church at this time.

Among the officials of the church whose names have been found in the records are those of Ella Walker, B. Williams, E. P. Walker, James L. Porter, Sarah Porter, Jesse Reed, Jesse L. Burton, Cora Brengle, Mrs. Wil. Richadson, Addie Belle Walker, and Oscar C. Asher, who have served as church clerks. Also listed are the names of T. H. Brengle, T. B. Walker, E. P. Walker, Thomas Brengle, James Worrell, Joseph A. Miler, Jesse L. Burton, Audie Carter, Bert Hackney, Harry Durnil and James Fidler, as deacons. Many of the members of the church have given freely of their time and their services as trustees. Those of a very early date included E. P. Walker, W. L. Boyd, T. B. Walker, Thomas Brengle, James Worrell, and John Fidler, following on down to the present time with Jesse L. Burton, T. J. Brengle, Usebius Sallee, John Brooks, W. O. Sageser, I. V. Baker, O. R. Brooks, Isaac Michener, John Brooks, John Warren, Harry Durnil, Bert Hackney, Harry Ashley, G. D. Qualkenbush, and Lee Roy Bledsaw. There have perhaps been others of the official family whose names are not recorded, no less worthy of being listed than are those whose names are given.

This church and its parsonage has served the congregation to this time during which period there have been many changes and reconditioning, each change making it better than the past. The church now shows an active membership of a little more than 100 members, with regular services, a faithful and energetic congregation and officers, and a willing pastor who is diligent in its service and has most at heart the upbuilding and the perpetua-

tion of His Kingdom through the influence of the Missionary Baptist church of Orleans.

**FAUCETT'S CHAPEL**  
**M. E. Church**  
**Northwest Township**

For a period of more than 100 years, there has been a worship known as Faucetts Chapel class in Orange county. The society was organized in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Faucett in 1837.

The organization was said to have been perfected by one Rev. William McGrimes, who was listed as being a missionary for the organization of churches about that time. About this time came one Lorenzo Dow into the county, a minister who claimed the world for his parish, and one among his converters was Mary Wilson Bruner, mother of the late William A. Bruner. Others who were listed as becoming members of this class were Elizabeth William and Hannah Faucett, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, grandfather of the late Lewis P. Brown, William Hamilton, James and Elizabeth Perrin, Joseph Hamilton, and Susan Hamer.

For many years church services were held in the homes of various members. In 1847, James Faucett Sr. gave the land upon which the first church was erected, it being a log building, with Rev. Samuel Hicks in pastoral care at that time. The trustees are listed as being Eli and William Faucett, Jonathan L. Brown, William Hamilton, and James Perrin.

Its various ministers were of the "circuit-rider" type of that day, who traveled on horseback from the east into the western wilderness, with the saddlebags containing hymn books and Bibles, and held religious services in the homes of members, preaching a Gospel of power, organized religious societies, built churches, risked and sacrificed all-even life itself-and left a rich heritage to all the world.

For a few years this log building served the double purpose of church and school, and one of the early teachers here was Ruth Hobbs, sister of Rev. W. P. Hobbs. Later she became the wife of L. D. Miller, and the mother of Samuel, Harry, L. O., and Dow Miller, well known in the county.

The log building served the congregation until 1879, when a new frame building was completed, at a cost of more than \$1000, and this building has served its membership since. Among the families who have labored for the service of the Master in more recent years have been the Millers, Browns, Hamiltons, Faucetts, Collins, Southernns, Dickeys, Pruetts, Hatfields, Gerkins, Kenyons, Duncans, Pinnicks, Ritters, Robbins, Hobbses, and Dennys. From these families have gone forth many teachers and business men, and women whose lives have helped to shape the destiny of a community, a county, and a state.

And in the continuity of a service for the Master, this little church on the hillside in the wildwood has perhaps sent out more ministers for the M. E. conference than have been sent out from any other church in the county. Among these we are given the names of Revs. N. F. Denny, C. H. Pinnick, E. T. Gerkin, George Godwin, Stafford Godwin, and Angie Godwin, the last named being the founder of the Methodist orphanage at Lebanon, Ind. And as worthy he pers to these ministers, we are told there has gone out from this church wives for ministers as follows: Lydia L. Southern, as the wife of Rev. N. F. Denny; Anna Henson, wife of Rev. E. T. Gerkin; Dora Duncan, wife of Rev. Reynolds; Josie Hatfield, wife of Rev. Lem Grigsby; Maude Godwin, wife of Rev. Street; May Robbins, wife of Rev. A. E. Chastain, and Miss Anna Gerkin, who became the wife of an M. E. minister in Iowa.

