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OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FIRST ISSUE

This is the first issue of the Presbyterian Church News. It is designed to be of service to every member of the church to keep him informed of what is going on in the church and to help in some measure the Kingdom of God in this community.

Will you cooperate with the pastor in seeing to it that any news you may want given to the congregation is in to the pastor in plenty of time to be printed?

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

So far this Summer we have had a fairly good attendance in the Morning Worship. The first Sunday in July was not well attended but it was a holiday weekend.

When were you in church last? Our duty in church attendance never ceases. There is no better way to begin a week than to meet for one hour in the Sanctuary to worship God.

I wonder how many of you who seldom attend church would consider living in this fine community if there were no church here at all? Probably not very many. Yet for all intents and purposes for many the church does not exist. The church is interested in you or you would not have received this paper. Just how interested are you in the church and in Jesus Christ your Savior? Let us strive to bring up our average attendance on Sunday Morning beginning with this coming Sunday. You can do your part by seeing to it that you and your family are present. You will feel thoroughly refreshed and have peace in your heart because you have worshipped God.

YOUNG PEOPLE

This year we are proud to announce that approximately 10 of our Young People will be attending Summer conferences on scholarships from the church. We are particularly proud that Philip Frank was one of 8 young people who attended the first national assembly of the Westminster Fellowship in Grinnell College in Iowa. The 8 represented the Presbytery. We are looking forward to a prosperous year's work with the Young People.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

On July 6, 1947 the Sunday School began its Summer Schedule. It will meet every Sunday at 10 A.M. during the Morning Worship. The pastor will deliver a Junior Sermon for the Young People who attend and on the second hymn they will retire from the Sanctuary for their lesson in the School room downstairs. There will be no adult school during the two month period.

Parents of the young children are urged to take their children to the kindergarten which will meet for the full hour in their own room. The nursery and kindergarten will be combined for the summer.

SERMON SERIES

Last Sunday the pastor began a series of sermons on "The Christian Cure for Soul Diseases." The first sermon was entitled: "The Cure for the Blues."

July 13: "THE CURE FOR INDIFFERENCE AND DOUBT."

July 20: "THE CURE FOR RESTLESSNESS AND NERVES"

July 27: "THE CURE FOR SIN"

You won't want to miss any of these sermons all inspired from texts in the Book of Psalms.

THE NEW LIFE MOVEMENT

The Presbyterian Church U.S.A. has launched out on a Movement to win one million new members for Christ and His Church. Our church is a part of the Movement. Beginning in the Fall we shall hold a series of Cottage Prayer Meetings to which the congregation will be invited to prepare us for the work to be done in our church. We are anxious to receive 100 new members in our church this year. YOU CAN HELP!

1. Join the Church!!!!
2. Invite your neighbor to church
3. Talk about your church in your family groups and among your friends.
4. Take part in some activity of the church.
5. Contribute regularly to the church.
6. Attend church regularly.
7. Pray for the church here and the church universal in these times when so much faith is needed.
8. PUT THE CHURCH FIRST IN YOUR HEART AND OTHER INTERESTS SECOND. BE ON FIRE FOR CHRIST.

FINANCES!!!!

The first quarter has been completed and the record is not what it ought to be. You will be interested and concerned with the following financial report:

DUE ON CHURCH SUPPORT.....	\$642.85
DUE ON DEBT FUND.....	\$ 89.50
TO BENEVOLENCE.....	\$ 69.59
	<u>\$801.94</u>

The following has been paid to date:

PLEDGES PAYED	\$1072.85
PLATE RECEIVED.....	\$ 268.24
DEBT FUND.....	\$ 228.05
PER CAPITA.....	\$ 24.70
INITIAL.....	\$ 22.75
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....	\$ 103.45
	<u>\$1720.04</u>

With 212 sets of envelopes out this is not a very good showing for the first quarter of the new year. Why not try to improve it by paying up your back pledge? Remember the church must meet its obligations just as anyone else must do.

The Summer is particularly hard on church finance. If you cannot be in church on Sunday won't you make it a practice to send your envelope or check to Mr. Paul Eynon, Clarks St. Clarks Green.? It will be appreciated.

THE CHURCH BELL

A few weeks ago the community was surprised to hear a church bell from the First Presbyterian Church. Of course it is merely a record but a very fine one. It is played from our amplifier system and rings for 2 minutes. You ought to get to church so you could hear it.

And speaking of records, you may want to contribute a chime record to the church. Three dollars will buy a single record, \$10 will buy an album of 4. Perhaps you could contribute an album in memory of someone you hold dear.

OUR THIRTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

In October this church will celebrate its 35th anniversary. The pastor and session are planning a simple celebration to take place in the Fall. We shall probably hold a congregational dinner, a Men's Meeting, A Young People's Service and a Women's Meeting of some type.

Keep October in mind as a big month in the church year!

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday in October we shall celebrate World-wide Communion Day. At that time we shall receive new members into the church. If you are not a member remember the day and plan to unite with us at that time.

NEW KITCHEN EQUIPEMENT

Have you visited the kitchen of the church lately and taken a look at the new stove we have? Dinners in the church will be a lot easier for the ladies now that we have an excellent 10 burner, 2 oven gas range. A few other accesories have been purchased as well.

THE YOUNG COUPLES CLUB

The Young Couples Club of the church is flourishing. There are over 50 active members in the organization and they meet the 4th Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hilwig. If you are eligible for the group don't wait for an invitation comealong to the meeting and enjoy the fellowship of others from your church.

NEW FAMILIES,

ILLNESS

If a new family moves in near you visit them and invite them to church and then call the pastor that he may visit them also.

If you know of a church member who is ill be sure to let the pastor know that he may call at the home. He cannot know unless you tell him.

SEE YOU ALL IN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY!