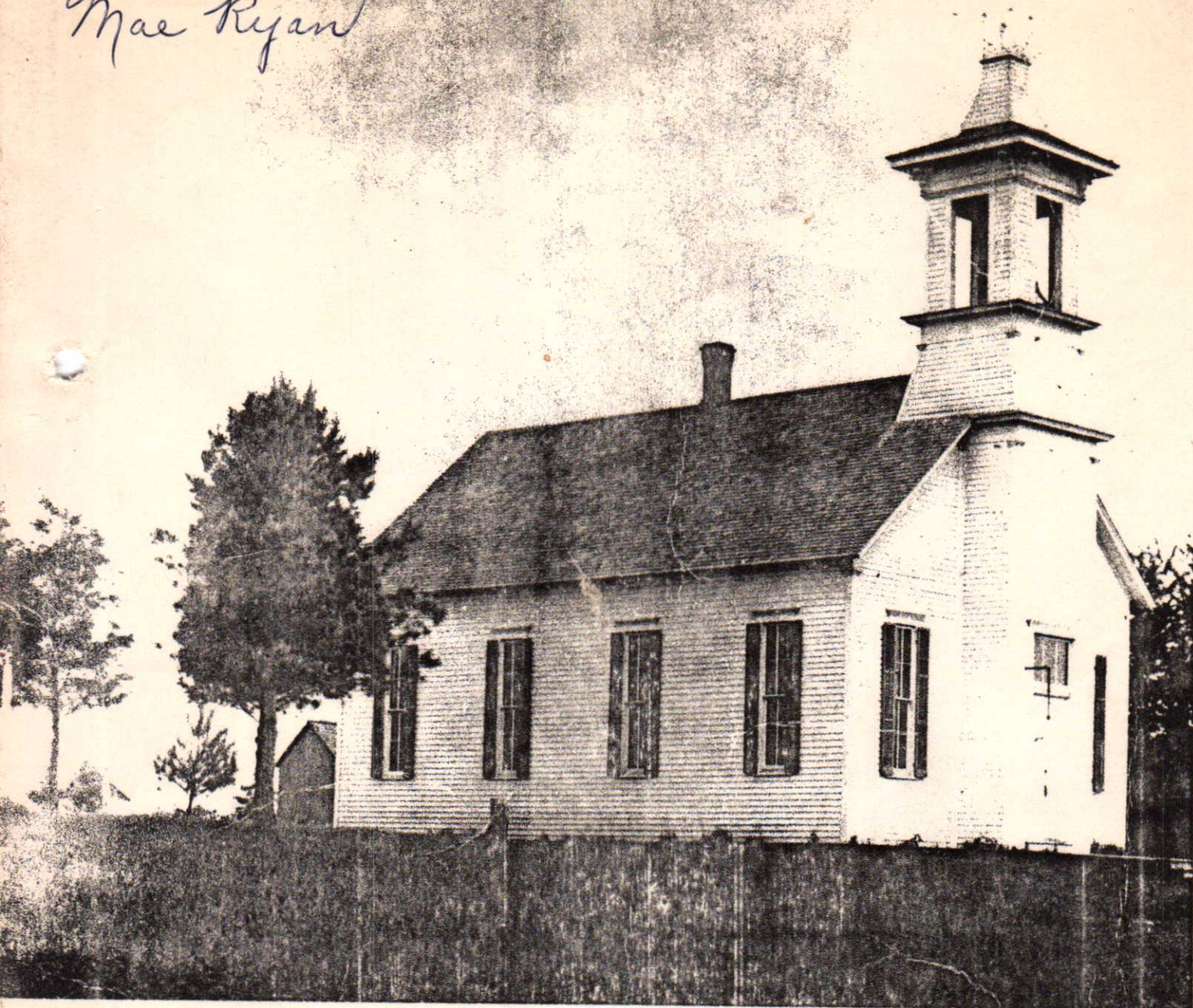


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### TINGLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It is one hundred years since the beginning of the Methodist Church in Tingley, as the first was in 1877, and our year is 1977. Before the first minister there were those who wanted and prepared for his coming.

Like most pioneer churches, the Methodist Church had its beginning in a Sabbath School in a country schoolhouse, the old Center School, (which was located across the road north of the present Charles Case house). (It is my understanding that the old Center Schoolhouse is now used for a garage on the Dean Johnson farm just north of our present church.)

The Rev. Charles H. Burleigh organized the first Methodist class at the Center Schoolhouse in the spring of 1877. At that time he was stationed at Hopeville and preached Oliver, Rice, Cornwall, and Tingley schoolhouses, and also at High Point. Rev. Burleigh was one of the first "circuit riders", making his journeys by horseback. There wasn't any town of Tingley here at this time.

The charter members of that first Methodist class, so far as it is possible now to ascertain were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Mordicai Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Willey, Mrs. A. Pollock, Mrs. Lucy Foster, Miss Mary Smith, J. E. Atwood, J. J. Atwood, Link Smith, Link Willey, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Wilcox and daughter, Miss Nora. No doubt the ladies in the group had to make their own candles to be used when light was needed in their meetings at the schoolhouse.

Sabbath School was closed for the winter with this old notation:

Died: In the prime of life of rapid decline--Sunday School--surrounded by numerous and sympathizing friends, it passed away, in hopes of a vigorous resurrection next spring. (Ringgold Record)

Sunday School survived, and the Rev. Chas. Brewer was the minister in 1878.

To understand the beginning and survival of our church is to know a little of the events that took place in those early years.

1878---There were 1000 acres of prairie broken up on Tingley Township this year.

Railroad interest is being worked up.

Feb. 20, 1879---Hauling corn to Afton, 15 miles, and getting 16¢ per bu., is what some of the Tingley farmers are doing. Very little romance about it, but then it is practical and brings the money. (The Onward)

June 10, 1879---The M. E. Classes at Tingley Center and High Point, have been cut off from the Hopeville Circuit and Father Nixon, of Afton, will preach to them the balance of this conference year. (The Onward)

At the time the town was first started, before it was incorporated, there were only two homes--one just south of where the depot was built and occupied by N. L. Marshall; one across from where the Methodist Church was built, and occupied by Pat Dempsey. (History of Ringgold County)

1880---The border city of Eugene(just north of Keith Liningers) to lose its merchant, George Swaine, to Tingley. (Ringgold Record)

Mr. Swaine moved his building and stock to Tingley, keeping the store open and selling goods every day while on the way. At one place the movers got stuck and remained about a week so that Mr. Swaine was about a month getting from Eugene to this place. (March 7, 1907 Vindicator)

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(James Avenell told this history to Mr. Burleigh, and it was printed in the Oct. 2, 1919 Tingley Vindicator.) Mr. Avenell, George and Charles Swaine owned about 400 acres of land here. The Town Site Company bought 200 acres of the land and platted it laying out the streets and alleys. Afterwards C. E. Perkins, President of the Burlington Railroad, bought alot of the land for speculation purposes. Those who possess the original deeds to their property will notice that most of them were executed by C. E. Perkins. Mr. Perkins deeded the lots on which the Methodist Church and parsonage now stands to the trustees of that church for use only as above specified. The city park was also set aside by Mr. Perkins for park purposes and it was necessary to get legal permission to use it for school parks. Mr. Avenell was one of the charter members of the Tingley United Presbyterian Church.

1881--Rev. S. Matheny held meetings at the Center school-house. "Good attendance and best of results anticipated". (The Onward)

Aug. 10, 1881--One of our citizens has evidently got hold of the poets idea, "sermons in stones and running brooks, etc." for we noticed him lately on the Sabbath Day looking for them down the slough, but then he had a rod in one hand and a can of bait in the other. (The Onward)

1881--Dr. St. John is in his new building.  
Garvey and Dilley are building the first store building in Tingley  
Town Site Company platted the streets and alleys.  
Post Office at Eugene soon to be moved to Tingley  
(The Onward)

Nov. 16, 1881--As a result of the interest generated by the Methodist Sabbath School, it was decided to build a church. The initial steps towards the putting up of a \$1200 church building were taken. (Tingley Vindicator)

June 1, 1882--Railroad work (Humeston and Shenandoah Line) being pushed rapidly to completion. We expect to hear the whistle soon. (Ringgold Record)

Aug. 3, 1882--The new Methodist Church has been located at the corner of Bond and Maple Streets. (Ringgold Rec.)

Aug. 3, 1882--Hurrah for Tingley! The cars have come! Who would live without the cars? The cars rolled in on the 8th and it was a lively time. Mr. Robert Dunlap and a couple of gentlemen from Decatur were the first passengers arrived by car. A bonfire and 40 guns made the evening display grand. (Ringgold Rec.)

(The following is from the records of the John Blauer family.) When the \$1200 Methodist Church was started, one of the first tasks was to kill the rattlesnakes which infested the ground. John Blauer was one of the children who helped the women pick up the dead snakes with forked sticks and throw them on the bonfire.

Nov. 9, 1882--The Methodists are erecting a fine church near Mr. Peter Dempsey just north of town.  
(Ringgold Record)

Nov. 30, 1882--The Methodist Church is under contract and will be speedily completed.(Ringgold Record)

Dec. 7, 1882--Coal plenty at 13½ per bushel. (Ring. Rec.)

By the close of 1882, there were nearly 200 inhabitants. These are some of the businesses that have gone up in the new little village of Tingley:

Swaine Bros. Store

Furniture Store - John Kelly and Mr. Dilley

Haver & Hancock - Grain Buyers

Mc Creight and Howland - Grain Buyers

Dr. St. John

Hotel - Mr. Burk

Lumber Yard

Attorney - James M. Rag

Shoemaker

General Store - John Hepborn

Photographer - Mr. Nelsher

Boggs & Carmichaels Meat Market

Grabber & Toothaker

Restaurant - Mr. Baker

Avenall & Bros. - Shippers

Coal House - Hancock

Depot

Deputy Sheriff Ira Palmer

Jan. 11, 1883--The new Christian Church is up and fast nearing completion. (Ringgold Record)

Feb. 1, 1883---Mt. Ayr and Tingley are connected by telephone.

Feb. 22, 1883--The latest craze among the ladies is a "hair album"--gentlemen's hair. Young men are besought for a lock of hair, and the request is such a flattering one that they are only too happy to comply when the right damsels apply. The contribution is tied with a blue ribbon and goes into the "hair album" along with the hair of a crown of other fellows. Over it will be written the name, age, color of eyes, date of receiving memento, and general appearance, etc., which may or may not be complimentary and the album is never to be seen by any other than feminine eyes. The young ladies are as proud of their trophies as an Indian Warrior is of the scalps he takes. (Ringgold Record)

March 29, 1883--Potatoes are selling at 60¢, corn at 31, oats 30.