The records show the name of 43 ministers who have served this church, most of whom, with the membership who served its early days, are now gone. May it be said of them, they have gone to their crowning, and their works do follow them.

Note: This additional information was furnished the writer by Wayne Chastain, of Mitchell, Ind., a grandson of David T. Robbins, for many years a leader in the church, and was copied from a paper prepared by the Rev. N. F. Denny, and is perhaps authentic.

## METHODIST CHURCH Orleans Town

While it is not definitely known as to the date of the first Methodist in Orleans, diligent search reveals that as early as 1816, R. R. Roberts, later Bishop Roberts, preached in Orleans, then a part of Washington county.

These early organizations were termed "classes" and their visiting ministers belonged to "circuits." The Orleans class was attached to the Bloomington circuit and was organized perhaps in 1822, with John Cord as the first pastor. Later we find Orleans connected with Bedford, New Albany and Paoli circuit and later becoming a charge of its own.

In 1914, Rev. John Poucher, D. D., pastor of this church at that time, prepared a very complete history of the churches in Orleans, and from this work, much of the information of the Methodist church in Orleans is taken. From this, we learn that on Aug. 16, 1826, lot 273 in the town of Orleans was conveyed to S. B. A. Carter, John Sears, Henry Redfield, Samuel Worrell, Joshua Brothers, Lewis Haller, and John McCoy, trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States, this being the first deed for church property in Orange county.

A log house, 30x40, was built for church purposes, the members being principally the trustees and their families, with some other citizens of that community. Members were often called together by the blowing of a horn when some visiting preacher, passing through the country, stopped over night and preached for them.

Among the pastors for the next few years were John Miller, William H. Smith, William Moore, James McKean, John Strange, and H. S. Talbott. In 1837, John B. Moyer and wife conveyed lots 275, 276, 279, and 298 to the trustees for a parsonage and until 1842 the Orleans charge is combined with various appointments and at that time became a part of the Bedford district.

In 1849, a brick church was erected on lot 221, the present church site, at a cost of about \$2000, and was dedicated in 1850. The site was conveyed from Henry and Mary S. Lingle to the trustees of that time.

It is singular to note that the making of the deed was deferred until after the building was completed. The dedicatory sermon was preached by William M. Daily, afterwards president of Indiana university, and G. W. Walker was the preacher in charge.

Other ministers whose names are given as pastors about this time are William Shanks, Elijah Whitten, John W. Powell, and J. B. Hamilton. On April 18, 1854, lot 188 was purchased by the trustees and became a second parsonage for the ministers serving here.

In 1903, a committee on building a new church was appointed, consisting of W. F. Sears, U. N. Jordan, Jonce Monyhyan, C. A. Conder, T. B. Ritter, G. M. Albertson, Henry Reed, W. C. R. Kemp, R. A. Troth, R. E. Baker, G. H. Carter, and C. H. Shirley. These, with a number of other leading members who felt "that our church and parsonage are entirely inadequate for our needs and ability," proceeded to carry out the wishes of the congregation. The corner lots adjoining the existing site were purchased, and on Oct. 10, 1903, the corner-stone-laying ceremonies occurred, the Rev. John Poucher, D. D., delivering a very fitting address for the occasion. The new building, with an estimated value of \$8000 was completed and dedicated June 5, 1904, Rev. Poucher again officiating.

The official board at this time was John Poucher, presiding elder; John W. Hanger, preacher in charge; William F. Patton, a local elder; Mrs. Belle Rice, class leader; W. C. R. Kemp, recording steward; Miss Minnie Allen, Claude F. Mathers, William F. Sears, R. A. Troth, Mrs. Winifred Brengle, stewards; George M. Albertson, W. C. R. Kemp, and Henry Reed, trustees; and Mrs. Josephine A. Leatherman, Sabbath school superintendent. In 1904, L. C. Jeffry came to this charge and remained until 1909, during which time the new parsonage was built. R. W. Raaf was appointed to complete the assignment of Rev. Jeffrey, and was followed by N. F. Denny. Rev. John Poucher became pastor in 1913, remaining in charge until his death June 29, 1918.

The church continued very active until Feb. 18, 1914, when it, with the



contents, was wholly destroyed by fire. With a fund of \$5,500 paid by the insurance company, the board of trustees met immediately and proposed to raise \$5000 additional, with which to construct and equip a new church, more commodious, and more suited as a modern church edifice. It is today one of the nicer and better churches in this or surrounding towns.

