

METHODISTS—

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TRANSFERRED—1961



REV. JOHN E. MUIR

gun on June 26, 1959 and should be completed by early fall of 1961. Most of the work has been done by volunteer workers and all those who have helped in any way deserve a great deal of credit. The church will cost about \$85,000 including furniture and could not be built by a contractor for less than \$225,000, including the furnishings. The Building Committee consists of the following persons: Chairman, Andrew Wiggers; Pastor, Rev. John E. Muir; Roy Beckers, Dale Broughton, Walter Dannenberger, Otto Ey, Roland Halstead, Dr. H. H. Maddox, Dean Scott, Melvin Singley, Everett Streentz and Mrs. George A. Volle.

The church has a total membership of 266 and a Sunday School of 161. The people called Methodists are proud of their church and proud of this community. They are happy for the opportunity they have had to "preach the Good News" in our community the past 120 years and are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to continuing their work of "Kingdom Building" in the years that lie ahead.

NEW METHODIST PASTOR



REV. CLIFFORD SMITH

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—

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- The Rev. Christian Starck, 1875 to 1880.
- The Rev. C. Schmidt, 1880-1881.
- The Rev. M. Duerling, 1881 to 1889.
- The Rev. Alfred Freyschmidt, 1889-1891.
- The Rev. Bruno Garten, 1892-1893.
- The Rev. John Jacob Hoffman, 1893-1894.
- The Rev. Bruno Garten, 1894-1897.
- The Rev. Frederick Stoeber, 1897-1899.
- The Rev. Gotthelf Weiss, 1899-1900.
- The Rev. George F. P. Schmidt, 1900-1902.
- The Rev. William Hoffman, 1903-1904.
- The Rev. Nathaniel S. Luz, 1905-1907.
- The Rev. Paul von Toerne, 1909 to 1912.
- The Rev. Alfonse A. Marohn, 1914-1918.
- The Rev. Charles S. Bream, 1918-1922.
- The Rev. W. N. King, 1924-1932.
- The Rev. F. R. Ludwig, 1933-1938.
- The Rev. Ray O. Zumstein, 1938-

CHURCH PERSONNEL

The official board of the church,

REBEKAH LODGE WAS ORGANIZED IN YEAR 1893 WITH 65 MEMBERS

By Grace Baker

On Dec. 7th, 1893, with the support of the Odd Fellows, the Central Rebekah Lodge 313 was instituted. To obtain a charter it was necessary to have at least 10 members, five of each sex. So in order to establish the Rebekah Lodge, the Department Grand Master E. R. Whitney was called in to institute a Charter.

In years prior to 1893 the Ladies received honors of the degree by having husbands, who were members of the Scarlet Degree.

Mt. Pulaski having the required number of candidates, they were granted a Charter on Dec. 7th, 1893. At this date 65 Brothers and Ladies were found eligible to become members of this New Founded Lodge.

The following Brothers were then appointed by the Grand Master to fill the Chairs: Brother W. M. McCormick as Grand Warden; Brother Jas. R. Miller, Grand Secretary; Brother Al O'Conner as Grand Marshal; Inside Guardian Brother J. W. Ball; Right Supporter to the Grand Master was Dr. P. H. Oyler. Brother Al Myers was appointed as Left Supporter of the Grand Master; Brother Whitaker was Grand Treasurer; Brother Fryer was Grand Secretary.

After the Grand Secretary read the Dispensation and the Grand Marshal reported all present were eligible and obligated to become members in the Rebekah Lodge. The initiation team for this Initiation of these new members were the Brothers and Sisters of Rebekah No. 9, the Orphans Home Lodge of Lincoln, Illinois.

The following officers were then elected to fill the chairs: Noble Grand, Sister Mae O'Conner; Vice Grand, Sister Sarah Horn; Recording Secretary, Sister Claudia Fryer; Financial Secretary, Sister Flora Deboice, and Treasurer, Sister Ralston. Noble Grand's Supporters were Sister Mary Fryer, Left Supporter, and Brother Dr. P. H. Oyler as her Right Supporter. Vice-Grand appointed her supporters as follows: Brother Horn, Right Supporter; Left Supporter, Sister Alice Snyder, Conductor, Sister Ida Stilley; Warden, Sister Louise Drobisch; Chaplain, Brother Charles Willbanks; Outside Guardian, Brother J. W. Ball; Inside Guardian, Brother O'Conner.

