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LITTLE VISITS WITH

INTERESTING FOLK

One day in January of this year I had the pleasure of a visit with P. P. Cherry of the Kenmore district of Akron, Ohio.

Mr. Cherry for three score and ten years a student of Archaeology, a collector of Indian relics and the author of two little books on Indian lore entitled, "The Portage Path" and "Western Reserve," also "Hunting Stories, etc. These little books are masterpieces of local history pertaining to the Indians and the crossing of the easterners into the Buffalo Lands of the west. Ohio from 1750 to 1825 was one of America's fiercest battle fields between early settlers and the native Red Man. The white man was determined to conquer, the great plains and the native Indians contended for their hunting grounds.

The Ohio river was the dead line marked off by the original America. Here it was that fierce bands of enraged Indians made many desperate stands in the land of Ohio, and here the white man lost many scalps.

No army in the history of the human race has ever held in check, harrassed, defied a strong and conquering foe as the American Indian has done.

Our friend, Mr. P. P. Cherry, is a cripple, was so born, his left limb being dwarfed and shorter than its mate, necessitating a crutch. The old relic hunter told me, with a stroke of his long beard, that he is now eighty-eight years of age, is a widower, has two sons and a daughter.

What a pity that this man so advanced among the evening shadows

should be distressed by poverty. Do you own your little home, I would estimate it a house of four rooms perhaps a little pantry and a small bath? No, said he, I am trying to keep up the interest. And your son now married lives with you? Yes, and my daughter works and lives at home.

I was born, recited Mr. Cherry, in New Jersey, not far from the Lindbergh home, in what they call the Sour Hills. We came overland to Ohio eighty years ago and settled at Sharon Center, later moving to Akron. I have been imposed upon many times, sighed Cherry, with another stroke if his gray beard. I saved a little money in my time, been sort of tender hearted you know, so sharpers took advantage of me. So I have nothing to tide me over as I pass on down the slope. Why, my daughter, he exclaimed with an emphatic rise in his voice, my daughter says, Dad, you'd give your head away if it wasn't fast to your shoulders.

That big book you seem to keep company with, there at your hand, the one with out backs and has some pages crumpled, looks worse for wear, that's an old dictionary, I ventured. No, said P. P. Cherry in a soft tone, that's the Bible. Do you plan to write more about Indians and early Ohio, I inquired. O, yes. Yes sir, was the emphatic reply, I am hard at work now on another book. There was a pause, each one of us in our own soliloquy. The old man's eye lifted to mine. I've been sick you know, haven't been worth much this last year and I forget so easily, can't think as I used to. I had noticed in my conversation a few little slips of

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CHURCH CALENDAR

BIBLE SCHOOL - - - Sunday 9:30
MORNING WORSHIP - - Sunday 10:45
EVENING SERVICES Sunday - 7:30 p.m.
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR Sunday 6:30 p.m.
ORCHESTRA PRACTICE Wed. 7:00 p. m.
CHOIR PRACTICE - - Thursday 7:30 p. m.

that once active mind. The old friend looked down at the floor, I rose to depart, and as I walked out into the winter day, I thought of the toll that the years take, of the haughty chiefs that often fired the

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spirit of P. P. Cherry, all silent now. And the old scribe himself looking across the divide where Time as a ferry boat carries its human fruitage into Eternal Silence.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WHAT IS TRUTH?

This question I am told is prompted by the dialogue of Jesus and Pilate, the same is recorded in John 18-38.

The question in this setting is made difficult from the fact that the Great Teacher was silent. There is no record in the Gospels of the Master making reply to the Roman Governor on this question.

The human element of reason stumbles because Jesus apparently took no notice of the question, and why? Our Lord is before the Roman Judge on trial for His life. Here is a sworn officer of the law of Rome, knowing the right and doing the wrong. This Judge hesitating to do his duty, confessing publicly his convictions of the innocence of the Galilean, yet false to his trust, untrue to his sworn duty. This then was not the time or place to plant seeds of Truth, to be scoffed at by the Priests, to be jeered by the frenzied mob in the court yard. But rather the question, and silence has driven legends of the past two thousand years to inquire and search diligently for an answer to Pilate's question.

Now the question, What is Truth? The boy in the grade school can give answer, the scholar of fifty years hesitates, and the philosopher of seventy answers with great care. With years Truth seems farther, vaster, grander. What is Truth? Values of the noblest qual-

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ity, to tell things, just as they are, qualities of the soul, the opposite of untruth. A sincere adjustment to the laws of the Almighty.

"There is nothing so powerful as truth and often nothing so strange," Webster.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again, the eternal years of God are hers," Bryant.

"'Tis strange but true, for Truth is always strange," Byron.

"Truth is God's currency. Man sometimes recognizes the value," Beecher."

Jesus taught, I am the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6.

GEO. M. HULME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening church services Sunday will be conducted by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, assisted by the B. Y. P. U. of the Cuyahoga Falls Baptist church. This meeting is at 7:30 p. m. and will be well worth your attendance.