May 19, 1883---Three hacks are now running daily between Mt. Ayr and Tingley. Business seems to be flourishing on this line. (Ring. Rec.)

June 7, 1883---The Christian Church of Tingley was dedicated last Sunday. (First Church in Tingley)(Ring. Rec.)

Sept. 20, 1883--The Methodist Conference appointed Rev. W. B. Thompson at Tingley.(Ringgold Record)

After the Christian Church was completed, the Christians invited the Methodists to use their church until the Methodist Church was completed. (It is my understanding the Christian Church is the same building that is now the home of Lawrence Bishops north of the schoolhouse.) (For some unknown reason, the Methodist Church was not completed until another 3 years.)

1884--Tingley town was incorporated. There were 17 store buildings.

1 harness shop	1 hardware
2 lumber yards	1 drugstore
1 grocery	1 meat market
3 general stores	1 law office
1 hotel	1 farm implement
1 blacksmith shop	1 furniture
1 paint shop	1 livery stable

1884--Rev. Dr. S. Mains--all is the Methodist pastor.

1885-- Rev. George E. Mitchell is the Methodist pastor.

October 29, 1885 - Work on the Methodist Church is progressing rapidly.

New school building is approaching completion.

(The Ringgold County Republican)

February, 1886

The ends for the seats in the new Methodist Church have arrived. They expect soon to have the church completed.

(The Ringgold County Republican)

March 18, 1886

The Methodist folks are still holding their protracted effort. Rev. Wm. Thompson of Humeston, their former pastor, is preaching for them.

Diphtheria deaths common in 1886.

(The Ringgold County Republican)

1886--Tingley has a fine 2-story frame schoolhouse, started in 1885, at a cost of \$3000. It contains 2 school-rooms below, the upper story being used for religious meetings every 2 weeks by the United Presbyterians. Rev. William Brown of Eugene is the pastor. Nine months school is taught. The teachers for 1886-1887 are Gertrude Miller and Mary Gray. The attendance is about 70.

The Baptists are holding services every 4 weeks in the Christian Church, Rev. Andrews of Mt. Ayr, officiating.

(The History of Ringgold County)

May 6, 1886--The new Methodist Episcopal Church was dedicated last Sunday. Rev. Woodward from Ft. Dodge was here and raised almost enough to pay out on the building.

(The Ringgold County Republican)

(The following historical account of this first church was written in the Tingley Vindicator.)

It was on November 16, 1881, that the Methodists longed for a home of their own and began to cast about for ways and means. You must remember that this was more of an undertaking than it would be at the present time, from the fact that this was at that time a comparatively new country, and we were all struggling to make homes for our families and were not over-burdened with cash, but were long on grit.

The trustees at this time were E. Atwood, Levi Howland, H. Breckenridge, D. O. White, and O. C. House. They secured the lot by donation from the Town Site Company and went to work.

By the noble assistance of the members and friends the first wooden church was completed at a cost of about \$1600.

(The following is taken from the family records of the John Blauer family.)

People in those days were proud of their new church and faithful in attending services. Sunday school teachers would read the names of the banner classes. Everyone came to church by team and wagon or buggy. During the heavy farming season, when the people felt the horses needed their Sunday rest, all the families walked in. The church people who lived in town would invite the country families to stay for dinner. Then the country families would walk home. Sometimes there would be 30 people walking on one road. When saddle horses were available, they all rode horses. Later driving teams were used. They used the fringed-top surrey in good weather and a double sleigh in winter. No matter what the weather, people were always at church. Almost all of the people in those days would have had long-time attendance records.

(The following was told by Mrs. Loren Ibbotson.)

Loren's mothers folks (Tapps) lived southeast of Tingley where Loren's live now. Minnie Ibbotson's parents walked from that farm to church on Sunday in order to give the horses a rest from the fieldwork.

1889---Rev. Fred Sheldon was appointed pastor.

Feb. 21, 1889--Rev. Sheldon and his wife organized the first Tingley Methodist Ladies Aid Society. Mrs. Sheldon was elected President; Mrs. Breckenridge, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Bosworth, Treas.; Mrs. Swaine, Sec. The membership started with 10 persons with an initiation fee of 10¢ each. Dues were 50¢ per year. The meeting opened with prayer, then scripture, followed by a business meeting and work projects. The society had a vigilant committee which was in charge of getting work projects for the group. Here is a price list of the society:

Sewing rags	5¢ per pound
Children's aprons	15¢
Lady's cook aprons	10¢
Children's underwear	20¢
Men's work shirts	25¢
Sheets	10¢
Pin Cushion	5¢
Piecing Quilt	5¢ per block
Pillow Cases	15¢ per pair
Mother Hubbard dresses	50¢
Plain waist dresses	60¢
Children's dresses	25¢
Knotting Comforter	25¢

One of the first efforts of the group was to earn money to pay for the church organ and to purchase a bell. One of their fund raising projects was a "honey sociable" at the parsonage. They served biscuits and honey and earned \$7.37, and with the low prices, there must have been quite a crowd. They also had oyster suppers and ice cream socials. Ice Cream and strawberries cost 20¢. One of their sources of income was from the rental of the church ice cream freezer. I have come to the conclusion there must have been few ice cream freezers in Tingley, because it surely got loaned out alot! Each time it was rented out, it meant another 50¢ or 75¢ for the Aid treasury.

The Ladies Aid Society purchased a "ruff corn carpet" to put in the pulpit area of the church for \$9.80. In those days carpets were woven out of corn shucks, I understand.

On June 1, 1899, the Ladies Aid Society ordered a pulpit from the Grand Rapids Furniture Company which cost \$27.12. They purchased a small lamp for the church organ for 40¢.

The ladies saw to papering the walls of the church and finishing the woodwork with hard oil.

In those days it was common to address fellow members as "Brother or Sister"; such as, Brother Baxter or Sister Howland.

(Information taken from Ladies Aid Secretary's Books)

Rev. Sheldon helped organize the Epworth League in the Tingley Methodist Episcopal Church. It is a religious organization of the young people of the church. He also helped form a Junior League for children 9-12.

Below is a list of the ministers who served our church during this period of time:

Rev. A. Hancox	1892	
Rev. W. C. Smith	1893	(1896-Fire
Rev. F. W. Ewing	1897	destroyed alot
Rev. W. H. Larrick	1899	of businesses
Rev. E. S. Menoher	1904	on north side
Rev. M. R. Talley	1906	of street)

(In 1959 Rev. Talley's wife wrote to Mrs. John Blauer and included the following in her letter:)

"After we left Tingley and moved to Afton, we often visited our friends back in Tingley. We made the trip by 'horse and buggy'. It was a real trip and took most of the day."

(Mrs. Talley's daughter, Helen S. Pyle, wrote this to Mrs. Blauer.)

"I can still see the beautiful Christmas tree at the church. As I remember it, the tree was lit up with many candles and that would be considered quite dangerous today."

In 1907 Rev. W. H. Holley was the pastor. Rev. Holley was quite popular with everyone. Nearly every available seat in the church was filled when he lectured on "Funnygraphs, or a Study of Human Nature". It was an evening of mirth and jollity tempered with many well chosen words as becomes a minister of the gospel. (Jan. 17, 1907 Vindicator)

In 1907 the population in Tingley was around 600. The Methodist Episcopal enrollment had grown to around 180 members.

In February of 1907 noted evangelists, Davis and Galloway held probably the largest crusade ever held in Tingley. Mr. Burleigh, editor of the Tingley Vindicator, called it the "greatest religious awakening in the history of Tingley". The Opera House, which holds 450 people, was filled by 7 o'clock each evening for 2 weeks, and the overflow meetings were held at the Christian Church. Evangelist Galloway was known as the "singing evangelist" and always generated much enthusiasm by starting his meetings with "The Glory Song". The result of the crusade was that 125 people accepted Christ. This was the end of one of the greatest revivals Tingley has ever witnessed.

Most of the old-time sermons were of the "Hell-Fire and Damnation" type. Evangelist Galloway told the Tingley crowd, "We preached for two weeks in a town and an old infidel cussed

me all the time declaring there was no God and there was nothing in prayer. But a mad cow hooked him down in the corner of a stable one day and he prayed like a good fellow. That old cow hooked more prayer into him in five minutes than I was able to preach for two weeks."

Evangelist Galloway had a special meeting at the Opera House for the men, of which there were about 200. The following is what he told them:

"Some of you old fellows around here belonging to these churches walk the streets with a big cud of tobacco in your mouth running down over your chin, dripping down on your shirt, who get down and pray 'Oh Lord, fill me with the Holy Spirit.' The very idea of you asking the Holy Spirit to abide in your old dirty carcass. Why your old breath smells like you were a cross between a billy goat and a pole cat. There is one thing I claim to be a good one at and that is skinning the booze business. I'll kick it as long as I've got a foot; I'll hit it as long as I've got a fist; I'll bite it as long as I have a tooth, and then I'll gum it to death."

The result of the meetings was that 188 persons accepted Christ as their Savior. Thus ended one of the greatest revivals Tingley has ever witnessed.

These were the days when dancing and roller skating were looked down upon. Mr. Burleigh wrote this account in the Tingley Vindicator: (Feb. 1907)

A roller skating rink was conducted in the opera house the first three evenings of this week, but like the public dances in Tingley, it was a failure because of the non-attendance of the ladies. Tingley is much better off without dances and the skating rink. All honor to the Tingley ladies for boycotting both.

(The following are extra bits of information that help to give an idea of what was happening during this period.)

April, 1907 Vindicator - Nelson and Nelson have on the floor of their implement house one of the "swellest rigs ever seen in Tingley. It is called a bike wagon, has an automobile seat and cushioned rubber tires. It is a beauty.

June 13, 1907 Vindicator - Tingley has an automobile owned by Cecil and Lawrence Haver. It arrived yesterday, and is propelled by treadle. They are showing their young friends many pleasant times riding about the city.

June 27, 1907 Vindicator - G. F. Slentz sold 2000 cakes of soap in one day last week. That's pretty good for a place the size of Tingley.

July 11, 1907 Vindicator - Vivian Asbury is the first young lady in Tingley to own an automobile. She makes it move quickly.

July 11, 1907 Vindicator - Misses Eva Nelson, Maude Mc Neil, Hazel Richardson, Maude Moore, and Genevieve Nelson were unceremoniously dumped out of a buggy by a runaway horse.

