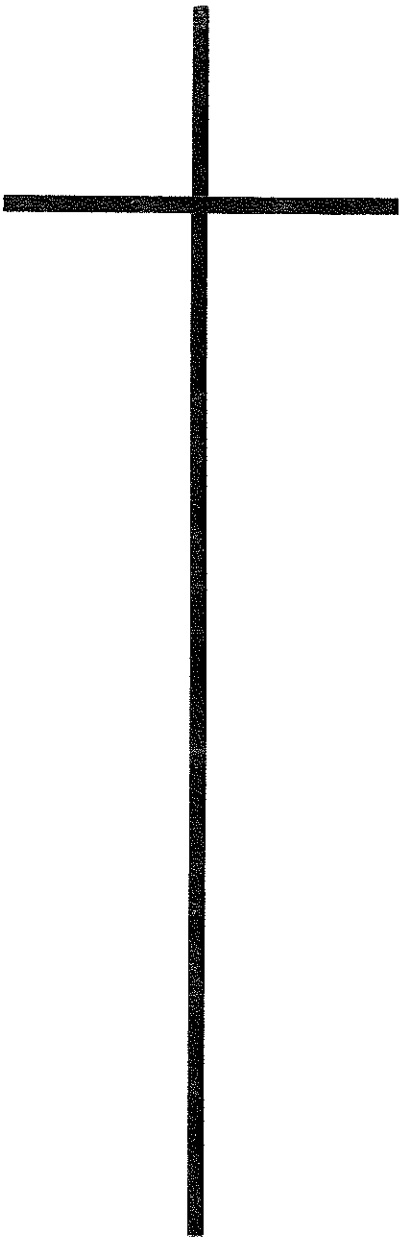


ZION

Fifth Quarter Century
1835-1960

Foreword

More than a century ago a devout group of Christians settled in the vicinity of Millstadt. They were sturdy and full of vigor, ready to meet the challenge of their surroundings. These people soon felt the need for spiritual guidance and asked that a pastor be sent to serve them. In 1835 Rev. John Jacob Riess of Germany was sent to begin his pastorate and the organization of Zion Congregation.

It is difficult to vision the hardships and the adverse conditions these early Christians faced. Life was hard, but their faith was strong.

Time has moved on and the way of life has changed to an easier existence, but the values of the church and the faith of the people has continued to grow.

So it was with humble pride that Zion Church was able to observe the 125th anniversary of its founding. The program of events for the anniversary year was especially planned to point out the growth and advancement in Zion since the centennial in 1935. A series of programs, including speakers, music, and fellowship, was presented during the year 1960. These were planned to appeal to various age groups. Our older people were able to reminisce with former pastors and friends and recall some of the happy days in Zion; the younger people heard inspirational words that should spur them on to continued efforts to build an even greater Zion.

It has been a great year and we are deeply mindful of God's help in bringing to fulfillment the plans we laid so carefully.

LYDIA HOFFMANN,

Co-chairman, Anniversary Committee

Zion in 1960

This anniversary booklet presents the story of a year in the life of a congregation. Specifically, it presents the story of the 125th year—a year deemed worthy of honor and celebration. It is the jubilee year of Zion United Church of Christ, a member of the South Illinois Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and yearning for the fulfillment of the United Church of Christ.

This is not the story of events of 125 years of Zion Church, but of the events of the 125th year. There are copies in existence of the history of this church over its first 75 years, in German, but ably written by Pastor Paul Wendt. Also copies of one of the finest centennial booklets ever prepared, by Pastor Arthur Limper, in 1935, are in numerous supply among the members of Zion Church, and can be studied at leisure. There is no need to recount those deeds of our honored former members in detail. This booklet therefore gives brief resumé to the first 100 years, a little more time and space to the fifth quarter-century of Zion's history, and a specific account of the year 1960.

In keeping with the trend of our times, this is primarily a picture book, well illustrated, and with emphasis on persons and events. Here are pictured events in which most of you, dear members of Zion, have participated. Many of you will find yourselves pictured here. With that purpose, to you who make up the body of members of the Church of Jesus Christ, fitly joined together in Zion Church, where the great universal, spiritual church is brought to focus, to you who are called into the Priesthood of All Believers, this book is

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

The First 100 Years . . .

It has often been said of married life that "the first 100 years are the hardest." Surely it can be said of Zion Church that its beginnings were hard and severe. The first worship services of the Protestant Evangelical faith were held, in what is today Zion Congregation, on January 17, 1935, led by Pastor John Jacob Riess, recently of the Basel Missionary Society, of Switzerland. This day, therefore, is fitly observed as the founding date of "Zion's Evangelische Kirche." Through its history it was to have several names, until today it is "Zion United Church of Christ."

No picture, description or dimensions of the first church are in existence. It was constructed in 1837, and dedicated on June 26, 1837, which also, by strange coincidence, is the birthday of the United Church of Christ, in 1957. A stone marker, erected in 1925, the 90th anniversary of the church, designates the site of this first building, one and one-half miles southwest of Millstadt. Nearby was a plot of ground, donated by John Nicolaus Schmallenberger, destined to become the "Freivogel Cemetery," so named in honor of the layman in whose home the early Christians met, and where Zion Church came into being. On this plot of ground are buried Johannes Freivogel Jr. and Sr., who, with Pastor Riess, are known as "Founders of Zion Church." In this cemetery also lie the earthly remains of one of Zion's former pastors, Jacob Knauss; also Rev. A. Friz, of a neighboring congregation; and three pastors' wives.

The little community where Zion Congregation was established did not develop as was expected, and the name of "Saxtown," so-named because some of these early settlers came from Saxony in Germany, is now a by-word in this township. In 1850 the decision was made to reestablish the church, and it was moved to the little village of Centerville, now Millstadt. The building which now serves as the Village Hall was Zion's second house of worship, and so remained until 1863 when the present church was built. With the building of Zion's first parsonage in 1855, and later at its first school building in 1865, all needs of the congregation were firmly established.

Space demands that this history be condensed. The story of the names, events, and beginnings of the first 100 years are given below in outline form, in terms of the men whose pastorates were covered.

Rev. John Jacob Riess: January 17, 1835–October 1846

Zion Church Begun: January 17, 1835
First Church Dedicated: June 26, 1837
  Services held weekly ever since 1840
Freivogel Cemetery established: 1837
Evangelical Church Society of the West founded: October 15, 1840
  This later became the Evangelical Synod of North America
  Rev. J. J. Riess one of the six founding fathers.
First Church Conference held in Zion Church: October 4, 1843

Rev. Jacob Knauss: October 1846–January 14, 1886

Zion Church moves to Millstadt 1850 (now Village Hall)
First Parsonage built: 1855
  Now home of Merton Baltz, 521 West Oak
Zion's present (Third) Church begun: 1863
The Civil War fought: 1861-1865
First school house erected: 1865

Rev. Albert Zeller: January 1866–June 2, 1871

Sunday School begun—year unknown.
Ladies Society (Frauenverein) organized.
New Constitution adopted January 1, 1867
Pipe organ installed: October 1867

Rev. Jacob Knauss: recalled January 1872–March 1881

Old steeple replaced by tower
Pastor Knauss dies of pneumonia: March 10, 1881
  (Zion's only pastor buried at Freivogel Cemetery)

Rev. Al. Neuhaus: April 10–September, 1881

Rev. Andreas Mueller: December 1881–October 1888

Zion formally unites with Evangelical Synod
Land purchased for eventual next parsonage: 1883
Fiftieth Anniversary celebrated: 1885
South Illinois District organized here
  April 29 to May 2, 1887—Now S. Ill. Synod

Rev. Henry Buchmueller: Early 1889–late 1901

Young Ladies Society, Martha Sewing Society and
Young People's Society organized
Two new bells donated, by Ladies Society: 1889
Horseshoe Gallery installed in church: 1891
Another Schoolhouse built: 1894

Rev. J. Bruse: January 1902–April 1904

Interior of church renovated: 1902
Art glass "Rose" window installed–Young Ladies Society

Rev. Paul Wendt: July 1904–November 1924

Constitution revised to fit the times: 1905
Entrance to church rebuilt and beautified: 1906
New parsonage built; dedicated: October 13, 1907
Now home of Herman Krohm, 518 West Laurel
Zion's Diamond Jubilee celebrated: 1910
Baptismal font dedicated to memory of Rev. J. J. Knauss
Kilgen Organ installed: 1912
(With participation of Carnegie Fund)
Present Church Tower constructed: 1914
Tower clock also installed: 1914
Lasting slate roof installed: 1914
Zion closes its parochial school: 1918
World War I: 1917-1918

Rev. B. H. Heithaus: March 1925–April 1930

Sunday School reorganized on present lines
90th Anniversary of Zion celebrated
Granite marker set at site of first church: 1925
New Pews placed in church nave: 1928
(Gift of Confirmation Reunion Services)
New (present) boiler installed: 1929
Property purchased for present parsonage: 1930

Rev. Arthur Limper: October 1930–October 1951

Centennial Observed: 1935
Church enlarged and completely redone: 1935

It is at this point that Zion Church begins its second century, and this booklet specifically tells of the fifth quarter-century of that story, and in pictures goes into the history of one particular year.

