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Church

M. N. Gilbert, Pres.

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The Bank of State Center

Capital \$30,000.

Surplus \$10,000.

Resources and Responsibility
more than half-a-million.

J. W. Tunnel

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Dry Goods
and Shoes

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State Center, Iowa

¶ Fine Rockers in Early
English, Fumed Oak and
Golden finish.

¶ Fibre Rush Children's
Rockers make good

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Christmas :: Presents

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Brimhal's

Up to the Times The Bargain Store

With its new goods is up
to the times and the pri-
ces right. Call and see us

J. W. OLIVER

Buck's
Block

State
Center

"THE BOY'S"

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General
Merchants

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Wear Our Shoes

They Wear

ELMER E. BENSON

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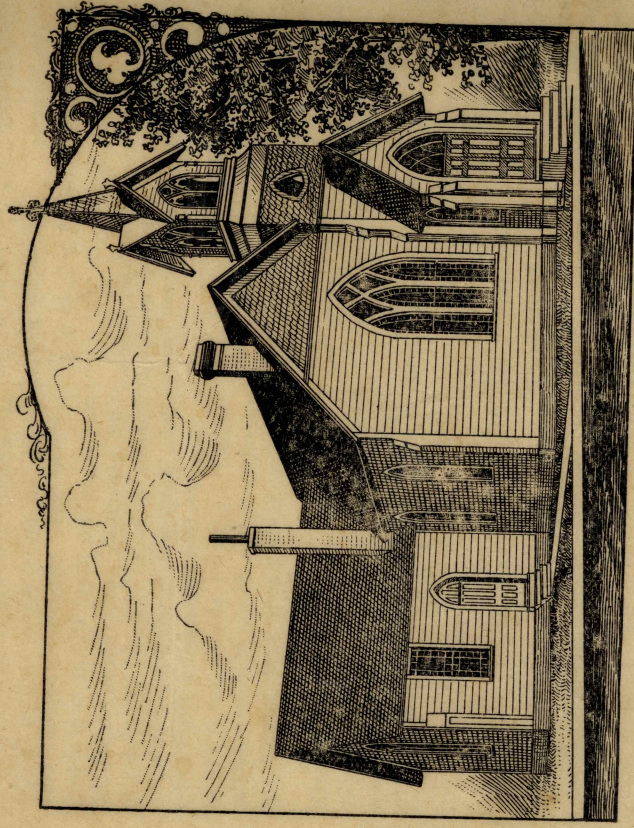
Dry Goods

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Home-like Church with A Welcome for All

H. P. Barnes, Pastor

'Phone 61

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Preaching 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Sabbath-School - 10:00 a. m.
Epworth League - 6:30 p. m.
Prayer-meeting Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

—x—
We bid you welcome to Our Father's house.
If it were not for you, leave it not without a
prayer for yourself, the minister and people
who worship here.

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Please use phone 61 to notify the
pastor of calls that should be made
upon the sick, strangers or others.

PASTORAL LETTER.

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My dear Fellow Laborer in the
Church of Christ:

You can help me very much in the
glorious work of soul harvest, in the
field, where we are appointed to
glean during this year. If we do not
help each other we shall be likely
to hinder both ourselves and others.
Let us, for Christ's sake be "Work-
ers together with Him." (11. Cor.
6:1).

You can greatly assist:

1st. In earnest prayer.

(a) For God's blessing on your
own heart.

(b) For his baptism upon our en-
tire church membership.

(c) For the awaking of sinners.

(d) "And for me, that utterance
may be given me," and "that I speak
boldly, as I ought to speak." (Eph.
6:19-20.) "Pray for another. The
effectual, fervent prayer of a right-
eous man availeth much." (Jas.
5:16.)

2d. In as regular attendance as
possible upon our stated means of
grace, namely: Preaching, Sunday
School, Epworth League, Prayer
Meeting and Communion Services.
"Not forsaking the assembling of

yourselves together." (Heb. 10:25.)

3d. In giving information.

