

# THE COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

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## TAKING THE CENSUS

The three Churches in Stow Township plan to merge in an effort to secure the religious census of the area of Stow, part of Munroe Falls and the northern section of Silver Lake Village.

Every available and willing helper is asked to come to our aid.

It is our hope to cover the entire field, visit fifteen hundred homes in three to four hours time.

The Church of Christ will furnish one hundred workers, the Community Church seventy-five to one hundred, and the Baptist Church fifty to seventy-five. We plan that two hundred and fifty persons can scatter over the field, each one calling at six homes. When a family is away a neighbor can probably supply the desired information for the census taker.

All cards will be brought in immediately to the Committee in charge. This committee will go over the returns and parcel out and forward to each Church all cards designating Church preference.

Returns having no Church affiliations and no preference will be divided among the three Churches putting on the canvas.

After the Churches have received their returns and all cards have been distributed to the respective cooperating Churches then the Churches with statistics and census in hand can work back over the field, calling on the folk that have designated their preference for Church or Bible School.

To facilitate the labor of taking this census five divisions of the field have been made and five captains of teams appointed, one for each division.

Section 1. Captain Mr. Cross.  
North by Kent Road  
East by Portage County Line  
South by County Farm Line  
West by Stow and Munroe Falls Rd.

Section 2. Captain Mr. N. W. Biggs  
North by Graham Road

East by Hudson and Munroe Falls Road

South by Tallmadge Line

West by Bailey Road

Section 3. Captain James E. Sutton

North by Seasons Rd. or beyond

East by Hudson Rd.

South by Graham Rd.

West by State Rd.

Section 4. Captain A. J. Brust

North by Darrowville-Streetsboro

East by Portage County Line

South by Graham Rd.

West by Hudson Rd.

Section 5. Captain Leon W. Biltz

North by Graham Rd.

East by Portage County Line

South by Kent Rd.

West by Hudson Rd.

We feel that this is a great forward move in efficient Church work in Stow. The practical information that will be gleaned and used for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ will be worth inestimably more than the effort will cost. An intelligent visitation can immediately follow.

Let us assure every family, Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, our heart's desire is to do you good, to befriend you, to get acquainted and to know if there by any way by which we may serve you better, as men and women actuated by the Spirit of Christ.

The card used by all workers will be a standard form, words in bold type across the top will read RELIGIOUS CENSUS RECORD.

A space for name of husband, wife, other adults, children, member of Church, Church preference, attend what Sunday School, will attend.

Trusting that everyone approached will receive the visit in the Spirit that actuates the census taker.

GEO. M. HULME  
General Chairman

MORE ABOUT THE CENSUS

By Editor

The Religious Census Committee

Sermon Subject:- God Is Not the God Of The Dead

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**GEORGE M. HULME, - - - Minister**  
859 Ardmore Ave., Akron Tel. HE. 8275**CHURCH CALENDAR****BIBLE SCHOOL - - Sunday 9:30 A.M.**  
**MORNING WORSHIP Sunday 10:45 A.M.**  
**ORCHESTRA PRACTICE Wed. 7:00 P.M.**  
**CHOIR PRACTICE - Thursday 7:30 P.M.**

met Sunday P.M., Stow Church of Christ. All captains, except Biltz, present.

At 2:30 P. M. this next Sunday at the Stow Church of Christ there will be a meeting of all census

takers. Assignments to teams, distribution of blanks, etc., will take place.

**WHEN**—A week from this Sunday, i.e., on January 31st, at 2:00 P.M. all census takers will leave the Church and do their duty. At 7:30 P.M. they will return to the Stow Church of Christ for a great union Victory Meeting at which time it is planned to have the Stow Church of Christ Choir, the Graham Road Choir and the Community Church Choir and Bible School Orchestra perform. More news this next week.**OUR BIBLE SCHOOL****A Current Lesson Analysis**

The subject of our lesson for next Sunday is, "Two Miracles of Mercy." (John 5:1-6:71). The events of our lesson take place first at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem where Jesus found the diseased man lying at the edge of the pool and healed him. It is to be noted especially that the man was required to meet certain conditions before he received the blessing. He was commanded to arise and walk. Without questioning his ability to walk the man did rise up and stood healed. Here again we have the narrow minded, troublesome Jews criticizing and fault finding. They seized upon the fact that the miracle was performed on Sunday and reasoned therefore that it desecrated the Sabbath. One interesting point in this lesson is the statement of Jesus where he tells the man after he is healed, "Behold thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worst thing come unto thee."

Here we have the foundation for the logical reasoning that the things we suffer in the flesh as afflictions are the result of sin and that we have control over them to some degree. It should be emphasized, however, that not all affliction is so classified in this statement of Jesus. We have many instances in the Bible where men were afflicted as a test of their faith. One of these was Job. (Job 1-2).

The second miracle is one of provision for the necessities of life when Jesus fed the five thousand. Only one person in this throng had provided a lunch and he was a lad with five loaves and two fish.



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He gave us his lunch without knowing he would be provided for. There are many interesting topics for discussion in this portion of the lesson. First we have the provision being made by Jesus for earthly physical requirements, "having given thanks." Second, he gave strict orders that there be no waste. All the fragments were picked up and saved. Things the Lord provides are to be appreciated and properly managed. Thirdly we have the fact that this miracle was misunderstood by the multitude. They wanted to make Jesus their earthly King. They had visions of a life without work. Jesus was forced to retire to a mountain to escape the crowd which clamored to crown him. Why was the miracle performed? John 5:36 tells us why, "The very works I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me."

There is a most significant statement made by Jesus in the thirtieth verse. He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just: BECAUSE I SEEK NOT MINE OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME." If we all could only get that point of view and keep it what a wonderful work we could do! Our Bible School can be used by God to bring men to the feet of Christ only so long as we realize He, and He alone, is the power and we serve Him. If Jesus felt that the alone could do nothing how little do you suppose some of us look in the sight of God who strive to do things for personal glory and the plaudits of the rabble? The more completely a man can lose himself in the task at hand the more effective the work becomes. God looks at the work first. Luke 8:20 reads, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." N. W. BIGGS

## INDITED FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

### F. W. Wilkinson, Charged With The Murder of His Wife While In A Drunken Condition

His case will be heard Sunday evening, January 24th. in the Church of Christ, Stow, in a union service at 7:30 o'clock. Judge George Milton Hulme will preside. The defendant has secured as his counsel Douglas Nickerson. Prosecutor A. L. Isenmann will represent the State. It is reported that Sheriff C. M. Woodring is keeping a close watch over the prisoner. Sentiment in the community is running high, owing to the brutal nature of the crime, and report has it that the State is depending on its star witness Mrs. Austin Cowles, for the main evidence that will convict Wilkinson. Carl Arnold, state fingerprint expert, will be put on the stand to identify the fingerprints found on the bookends with which the crime was committed. It has not been learned whether the prisoner's little daughter, Betty Sarff, will be put on the stand to testify against her father. This may be come difficult in securing a jury, because of widespread prejudice existing in the community.

This dramatic trial. "Prisoner at the Bar" will be presented in the Church of Christ, Stow, in a union evening, January 24th, in the o'clock. All are welcome to witness this dramatization in which more than twenty local persons will participate.

## GRANGE PROGRAM

Taturday Evening, January 23rd, Darrowville Grange to members on "How The United States Can Keep Out of War." Miss Alice Parr will give a reading and the Stow Male Chorus under the direction of Mr. Hosfield will sing.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Nesbitt, corner Elm and Beach St., wish to announce that they are holding open house Sunday afternoon, January 24th, 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. to the community in appreciation of the many kindnesses shown them at the time of the fire. They will be pleased to welcome anyone from the community.