The supervising architect for the new building was L. H. Sturges of Indianapolis and the construction contract was awarded to William Toelle. To Mrs. Mary A. Allen, the oldest member, was accorded the honor of removing the first shovel of dirt for the new building. The corner stone laying was Oct. 10, 1914, with sermon following by Supt. John M. Walker. The new building was dedicated April 25, 1915, by Bishop William F. Anderson. On Oct. 15, 1916, the new pipe organ was officially made a part of the church in a sermon by Rev. Dr. Gobin. On July 2, 1916, Rev. H. M. Talbot was granted the privilege of placing a bronze tablet in the church to the memory of his father, Rev. Henry S. Tolbert, who was pastor of the church from 1832 to 1835, and again in 1870, for one year, and Martha L. Talbott, his mother.

On Aug. 7, 1921, following a sermon in tribute of the Rev. John Poucher, a bronze tablet to the memory of Rev. Poucher, was unveiled in the church by John St. John of Salem, Ind., a grandson of Dr. Poucher. The inscription on this tablet reads as follows:

"Rev. John Poucher, D. D., Preacher, Educator, Administrator. Fifty years a member of Indiana Conference. Born in England March 4, 1843. Died in Orleans, June 29, 1918. Our Beloved Pastor."

Following the death of Rev. Poucher, the following named pastors have served this church: Revs. John Bolin, William R. Ashby, M. G. Buchanan, J. S. Goodwin, L. H. Ice, Ralph C. Minton, William F. Russell, Morris B. McClure, W. H. McGowan, and M. T. Eicholz, the present pastor. The records indicate that in its 120 years of existence, the church has been served by 76 appointments.

The present trustees are R. E. Baker, F. L. Shirley, Fred Turner, Bruce McFall, and Ellis Leatherman. The stewards are John King, chairman, Elmer Smith, Lowell Troth, Noel McIntosh, Mrs. Nell Wilson, Mrs. Lillie Hollowell, Mrs. May Turner, Julius Johnson, Mrs. Charles Busick, John Brooks, William Himebaugh, treasurer, Lendville Ferguson, Miss Stella Glover, Mrs. Lora Brooks, and Miss Minnie L. Allen. Sunday school superintendent, Mrs. Fanny Trinkle; superintendent Epworth League, Marjorie Dodd; president Missionary Society, Mrs. Nell Lewis; president Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Farrell Brown; local preacher, Mrs. Mary E. Alexander.

Various other organizations have played their part in the life of this church, among which we find mentioned the "Band of Hope," "The Standard Bearers," "The Willing Workers," "The Kings Heralds," and the "Sons of Temperance."

The church today is composed of a group of loyal and devoted members, who are carrying on nobly in its various activities. The Sunday school, with an average attendance of 80, and the Epworth League with its splendid personnel, each under the guidance of their respective leaders hereinbefore mentioned are leading assets to the church. Two preaching services are held each Sunday, in morning and in evening. The church believes firmly in the fundamentals of the religion as taught by Jesus Christ, and is trying in every way to hold high its standards of moral and spiritual life. The membership is congenial in every way, and is always happy and willing to cooperate with other churches regardless of their denominational differences.

#### NEWBERRY MEETING HOUSE OF FRIENDS Paoli Township

Historians may differ somewhat in the time of the beginning of this church, one authority stating that in about 1818 this church was situated west of Paoli in section 34, township 2 north of range 1 west, was built of logs and used many years. This historian further states that the trustees of the society in 1826 bought two acres of land for \$50 of Alexander Clark and Henry

Towel, upon which the church house was built.

Those who have been directly in touch with this church and who have perhaps made a greater study of the same than have any recent writes, give this information:

The Newberry church was organized in 1826, but it is thought they must have had a class earlier than that. The first trustees were Abram Osborn, Ebenezer Doan, Henry Towel, Alexander Clark, William Holiday, and Aaron Maris.

The first meeting house was built of logs, on two acres of ground purchased from William Holiday, who had entered it from the government. This house was built on the Indian boundary line, which runs north and south past the present building, which was constructed a few years later, with two compartments, one for the men and the other for the women. The dividing partition has later been removed and a change made in windows and doors.

The name Newberry came to Orange county from the Newberry Meeting in Ohio. Some of the early preachers were Kinley Osborn, Clark Brown, Cyrus Jones, Homer and Edmund Hill.