Actually the years from 1935 to 1959 were quite eventful, locally. America was plunged into world conflict, and 98 of her men were called to active duty in World War II and the War in Korea. One of them, Ralph Nold, paid the supreme sacrifice. As a result of the establishment of the universal draft, Zion Church now always has some of its men in the armed services, and strives to keep in touch with them through regular mailings; and also keeps in touch with the young people in institutions of higher learning.

About 1940 the first talks of merger between the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches took place, in a serious manner—to be consummated in 21 years into the present "United Church of Christ."

It was also during this period that Zion Church began its program of Friday Night Community movies, sponsored by the Churchmen's Brotherhood. For a time this met a long felt need, which soon was dissipated by the coming of television and disciplinary problems. After many years, the movies were discontinued, but for a long time they met a real community need.

In 1948 a new parsonage, the third in Zion's history, was built and dedicated, just to the east of the church. A one-and-a-half story, colonial type structure, it not only provided a modern, up-to-date residence, but put it close to the church, and to the convenience of the people.

In July of 1951 Pastor A. E. Limper tendered his resignation, to ease the heavy load of work, and ease into retirement. Pastor and Mrs. Limper left Millstadt on October 15, 1951, but with family ties in the area he has made many visits back, and is always a welcome figure in the town and church where he lived and labored for 21 years.

On January 1, 1952 Rev. Armin Maronn began his pastorate among the people of Zion Church, and in the confines of South Illinois Synod. Naturally, because the writer is more familiar with the events of this pastorate, the details of church activities assume a more detailed and intimate air.

October of 1952 saw the introduction of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible released to America, and services commemorating this major event were suitably held in Zion Church. It is the Bible officially in use in our services of worship at this time, in pulpit and lectern.

Christmas Eve 1953 saw the introduction of what has already become a traditional service in the hearts of the people, when a candlelight carol service is held at 7:00 PM, with the confirmation class of that year taking an active part in the service. As a companion service, the Christmas morning service was changed to 7:00 AM, and met with better attendance than heretofore.

In 1953 Zion Church received the gift of a sum of money, the total amount to be given over four years, for a memorial organ, by Miss Otillia Baltz. While few members seriously doubted the need of a more adequate organ, and envisioned its installation in the future, the erection of an educational building was more pressing, and was to be accomplished first.

The fund remains in Zion's treasury, the last obligation of the educational building. The organ may not be too far in the future.

Easter Sunday of 1954 saw the largest reception into membership in Zion's history, as 88 persons stood before the altar, pledging allegiance to Christ and His church. The same year the World Council of Churches met in America, and the pastor was an accredited visitor to Evanston. This was another evidence of the ecumenical spirit come upon us. The Brotherhood purchased the lot at the corner of West Madison and South Main streets, as an increase to the property. This was the beginning of what will probably be a long project in securing additional land for expansion purposes and parking. It is a dream of many members, that some day Zion Church shall be using the entire block on which it is located.

The next year Pastor Maronn was privileged to participate in Heifer Project, Inc., and as a "sea going cowboy" accompanied a load of heifers to Germany, and toured Europe. Not only the manner in which Zion Church sent "Millie" as an ambassador of good will, and raised a considerable gift of money, but also the generosity to the pastor at this time, are evidences of Zion's growth in the field of benevolences and the world-wide concern of the church. In the fall of 1955 Zion's members participated whole-heartedly in a professionally-led, fund-raising project, by means of which the necessary monies for a Zion Memorial Educational Building were finally to be provided for the expanding program. As a result of the successful campaign, the building was assured.

And on January 1, 1956 ground was broken, and a modern building erected. The building was dedicated November 18, of that year, with all necessary equipment. The building committee was composed of Howard Albert, chairman, Mrs. Ollie Schmidt, Mr. Elmer Gutherz, Mr. Willard Mueller, and Mr. Raymond Weible. Gale Henderson was the architect, and Ken Evans, Inc., the contractor. In that same year one of Zion's members, who wishes to remain anonymous, made a gift of new maroon choir robes and accessories to the church.

At the annual meeting of 1957 Zion Church made a significant step forward in her long history, one which may in years to come be considered the most important in her life time, as it adopted a resolution to suspend all provisions for "dues," "minimum giving," and other like designations. Members are henceforth to contribute to the support of the Kingdom, not to merely raise money, but to practice stewardship on the Biblical level of "free-will, direct giving." Money making schemes where the emphasis is on money (rather than service or fellowship) are discouraged, and giving is to be truly an act of worship. This requires a real act of devotion and consecration on the part of the members, and it does lay the burden of continuous education on the leadership of the church. For a time, as in all radical adjustments, there is confusion, misunderstanding, and sometimes an emotional attachment to the "old ways." But the editor of this booklet (who is also the pastor) ventures to say that in the fifth quarter-century of her life, there has been no more significant act, and among many other outstanding accomplishments, no more important act in Zion's entry into her second century! 1957 also saw Zion Church for the first time employing clerical assistance, for the church and pastor.

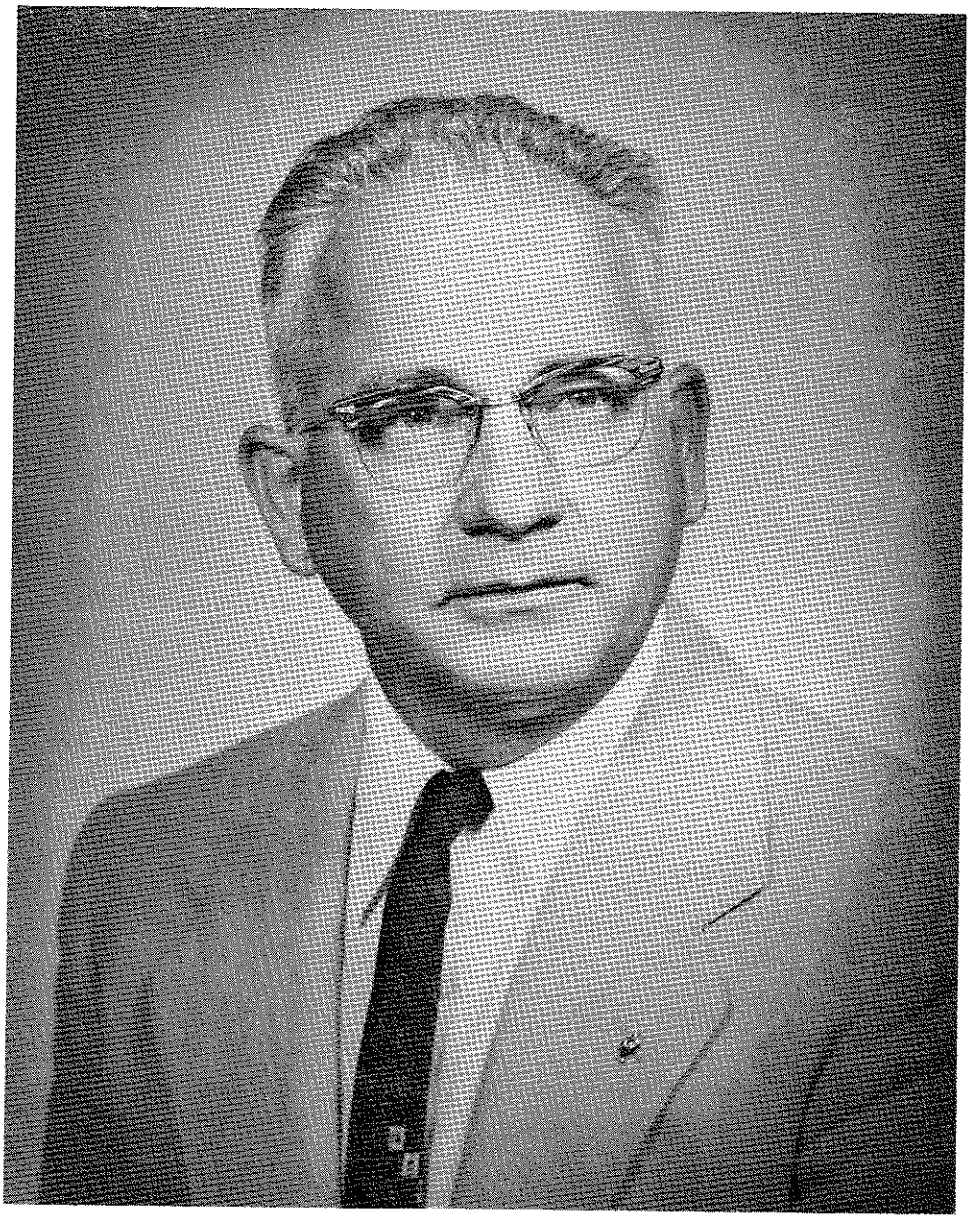
A new organization made its appearance as the YoAdS of Zion church came into being. This group—healthy, young, lively—has already played an outstanding role in the fellowship of the church. Its purpose is fellowship, service, and learning. It operates without specifically elected officers, but rather with an informal commission type of supervision. In June of

the same year, Zion church, upon the vote of its worshipping body, and after a two months trial period of education adopted a more liturgical order of worship than the free-service of the past. Basically, it approaches the "norm" of the Order of Worship of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, and has recaptured some of the wealth and depth of the past.