The following Brothers and Sisters were then appointed to serve on the Constitution and By-Laws as a Committee: Brothers, Myers and Oyler; Sisters Fryer, Arnold and Snyder.

The membership at this time was 65 members. Ten years from that date, the membership was 162. Throughout these years many interesting things took place as in the year of 1907, the month of April, "Queen Esther Lodge" initiated into this lodge 25 candidates. Sister Alma Connolly was Noble Grand during six months of the year, and Sister Helen Ralston was Vice

know as the Church Council, is made up of twelve members who are elected by the congregation at its annual meeting and serve a term of three years. The present Council is: Trustees - Harry S. Martin, Jr., Harold Mann, and Kenneth Brooker; Deacons - Leland Simkins, Wilbur Glick, Walter Hagenbuch, Jr., Harry Hild, W. Herschel Vandevender, Harry VanHook, Loy Dunn, Earl Jackson and Robert Steinfert.

The Officers of the Congregation are: President, The Rev. Ray O. Zumstein (ex-officio); Vice-President, Herschel Vandevender; Secretary, Kenneth Brooker; Treasurer, Walter A. Schafer; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Marie Van Hook. The Organist is Mrs. Fern Stuart; the Choir Directors are, Mrs. Elizabeth Zumstein and Daniel J. McNabb.

The General Superintendent of the Sunday School is Herschel Vandevender. Departmental Superintendents are: Adult - James Buehler, with John Zumstein as Assistant; Primary - Mrs. Louise Dunn, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Buehler.

Grand. Sister Anna Glose who makes her home in the Mary Henry Nursing Home in Lincoln at this date, was a Left Supporter of the Noble Grand. Sister Tillie Klotz served as Deputy Grand Master during the year. Dr. John Riggs was made a member of the Lodge during this year on Nov. 20, 1903. Mrs. Walter Riggs was also made a member.

During the year of 1905, Central Rebekah Lodge was extended an invitation to attend the, and participate in, the parade at the dedication of the New Court House in Lincoln, Illinois. Laura Connolley was serving as Noble Grand at the time.

The year of 1911 was a memorable one as the Odd Fellows had finished building their new hall. It was completed and ready for dedication April 19th on Wednesday.

The Odd Fellows extended an invitation to the General Public to attend the dedication. The Hall is located on the northwest corner of the square. At 3:30 p.m. on April 19, the new Hall was dedicated, and the Grand Representative, Honorable W. W. Groves gave the address. At 5:30 p.m. that evening the Banquet started and it lasted until 8:30 p.m. Professor Null's orchestra supplied the music for the dedication and banquet. The price of the banquet tickets was \$1.00 per

plate. At 9 p.m. the Grand Ball started. Professor Null's Six-Piece band played for the Ball. Tickets were \$1.00.

The building committee for the beautiful Hall was as follows: H. F. Gordon, R. H. Downing and Jas. Roulean.

The officers of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 454 at this dedication were as follows: Noble Grand, A. G. Glose; Vice Grand, F. W. Field; Recording Secretary, G. H. Hubbard; Financial Secretary, J. H. Shrader, and Treasurer, M. J. Myers.

Sister Lida Downing was the Noble Grand of Central Rebekah Lodge 313, when the Hall was dedicated. Sister Clara Gordon was Vice Grand. During these early years all officers held their offices 6 months at a time. Rebekahs of each Lodge are proud of their membership in this wonderful Fraternal Organization. The Rebekah's help support the two Odd Fellows Homes in Illinois, the Children's Home in Lincoln, and the Old Folks Home in Mattoon, Ill. Our local Lodge is interested in all civic, and community affairs. They help support them financially as well as otherwise. Within the Order the Activities are supported by the Rebekah Lodge. The Educational Foundation is just one of the many activities supported by all Lodges sending funds to help support this cause.