(a) To me, of any who should
have pastoral attention: who are
sick; strangers in the place, or
strangers to the house of God, and
of any who may be desirous for
salvation. "We would see Jesus."

(b) To non-church going neigh-
bors of our church services; per-
sonally invite them to the preaching,
and especially their children to the
Sunday School. "Throw out the life
line: Someone is sinking today."

(c) To the "Strangers within thy
gates." Speak to him or her while at
church, invite them to come again,
inquire their abode and inform the
pastor.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth,
bearing precious seed, shall doubt-
less come again with rejoicing, bring-
ing his sheaves with him." (Psa.
126:6.)

H. P. Barnes Pastor.

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There are men who are careless-
too careless about going to Church
who would not live in a town that
had no Church. The Church stands
as a beacon light symbolizing all
that is good and worthy of emulation.
The vilest sinner expects the Church
to stand firm and unyielding against
evil and for justice, equity and
righteousness.

Not only that, but that every one
who belongs to the Church, shall
prove by his honesty, sobriety and
moral integrity that he belongs
to God. The fact that so much is
expected is a compliment to the
Church and religion, though it may
be a source of embarrassment to
some, who love self and ease more
than the righteous performance of
the will of God. The world's ideal
for God's people is possible if
you have not attained seek with
the whole heart until you find that
you may have strength to resist evil
and courage to win souls.

THE MIRACLE OF GRACIOUS CHARACTER.

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Where are the old fashioned fath-
er and mother? And what has be-
come of that sturdy system (though
they didn't dignify it by any such
name—with them it was just "bring-
ing up") which produced the
vigorous, courteous, mannerful young-
ster of yore? The Washington Post
declares that the old-fashioned
mother and the old-fashioned father
have become almost obsolete.

Modern mothers and fathers have
ceased to take their responsibility
seriously. During the early days of
the child's life the task of looking
after manners and education is
largely shifted to the schools. The
education of children, consequently,
has become more automatic, and,
maturity, lacks the individual
touch of refinement and breeding
that can be obtained only in the
home.

Few schools teach kindness
gentleness, courtesy, or unselfish-
ness. Such qualities can be thor-
oughly inculcated only in the home.
It is only by the father making a
chum of his boy and the mother a
friend of a girl that the miracle of
a gracious character can be wrought.
If the fathers would make confi-
dants of their daughters, teaching
them to share adversity or prosperity
like partners, there would be less
dissatisfaction and less extravagance
among the growing lasses they would
teach kindness; by courtesy they
would teach courtesy. And the world
would be the gainer.—The Interior.

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What is a pastoral call worth?
As much as you and the pastor can
co-operate to make it. That means
thoughtful preparation on the part
of both. Are there problems of your
Christian life, trials temptations,
joys, you would like to talk over?
Speak of them freely, promptly,
frankly. Make him your confidant.

You can trust him.

If it is convenient in your home,
and you would like to have him do
so, ask your pastor to read and pray
with you before he goes. When we
are together. Let us talk and think
of things worth while.

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SOME NEW BEATTITUDES.

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"Blessed are those who rise early
Sunday morning, for they get to
church on time.

"Blessed are those who get to
Church on time, for they arrive in
the spirit of worship.

"Blessed are those who must be
late who do not enter during the
scripture lesson and prayer.

"Blessed are those who come even
after the eleven'th hour, but church
begins at eleven."