**STAMP COLLECTORS NOTICE**

Beginning on Monday, January 25th, P. S. Risinger will exhibit a series of four frames of stamps and covers at the Stow Public Library. Each frame will be on display two days, they will then be sent to Ravenna, Kent, Canton, Cleveland and Columbus. It will be well worth your time to see this collection.

Anyone interested in selling or buying U. S. stamps is invited to get in touch with Mr. Risinger. Collectors desiring to join a stamp club are welcome to attend a meeting of the Kent Stamp Club as a guest of Mr. Risinger.

**NOTICE**—The Martha Circle of the Stow Church of Christ will hold a bake sale in Miss Martha Spaght's office Saturday, January 23rd, from 11.00 A. M. until goods are sold. Mrs Conway and Mrs. Gheen will be in charge. (Adv.)

**NOTICE**—The Stow Garden Club will meet next Wednesday, January 27th, 8:00 P. M. at the Library. It will be the first meeting of the new year. Mr. Carpenter will be the speaker. All members are urged to be present.

**DEATH**

After an illness of several weeks Mrs. Hattie Bentel of North River Road, Munroe Falls, passed away Sunday afternoon. She was a sister of Edward and George Gaylord of Munroe Falls. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Weller Funeral Home, Rev. L. M. Gregory officiating. Burial was in Hudson.

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Mr. Shaw was a member of Community Church and at one time president of one of the largest mens organizations that ever gathered in this church. He was held in high esteem by the folks of Stow. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

Now for announcement—

The Stow Civic membership drive under the direction of Mr. A. L. Pardee, past president, with the assistance of Mr. R. R. Andrews, chairman of the membership and publicity committee assisted by Mrs. Chet Holt and Mrs. Mary Smith Rucker and Mr. Austin Cowles and Mr. Kikendall, will start January 20th and run for a period of four weeks ending the evening before the regular February meeting.

The goal of the drive is set at 500. Any citizen over 21 is eligible for membership. The present association is to be divided into two groups. (The white and the blue—headed by Mr. Ray Hosfield and Mrs. Leroy Simmons). Later these

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groups will be divided into four teams. More about this later.

**Announcement: By special request the minister will preach on "Heaven" this coming Sunday morning.**

**A MAN, A DOG, AND A BONE**  
Mr. H. J. Stockman:

Your traveling reporter had an occasion last Sunday to talk with a man who lives near a church but has nothing to do with it as far as attendance is concerned. He has the reputation of being a business man who places his business first in his life. In fact he enjoys very little recreation due to the fact that he feels his business is too important to sacrifice. This same man also has the reputation of being hard-hearted. He uses profanity and he is judged by people who really do not know him. While we were talking a dog came to his door and whined. It was a little dirty, good for nothing dog with sore eyes. The interesting thing about this story is that the dog knew this man better than some of

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his neighbors. He excused himself, went to the door and held a conversation with the dog. Then he went and got a bone and gave it to the sorry looking mongrel. He told the dog to go home and immediately it wheeled and started off with the prize. I presume there was plenty of chewing for the entire afternoon. As I left and he bade me "Good Bye" there was a passage of scripture that came to my mind. It was this, "Judge not that ye be not judged." (Mat. 7:1.)

Y. T. R.

**GRAHAM ROAD BAPTIST  
 CHURCH NOTES**

There were 87 in Bible School last Sunday.

The Missionary Society will meet all day with Mrs. Walter Brightman in Stow, Thursday, January 28th.

Mr. Evans is suffering an attack of lumbago at the home of his daughter Mrs. Stitt.

A new banner was purchased for the Sunday school last week and Mrs. Wagner's class of girls was the first to gain possession of it.

Warner Brightman's birthday was celebrated last Sunday. His brother Carl also had a birthday this month on the 5th.

Everyone enjoyed the Missionary lecture given Sunday morning by Mrs. Hansen who with her husband went to Burma forty-six years ago to do missionary work.

Rev. Carmichael has invited

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### PERSONALS

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Mrs. Bertka of Hudson Rd. who has been ill is improving.

Mrs. T. H. Brittain was a recent guest of Mrs. J. H. Boden, Cuyahoga Falls.