Carlyle K. Brosius and James Cross are the leaders from our society, while two speakers from the visiting society will also be on the program.

NOTICE

The Publication committee for this paper will hold a short meet-

ing Sunday after the morning church services.

NEWS ITEMS

Please have notices and news items intended for publication in the editor's hands by Tuesday evening.

CHORUS

The next meeting of the P-T-A Mothers' Chorus will be held on Tuesday evening, January 28th at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Max, 784 Hudson road. This cancels last week's notice.

MARRIED

Miss Rita Rush and Charles W. Dunn of Ashland were united in marriage at the parsonage of the Chapline St. M. E. church of Wheeling, W. Va., on Saturday, January 11th, 1936 at high noon. Mrs. Dunn is employed at the Myers Pump company in Ashland and Mr. Dunn owns and manages the Yocum Business college at Wooster. The young couple will reside at 104 West Walnut street, Ashland.

PERSONAL

Where are we going?

What are we doing?

What is our object?

Have we any spiritual vision?

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Three deacons were at church last Sunday.

L. B. Wheeler, prominent Stow Hardware merchant, now drinks soup.

Did you know that Will Lodge and Lester North are third cousins. Mrs. G. W. Mineard is reported as being somewhat improved in health.

And did you know that there was another River Road party at the North's last Saturday night.

And did you know that the River Road ladies attended Guild in a body this week Wednesday.

Someone asks this week, "What we do with the birthday money?" Well, once it was to be kept for a bell, but now, how about one of those new electric pipe organs?

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cross attended a picture show last Monday, January 13th. It was their 22nd wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Frank Bishop, Hiwood road, has been seriously ill for the past two weeks. We wish her a speedy recovery.

This past week Mrs. F. G. Ham has been confined to her bed with the "Flu."

Mr. Will R. Lodge was elected secretary of the church trustees for the year 1936, A. S. Phelps, president.

Mr. E. L. Large and his family of Ritchie road are moving this week to King Drive.

Mrs. Russell Harper and daughter, Betty Lou, were at Bible school last Sunday, having recovered from an attack of flu.

Miss Fannie Piper of Barnesville,

Ohio, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Cox of Hudson road.

Miss Joy Ritchie of Ritchie road is recovering from a recent accidental gunshot wound.

Mrs. W. L. Hardy and her mother, Mrs. Boston of Maple road, have been seriously ill.

Sunday visitors at the Burt Mineard home last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watson of Akron.

C. E. business meeting was held

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at the home of Betty and James Cross last Monday evening. Apples for refreshments.

Last Friday evening the Men's Bible class met for a party and business meeting at the home of A. S. Phelps. Only things wrong was that they forgot to invite the president and some others. Therefore no business transacted. Wonderful refreshments though.

Mr. and Mrs. Roebuck have sold their property on Main street in Munroe Falls and are moving to Akron this week. A Mr. Dick Keller of the Goodyear is moving in.

Mrs. Jennie C. Heisler of Burbon, Ind., is spending the winter with her daughter Mrs. W. W. Biggs, Homewood avenue, Johnson allotment.

After several weeks illness "Chuck" Wesley of Homewood avenue is able to resume his work at the local A & P store.

Thursday evening of this week the United Presbyterian church pastor and choir of Cuyahoga Falls put on a special meeting at the Graham road Baptist church.

From last Sunday's sermon: "Bounded by the wilds and sticks on the north": later we learn that this is "where Mr. Stockman lives."

Birthdays celebrated at Bible school last Sunday were those of Mrs. C. M. Woodring, Mrs. Harry Olson, Mrs. Harry Osman and Howard Sanner. And, one we missed, Ruth Mineard the Sunday before last sent her birthday collection up with Dorothy Gowan.

Next week the new Stow directory

will make its appearance. Mr. Smith tells us there will be 2500 listings viz, 1350 from Stow Township, Tallmadge 800 and 200 each from Silver Lake and Munroe Falls respectively. The price of the directory is 40c.

Oh yes! Yes! We almost forgot. That party mentioned a few paragraphs back held at Lester North's last Saturday night was a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Burt Mineard. And they probably had plenty to eat too. It is remarkable how these River road folks celebrate.

Now wouldn't it be just grand if some of these River road folks would get the Home Missionary bug and invite our—well say for a starter—the Men's Bible class of the Stow Community church out there to one of those parties sometime soon. That would be the second step towards a national reputation.

P. S. For the information of the general public we are not asking for an invitation but just the same from time to time we will let you know what progress is being made along this line.

Last Sunday Rev. Hulme preached a very pointed and timely sermon. His text was from Luke 7-22. "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the Gospel is preached." It seems we have all the above mentioned in our church, especially



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those that are dead. Personally we will admit being rather lame when it comes to teaching a Bible school class, making a public prayer, etc., etc., but dead, well Christ raised the dead and he can raise some of us. Men's class, Deacons, Bible school teachers and Trustees please take notice.