Finally, in 1959, the year next before her anniversary year, Zion Church accepted full membership in the Church Participation Plan of the new Memorial Hospital, of Belleville. As such, she becomes one of the churches which, together, as cooperating Protestantism, own and operate Memorial Hospital permanently. It is an obligation seriously undertaken. Zion Church has been privileged to have one of her members, Mr. Merton Baltz, after many years of service, now listed as Honorary Life Member of the Board of Directors of the hospital; and her pastor currently an active member of the Board of the hospital. Zion Church also actively supports the voluntary chaplaincy program of Memorial Hospital, and her pastor has been an officer of that group since its conception.

January 17, 1960 marked the actual date of the observation of Zion's 125th year. At this point, dear reader, this booklet departs from the customary method of interpreting a year's intensive program by word alone, and shall attempt to portray the activities of a very, very active year almost solely by means of pictures and accompanying legend.

Two years prior to this date, the Consistory appointed an anniversary committee. With one or two changes, the committee that finally came through was composed of—but suppose we let the pictures tell the story, from January 17, 1960 to December 12, when one of her own sons, and a candidate for the ministry, preached the sermon at the last of her year-long celebration.

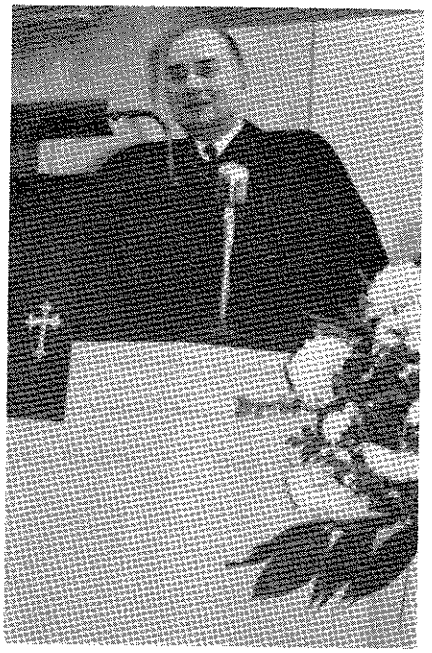


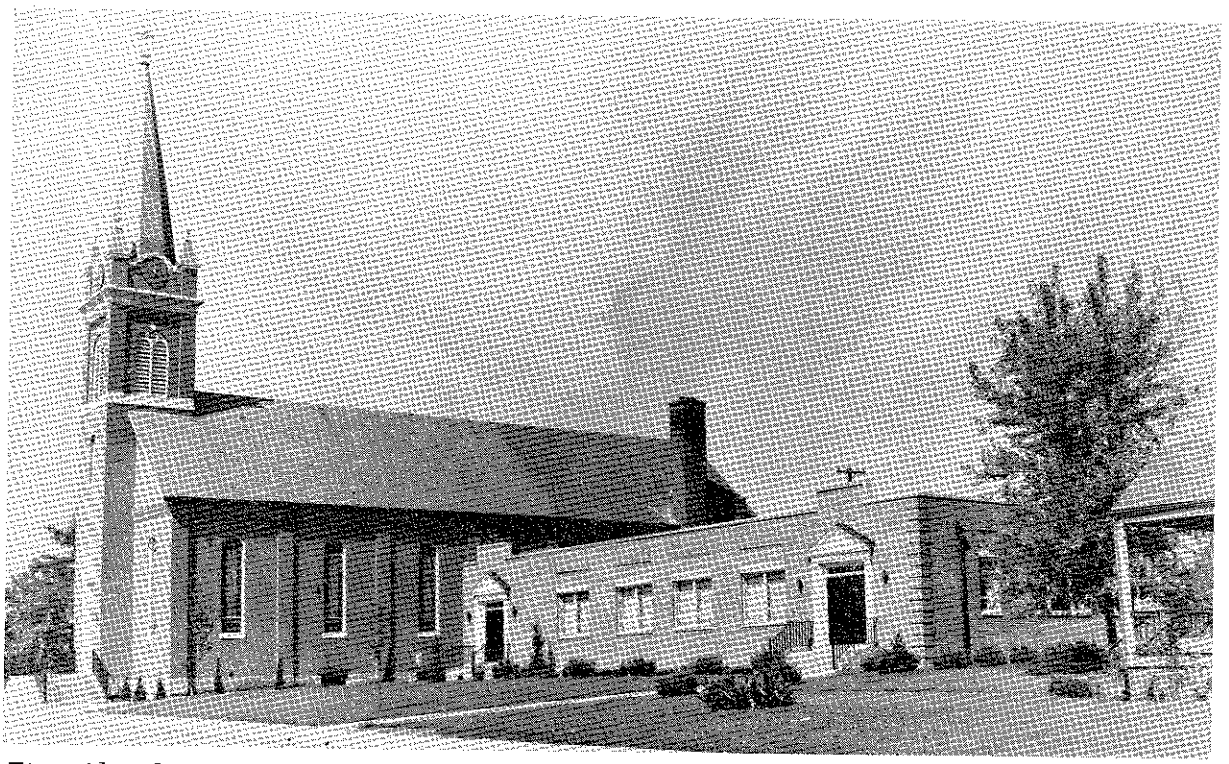
Reverend
Armin J. Maronn
January 1, 1952

Consistory of 1960: (Front Row): Merton Baltz, Pres.; Cora Hardeick, Dorothy Rogers, Fin. Secy.; LaVerne Hauss, Treas.; Elsa Weible, Rev. Maronn, Pastor; (Back Row): Henry A. Griebel, Secy.; Robert Stumpf, Wilbur Grossmann, James Rehg, V. Pres.; Steve Sullivan, Warren Hankammer, Raymond Schewe, E. James Bird.

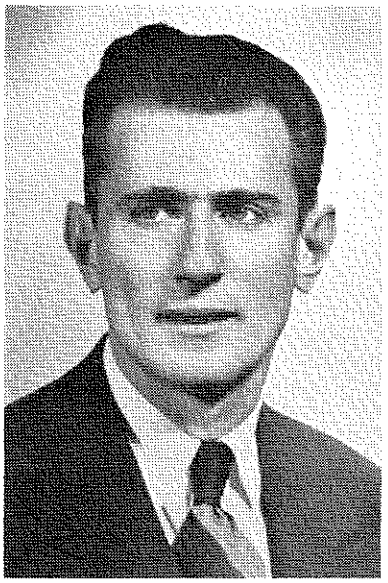
Anniversary Committee: (Seated): Clyde Weible, Judy Albert, Secy.; Velma Prater, co-chairman; Lydia Hoffmann, co-chairman; Mary C. Eckert, Ella Rehg, Herman Krohm. (Standing): Merton Baltz and Rev. Maronn, ex-officio.

Dr. James E. Wagner
President of E & R Church,
and Co-President of U. C. of C.
Speaker at first
Anniversary Service,
January 17th,
exact date of founding.

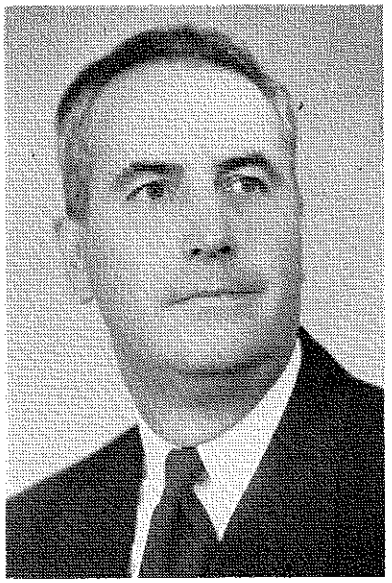




Zion Church And Memorial Educational Building



Harold Wilke Exc. Secy.; Commission on Church and Ministry, E & R Church. March 20th.