J. H. Harper of West Arndale Road left last Saturday morning for Memphis, Tenn.

Jack Marhofer has discontinued selling cars—at least until the strike is over.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen France and children were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beaney in Macedonia.

Miss Florence Tabor of Baumberger Road had an abscess removed from her wrist last Saturday.

Mr. G. W. Koons of Munroe Falls won the radio at last Friday's meeting of the Stow Fire Department.

Mr. Foster Young of West Arndale Road was sick at home with the "flu" the fore part of this week.

Mr. Gilbert N. Wells of Akron, formerly of Darrowville, died last Saturday. Burial was Tuesday at Mt. Peace Cemetery.

Mr. A. S. Phelps, Men's Bible Class teacher, was absent last Sunday on account of illness. He had

an attack of the "Flu."

Mrs. Harry Stein, Jr., Darrowville Road (Fish Creek Rd.) spent last week with her parents, the Stewarts at Columbus.

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Mr. H. L. Witsaman and son H. L. Junior have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Brittan, Darrowville Road, returning to New York last Saturday. While here Mr. Witsaman and sister Janet visited their father in Dayton.

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Howard Sanner, Mrs. Harry Olson, John Olson and Mrs. R. K. Palmer.

Miss Betty Mosley of River Road recently fell down the cellar steps injuring one of her fingers. It required three stitches to fix it.

**WANTED**—Girl or young woman for general housework, 5 days a week. Go home nights. Call Burmeister. WA-9323. (Adv.)

Mrs. R. K. Palmer of River Road, Munroe Falls, entertained her brother Mr. Clarence Shearer of Kenmore with a dinner in honor of his birthday last Sunday, January 17th.

Erratum:—Mr. Wetmore says that Mr. Green exaggerated in his Graham article when he said that he got enough of Captain Graham's older to make him light headed.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. King are visiting friends in Youngstown going there to attend the Concert given by Vienna Boys Choir sponsored by Monday Musical Club of which Mrs. King is a past President.

Despite the storm last week on Thursday evening some fourteen boys of Junior age met at the home of John Bvron and Marc Stockman for Bible School Lesson Study, instruction in the art of Photography, also apples, ice cream and cookies. This week the meeting will have been held at the home of "Bud" Monteith.

Last Sunday morning Monteith Bishop, Lodge, and Cross were appointed by Mr. Biggs as a Ways and Means Committee. It seems that they are to find the ways and means to raise money for the Church.

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A new grandpa. William Lodge of Silver Lake reports that he is grandpa now. Last Thursday, January 14th, Martin Ellsworth, weight 7½ pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Ellsworth Lodge of Cincinnati. Latest reports indicate that mother and son are doing nicely.

Some want to know if Rev. Hulme still sells books. We will let him answer that but we do know that he sells The Book. He has a little Bible Store about as big as a postage stamp at 8 West Market Street, where Bibles and Sunday School supplies are kept in stock. Drop in and see him or his clerk. The telephone number is JE-9224.

Mr. Earl Bradley and his sister Miss Clara Bradley of Diagonal Road left last Saturday morning for a six or eight weeks auto trip to San Diego, California and then on to Florida. The weather was so cold while they were in Florida last winter that they decided to try out California first this year.

Among those who are now in Florida are Miss Leona Leiving and Miss Bertha Wise of Uniondale Avenue. With the aid of Miss Leiving's father, it is reported that they constructed a trailer for about \$20.00, filled it with supplies and in the month of November started for the sunny South land. Only one flat tire marred the trip. They are now located about five miles outside Miami.

Eighteen members and friends of the Community Church Bible School Orchestra met for practice and a surprise party at the home of Howard Sanner, West Arndale Road last Wednesday evening. It

was Howard's birthday. Delicious refreshments were served by his mother and a vigorous birthday paddling was properly administered to Howard by members of the orchestra.