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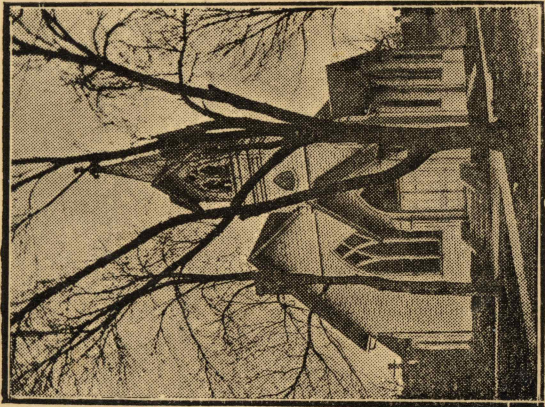
THE BOOK

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The word of God is the book of
the common people; it is the work-
ingman's book; it is the child's
book; it is the slave's book; it is the
book of every creature that is down-
trodden; it is the book that carries
with it the heaven of God's soul; it
is a book that tends to make men
larger and better and sweeter and
that succors them all through life;
and do you suppose it is to be lost
out of the world? When the Bible
is lost out of the world it will be be-
cause there are no more men in it
in trouble and need of succoring;
no men who are oppressed and need
release; no men who are in dark-
ness and need light; no men who are
hungry and need food; no men who
are sinning and need mercy; no men
who are lost and need the mercy of
God.—Henry

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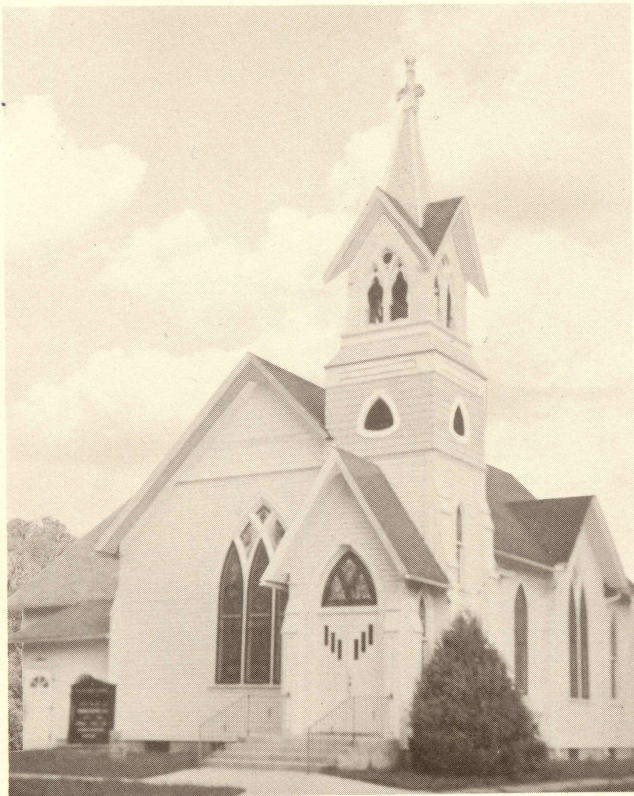
Have I ever tried giving one-
tenth of my income to the Lord?
Am I doing anything I would
condemn in others?—Canadian