1907 and 1908 were the years that everybody in Tingley did away with their board sidewalks and put in new cement walks. For the most part this was good; however, it was somewhat unfortunate for Capt. J. S. Williams. He fell in a faint in front of Heyer's Store and broke his false teeth on their new cement walk! After the new cement walks lined the streets of Tingley, roller skating became the craze.



Sept. 26, 1907 Rev. Alfred Knoll was appointed pastor of the Methodist Church. Right after Rev. Knoll arrived, work started progressing on a new cement walk in front of the Methodist Episcopal Church and parsonage. It was a memorial walk, four foot square, being sold to members of the church, congregation, and friends of the church.

EXTRA: Dec. 26, 1907 Vindicator - DeGatur man sentenced to 6 months at Ft. Madison penitentiary for stealing a coop of chickens.

Dec. 26, 1907 Vindicator - The board of trustees of the M. E. Church decided this evening to build a new church. The present building is not large enough now to accommodate the Sunday School or congregation. The board is composed of Messrs. Sam Richards, H. W. Edwards, E. Atwood, Will Blauer, W. E. Burleigh, A. J. Faust, and C. Horton Coye.

EXTRA: Dec. 26, 1907 - C. C. Bosworth reports 92 teams, by actual count, hitched to the racks in Tingley at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He counted that many from the mill around to the G. A. Slentz Store. From all accounts Saturday was a record-breaking trading day in Tingley.

January 16, 1908 - C. D. Johnston, H. W. Edwards, and Sam Richards made a visit to Clearfield, Gravity, and New Market to inspect the new churches there. It is expected the committee will soon present a plan that will be acceptable.

March 12, 1908 Vindicator - Articles incorporating the Tingley Methodist Episcopal Church were filed Monday--this step being a legal necessity as a preparation for building a new church which the society contemplates building this season.

March 19, 1908 Vindicator - The Ladies Aid Society held a box supper at the opera house to raise funds for the new church. Each lady had to earn a dollar and write a rhyme telling how she had earned it. The receipts of the evening were \$44.70, \$22 being contributed by the ladies when they made the rhyme telling how they earned the dollar, and \$22.70 being realized from the sale of the 38 boxes. Fred Ashenhurst was the auctioneer. The rhyme that provoked the most merriment was that spoken by Mrs. Ray Ashenhurst, as follows:

I got up in the morning  
 While "hubby" was in bed  
 And I went through his pockets  
 But I couldn't find a "red".  
 So I set my brain to working  
 And it hit upon a scheme  
 That I thought would bring a dollar  
 So easy did it seem.  
 So I advertised for boarders  
 And before the ad was dry  
 They came and brought their appetites  
 Until it made me cry.  
 And when the week was ended  
 And I counted the expense  
 I didn't have the dollar  
 And I felt like "thirty cents".  
 But I finally filled them up  
 And they soon began to "holler".

And so you see, "be jabers"  
 I surely earned my dollar.  
 But I give it just as freely  
 As the widow gave her mite,  
 For whatsoever we give for Christ  
 Is accepted in His sight.

The Ladies Aid Society has pledged \$500 for the new church, and the box supper was one of the methods used to raise the money.

April 23, 1908 Vindicator - New Church Soon - At a meeting of the trustees of the Methodist Church, H. H. Dufty was employed to superintend the construction of the new and also the tearing down of the old church. The trustees selected the plans presented by W. W. Welch of Clarinda, and he will have the specifications here in two weeks. Then as soon as Mr. Dufty can fill out the bills for the material, it will be ordered from our home lumber yard, J. W. Rice & Son, and will be here as soon as we can get the old church torn down and off the ground.

EXTRA: April 30, 1908 Vindicator - Banana Eaters - Messrs. Homer Ibbotson and Leslie Mc Clure are the champion banana eaters of this section. In a contest recently at the opera house restaurant, Homer ate 20 and Leslie 16. Next?

EXTRA: May 7, 1908 Vindicator - Land selling from \$40-\$75 per acre.

May 31, 1908 Vindicator - Memorial services were held at the old Methodist Episcopal Church. The services included a history of the organization of the class here and its history up to the present time. Rev. Knoll spoke on the difficulties encountered in building and used as a basis of his remarks the difficulties encountered by Nehemiah in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and the ancient temple. "Nehemiah organized his workmen and we have need to imitate his example." He hoped that God would bless the people and felt sure that all could give something, no matter how small the gifts, and then each one would feel an interest in the enterprise. "God will help us, let us arise and build". Thus closed the services on this memorable Sabbath.

It is expected that the workmen will begin tearing down the old church building tomorrow morning. To many this will seem like parting from an old friend, but in this age of advancement, it has well and faithfully fulfilled its mission and must give way to a larger and more modern structure.

June 11, 1908 Vindicator - The Methodist Episcopal Sunday School is being held in the assembly room at our high school building, and services will continue to be held there while the new church is being erected.

June 18, 1908 Vindicator - Supt. H. H. Dufty and a force of men have been busy excavating for the basement of the new M. E. church. The farmers brought teams of horses in to excavate. Some days they removed as many as 137 wagon loads of earth. We never saw better or faster work being done than so far on this new enterprise. Much of the rock foundation of the old church, which was secured from a quarry near Grand River, is to be used in the foundation of the new building.

July 23, 1908 Vindicator - The stonework of the foundation is completed. Masons are beginning brick work which will extend to the top of the basement windows. Next Thursday evening, Rev. Miller, District Supt., will speak. He will assist in laying the corner stone of the new church in the afternoon.

EXTRA: Sept. 10, 1908 - Tingley had their first street fair with roolly coaster, merry-go-round and all. Ladies Aid had a food stand. Lunch of one article each for 15¢. Had a ball tournament. There were 300 entries in the fair. No cattle because no stalls for them and few are halter trained. Had horses and mules. Nearly 6000 people were in town. First street fair a success. That "Tingley Does Things!" has again been demonstrated.

Sept. 10, 1908 Vindicator - The new M. E. Church now has the window and door frames set, the cornice put on, the belfry shingled with metal shingles, and one can now form some idea of the appearance of the church when completed.

EXTRA: Big fuss with railroad over not getting another passenger train in and out per day. Blaming Shenandoah and Clarinda. (Fought over this for 6 years)

Sept. 17, 1908 - The lathing on the new church began. The roof will all be on by today, and the work of putting on the siding will begin, and as soon as that is on the priming coat of paint will be applied. The Ladies Aid voted to help tack lath, pull nails, or do anything that might be assigned to their care.

EXTRA: Oct. 1, 1908 Vindicator - Taft to Speak in Tingley - Every night this week at Coye's Store. Come in and hear his voice reproduced by an Edison phonograph.

Oct. 8, 1908 Vindicator - Rev. John G. Duling, the new M. E. minister, arrived Sunday on the extra freight from the west, having started Thursday morning from just west of St. Joseph. The delay was at St. Joseph and Clarinda, being detained a day at each place. Mrs. Duling and 3 daughters arrived Tuesday.

(The following account came from the records of the John Blauer family.)

The Rev. John Duling was the new minister for the Tingley charge in 1908. Mr. Duling and his family came into town by train. John Blauer and some of the other church men brought teams and wagons into town to move the minister's furniture from the depot to the parsonage. Mr. Duling also brought along from his former charge two sows and a milk cow. From the train, Mr. Duling led the cow up the street and sang, "Glory, Glory, Halleluia!" People came out of the stores clapping and yelling a welcome to the new Methodist preacher. Everyone was happy that day.

EXTRA: Oct. 15, 1908 - Mr. Burleigh, the editor of the Tingley Vindicator bought a gasoline engine and had it installed. This issue will go to our readers printed by power other than kicking a treadle. It is a contrary beast to control, but no more than any other gasoline engine. When we get it tamed to start at once we will be happy--and we are learning fast!

Oct. 15, 1908 Vindicator - The plastering has all been finished at the new M. E. church and the furnace men are here at work installing the furnaces. The frescoers will be here some time next week. (Frescoing is the act of painting with water colors on damp, fresh plaster.)

EXTRA: Oct. 15, 1908 Damage done last week by fires set by the live coals from the smoke stack of the trains will amount to nearly \$2000.

Nov. 12, 1908 - Frescoing done at the new M. E. church. Steps made. Floor being laid. The rolling curtains are here. John O. Nelson, assisted by Verney Terrill, finished placing the pipes for the lighting plant. The generator is in the basement under the study.

EXTRA: Wm. Bischoff raised 100 bushels of the famous Dewey potatoes this year. Took 6 potatoes to make 7 pounds. Corn averaging about 35 bushel to the acre this year.

Dec. 3, 1908 - The scaffold at the new M. E. church fell with Chas. Lent. When he saw it was going to fall, he jumped and landed rather too hard on the floor. He was off duty for a few days, but is now ready for work again.

The Ladies Aid paid \$60 for carpets for the pulpit and mats down the aisle.

Art windows and seats installed in the church.

Dec. 13, 1908 - DEDICATION DAY (Took 6½ months to tear down the old church and build the new one, with most of the work being done by the church members.)

(Following is an account of the day taken from the Tingley Vindicator. Repetition of some of the history has been omitted, but the rest is as it appeared in the Vindicator.)

#### A RECORD -BREAKING DAY FOR GENEROUSNESS

Tingley Methodists are rejoicing over the dedication of their new church Sunday and for the fact that it was dedicated free from debt and with a nice sum left to finish up the basement and do some other work that it was thought might have to be left undone at this time. All the inhabitants of Tingley and surrounding territory are rejoicing with them on the happy and successful completion of this enterprise. The new church has added an appreciable value to all property in and near Tingley. The other churches are more valuable on account of this new one. All business and residence property are likewise increased, and farms are worth more. We heard of an infidel once who remarked that a church was a \_\_\_\_\_ good thing to have near a man's farm. A community without church

and school privileges is not much to be desired. On this line Tingley is well favored. It took six months to complete the work of tearing down the old church and building the handsome edifice which now graces our town. (Previous history omitted here.)

The total cost of the building to date is \$6500. All of the first subscription of \$3300-taken was paid in before dedication day excepting \$15, so that the day was started with a clean record.