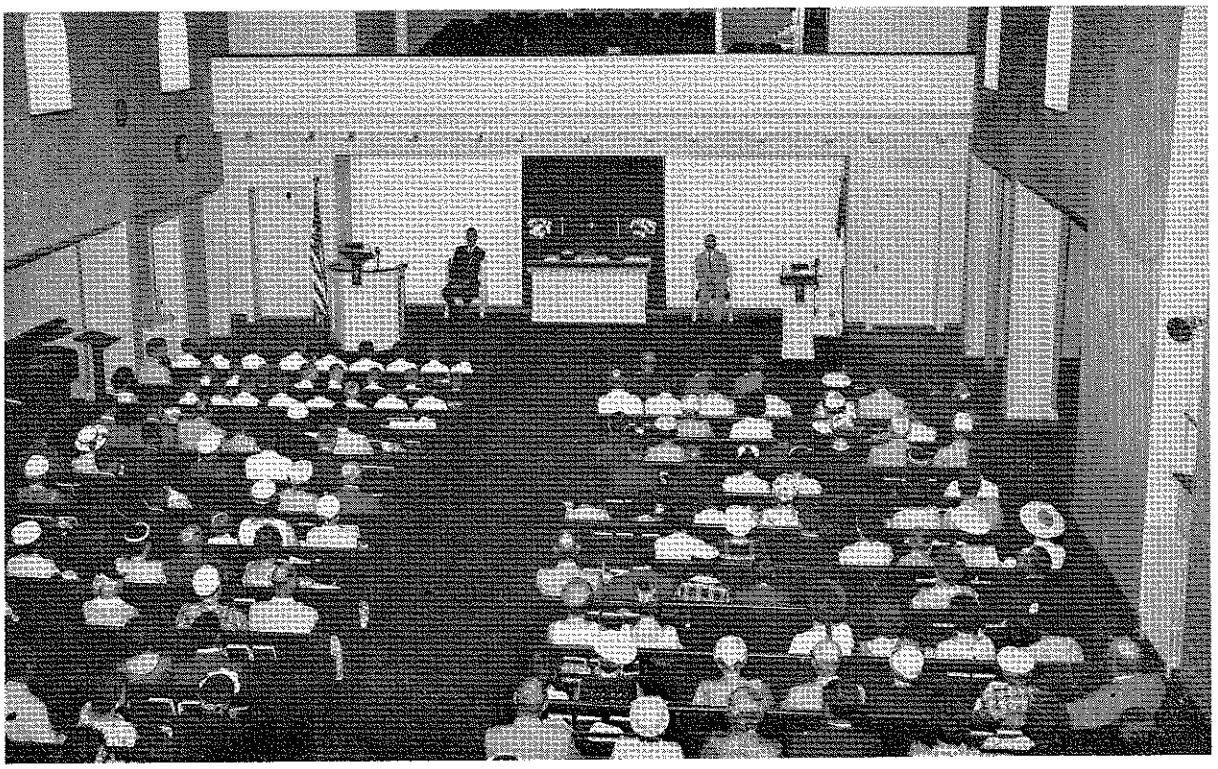


Rev. Gerhard Friz, D.D. Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Columbia. Son of Zion Church. Speaker on February 21st.

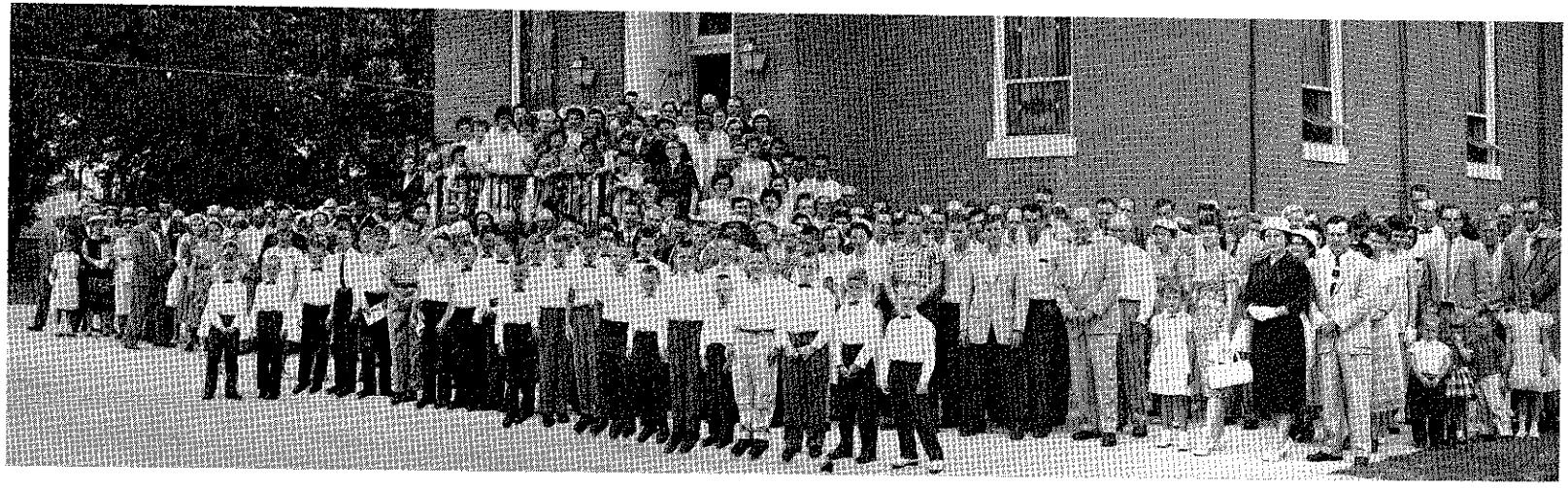
Zion Church Sign. Dedication April 10th.

Elmhurst College Glee Club Concert April 23 and 24. Lyle Weible, of Zion Church, President.

Confirmation Class of 1960-1961

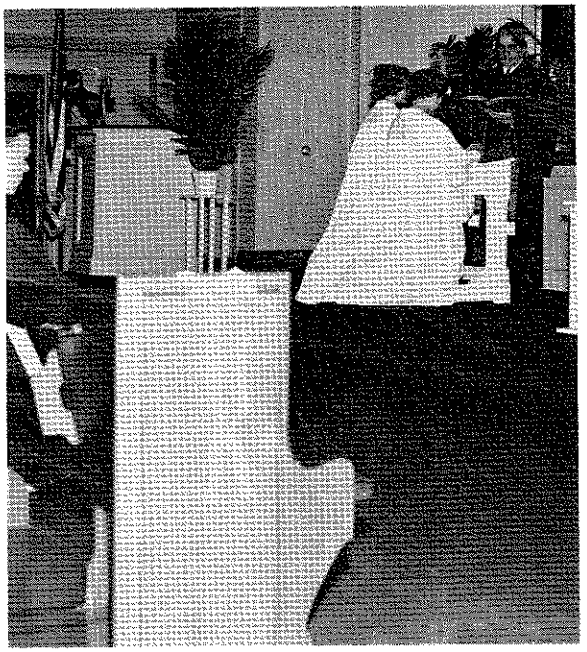


Congregation at Worship, June 26th.

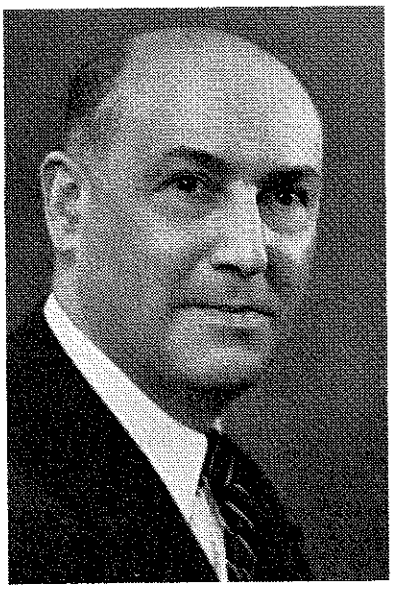


Congregation in Front of Church, June 26

Rite of Confirmation
—Palm Sunday.



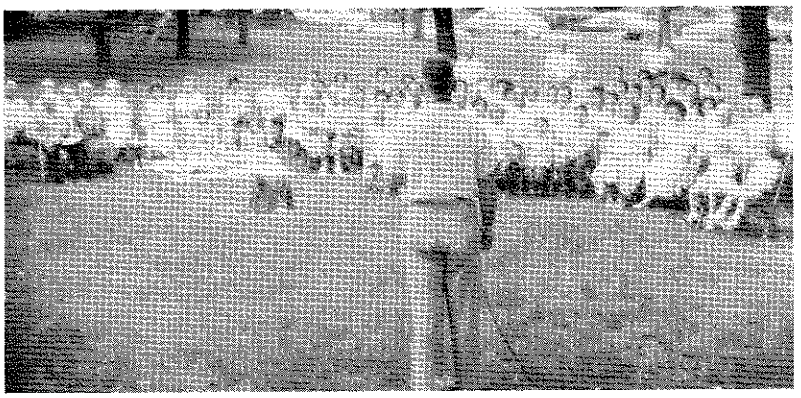
Members leaving Church.