Yes, we have a shoe repair man who lives in Stow. It's H. M. Wyatt, who owns property on Baumberger Road and operates the "Junction Shoe Repair" located at 2721 Hudson Drive, just off the Stow-Kent Road past the Perfection Dairy Store.

Mr. Wyatt's shop is fully equipped to do all types of first class Shoe Repairing. His brother C. K. Wyatt is now soliciting business in Stow and would appreciate your patronage. (Adv.)

Last Sunday the Primary Department of the Bible School won the banner. It seems they had a visitor or two and visitors each count an additional ten per cent. Their score was 102 per cent. The total attendance at Bible School was 175. Boys of Junior age to the number of thirty-six crowded into their "class room" last Sunday. Their attendance score was 88 with an additional 10 per cent for one visitor. Who gets the banner this next Sunday?

About 5:30 last Saturday morning there was a fire at the home of J. D. Hamilton, Vira Road. Results: Quite a bit of damage.

According to reports the hero of the occasion was the newly elected member of the Fire Department C. F. Sommers who lives next door to the Hamilton residence. Sommers slept thru all the commotion and excitement.

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coon and all that goes with it in the line of refreshments, members of the Stow Fire Department elected officers for this next year. They are as follows:

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J. L. Anderson, Vice-president;  
Isadore Johnson, Secretary;  
Frank Carlisle, Treasurer;  
Ralph McCurdy, Trustee at Large  
Ken. Deacon, Chief;  
Chas. Perrine, Assistant Chief;  
Glen Gerhold, First Captain;  
James Hites, Second Captain.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF STOW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1936.

That the inhabitants of Stow are appreciating their library more and more is shown by the steadily increasing circulation statistics of the Stow Public Library. 1936 has brought greatest circulation of books in the history of Stow Library, 39,363 books having been drawn from the Library this year. Of these, 18,173 were circulated from the Main Library, and 21,190 were circulated from the School Library.

Fifty-one per cent of these were juvenile, 38 per cent fiction, and 11 per cent non-fiction.

Three-hundred and ninety-nine new borrowers registered at the Library in 1936. Seventy-three per cent of the student body of Stow Township School are registered as borrowers at the School Library, 897 having cards there.

Five-hundred and fifty-nine were added to the Library, making

a total of 7,104 books now on the shelves of the two libraries.

### NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Children who are regular borrowers at the Stow Public Library are delighting in the many new books recently placed on the shelves. Have you seen these?

#### For little children:

Gone is Gone, by Wanda Gag  
Johnny Crow's New Garden, by Leslie Brooke

Beppo, by Brock

Honk, the Moose, by Phil Stong

Listening, by Kate Seredy

The Gunnwolf and Other Merry Tales, by Harper

Billy Butter, by Hader

#### For older children:

Singing Sands, by Grace Moon

Afke's Ten, by Hichtum

The Codfish Musket, by Hewes

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Other things about Mr. Biggs. He is a farm boy from Indiana. Once during a blinding snow storm he nearly drove his horse and buggy into the side of an oncoming locomotive. Attended DePauw University tending furnace and waiting tables for his room and board. Specialized in math, who took courses in Bible and public speaking. Graduated in 1917. Enlisted for a seven year trick in the regular

army as "buck-private." Due to ability in mathematics became Orientation officer in the Coast Artillery, attended officers training camp, obtained a lieutenant's commission, was instructor in U. S. for a time, saw over seas service, etc. etc.

After the war Mr. Biggs worked for some time as a salesman in the Real Estates and Insurance Business. Then he connected with the B. F. Goodrich Company and now works there in a department with 133 other men. He is the Foreman.

Mr. Biggs is a man who welcomes personal criticism. He is an earnest Christian. He believes in the efficacy of prayer and the importance of Christian training and Bible Study for children. He would win souls for Christ and is willing to get down on his knees to accomplish this thing. A prayer meeting where people pray—or at least try to pray—and where people give testimony regarding their Christian experiences, are some of the things that Mr. Biggs believes would make Community Church more worthwhile and a real power in Stow. How do you like his picture?