Dr. D. W. Parr of Indiana, the only man in the great Methodist Church who is devoting all of his time to the dedication of churches, had been secured and arrived Saturday morning. He met with the trustees that evening and planned the campaign for the morrow, beginning the conference with a consecration or prayer service. He was optimistic and his spirit was contagious so that as he said, "In the name of Jesus we shall win a great victory tomorrow". Long before the appointed hour, 10:30, the elegant new church building was filled to overflowing. The ushers--A. S. Richards, H. W. Edwards, C. Horton Coye, R. E. Davenport, Clifford House, and Ralph Harvis, attended to the large crowd, getting them nicely and comfortably seated. Due regard was paid to the state law which prohibits putting chairs or loose seats in the aisles, or else a larger number could have been seated. A chorus choir composed of Mesdames I. P. Todd, C. M. Jenks, W. E. Burleigh, E. P. Johnson; Misses Hattie and Nellie Whisler, Eva Burleigh, Jennie and Fern Little; Messrs. W. W. Stewart, E. P. Johnson, John Lee, W. E. Burleigh; Miss Ethel Jenks pianist; E. A. Stover cornet, furnished the music morning and evening and were highly complimented by Dr. Parr. After the introductory services the great business of the day was taken up--that of raising the money needed to pay off the indebtedness that the building might be dedicated, and that it might be free from debt. Following the selection of Prof. R. E. Davenport and C. E. Bosworth as secretaries and E. A. Stover as cashier, the first thing Dr. Parr requested was that we might receive dollar offerings or any multiple of a dollar and the solicitors Mesdames Mary DeWitt, Wm. Bischoff, and H. E. Tuttle; Messrs. H. E. Tuttle, H. W. Edwards, A. S. Richards, Wm. Blauer, C. Horton Coye, John Mc Gandy, W. E. Burleigh, W. W. Stewart, E. P. Johnson, Clifford House, and Rev. Duling were turned loose on the audience to secure the amounts at the morning and evening services. \$176 was received in this manner. If the persons did not have the change they were privileged to write their name on a tablet provided for the occasion and if this be paid in 30 days it counted as cash. After these sums had been secured Dr. Parr called for larger sums and the solicitors worked among their friends in the congregation. At the evening service it was announced that better than \$4,500 had been secured as a result of the day's efforts. A recount made Monday showed that a considerable amount of the sums pledged had been paid in cash so that it was accounted for by both the secretaries and the cashier, thus reducing the total to \$4,316.96, but this is a remarkable showing for the day and clearly demonstrates that Tingley does things whenever the people undertake an enterprise.

Before the collection Dr. W. D. Parr gave one of his masterful sermons. He stated that God always takes care of his people and He will take care of us today. He gave numerous instances to prove this and then called upon the people to give that the

beautiful house might be dedicated free from debt.

At the afternoon service District Supt. Miller delivered an excellent sermon on the text "What think ye of Christ?" He administered the Lord's Supper. Thus before the building was formally dedicated it was consecrated by this blessed service. The attendance only filled the auditorium at this service.

At the evening service Dr. Parr praised the people for their liberality, the beautiful house that had been prepared, and said he did not know of a church better financed. Like everyone who comes to Tingley, he was in love with the place and the people. He finished taking the offering and then gave a splendid discourse from Luke 19.

Following the sermon came the formal dedication of the church according to the beautiful and solemn ritualistic service. Rev. W. H. Larrick of Massena, a former Tingley pastor, and Revs. John J. Gardenier of the United Presbyterian Church and J. P. Lucas of the Church of Christ assisted Dr. Parr and the pastor, Rev. John G. Duling, in this service. The trustees, Messrs. H. E. Tuttle, H. W. Edwards, C. Horton Coye, A. S. Richards, Wm. Blauer, E. Atwood and W. E. Burleigh, were called forward. The president of the board, Mr. Tuttle, made a formal presentation of the church to Dr. Parr and the ritual was read. At its close came some more advice to the board and thanks to the pastors and the other congregations for being present and assisting so liberally in the offerings.

(Lena Richards told me the following about the day of dedication.)

"Eldon and I were just newly married, and we attended the services for the dedication of the church that day. I can remember Uncle Sam Richards came around to Eldon and me and asked us if we would make a donation to add to the collection that day. I remember we did make a contribution. I can remember that Ethel Jenks Northey was the pianist that day." (From Blauer family records) Mrs. Etta McMinn Irving, Mrs. David Allen's Mother, was the guest pianist at the dedication service. (Mrs. David Allen also told me this.)

The basement of the church had to be finished some time later after the dedication.

It might be said here that for several weeks the Ladies Aid Society and the Epworth League held fund-raising activities every single week to raise money to pay for their subscription for the new church.

EXTRA: July 29, 1909 Vindicator - Nelson & Nelson are installing a pneumatic water system in Luke Shay's residence. There will be hot and cold water, the water to be heated in the summertime by the large range, and in the winter by the furnace.

EXTRA: Sept. 2, 1909 Vindicator - A roving band of gypsies on their way to the state fair at Des Moines passed through Tingley Saturday and pestered our businessmen with their begging and fortune telling.

EXTRA: Jan. 5, 1911 J. W. Mc Dowel - Let me haul your coal for 1¢ per bushel.

Load of cobs at Tingley Elevator 25¢.

EXTRA: March 16, 1911 Vindicator - Dr. S. W. DeLong purchased last week from the Tingley Auto Co. an Overland car model N. 45, and is this week learning how to manage the "beast".

Sept. 11, 1911 Vindicator - Rev. R. R. Yelland is the new Methodist minister at a salary of \$900 for the year.

EXTRA: Nov. 9, 1911 Vindicator - An Ungentlemanly Act-- Some person, whether with mischievous or malicious intent, very badly scared 3 young ladies while they were returning from the W. C. T. U. social last Thurs. evening at Wm. Bischoff's. He secreted himself under the cattle guard where the street crosses the railway track and jumped out at the ladies, chasing them for a short distance. It was a very ungentlemanly act, and if the girls had not been so badly frightened they would have been justified in attacking him with hat pins as they are a very good weapon. It is hoped that "Jack the Scarer" will cease such work, and if not he should be caught and severely dealt with.

Feb. 8, 1912 Vindicator - The Methodist Church Fire -- Fire which caught from the lighting plant at the Methodist Church was the cause for an alarm being sent in about 9:10 last night. Janitor Jno. McGandy said that immediately after he turned out the lights there was a terrific explosion of gas, the force of which knocked him over on his back. Instantly the kitchen part of the basement in which the plant is located was a mass of flames, charring the woodwork, and filling the building with smoke. A few pails of water extinguished the blaze.

April 12, 1912 Vindicator - The Methodists were supposed to have services one evening, but the lighting plant went to pieces so to speak, blowing every mantel off the lights.

EXTRA: July, 1912 Vindicator - Old fire bell tower given to Christian church by the city council if ladies would remove it so they could build a bandstand. H. H. Dufty began work on the new bandstand.

EXTRA: Aug. 1912 Vindicator - Ten thousand people heard the Honorable William Jennings Bryan at the Chautauqua at Mt. Ayr. Am sure a good many people from Tingley were there.

Sept. 19, 1912 Vindicator - Rev. I. B. Holman is the new Methodist minister. (He was quite a writer and poet. His first novel was entitled, "The Sign of the Morning"; second novel, "When Childhood was in Flower". Rev. Holman was only here for less than 4 months and had to resign because of failing health. Rev. H. M. Strong took his place.)

Jan. 16, 1913 Vindicator - The pastor's salary is paid at the bank every Monday morning.

Jan 16, 1913 Vindicator - Dr. W. W. Orr from North Carolina had evangelistic meetings at the Christian Church. All 3 churches joined in the meetings. Dr. Orr gave a sermonette that even the smallest child present was enabled to understand and at the close gave the invitation for all persons over 7 years of age who were sorry for sin and were desirous of accepting Jesus Christ as a personal Savior to stand. 74 children and young people responded. In 18 days the offerings amounted to \$900 and 178 professed Christ.

April 3, 1913 Vindicator - Weldon Blauer had quite a runaway accident Tues. night after the Epworth League social. The buggy was badly wrecked and the team scratched up when they collided with a guy wire attached to a telephone pole. Mr. Blauer was bruised some.

April 3, 1913 Vindicator - Methodist Brotherhood organized among men of the Methodist Church. Members got badges with white cross on red shield. Had to be over 18 years.

EXTRA: May, 1913 Vindicator - Had 11 men come in on drags, coming in from 3 miles around. H. L. Ibbotson, H. R. Boyd, J. E. Overholtzer, F. L. Ashenhurst, G. F. Weeda, A. A. Allen were among them. Heyer & Hicks offered a # of coffee to every farmer riding a drag to town. They moved the hitch racks to the back streets so they could grade Main & Depot Streets. Three teams on the road grader made things move nicely.

June, 1913 Vindicator - The official board of the M. E. Church decided to have a fire well put down on the church property and it will doubtless be located in the street just west of the barn. Fire wells also to be dug for school and other 2 churches.

EXTRA: July, 1913 Few cars--still alot of horses for travel.

EXTRA: May, 1914 Vindicator - Aerdome - We will give our first show in our new Aerdome; music by Edison Phonograph. Aerdome is seated with benches which have backs and canvas seats. Mr. Roush.

Sept. 1914 Vindicator - Rev. R. T. Hodgson is the M. E. minister.  
July 1, 1915 Vindicator - The Methodists brought eggs and canned fruit to send to the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. The practice was continued for several years.

EXTRA: July 29, 1915 Vindicator - Dr. DeLong on one side of the band stand and Jas. Richards on the other started the parking of autos in the center of Main street Sat. evening. At one time over 20 autos were parked.

EXTRA: Aug. 12, 1915 Vindicator - Had heavy rains. Some of the men and boys used a watering trough on main street for a boat.

August 12, 1915 Vindicator - Rev. Peter Parker is the new M. E. minister. ( He must have made quite a good first impression with the people with his first sermons. About a month after his arrival the church had a reception for his family and 150-200 persons attended it. The Sunday School grew from less than 100 to 153 persons by the end of October. There was a very fine orchestra and choir for church services. Mr. Merrill Asbury directed the orchestra and choir and also the band that entertained uptown.)

Oct. 7, 1915 Vindicator - The Women's Foreign Missionary Society (W. F. M. S.) has been started. It is to meet the first Friday of each month. Each woman who is a member of the church should belong.



EXTRA: March 9, 1916 Vindicator - Break from Centerville and Gravity 5¢ per loaf.

April 27, 1916 Vindicator - Record-Breaking Attendance--There were 169 present at the M. E. Sunday School Sunday morning. It was the largest attendance in the history of the school.