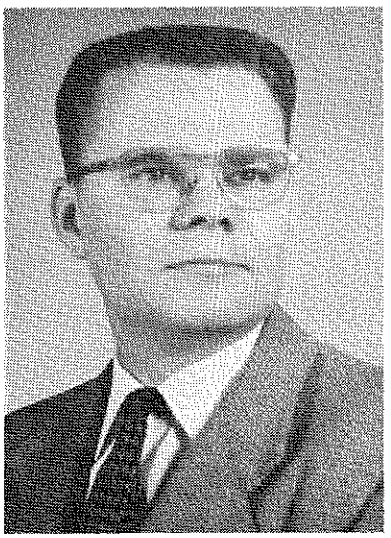
Rev. Adolph Friz, Sr.
Pastor at Milwaukee;
Son of Zion Church,
Speaker May 15th.

Officers of Synod, left to right: Howard Poetter, Secy.; John Schmidt, Pres.; Wm. Handrich, Treas.; Robert Tormohlen, V. Pres.; South Illinois Synod met in Annual Session at Millstadt, May 3 and 4.

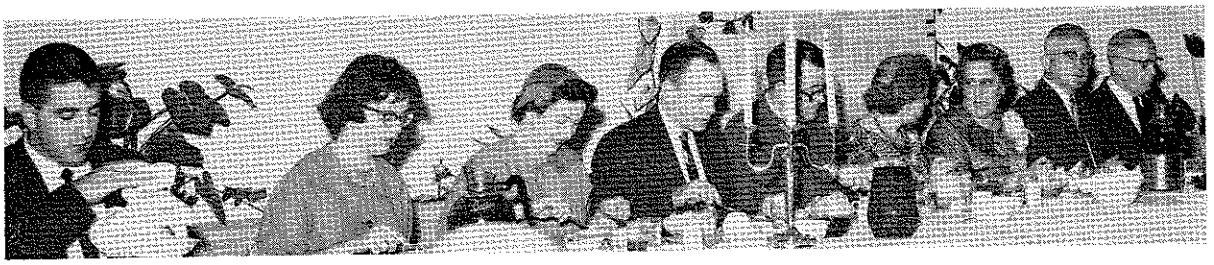
One of our after-service coffees, on June 26. Pouring are madams Wilbur Grossman, J. Bird, Raymond Schewe, Steve Sullivan, and Special guests Dr. and Mrs. John L. Schmidt.



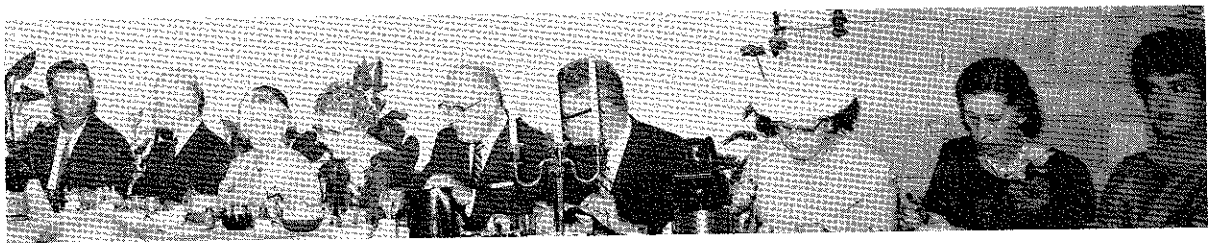
3 views of Zion Church Picnic. Held at Maeystown.



Prof. Armin Limper, Prof. of Religious Education at Elmhurst College. Speaker September 18th.



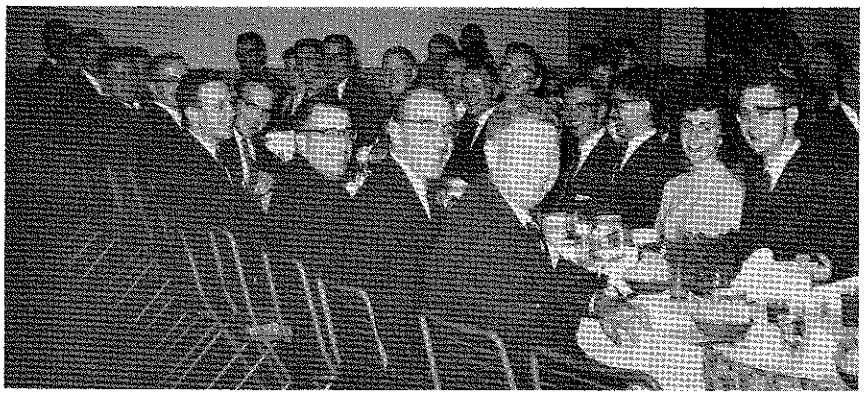
Speakers table at the Anniversary Banquet, October 8th, at Augustine's Restaurant, Belleville. (Left to right): Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Weible; Mr. Robert Gordon; president of Belleville Ministerial Alliance, and Mrs. Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dorn, St. Louis Metropolitan Church Federation; Mrs. and Rev. Armin Maronn; Dr. Edwin Dahlberg, main speaker.



Mr. Howard Albert, toastmaster; Rev A. E. Limper, speaker and Zion's only living former pastor, and Mrs. Limper; Mr. Merton Baltz, president of the consistory, and Mrs. Baltz; Mr. and Mrs. John Burke; Miss Lydia Hoffman, Anniversary co-chairman; Miss Judy Albert, Anniversary secretary. Mrs. Velma Prater, Anniversary co-chairman, not pictured.

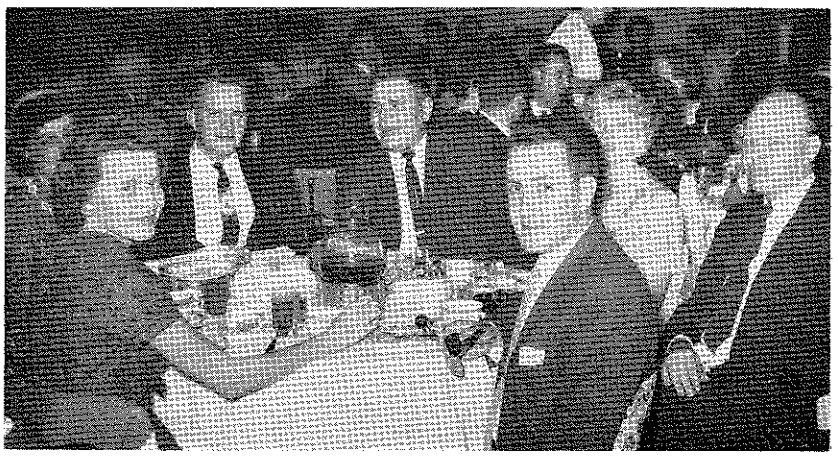
A view of some of the Banquet crowd.

Belleville T.H.S.
Girls' Sextette



Eden Seminary Motet Choir
Prof. Krebs, Director.

The Limper families
Armin Limper
not able
to be present.



Banquet Participants: Seated: Merton Baltz, Dr. E. Dahlberg, Howard Albert, Rev. A. E. Limper. Standing: Lyle Weible, John Burke, Ralph Dorn, Dr. John Schmidt, Rev. Gordon, Taylor Braswell, Administrator of Memorial Hospital, and Rev. Maronn.

Representatives of Zion Church cited for outstanding contribution (Seated left to right) Lydia Hoffman, Mrs. Herman Schmidt, Mrs. Albert Pistor, Miss Betty Beil; (Standing) Mrs. Albert Hauss, Clyde Weible, Lyle Weible, Wm. Albert, John Burke, Walker Johnson, Earl Shondy, Rev. Arthur E. Limper, Miss Viola Rodemich. (Miss Deanna Watland and Mr. Henry Riedel, not present.)

Outstanding Contributions . . .

LYDIA HOFFMANN—Co-chairman of the Anniversary Committee; many years a public school teacher who gave of her talent in Zion Sunday School; first woman elected to the Consistory; loyal exponent of church campaigning program and religious education conferences.

MRS. HERMAN C. "OLLIE" SCHMIDT — long time service as Sunday School teacher and superintendent; charter member of the Happy Hour Club; many years of singing in the Senior Choir; and volunteer director of the newly organized Girls' Chorus.

MRS. ALBERT "LORENA" PISTOR—years of outstanding service to Zion Church as member and officer of the Ladies Aid and the Women's Guild, and especially for extra volunteer service as chairman of the "Quilting Committee" for many, many years.