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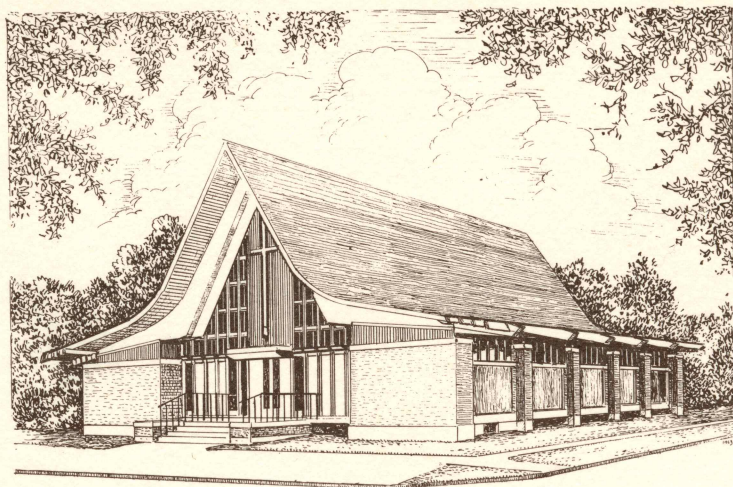
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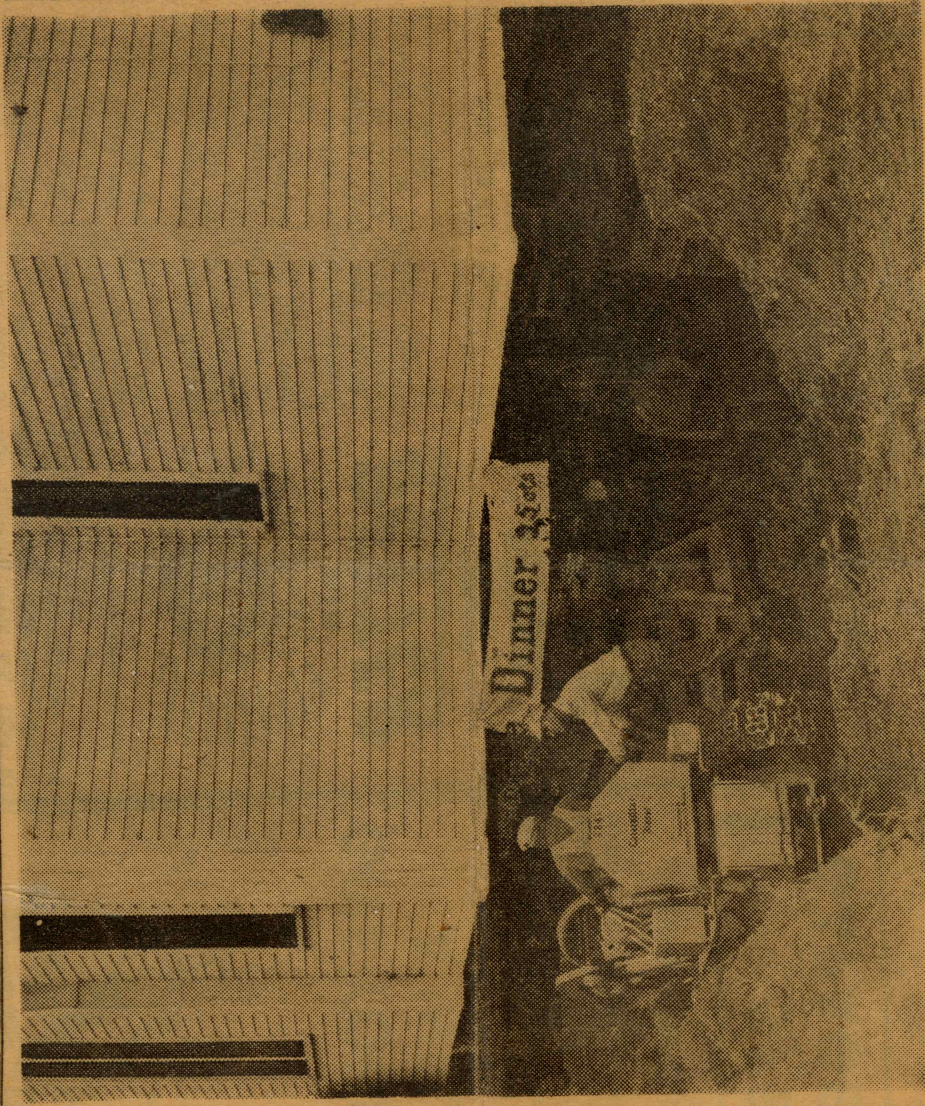
When St. John's Lutheran Church
burned part of congregation stayed
and built new church.

Part came to town formed new
congregation Trinity Lutheran Church
we had our services on Sunday
afternoon in this church. Methodist
1945-1949



United Methodist Church.

State Center, Iowa



YON CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU SEE these days. Sure, that sign really says "Dinner 25c", but it is just a wee bit out-dated. State Center workmen uncovered the old sign, and some church dinner tickets bearing a March 18, 1924 date, when they jacked up the structure and began excavating earth. A basement and a heating plant are to be installed. Story on page 5. (T.-R. Staff Photo.)

Clair Schoppe on cat
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