May 4, 1916 Vindicator - Men's Social Club of the M. E. Church organized.--All men, young and old, married and single, who are members of that church and congregation are invited and expected to attend. These gatherings are solely to promote the social life of the men. (Many amusing stunts were pulled off causing uproarious laughter. Messrs. H. W. Edwards and J. L. Sheesley furnished the entertainment which was heightened by the use of a phonograph. There were good spellers (?) present, but not when they spelled the words backwards. Not all guessed the 14 things found upon both sides of a penny.

EXTRA: April 13, 1916 Vindicator - Big Egg Shipment --F. G. Hausz shipped from Tingley, Ellston, and Grand River 178 cases of eggs amounting to over \$1000. That's doing some business! Big Cream Shipment - F. G. Hausz shipped 18 cans of cream Monday to Humeston and Will Fraser 13 cans to Des Moines the same day.

May 25, 1916 Vindicator - A Suffrage Sermon--was delivered Sunday evening at the M. E. church by the pastor, Rev. Peter Parker. Every man who believes in the golden rule, should vote "yes" on equal suffrage June 5. (Didn't pass for equal voting for women until 1920.)

June 1, 1916 Vindicator - Rev. Chas. H. Burleigh stopped off from Nebraska for a visit with his brother. He is the editor's oldest brother and was at one time pastor of the Tingley M. E. church before there was any town here and the old Center schoolhouse was used for church purposes. He had never seen the town of Tingley before.

June 15, 1916 Vindicator - The Methodists held a S. S. picnic in Lorimor's grove south of Tingley. Tingley band went out at noon and gave some special music.

July 6, 1916 Vindicator - Many attend Band Concert--There were 40 autos parked on Main street Thurs. eve. indicating about 200 visitors in attendance at the regular band concert. Tingley has one of the best bands in southern Iowa. The band is a good trade getter. People come from all the neighboring towns.

EXTRA: Sept. 7, 1916 Vindicator - An Auto Accident--occurred Sunday afternoon east of Tingley when Will Eckerman's car ran into Ben Weeda's buggy and upset it. With Mr. Weeda in the buggy were Misses Grace England and Loretta Dufty. No one was injured but the buggy was somewhat broken.

October 26, 1916 Vindicator - Rev. Peter Parker sprung a complete surprise upon his congregation Sabbath morn. He announced that would be his last Sabbath with them, as an exchange had been made whereby he was transferred to Medford, Oklahoma, and the Medford pastor, Rev. J. A. Branson, was coming to Tingley. The

farewell reception for Rev. Peter Parker was attended by about 250 people.

1916--The men of the churches of Tingley formed a Gospel Team. They went to any of the nearby churches or towns and put on services wherever needed. There was a quartet in the group composed of Dennis Hawk, Clarence Bischoff, J. L. Sheesley, and Roy Sheesley with E. A. Stover at the piano.

EXTRA: Some Road Dragging--On inquiry we found that E. A. Stover had dragged 73 rounds on Main street during 1916 between the bandstand and the east line of Tingley, exclusive of the many trips made on the road running north and south past H. R. Boyd's and the France farms. Figure it up and see how many miles he has dragged (with horses)!

January 18, 1917 Vindicator - Included in the M. E. Church notes--Bring that auto to church even if it is cold; drain the radiator and the pastor will furnish either hot or cold water to fill it with. Rev. Branson.

EXTRA: Jan 18, 1917 Vindicator - H. W. Edwards purchased Tingley's first auto hearse through the agency of Fender & Adams, with Mr. Fender going to Des Moines where the order was placed with Kratzer Carriage Co. This new equipment which Mr. Edwards is adding to his undertaking dept. will mean an outlay of \$2000 or possibly more. (Mr. Fender must have done quite a business because every week there was an item in the paper stating Mr. Fender had received another train carload of Fords.)

Jan 18, 1917 - The Ladies Aid Society sponsored the winter lecture course. Tingley band performed one night. The music was classical, humorous, catchy, to suit all tastes, the funniest one being the "Tom Cat Polka," with E. A. Stover as an impersonator.

EXTRA: April 6, 1917 - Declaration of War against Germany.  
World War I

May 3, 1917 - Sunday night M. E. Church services--All seemed to enjoy the whistling and many good whistlers were present.

EXTRA: May 17, 1917 - Moved Flour House - at the northwest corner of Heyer's Store to the north end of the lot. It will be used for a coal house and a new flour house built up close to the store building.

EXTRA: June 14, 1917 Gone to Enlist--Wm. Mariner is the first Tingley young man to leave for the war.

An auxiliary of the American Red Cross Society was organized in Tingley.

July 12, 1917 Vindicator - There were 166 persons present at Sunday School at the Methodist Church.

July 26, 1917 Vindicator - Soldier Boys drafted for World War I.  
 Aug. 2, 1917 Vindicator - The ladies of the "Willing Workers' Class" will entertain the men of the Social Club Friday evening in Tapp Bros. grove south of town. It is to be called a "Camp Fire Social".

Epworth League held a corn roast in Lorimer's grove. Many who had never eaten corn roasted in the shucks pronounced it very delicious. The boys furnished the corn and the girls furnished coffee and the trimmings.

Sept. 20, 1918 Vindicator - School House Contract--H. H. Dufty received the general contract for the erection of Tingley's new \$25,000 school building.

Oct. 11, 1917 Vindicator - Our Methodist Sunday School is prospering in all departments. One new class has recently been formed. Now we have 15 classes. 40 men were present at the Men's Social Club Meeting.

Nov. 8, 1917 Vindicator - Methodist Men's Social Club had a Mock Trial Entertainment for the evening's entertainment. H. E. Berry being considered one of the best natured men in the class was selected as the person for trial, "for absence from the Sunday School".

Nov. 8, 1917 Vindicator (I am wondering if ladies' skirts were shorter in 1917 as this little rhyme was in the Vindicator.)

A New Version

Mary had a little skirt;

'Twas up to date, no doubt,

For every time she got inside

She was nearly halfway out.

Nov. 22, 1917 Vindicator - The W. C. T. U. of Tingley sent a barrel of jelly sealed in cans for the soldiers.

Nov. 22, 1917 Vindicator - Store Electrically Lighted--Heyer Bros. Store was electrically lighted Saturday, connection being made with the Lalley Lighting Plant at the Tingley Central. Manager Verploegh of the Tingley Telephone Co. who is an expert electrician, did the wiring. Messrs. Heyer Bros. are generally in the front ranks on all modern equipment and merchandising.

Dec. 13, 1917 Vindicator - Quick Corn Husking - at Camp Dodge recently a 30 acre field of corn was needed for additional land for the cantonment. About 900 soldiers went into that field and in one hour had the 30 acres husked and cribbed. It averaged 80 bushels to the acre! The American soldier can do almost anything when he starts to accomplish the task.

Aug., 1918 - The old school sold at auction to A. A. Simson, Noah, H. F., and J. C. Mc Cowen for \$500. They tore it down.

During the war refreshments at church meetings were done away with.

Nov. 11, 1918 - Armistice Day - War Over - Tingley celebrated with bells, guns, parade, concert, and bonfire. Many hats went in the fire!

Sept. 25, 1919 Vindicator - The Fordson tractor is demonstrating its usefulness these days in pulling the road drag.

Oct. 2, 1919 Vindicator - The Methodists are without a minister until one is supplied.

Oct. 9, 1919 Vindicator - Tingley, Shannon City, and Arispe are going about securing electric service in a way that is different. They are to join hands to build a transmission line from Afton to Tingley. The Creston Electric Company

will sell them current delivered at their city limits for 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per K. W. The towns will build their own inside lines, use the light for city purposes, and retail to private consumers at 16%.

Oct. 30, 1919 Vindicator - Meat Patrons--Will please take notice that hereafter our meat dept. will not be opened Sunday morning. The weather is cool enough now for the meat to keep over Saturday night, so please supply your wants before Sunday morning. J. L. Sheesley

Dec. 4, 1919 Vindicator - Terrible Fuel Situation - Although the mine strike was declared off in obedience to the order of the U. S. Court, the miners have not resumed work. No coal has been received at Tingley since the strike began, and the situation here is terrible. Mayor Verploegh organized a citizens' committee to canvass the situation. A survey of the city and country is being made today to find out how much coal is on hand, and any surplus which anyone may have will be hauled to a general bin and small amounts be allowed to those who are entirely out of fuel. A car of coal is expected soon, and it will be delivered in small quantities. A closing order for all business houses and churches will be put into effect. Only 1 church or Sunday School can be held. School will close for Christmas vacation and open when fuel can be secured.

Dec. 11, 1919 Prepare for Winter - By having the Tingley Garage install one of those Koupet Tops on your Ford car. Roadster \$65 and Touring Car \$90 installed.

Dec. 11, 1919 Fuel Shortage - The fuel committee mentioned last week called a citizen's meeting and arrangements were made to secure a supply of wood. Volunteers were called for and a force of choppers and haulers went Monday and Wednesday to the Fraser timber near Kew. A municipal fuel yard has been established near H. E. Breckenridges where the wood is being hauled. It will be sold at cost. People who are unable to buy will be supplied anyway.

The Methodist men gathered wood and piled it on the west side of the church.

Jan. 22, 1920 - Union Ratification Meeting--On Friday at midnight national prohibition went into effect in the U. S. and all territories. The churches of Tingley held a union service in honor of the occasion.

March 18, 1920 - The Methodists after a wait of 6 months finally have a minister, Rev. Orvil F. Myers. He said in his first sermon he would rather win one soul for Jesus Christ than have any earthly honor.

EXTRA: April, 1920 - William Bros. of Villisca recently sold a Poland China male hog "The Yankee" for \$40,000 in April. The animal weighed 1000 pounds. In August he died. He was insured for \$8000. (This was so unbelievable I had to include it.)

Oct. 21, 1920 A Great Temperance Service - Sunday was a great day for temperance in Tingley. The great apostle of temperance, Hon. John G. Wooley, spoke at the M. E. Church at 11 a.m. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity, which is about 450.

Oct. 1920 Vindicator - There were 3 general stores in Tingley in 1920--E. O. Vincent, W. W. Miller, and Heyer Bros.

Jan. 20, 1921 Vindicator - Electric Current Is Here--At 4:45 Friday evening the electric current from Creston was turned on, and our people have been enjoying this modern convenience. Street lights--20 of them--were placed over town principally on Main Street, and our village presents quite a city appearance.

April 1, 1921 Vindicator - The electric light fixtures were installed Sat. at the M. E. Church. Jas. A. Verploegh did the work assisted by Murl DeWitt, Wm. Blauer, O. T. Ashenurst, O. C. House, O. D. Garland, Howard Johnston, and Rev. O. F. Myers.