Friends held many silent meetings without a minister, and depended largely on traveling Friends, who would come into the community and hold services with every family. When the horn blew out of time, the men in the field came in a hurry, and the children at play came home, because they all knew the traveling Friends had arrived.

Another gold scar in Newberry's crown was placed when she gave the poor down-trodden negro a chance to bury in her cemetery. Among the families of this race buried here are Bowman, Burnett, and Howard. No other cemetery in the community was open to them for burial purposes.

#### **PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** French Lick Town

This church was organized about 1900, and for a number of years thereafter meetings were held in the school building. A direct church building was erected in 1904-1905, and was dedicated June 11, 1905

The families identified with this

church organization were those of John C. Robbins, George W. Atkins, Nathan P. Gilliatt, George W. Lewis, and others.

For several years no regular services have been held in this church.

#### **MOUNT ZION METHODIST CHURCH**

##### **Jackson Township**

In 1906 the families residing in the northwestern part of Jackson township felt the need of a distinct church organization to serve that locality and with the direction and influence of the families of Pennicks and Eastridges, and others living in that community a church organization was perfected and a building was erected for that purpose.

This church now retains a good organization, and is kept in splendid condition, is made a community center for other Christian activities, and is served by Reverend J. Dickson.

#### **CROSS ROADS CHURCH** Church of Christ Southeast Township

In 1896, the citizens of this community felt the need of a house of worship nearer to their homes and more suited to their belief. A deed was secured from John R. and Anna E. Moon for a site for a building in the southeast quarter of section 14, township one south, range one east. The erection of the building began in 1897 and was completed in 1898, with the dedication by Rev. Sampson Cox, in July or August.

The real church organization was held Oct. 11, 1898, by Rev. Frank Martin and Rev. John R. Radcliff. Charter members were John H. Freeman and wife, James A. and Emily Lockhart, Aaron W. and Sarah E. Whitman, Wilford K. and Catherine Moon, Thomas and Virgil McBride, Mr. and Mrs. John Manship, Mary Wells, Margaret J. Moon, Adaline Pierson, Matilda Harvey, Isom Stroud, Eliza C. Jones, Effie, Flora, and Belle Moon, Lillie McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Felix B. Moon, T. W. and Dora Moon, Marjory Bunch, William and Ida Busick, John R. and Anna Moon, and Simon and Martha Cornwell.

John H. Freeman and Isom Stroud were selected as elders and

Felix B. Moon and T. W. Moon were chosen deacons. Of these charter members and officials, all are now passed on except eight, but as they have given up their labors here, others, many of the original family names, have taken up the work of the Master in keeping alive His service here, carrying on His name, and for the community.

Other than Revs. Martin and Radcliff, mentioned in the organization of the church, the congregation has been served by Reed Wright, James Bobbitt, S. R. Lankford, S. D. Baker, Elias Brewer, Rev. Dudley, William Boston, Albert Jones, Rev. Terry, Rev. Davis, and Rev. Williams.

Elders and deacons who have served its membership in more recent years have been Thomas W. Vernon, Perry N. Gobble, Edward McBride and others. The trustees last selected were Thurman A. Moon, George A. Bird, who has since died, and Eddie McBride. The present pastor is Rev. F. Durham of Borden, Ind.

**CONCORD**  
**United Brethern Church**  
**South East Township**

The church organization known as Concord was organized in 1865, and on Sept. 28, 1867, a deed for church ground was received from Isaac and Catherine A. Granger, in section 32, township one north,

range one east, and a log building was erected thereon. This building was used until 1905, when the second church and present one was erected, during the pastorate of Rev. U. G. Watson.

We are not able to say definitely as to who organized this church, but probably it was Rev. Thomas Elrod, Rev. James Granger, or Rev. J. W. Daugherty, all of whom, together with O. P. Danner, Rev. Gilley, Rev. Watson, M. E. Apple, Porter Walls, Clifford Dillman, Rev. Turley, Rev. Simcox, Rev. Kendall, Charles Golloway, and Rev. McIver, the present pastor, have served this church. One among the older trustees of the church was Joel Newlin. We have not been able to learn the name of other trustees of the early church. The present trustees are John Denton, Dale Patton, and Perry McCabe.

The principle active members of the church at this time are Mr. and Mrs. John Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Patton, Mrs. Lizzie Holaday, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Eickelberger, who, with others, both past and present, have been instrumental in bringing this church organization to a great work in that community.

Early in the history of the church, additional land was given to the church organization for cemetery purposes, and is still held by the church for that final service.