MISS BETTY BEIL—representative of the pupils of the Sunday School: active in regular attendance; Daily Vacation Church School at least three years; in the Girls' Chorus; participant in various programs; dependability. A Junior Sunday School. Of 10 eligible, choice and lot narrowed the election to Betty Beil.

MRS. ALBERT "LAVERNE" HAUSS—first woman to hold a major office in Zion Church, as Congregational Treasurer; now completing her fifth year as such; one of three women first elected to office of Deaconess.

MR. CLYDE WEIBLE—enthusiasm of youth and ability to get along with oldsters; returned serviceman immediately elected to Consistory; youngest president in Zion's history; charter member and one of the first officers of YoAdS; member of Anniversary Committee.

MR. LYLE J. WEIBLE—being representative of the youth of Zion, active in their own church, who have gone into the service of the Lord in full time service and the ordained clergy. May your number be legion. May your example be brilliant.

MR. WM. ALBERT—years of outstanding service to Zion Church as member of the Council and/or Consistory, former church president, and remarkable achievements as one of the "Senior members" of Zion Church. Your counsel has been appreciated.

MR. JOHN BURKE—being the first member of Zion Church who, in his adult years and in an established occupation, left all to enter the full time service of his lord, and enter the ordained clergy with pre-requisite study and travail. May your successors be many and eager.

MR. WALKER JOHNSON—contributions to Zion Church as S. S. Superintendent and teacher; officer and member of the Happy Hour Club; Brotherhood —immediate participation in such efforts as a newcomer to Millstadt Community and Zion fellowship.

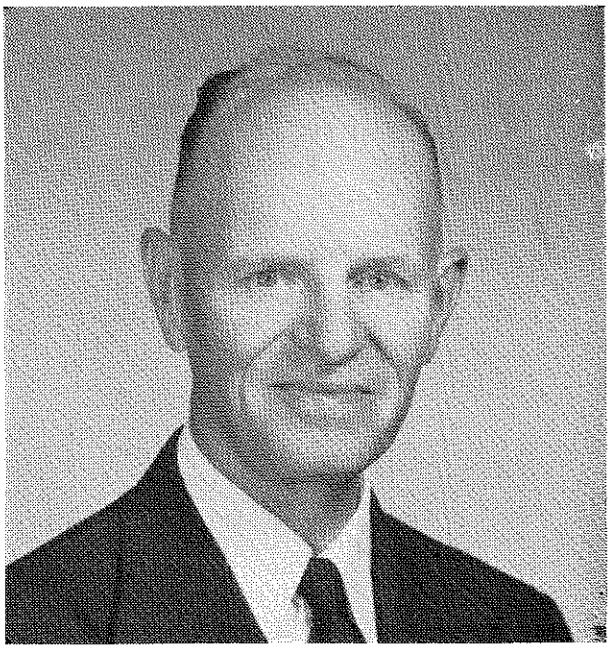
MR. EARL SHONDY—his guidance and leadership in steering Zion Church through its first major and professional fund raising program; consistoryman and church president; continued activity in the Happy Hour Club; loyal attender at services of worship often at great cost in personal comfort.

REV. ARTHUR E. LIMPER — being representative of all those men who have served Zion Church as pastor in its 125 years, with honor, distinction, and personal sacrifice.

MISS VIOLA RODEMICH—membership in the Youth Fellowship in younger days; Sunday School teacher for many years and currently Treasurer; church organist par excellence; and her encouragement of others to succeed her in the service and ministry of music.

MISS DEANNA WATLAND—officer in the Youth Fellowship; teacher in the Sunday School; worker in church related fields and tours in her free times; first member of Zion active in volunteer work as in National Parks, etc.

MR. HENRY RIEDEL—representative of the elderly people, now inactive, but who once gave their fullest devotion to Zion Church. A forgotten man. Many years secretary of Zion Church, and in his day keeper of excellent records.

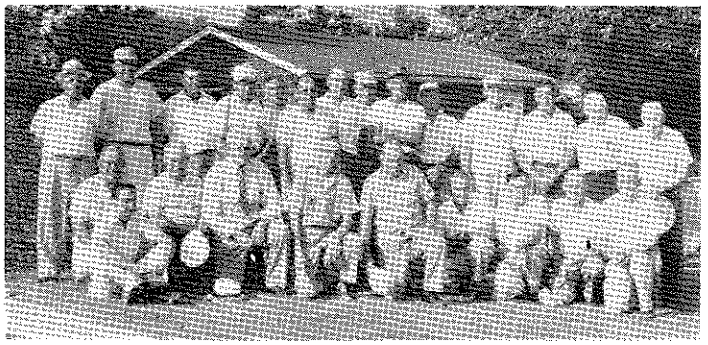


Rev. A. E. Limper. Only living former pastor of Zion Church. Speaker on October 8th and 9th.

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Gutherz, former custodians for many years, greeting Rev. and Mrs. Limper at reception on Sunday evening, October 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weible at reception table, October 9th. In the background are Mabel Watland, Stella Baltz, and Ophelia Mueller.

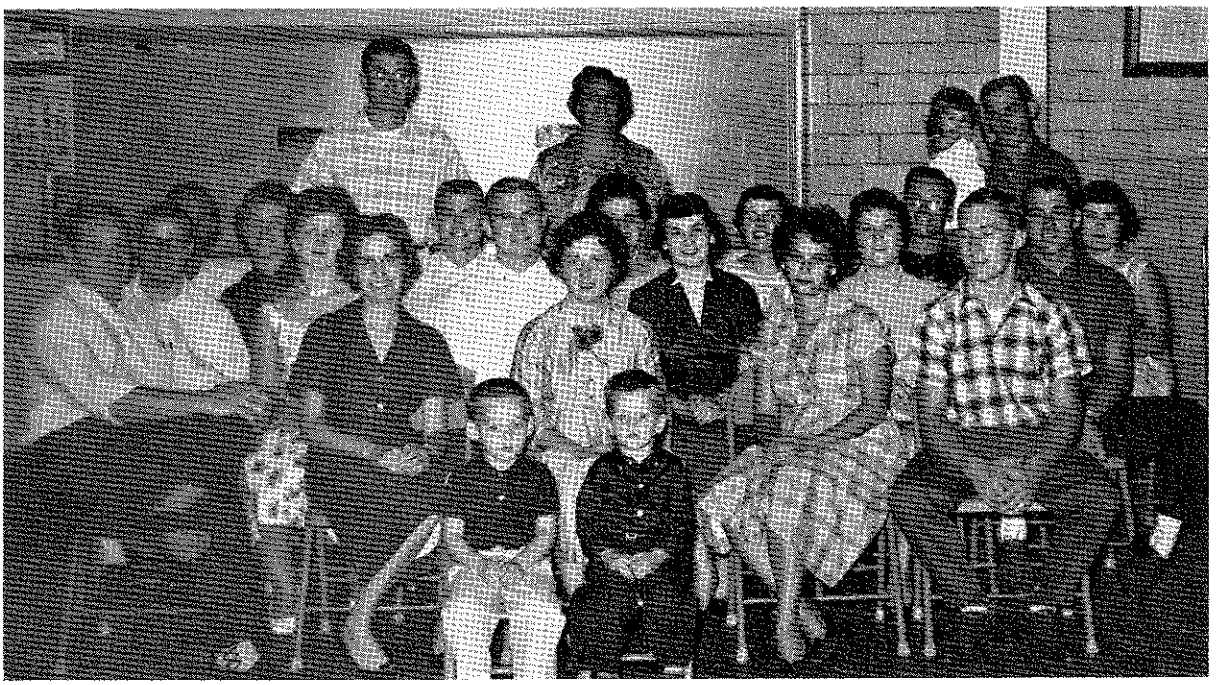
The Women's Guild



The Churchmen's Brotherhood

Youth Fellowship Officers of 1960

The Happy Hour Club



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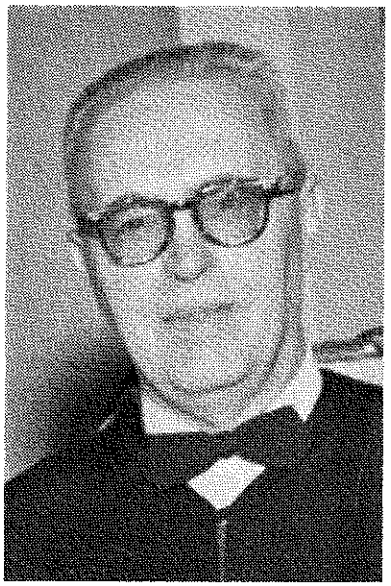
Mr. Otto Knauss, Grandson of former pastor, and speaker at Laymen's Sunday, October 15th.