May 19, 1921 Vindicator--New Grocery--Wm. S. Breckenridge opened his new grocery store Sat. and met with very good success.

May 26, 1921 Vindicator--Electrical Demonstration--Jas. A. Verploegh conducted an electrical demonstration in the office building directly west of the Tingley Bank. He demonstrated 15 electrical appliances including toasters, percolators, washing machines, sewing machines, fans, etc. He served coffee made in a percolator and toast made in a toaster.

June 9, 1921 Vindicator-Rev. Theo Kies, is the new Methodist minister.

Aug. 25, 1921 Vindicator - The Tingley Epworth League entertained the members of the League from Mt. Ayr, Kellerton, and Diagonal. There were about 125 young people present, and a most delightfully pleasant evening passed. A program was given by the Tingley League, following which the young people formed in procession, and marched over town, ending in Earl Eckerman's pasture where a watermelon feast was enjoyed. The march was in squads of four led by Misses Gladys Tidrick and Oakel Buell as torch bearers.

Sept. 29, 1921 Vindicator - The new Methodist minister is Rev. C. W. Peer.

1923 - The Epworth League officers were the following:

Pres. and 1st Vice Pres.	Miss Amy Morrison
2nd Vice Pres.	Miss Ruberta McKibben
3rd Vice Pres.	Miss Josephine Eighme
Sec. & Treas.	Miss Margaret Eighme

Nov. 22, 1923 Vindicator-Rev. Allen B. Gable new M. E. minister.

Feb. 14, 1924 Vindicator- Radio Service--On last Sunday morning the people of the Christian Church were indebted to Mr. Verploegh for a splendid radio service. We "listened in" for an hour and a half to a service from Omaha.

March 27, 1924 Vindicator--A Missionary Debate--was held Sun. evening at the M. E. Church by the Epworth League. The question for debate: "Resolved, that home missions should have precedence over foreign missions." The debaters were: Affirmative--Willis Jackson and Misses Marietta Eighme and Amy Morrison; Negative--Misses Florence Kester, Gladys Simpson and Margaret Eighme. Judges: Miss Ruth DeWitt and Messrs. Grant Shifflet and Will Fleming. Timekeepers: Boyd Fender and Clair Heyer. The decision was for the negative.

Sept. 25, 1924 Vindicator - Rev. C. R. Young is the new Methodist minister. Following is the article Rev. Young had printed in the Vindicator church notes:

Go to church Sunday. Church work is being carried on by imperfect beings, not angels. That is why we solicit the cooperation of all who will do their best.

Why you should attend church--Because if no one attended, there would be no church; and if the church left town, you would want to leave on the next train. Because if you share the blessings and privileges of the church, you want to be square enough to share a part of its work.

1926 -- Following is a list of those persons who played in the orchestra at the Methodist Church:

Miss Hazel Simpson, piano; violins, Miss Edna Young, Walter Estel; cornets, Miss Avalyn McDowell, P. H. Wideman; clarinets, Boyd Fender, Dean Wideman; Saxophone, Miss Florence England; trombone, Clarence Bischoff.

Oct. 7, 1926 Vindicator - The Methodists have a new minister,, Rev. C. L. Thomas.

Oct. 28, 1926 Vindicator- Graveling of Primary 15 (which is now 169) 18-20 carloads of gravel are unloaded every 24 hours. Two shifts of men are employed, one going on at midnight til noon, and the other noon til midnight. The graveling has progressed nearly as far as Bridge Academy School.

Oct, 1926 Vindicator- Irvin Bischoff fans Babe Ruth at Des Moines.

Dec., 1926 Vindicator- Talking movies tonight at the Community Theatre.

June 16, 1927 Vindicator- A Car Load of Salt--22½ tons was received by Wm. S. Breckenridge and quickly disposed of.

Sept. 29, 1927 Vindicator- The mile of road between Bridge Academy and Tingley will be graveled.

Oct. 20, 1927 Vindicator - The attendance at the Methodist Sunday School - 163.

Nov. 10, 1927 - 176 attendance at S. S.

April 23, 1928 Vindicator- The "Dootlebug" started through Tingley. It is really a passenger and mail car combined with the motor in the front end. Seats 50 passengers. Train electrically lighted with no steam whistle. Gasoline motor train.

July 19, 1928 Vindicator- Jas. A. Verploegh installed a General Electric refrigerator in his own home last week. This makes 2 here--H. R. Boyd's and the above. To one who has never seen one of these refrigerators, it will repay you to examine them.

Most people had ice boxes. Every winter several men in the community harvested ice, which was stored in several ice houses in town and sold to customers in the warm months of summer. A force of 20 some men would put up 425 tons in the various ice houses in Tingley. (I read previously in the 1907 Vindicator where R. R. Pollock delivered ice to his customers in his ice wagon.) When the ice got to be 8-10" thick the men would go to the Henderson or Milligan ponds to gather it. Sometimes they would use the railroad ponds at Ellston and bring the ice to Tingley on the train.

Sept. 27, 1928 Vindicator - WE HAD A RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE OF 196 LAST SABBATH AT THE METHODIST CHURCH AT SUNDAY SCHOOL. Our aim has been to reach 200.  
Rev. C. L. Thomas Pastor.

Sept. 8, 1929 Vindicator - FIRST HOMECOMING OF THE METHODIST CHURCH (52 years after the organization of the first Methodist class in Tingley.)

The Tingley Methodist Congregation greatly enjoyed the

celebration of their first homecoming on last Sunday, Sept. 8. Quite extensive preparations had been made to observe the day, such as sending invitations to former pastors who resided in this vicinity, or whom it was thought might be able to arrange for attending. Rev. E. S. Mencher of Mt. Ayr, and Rev. H. M. Strong of Orient, were the only ones who thought it possible for them to attend, and the rain that day prevented Rev. Strong from attending. Rev. Mencher and wife were privileged to attend, the graveled road from Mt. Ayr to Tingley making the drive an easy one for them.

The exercises of the day began with the Sunday School at 10 a.m. This was more largely attended than usual. Following this came the morning worship hour which was devoted to an old-fashioned Love Feast without dispensing the elements of bread and water, and was a service open to all. The Vindicator editor can remember when tickets were issued to the members of the church by the pastor to those who would attend that service. Special music for the occasion was a vocal solo by Mrs. Lyle Brown, and a piano solo by Miss Iona Roush. The pastor, Rev. Thomas, read the scripture lesson, and then the members responded with short talks regarding the local church, and their Christian experiences. There were some old time Methodist hymns sung, also, and it was a very helpful service.

At the noon hour a picnic dinner, cafeteria style, was served in the church basement and greatly enjoyed by all present. This was followed by a social time.

In the afternoon another service was held at which time a historical sketch of the Tingley church organization was given. It is hoped that these homecomings may increase in enjoyment and helpfulness as the years pass by.

Oct. 1929 Vindicator - New Methodist pastor--Rev. I. B. Shannon

Nov. 21, 1929 Vindicator- Graveled Main Street in Tingley for the first time. Took 30 carloads of gravel.

1929 - Stock market broke. Beginning of Depression.

April 6, 1930 Fire in Tingley Business Section

Sept. 4, 1930 Vindicator - Community croquet ground on north side of Main Street. Grounds wired for electric lights.

Players furnish own balls and mallets. Also miniature golf course owned by E. M. Breckenridge.

Sept. 4, 1930 Vindicator - Primary 34 is the first primary road across Iowa paved.

Sept. 4, 1930 Vindicator - Sunday was a lonesome day--Because of no church services. It was deemed best, because of the danger from infantile paralysis, that no public worship should be held. Ray Griffin who lived north of Bridge Academy died of polio. The family was quarantined.

March, 1931 Vindicator- The Epworth League went Easter caroling and was accompanied by Charles Bastow and Raymond McDowell on their cornets.

August 27, 1931 Vindicator- Tingley town celebrated their golden anniversary - 50 years.

October 15, 1931 Vindicator - The Epworth League took 55 quarts of fruit as their White Cross offering to the M. E. Hospital. Took it to a rally at Murray. Represented by Ruth Carr, Mabel Heaton, Kathleen Hunter and Lois McCowen at the rally.

May 24, 1932 Vindicator - Mr. & Mrs. Jas. A. Verploegh presented a regulator clock last week to the M. E. Church.

Sept., 1932 Vindicator - Rev. A. O. Dillon is the new Methodist pastor.

1932 - Still have silent movies sponsored by the businessmen.

May 2, 1935 Vindicator- The girls in Miss Leola Richards' class at the Methodist Sunday School had a sunrise Easter breakfast in the Martin grove north of Tingley.

June, 1935 Vindicator - Rev. Virgil Williams is the new Methodist pastor.

July 4, 1935 Vindicator - Chas. Hill's organ was secured Saturday for the Epworth League room at the M. E. Church, to replace the one which has been in use in that church for about 40 years.

Sept., 1935 Vindicator - The new Methodist pastor is Rev. A. C. Stark.

Sept., 1935 Vindicator - Talking movies start again. Show at 7:30 followed by kittenball game. Mr. Beattie shows movies.

Dec. 25, 1935 Vindicator - When Rev. A. C. Stark cranked his car Christmas Eve at Wishard Chapel, it kicked back and caught his right hand between the crank handle and auto number, severely injuring the thumb. Then the car bucked and had to be pushed a considerable distance.

Feb., 1936 Vindicator- Terrible Snow Storm. Snow 12-18" deep on the level. A gang of 40 men shoveled the road from Ellston to Tingley and made it open for teams.

Railroads were helpless. No church services. Rev. Stark requested that each member of the Methodist Church read the 1st Chapter of Joshua and have communion with God in prayer next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in your own home. During the snowstorm the church members were to read as many chapters of the Bible as they could and turn in the number to the pastor. From January to the last of February they had read 6202 chapters.

March 26, 1936 Vindicator - Many People Ill--A greater portion of the people who ate at the creamed chicken dinner Thursday at the M. E. Church were taken quite ill with a sort of dysentery before morning. Dr. DeLong, who was one of the victims, said it was the creamed chicken which caused the illness, and he ought to know. Some were violently ill and it is lucky none were fatally so.

Oct. 15, 1936 Vindicator - Roosevelt was in Creston. Several from Tingley saw him.

Jan. 14, 1937 Vindicator - Penny Supper--served at the Methodist Church. Each article cost a penny. Made about \$10. That's 1000 items!