Mr. E. W. Knight recently returned from a two weeks trip to Tuscon, Arizona, where he visited his wife and son Harris, who have been down there for several months. He reports that his wife is doing nicely and that Harris has grown considerable since he left Stow, in fact he is almost as tall as his dad now.

E. W. K. says it is a grand country down there, lots of desert, cacti forest and there are multitudes of flowers in bloom now. While we were having it four below in Stow, they enjoyed the weather with an average temperature of 77° F.

For those who are interested in traveling expense Mr. Knight tells us that his total expense for the two weeks was only \$95.00. This includes railroad fare both ways, a total distance of 4400 miles, all meals, etc. A total time of 5 days was spent on the train. It would be hard to beat this expense account if you drove your own car.

Mr. Knight says that his wife and son Harris will return to Stow as soon as school is out in June.

And here is something else: Living room suite, breakfast table and chairs, dining room table, oil

stove, kitchen equipment, three beds, day bed, etc., etc. to be sold by the piece or as a whole. Reasonably priced—or will share home with small family, accept room and board in exchange for furniture, or what proposition will you make? Inquire at Knight Service Shop. (Adv.)

GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

How many of us know that there are three churches in Stow Township and that the Graham Road Baptist church is one of them?

Rev. C. L. Douglas is the pastor of this church.

Last Sunday seventy-two were at church services and there were eighty-seven at Sunday school. This, we understand, is about the average attendance and is not so remarkable. However this church holds Wednesday evening prayer meetings with an average attendance of 55 or 60 persons, which is remarkable. Would that we could do as well, or even half that good?

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE BY L. G. PHELPS

It is our idea that some of our readers will be interested in brief biographies of famous men. If such is the case and this attempt meets with your approval, let us know.

THE WRIGHT BROTHERS

Few persons in modern times have labored with more determination and in the face of such disheartening conditions as did the Wright brothers during the period of the invention and development of the airplane. Inseparable com-

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panions, these two brothers with their combined resources and ingenuity were able to achieve a degree of success which entitles them to a position of high rank among inventors of the present day. The oldest brother, Wilbur, was born near New Castle, Ind., in 1867.

Shortly afterward the family moved to Dayton, Ohio, where Orville was born in 1871. The two brothers became interested in the problem of flying in their early years and besides reading all books available on the subject of aviation, they conducted numerous experiments with kites and gliders. As they needed money for the development of their ideas, they engaged in various kinds of work, among which was the newspaper business, but being more interested in things mechanical, they started a small business of repairing and manufacturing bicycles.

Most of their spare time and money was spent in trying to apply their knowledge of aviation in a practical manner, but it was not until after many years of experiment ending mostly in failure, and at a time when the rest of the country looked upon their efforts with disapproval, that the Wright brothers made the first successful flight in a heavier-than-air machine at Kittyhawk, N. C., Dec. 17, 1903. They selected this place for two reasons, first, because of the

uniformly favorable weather conditions and secondly, the isolated location permitted them to proceed with their experiments without interruption. Although this first flight lasted only 12 seconds and the distance covered was only 120 feet it can perhaps be partly appreciated by comparing their crudely constructed machine with the highly perfected mechanism of a modern airplane. After making several more successful flights, each a little longer than the last, their machine was so badly damaged by a sudden gust of wind that they were unable to repair it here, and they returned to Dayton, where on the strength of their recent success they were able to secure finances to build a new and better machine with which they proved conclusively that flying in a heavier-than-air machine was at last possible. The Wright brothers then tried to interest Congress in their machine, but failing in this, Wilbur Wright made a trip to France where he achieved great prominence by his demonstrations of flying. This attracted the attention of officials in the U. S. and in 1907 after his return to America the Wright brothers secured a contract to furnish the government a two passenger machine carrying sufficient fuel for a flight of 125 miles at a speed of 40 miles per hour for which they were

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Continued from December 27th.

The following boys in Bill Shaffer's class last Sunday are reported to have made a New Year's Resolution that they would (1) make every effort to attend S. S. each Sunday rain or shine; (2) study their lesson direct from God's word each week, and (3) pay perfect attention in class during the lesson study each Sunday:

Dewitt Asher
Jerry Cribley
Bill Harper
Don Harper
Curtis Holly

Douglas Holly
John Holly
Basil Kincaid
John Lane
Gilbert Lane
Royal Miller
Roy Olson
Harry Osman
Howard Osman
Edward Sanner
Robert Stein
John Byron Stockman
Mark Stockman
Frederick Troesch

LIBRARY NOTICE

Most of the readers in Stow are children! This is shown in the annual report of the Stow Public Library presented to the Board of Trustees by the librarian, Miss Marion M. King, at the January meeting Monday evening, January 13th. Of the 38,401 books which were circulated in 1935, 51 per cent were circulated to children, 39 per cent were fiction, and 10 per cent non-fiction.

The total 38,401, showed the largest circulation in the history of the library, being a 6 per cent increase over that of 1932, which was the peak year in most libraries.

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