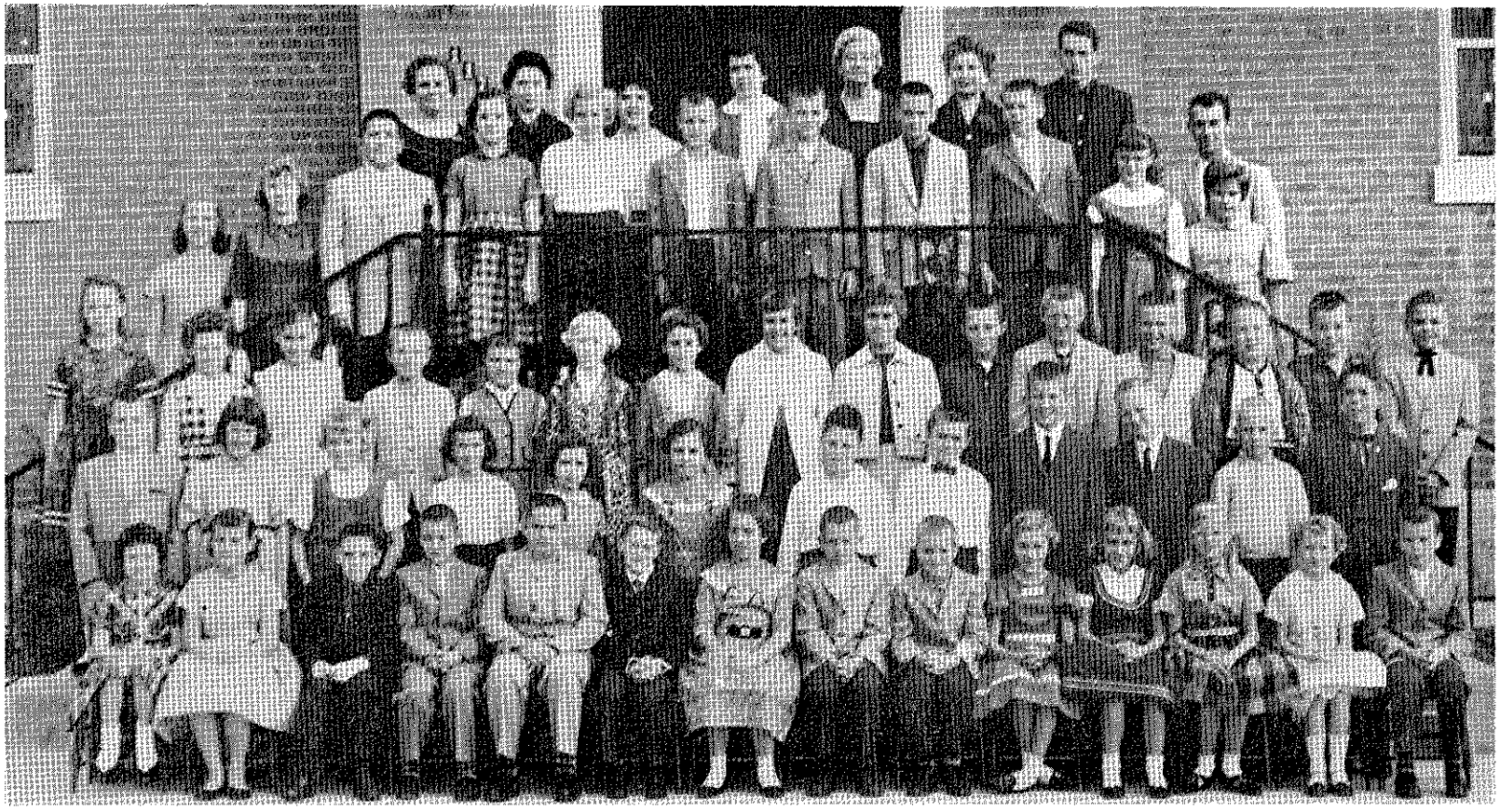


Rev. Paul Schoppe, of Moro, Illinois. Son of Zion Church. Speaker on November 6th. Also son of Zion's last Parochial school teacher.

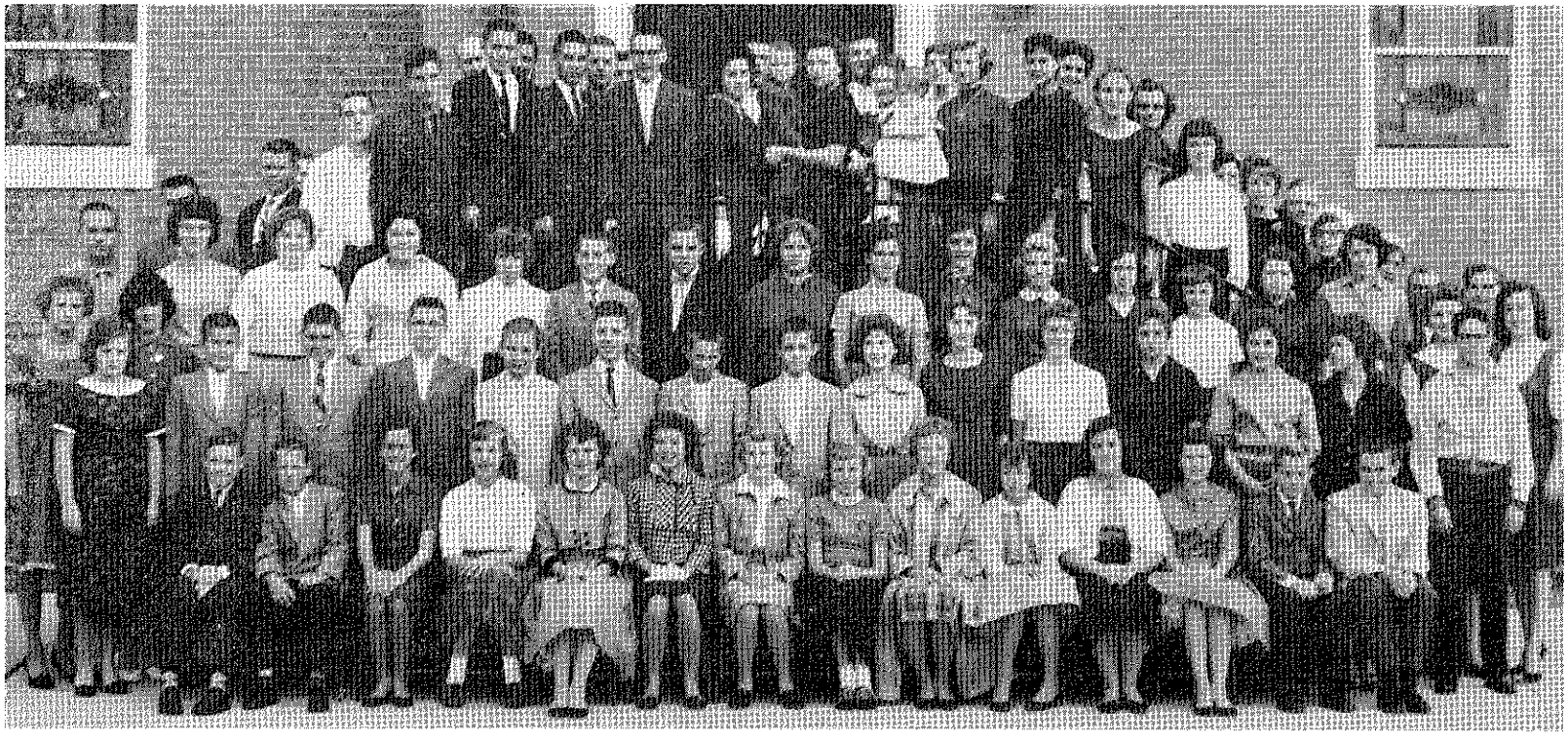
Mr. John Burke, member of Zion, and Student for the ministry. Speaker December 11.

Washington U. Motet Choir Concert of Christmas traditional and modern Carols, December 14.