Oct. 1, 1937 Vindicator - Snake From the Sky - A dark colored flat snake with a different colored ring about its neck and about a foot in length, fell from a clear sky onto the sidewalk on Main Street this afternoon. It was quite lively, but was captured and placed in a large bottle. Nothing like it was ever seen here before.

The latter part of 1937 and first part of 1938 was when the road from Tingley to Ellston was graveled.

March, 1938 Vindicator- Paving 169 from Union Line to Mt. Syr. Road crew staying in Tingley.

Aug. 10, 1939 Vindicator - W. E. Burleigh, editor of the Vindicator, died at the age of 81. (I wanted to include this because Mr. Burleigh was a fine Methodist. If it



hadn't been for the Methodist news items in the Vindicator, I would have been unable to find very little history of the Methodist Episcopal Church.)

Sept. 21, 1939 Vindicator - The new Methodist pastor is Rev. L. M. Kirby.

Aug. 22, 1940. (Ladies Aid Society Secretary's Book) The Methodist Ladies Aid Society was merged with the Women's Foreign Missionary Society (W. F. M. S.) and will be known as Women's Society of Christian Service (W. S. C. S.) 12 voted for the old name to continue and 14 for the new name.

July, 1940 Vindicator - Main street in Tingley black topped.

October 3, 1940 Vindicator - David Hill drove to Knox City, Missouri and brought the new preacher, Rev. I. B. Ruffner to Tingley.

March, 1941 (Ladies Aid Books) The ladies had a waist measurement collection of \$4.75.

May, 1941 (Ladies Aid Books) The M. E. church ladies served the alumni banquet at 50¢ per plate.

March 13, 1941 Vindicator - The town council bought the Community Theatre from the Mariner estate.

Dec. 7, 1941 Vindicator - Japs bombed Pearl Harbor. World War II.

May 7, 1942 Vindicator - Rev. I. R. Mills was the Methodist pastor.

July 9, 1942 Vindicator - Each of the churches in Tingley took charge for 1 week with the bond and stamp sale during the war. It was conducted at Breckenridge Store. Sold \$1695.65 worth of stamps and bonds during the 1 month period.

50 tons of old scrap iron has been gathered in the community. About 7 tons of old rubber was collected. Everyone was urged to save all cooking fat. Each family was given a goal of between one and 2# of waste cooking fats per month. These were to be left at Breckenridge Store or Hick's Store. If every housewife saved  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of fat, it would in a day supply enough synthetic resins to produce enough paint to coat 25,000 medium tanks. Everyone was urged to save all tin cans.

July 9, 1942 Vindicator - Rev. Arthur B. Need is the new minister at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The W. S. C. S. ladies helped make the stars for the service flag to be dedicated Memorial Day. Also made cookies and candy to be sent to the soldier boys in the service. Some of these people were: Loren Ibbotson, Charles Bastow, Donald Scott, Donald Giles, Elton Lockwood, Willis Giles, Donald Grout, Lyndon Richards, Mac, Been, Lyndon Ferber, Bud Breckenridge, Charlene Bosworth, Russell and Verlene Veroloegh.

Oct. 22, 1942 Vindicator - Had another scrap iron drive. 8-10 tons were piled in the street in front of the schoolhouse. All business places were closed until noon and everyone joined in the search for old scrap. Each child at school was required to bring some scrap to school in order to earn a half holiday after the work was done.

(The following was related to me by Margaret Eighme about her sister, Josephine Eighme.)

Jo painted a cross and crown with a big open Bible below on the ceiling above the altar at the Methodist Church. Painted above the cross were cupid heads. The painting was done in oil and textile paints. This was no easy task, as it had to be done from a scaffolding--and Jo was somewhat afraid of high places. They were working on a furnace at

the schoolhouse, giving them a week's vacation, so Jo did the painting during that time. The year must have been 1942, because Dean Bastow was 7 years old. He watched Jo paint and discovered that anyway you looked at it, the Bible looked open. He was so amazed and intrigued by it.

This painting remained up on the ceiling until the remodeling work forced it to be covered up with the ceiling blocks.

Feb. 11, 1943 Vindicator Shoes were rationed. Had to have stamps to get shoes.

Dec., 1943 Vindicator - The Men's Gospel Team presented Opal Hillebran a Bible for being their pianist.

May, 11, 1944 Vindicator - Avon Theatre burned.

Sept. 28, 1944 Vindicator - (Rev. Weed had a niece who was a missionary in China. He always shared news from her with the congregation at the church.) The niece wrote that sugar and lard were the same price in China, a mere \$200 for one pound of either. Incidentally a glass of milk was \$6. Be glad you live in the United States.

Sept. 28, 1944 Vindicator - Tingley is now in the process of losing one eye and gaining one at the same time. The eye being lost is the old elevator one block west of the depot. The eye being gained is a new theater being built in place of the Avon theater which burned.

August 16, 1945 Vindicator - Tingley Observes VJ Day - The church and school bells were rung for an hour immediately after the news was flashed. In the evening union prayer services were held in the Christian Church with Rev. H. V. Wright conducting the services.

After that a ceremonial bonfire and song service was held on the old fair grounds west of the barber shop. The younger generation opened the new town hall and held a party and a dance to observe the day. On Wednesday all business houses were closed for the day.

Oct. 31, 1945 Vindicator - Keith VanSickel and Richard Minnick were injured in halloween accident. As a result Tingley's Annual Halloween Fun Night was started. The churches, organizations, businesses and all citizens of Tingley supported the event, which has continued through the years to the present time.

Dec., 1945 Vindicator - Train service on the old Humeston and Shenandoah railroad through Tingley was discontinued at the end of December. It was built through Ringgold County in 1882.

Feb., 1946 The Tingley American Legion Post purchased the old depot for \$301. The sum was raised through donations from its 60 members.

April 11, 1946 Vindicator - New seats, screen and projection equipment arrived for the theatre. M. H. Obermeier ordering new shows to be presented.

June 27, 1946 Vindicator - A crew of workmen are taking up the abandoned Buglington railroad track at Tingley and soon our railroad will be just a memory.

July 18, 1946 Vindicator - Sunset, prayer, song, fellowship, and God all working together to make a camp of learning.

These were the things enjoyed by the sixty young people who were at the Methodist Young People's Recreation School at Clear Lake. Wayne Richards was the only one from Ringgold County.

Sept. 5, 1946 Vindicator - Burlington bus service started in Tingley.

Nov. 28, 1946 Vindicator - Noel Seney sold Vindicator to Jack Bonebrake.

Dec. 12, 1946 Vindicator - Four of the Methodist youth of the Tingley church entered the essay contest on "World Service" sponsored by the Methodist church, namely Betty Marrs, Marilyn Kester, Kenneth Kiburz, and Wayne Richards and Sunday delivered their essays to the congregation. The judges gave Wayne Richards first place and Betty Marrs second place.

Dec. 26, 1946 Vindicator - Mrs. Ernest Bastow entertained her Sunday School class at a three course Christmas breakfast. Those present were Betty Marrs, Elsie Coffman, Ella Dean DeVries, Marilyn Kester, Juanita Drake, Evelyn DeVries, Betty Iames, George Peters, Doyle Reynolds, Keith Vansickle, Kenneth Kiburz, Lloyd Weeda and Wayne Richards.

Feb. 13, 1947 Vindicator - A fire in the basement of the Methodist church, resulting from an overheated furnace, gave the community quite a scare last Sunday morning. There was only slight damage to the wall near the furnace. The janitor, Keith Vansickle having discovered the blaze before it had made any headway, had it extinguished before many had arrived in answer to the fire alarm.

April 17, 1947 Vindicator - Those attending the Methodist Youth Fellowship Rally at Creston Sunday afternoon were Margaret and Evelyn DeVries, Betty Marrs, Marleen Giles, Betty Iams, Kenneth Kiburz, Walter Zarr, Lloyd Weeda, Wayne Richards, John Overholtzer, Allen Coffman, Eugene Swigart, M. C. Been, Marilyn Kester, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bastow, Rev. A. R. Weed and Mrs. Eldon Richards.

Betty Marrs and Wayne Richards delivered their essays at this meeting. Betty placed second.

May 29, 1947 Vindicator - At an auction sale held last Saturday, Gene Clough purchased the band stand from the town for \$24, and at this time has nearly completed tearing it down. It was built in 1912 and stood in the intersection on Main street until a few years ago when it was moved to the vacant lot west of the post office.

July 31, 1947 Vindicator - Tingley Enjoys M. Y. F. Caravan -- A caravan of young people who had trained at Morningside College spent a week in Tingley helping our M. Y. F. sandpaper and varnish the pews, make file cabinets of orange crates and construct small crosses for worship centers. Work time was followed each afternoon with games and refreshments. At night all ages and all denominations met for supper, classes, worship, and recreation.

Dec. 29, 1947 Vindicator - Tingley Young People Return From Cleveland, Ohio -- The Cleveland conference of the Methodist Youth was a huge success, both in attendance and spiritually. Ten Thousand youth from all over America and many foreign countries gathered with the common purpose of "Christ Above All". Everyone talked, ate and slept with Christian comrades from many backgrounds. All religious organizations of Cleveland cooperated in presenting the new drama, "The Mighty Dream", by Dorothy Clara Wilson. As this great drama on New Year's Eve,

slowly and deliberately unfolded, the large audience felt the Spirit of God moving in. We have come home knowing that in Christ there is no east or west. How can we refuse to take for a brother, whom God takes for a son? (Written by Wayne Richards)

(Leola Bastow told me more about this.) Leola chaperoned 10 young people, 5 from Tingley and 5 from other towns nearby, to this international rally in Cleveland. They went by train from Creston and changed trains at Chicago. Leola said they slept in a big room in bunks. The 5 young people from Tingley were Lloyd Weeda, Kenneth Kiburz, Wayne Richards, Juanita Drakee, and Betty Marrs.

April 1, 1948 Vindicator - Mrs. Ernest Bastow entertained her Sunday School class at an Easter breakfast. After breakfast the group was favored with a saxophone solo by Marlene Giles, accompanied at the piano by Betty Marrs. Those present were Betty Marrs, Juanita Drake, Marilyn Kester, Marlene Giles, Lila Del Clough, Walter Zarr, Lloyd Weeda, Kenneth Kiburz, and Wayne Richards.

(The Tingley Vindicators go from 1907-1948. The only source of information I have now is the records of the W. S. C. S.)