From the year of 1893 to the year of 1911 the Rebekah's held their meetings in the Masonic Hall, located on the east side of

the square. During these early years the Rebekahs had many sacrifices to make in order to keep their Lodge prospering. Travel was a problem at times, but nothing swayed their beliefs and their faith in their Lodge.

As each Noble Grand goes out of office, she is presented with a Past Noble Grand Jewel Pin. The Past Noble Grand's have an active group which they call the Past Noble Grand Club. Their aim is to remember the needy and render assistance where it is needed and when it is needed. The club holds their meetings once a month.

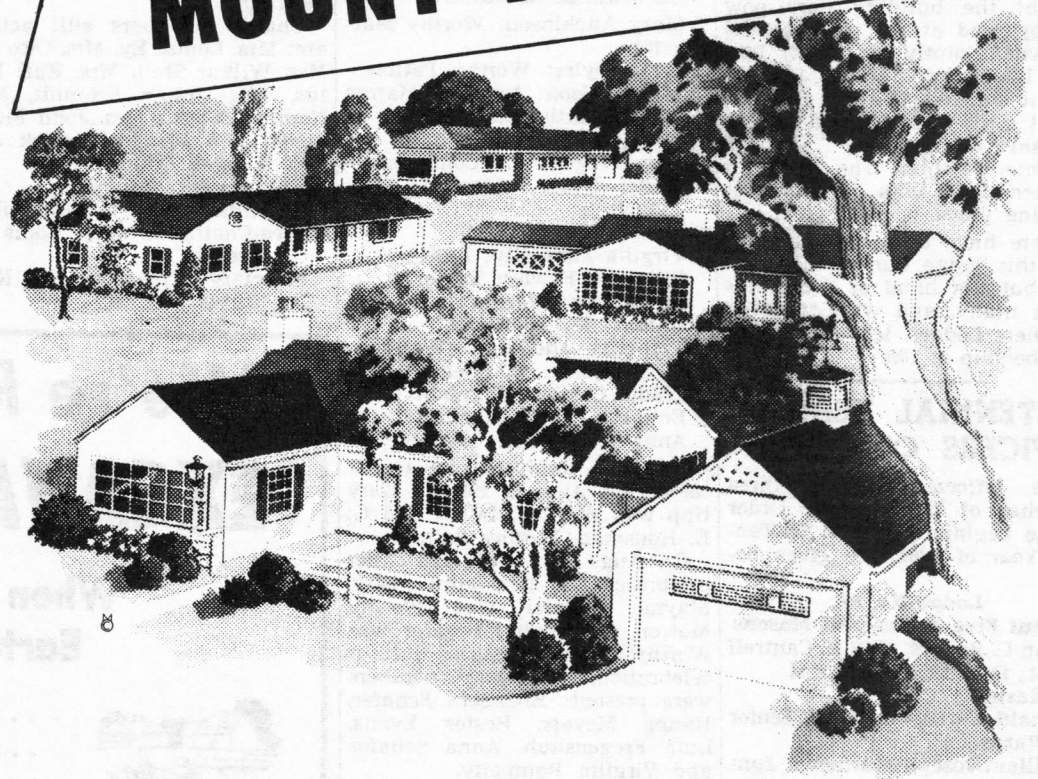
Sister Ada Suedmeier holds the oldest membership of 66 years; Anna Glose, 61 years; Laura Connolley, 61 years; Sadie Buckles, 55 years; Blanche Jarvis, 54 years; Georgia Tribbet, 54 years; William Binder, 53 years; Jennie Birks, 52 years; Maude Mann 52 years; Isadore Tomlinson, 50 years; Jennie Hollerback, 50 years; Pearl Glose, 49 years; Bessie Gulso, 45 years; Earl Holmes, 44 years; Florence Broughton, 43 years; Lottie Hahn, 40 years; Chloe Jenner, 40 years; Bessie Kinert, 40 years; Dessia Reiser, 40 years.

Present Officers

Officers elected for the year of 1961, are: Noble Grand, Mildred Wilham; Vice Grand, Mae Robinson; Recording Secretary, Mary Veech; Treasurer, Marge Kuhns; Financial Secretary, Grace Baker; Musician Nelle Vandevender; Junior Past Noble Grand, Ethel Downing.

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