The Nursery, Kindergarten and Primary Dept. of the Sunday School



The Junior Department of the Sunday School



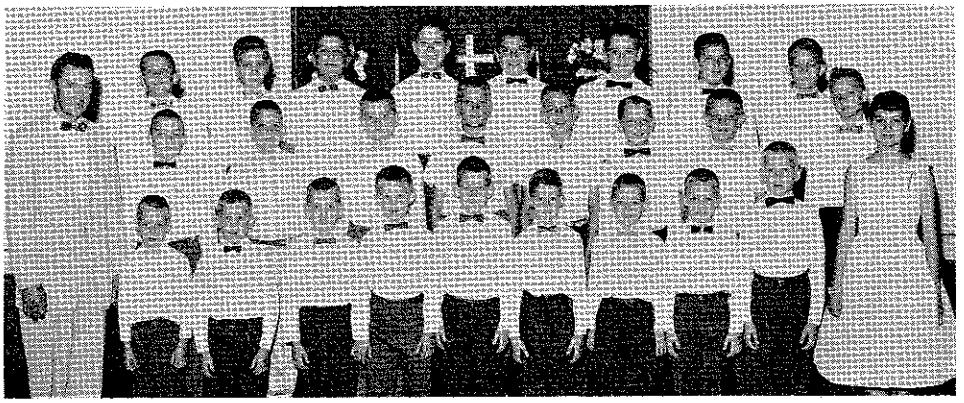
The Advanced Department of the Sunday School

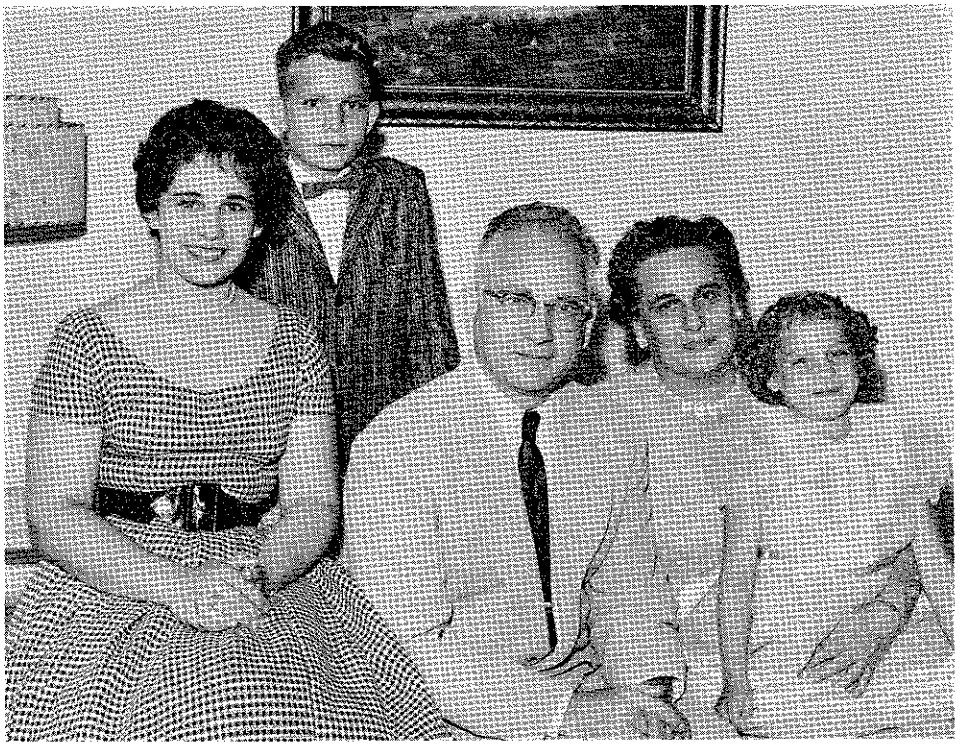
The Senior Choir: Mr. Bill Heil, director; Viola Rodemich, Organist; Missing Helma Etling and Patricia Fuchs, Organists.

The Girls' Chorus—Ollie Schmidt, director; Kathy Jung, accompanist

The Boys' Choir Mr. Kenneth Harres, director

Vicki Kohlenberger, accompanist





Rev. and Mrs. Maronn, family in the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mehrtens, Custodians, and family.

Mrs. Irene Griebel
Church Secretary

SPECIAL GIFTS

The organizations and some individuals of Zion Church contributed toward a purse, which was given to the pastor prior to Christmas, 1959, so that he could procure a new Pulpit Gown, to be worn during the Anniversary year. It was worn for the first time on New Year's Eve, so it really was available for the entire year, as desired. (Sincere thanks!—pastor)

In January of 1960, three nut trees were planted on the church grounds: pecan, English walnut, and hickon. The trees were the gift of Mr. William Moeser, the pastor, and a memorial to Mrs. Louisa Kropp.

The painting, "The Transfiguration," by O'Connor, was given to Zion Church as a gift by a member who wishes to remain anonymous, but is given in gratitude to God for all the blessings that have come to this member throughout the years by way of the ministry of Zion Church.

An outdoor, bronze, illuminated bulletin board, a gift of confirmation reunion offerings of the past several years, and climaxed by the final gift on Palm Sunday evening, was dedicated on Palm Sunday evening, at the time of the annual Re-union. The church was filled to capacity, and our own student in preparation for the ministry, Lyle Weible, preached his first sermon in the home church.

The living Past Presidents of Zion Church, together, made a gift to Zion Church of a rheostat (light dimming device) for the sanctuary chandeliers. This has proven most useful, and has allowed Zion Church to use the lights more effectively for evening services. Those past presidents were:

Mr. Albert Diesel	Mr. Philip Sparwasser
Mr. William Albert	Mr. Clarence Diesel
Mr. William Osick	Mr. George W. Miller
Mr. Oliver Eckert	Mr. Anton Stoll
Mr. Howard Albert	Mr. Herbert Mueth
Mr. Earl Shondy	Mr. Clyde Weible
Mr. Adrian Heller	Mr. Fred Pellman
Mr. Kenneth Harres	Mr. Elmer Gutherz

In June of the special year, there were dedicated four seven-branched candelabra (floor stand) as living memorials to Mr. Herman Valerius and Mr. Edward Vogel. They were gifts of the respective widows.

As memorials to Mr. Dan F. Edwards, Sr., who died during the anniversary year, Zion Church was the recipient of an air conditioner for the church offices, a new addressograph machine, and 12 church hymnals.

As the year drew to a close it became a certainty (the legal details were not completed until the annual meeting of January 1961) that Zion Church was to receive a gift of 6.74 acres of land at the southwest edge of Millstadt, to be subsequently developed into Zion Fellowship Park. The land was the gift of the Morgan Coal Company.

Zion 125th Anniversary Patrons

It was through the generosity and good will of the following persons, who as individuals or a couple, contributed $25.00 to the Zion Anniversary Fund to underwrite the expenses of the year long celebration, that the expenses were assured. Each donor was guaranteed 2 tickets to the banquet, a copy of the anniversary booklet, and 2 tickets, in lieu of an offering, to two major musicals. They are listed in the order in which their contribution was made.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weible
Rev. and Mrs. Armin Maronn
Mr. William Osick
Mrs. Ollie Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weible
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rehg
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Krohm
Mr. and Mrs. Merton Baltz
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rehling, Sr.
Mrs. Louisa Hankammer
Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Griebel
Mr. and Mrs. William Strauss
Mr. and Mrs. James Rehg
Mr. and Mrs. James Eckert
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mollman
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mehrtens
Mr. and Mrs. William Mertz, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Prater
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schewe
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers
Miss Viola and Mrs. Louisa Rodemich
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Sullivan
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pellmann
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hauss
Miss Otillia Baltz
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schiemer
Mr. John V. Simonds
Miss Frieda Kaiser
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nold
Mr. W. Adam Schickedanz
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beil, Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Etling
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baltz
Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Tegtmeier
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beil
Mr. Gale E. Henderson
Mr. Kenneth Evans
Belleville Typewriter Supply
Walt Marsh Stencil Supply Co.
Mr. Oliver C. Joseph
Mrs. John and Miss Lydia Hoffmann
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Albert
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Weible
Kate Valerius and Kate Vogel
Miss Judith Albert
Rev. and Mrs. Gerhard Friz
Mr. and Mrs. Al P. Vogt
Rev. Harold Wilke
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Veit
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Vollmer
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Baltz
Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Watland

Mr. and Mrs. William Albert
Mr. Albert Rodemich
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rehg
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Huwer
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pistor
Mr. and Mrs. George Ruppel
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Shelby
A Friend (Church member)
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Baltz
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beil
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Weible
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Schubert
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aldridge
Mr. Leslie Mehrtens
Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Rodemich
Mr. and Mrs. William Jung
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Osick
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herbert
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kropp
Dr. E. L. Rauth
Mr. Edwin C. Diesel
Mr. Ed. C. Roediger
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Heil
Mr. and Mrs. George Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Werner

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deditius
Mr. Warren Peter
Mr. and Mrs. William K. Buecher
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Diesel
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schuff
First National Bank of Millstadt
Mr. Paul Dismukes
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lippert
Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Etling
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gutherz
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Grossmann
Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Weible
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Skaer
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckert
Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Luepker
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hankammer
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Werner
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Kalbfleisch
Golden Dipt—Meletio
Mr. George Wirth
Mrs. Bertha and Miss Marilyn Scharf
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schmidt
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Pistor
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harrison
Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Krauss

As Tennyson says of the flowing brook, so followers of Christ believe of the Church:

Men may come
and men may go,
But I, the Church, go on forever