The Tingley Methodist Church in the 1940's had a very active women's society. Between 30 and 40 ladies were present at most of the W. S. C. S. meetings. Some of the names of the ladies in the record books during this period are as follows:

Mrs. George Kester	Daisy Ferber	Lena Richards
Editha Obermeier	Mrs. Coffman	Mrs. Joe Marler
Fern Giles	Nona Giles	Mrs. A. H. Rogers
Leola Bastow	Mrs. Edwards	Mrs. Bob Bastow
Mrs. Clyde Bender	Mrs. Allen Aiken	Mrs. Jones
Mrs. Swigart	Mrs. Lester Grimes	Clara Ball
Mrs. Weed	Mrs. E. A. Saltzman	Mrs. Paul Weeda
Ava Overholtzer	Mrs. Victor Crow	Mrs. Henderson
Minnie Ibbotson	Leona Been	Mrs. Fletcher Hill
Dollie Blauer	Mrs. Jim Werner	Mrs. Rowland
Mrs. Harry Reynolds	Gertie Marler	Mrs. Eastwood
Clara Mae Bird	Mrs. Mc Dowell	Mrs. Slack
Mrs. Guess	Lola Breckenridge	Mrs. Gene Clough
Nora Johnson	Mrs. J. E. Fierce	Mrs. C. E. Bosworth
Mrs. J. A. Verploegh	Marjorie Werner	Hazel Beamer
Monafay Hanson	Margaret Hunter	Thelma Ibbotson
Mrs. Arthur Nairn	Mrs. Fred Hubbard	Mrs. Ray Ashenurst
Mrs. Ralph Arnold	Caroline Lamb	Mrs. Elmer Jacoby
Thelma Weeda	Mrs. Arthur Nichols	Mrs. W. E. Burleigh
Mrs. R. N. Fighme	Mrs. Wells	Amy Morrison
Mrs. Morris Heizer	Mrs. Chas. Hill	Mrs. H. H. Dufty
Mrs. Jake England	Mrs. White	Mrs. Hubbard
Mrs. Darold Blauer	Alice Allen	Mrs. Dailey
Mrs. Peters		

July 9, 1948 - The W. S. C. S. ladies had an ice cream social and softball game the same evening. Mrs. Darold Blauer and Mrs. Ernest Bastow were appointed captains.

May, 1950 - The W. S. C. S. decided to get the church floor sanded and refinished before Cleone's wedding (Overholtzer). After talking to Rev. Weed and some of the men, it was decided it was too big a job to try to have done by June 14.

June, 1952 - The W. S. C. S. ladies enjoyed a playlet, "We Are Building" by Linda Kinne, Lynn Obermeier, Norma Jean Sutherland, Judy Jobe, Bobby Allen, and Keith Weeda. They also sang songs and were accompanied by Carol Werner.

June, 1952 - At one of the W. S. C. S. meetings the ladies were asked the \$64,000 Question, "How many books in the Old Testament?" Three ladies answered correctly so drew straws to see who won. Mrs. David Allen won a beautiful crocheted pin cushion.

1942-1952 Rev. Weed served our church longer than any other minister.

Following are the rest of the ministers to the present time:

1952-54	Rev. George C. Wise	
1954-57	Rev. Charles Hawn	
1957-60	Rev. Willis E. Grant	
1960-61	Dr. Walter Samp	
1961-64	Rev. Sam E. Bowser	
1964-65	Norman Moore	Lay Minister
1965-66	Rev. John Braden	Student
1966-69	Rev. Jerry Nichols	Student
1969-71	Rev. John Blackadar	Student
1971-75	Rev. Robert Shreve	Student
1975-77	Rev. Lloyd Johnson	Student
1977	Rev. Les Calhoun	Student

Throughout all the years, the donations of money, time, effort, and gifts of the United Methodist Women and all of the members and friends of the church have helped provide many improvements for our church.

In March of 1958, the church celebrated the dedication of the new cross and the redecoration of the church. Cora Pritchard was asked to write an original poem to be read at the dedication service. It follows below:

The church is one foundation, and ever should it be;  
The people will uphold it until Eternity.

Our Tingley Church was needing a pretty coat of paint;  
So men and gals together worked like goodly saints.

The people got some corn ground, and oh how they did work;  
They plowed, disced and harrowed and no one seemed to shirk.

Merle Dukes did the head work; he toiled the soil, too;  
Whenever he needed help, He had a whole crew.

There were Werners, Weedas, Tulls, Hills, Fox, Wurster  
and Allens, too;  
First the corn was promptly planted, and oh my, how it grew.

God furnished the sunshine, the moisture and the air;  
The first thing we knew, ears were growing everywhere.

Almost before we knew it, harvest time had begun;  
The tractors, pickers, and elevators kept the men on the run.

We must not forget the women, who prepared a bounteous meal,  
'Cause the men came in from work feeling run down at the heel.

But the women fed them freely, proud that they could do their  
share,  
While the children romped and played, scattering gladness  
everywhere.

Then the church held an auction; corn was sold for a large  
amount.

And before we hardly knew it, the church had a bank account.

Now to spend the sum of money to redecorate our church;  
With Quentin, Ernest and David, the men were soon on their perch.

Quentin was the foreman; he divided all the men  
So they could come on different days, then they could come again.

Oh how those scaffolds looked, so close and sturdy, too;  
The credit goes to Howard and to that Monday crew.

Carl Riggs was so anxious; he couldn't wait awhile;  
He spent one whole noon hour, asleep in an aisle.

Someone missed Darrell Werner; they found him on the job;  
Lying down on the highest cat-walk, sleeping like a blob.

He didn't want to start the blocks high up on the ceiling, "Oof"--  
When the men asked him why, he said that he might "Goof."

Carl's big right arm that writes out all the notes  
Was so weak on Tuesday, Marilyn helped him with his coat.

Lloyd Weeda climbed like a monkey; Arthur got down on his knees  
He wandered too far from the ladder; he didn't even dare sneeze--or,

Twenty feet below the scaffold, David Hill said he would fall  
So scared Arthur thought of Cora; and he decided to crawl.

The men wished Mr. Obie wouldn't excuse Don Kinnie so late  
He arrived at the church in time for the coffee break.

He ate up all the cookies; but he pounded several nails;  
So give him credit for his help; he could really walk those  
rails.

Forrest Cline hired Mr. Sutherland; Rev. Hawn wired the lights;  
Mr. Fox out on the new wood plank, which makes our church so  
bright.

On Friday the Tingley work crew had some very curious spies;  
Just after the bank was entered, they were questioned by the  
F. B. I.

Quentin and Ernest were so sad when the ladder slipped and fell;  
They replaced the three new blocks, and they threatened not to  
tell.

When the scaffold hit Erle Luper on the head, Frances Hannah  
had her fill  
She said, "If the Methodists can't get Presbyterians to join  
their church

It looks like they are out to kill."

The women came on cleaning day, and worked so very hard;  
Elton, Joe, and Quentin came, and talked until they were tired.

When Bertha climbed the ladder to dust above the door;  
Her heart went pit-a-pat, and she could stand no more.

Rev. Hawn came to her rescue; he is so brave and stout;  
He took the dust cloth from her hand, and whisked that dust  
right out.

Now that the church is finished; we hope that we can trust;  
Paul Weeda to eat sandwiches, instead of eating sawdust.

We're very proud of the colors, the workmanship, and skill;  
We're proud of all the people, the jobs they learned to fill.

There is one job remains, if to our church we're true;  
Let's resolve to have the people, come to church and fill the  
pews.

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TINGLEY UNITED METHODIST CENTENNIAL

November 27, 1977

"This is a great and glorious time for those of us here  
at the Tingley United Methodist Church. These are golden  
moments when we retrace our Heritage in this grand Church  
for our Lord Jesus Christ. The celebration begins with the  
morning worship to be at 11 a.m. followed by a church family  
dinner, served by the ladies of the church. In the afternoon  
we continue with a program and a reception.

Many times we will look back in awe at the things that  
have been accomplished and how God has kept us strong for 100  
years. Our greatest heritage of this or any church should be  
the great Heritage of our Lord Jesus Christ, because this is  
where our Heritage began and this is where our Heritage will  
end in HIM and HIM alone."

Pastor and Mrs. Les Calhoun  
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(The following poem was composed by Marjorie Werner  
for our centennial program.)

Our Church

In the year of our Lord, 1877, a building was erected to  
Honor our Father God up in Heaven.

Through much toil and strife, with help from many hands,  
It proved a worthy endeavor; for in Tingley still it stands.  
It must be pleasing to our God, for when we start to falter,  
He sends another messenger, to keep us kneeling at the alter.

There have been many changes within these hundred years.  
 Happiness, joy, contentment, also our share of tears.  
 Mary Sue has been researching about just some of these times.  
 We would like to have you hear them, perhaps recall to mind.  
 Mary Sue has filled long days with interesting facts, by  
 reading.

Let's hear some of them now; true experiences we are needing.

(At this point, history was given, then Marjorie's closing)

I've seen several ministers come and go, but our building  
 proudly stands  
 Resplendent as the needs arise, with very willing hands.  
 I played the old pump organ oft times for Sunday School.  
 I've taught my share of classes, and in games acted the fool.  
 I remember the old-time quilting Bee, the dinner planned,  
 hearts to ease,  
 The ruffled feathers needing soothing; the officers names  
 we were always choosing.  
 Epworth League, now M. Y. F., both participant and leader  
 Projects, parties, study, fun; young people always eager.  
 The faces change but not the job, of keeping our church going,  
 But with God's help we'll carry on, and try to make a showing.  
 So let us finish up the day by saying very truly  
 We have been so richly blessed, and God still loves us dearly.

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At the time of our centennial, Rev. Les Calhoun is  
 our minister; Marjorie Ibbotson is S. S. Supt.; Sandy Weeda  
 is S. S. pianist; Margaret Eighme is church organist;  
 Alice Allen is church pianist. Sunday School teachers  
 are as follows: Nursery - Cathy Riggs, Kindergarten and  
 First - Bev Grout, Second-Sixth - Robin Wurster, Junior High  
 and High School - David Allen, Young Adults - Dorothy Wurster,  
 Older Adults - Quentin Abarr.

Our youth attend the United Fellowship Group composed  
 of the youth of the Methodist, Christian, and United  
 Presbyterian Churches. They meet every other Sunday evening  
 at one of the three churches.

Our church has a Sharing Group who meet every Wednesday  
 evening in the various homes of those who attend the fellowships.

Our women's society is now called United Methodist Women.  
 They hold regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each  
 month in the church basement.

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I started out looking for church history in the old  
 Vindicators; I found so many other interesting news items  
 that I wanted to share them with you and thought that these  
 would make the church items more meaningful.

Compiled by Mary Sue McIntosh