

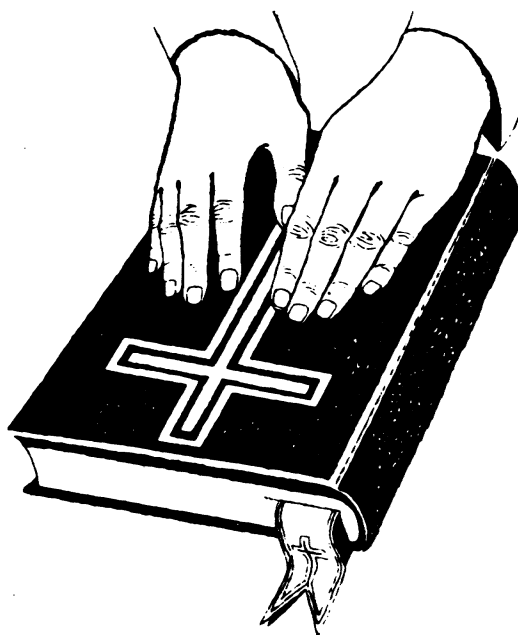


Church Organizations

LADIES AID MEMBERS

January 1, 1912

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| 1. Anna Nichols | 17. Hannah Johnson |
| 2. Angie Goecke | 18. Ida Robertson |
| 3. Alma Gustafson | 19. Jessie Ankrum |
| 4. Clara Middleton | 20. Jessie Nichols |
| 5. Clara McKinnon | 21. Lura Davis |
| 6. Clara Johnson | 22. Mary Elliott |
| 7. E. A. Davis | 23. Minnie Nichols |
| 8. Della Nichols | 24. Myrtle Ingledue |
| 9. Emma Gustafson | 25. Martha Maxfield |
| 10. Ella Nichols | 26. Metha Robertson |
| 11. Emma Tucker | 27. Mamie Johnson |
| 12. Emma Nichols | 28. Ruth Alena Nichols |
| 13. Ethel Kruse | 29. Samantha J. Elliott |
| 14. Frances Chapman | 30. Zella Butler |
| 15. Grace Maxfield | 31. Ida Hollingsworth |
| 16. Gladys Clemons | 32. Aggie Hennis |



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Ladies Aid society at Wesley Chapel
Organized May 2nd 1888

- Art 1. This society shall be called the Ladies Aid society of the Wesley Chapel M. E. Church
- 2 Its object shall be the social and financial benefit of the above church
- 3 Its officers shall be a Pres. Vice Pres. Secretary and Treasurer. with the Executive Committee consisting of the officers
- 4 It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and sign all orders on the Treasury
- 5 It shall be the duty of the Vice Pres to preside in the absence of Pres and to assist the executive comm
- 6 It shall be the duty of the Sec'y to keep an accurate account of the business of the society and to issue all orders on the Treasury for money by the order of the society and make a quarterly report to the society of all matters of interest.

- Art 7 It shall be the duty of the Treas. to keep an accurate account of all money paid into the society and of all the money paid out.
- 8 This society shall have a membership fee of twentyfive cents.
- 9 This society shall hold its regular meetings every two weeks.
- 10 A two thirds vote of all the members may change the constitution at any time. previous notice having been given at the former meeting.
- 11 The election of officers shall occur annually notice being given at the previous meeting.
- 12 The executive com. shall be responsible for all the socials, entertainments and such other business as may come before the society.

(Pages 52 and 53 were photographed from the original Ladies Aid Society Record Book.)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

LADIES AID SOCIETY AT WESLEY CHAPEL
Organized May 21, 1888

There were 34 members the year 1915. The meetings were held at the homes every two weeks in the afternoon. In the winter when the men weren't so busy, we had all day meetings with covered dish dinners at noon. There were social get-togethers in the evening at homes. Refreshments were served and 10¢ charge per person.

Minutes of the meetings from 1911 to 1927 were most all the same. The ladies on roll call were not all members of the church, but joined the society.

In 1925, silverware and dishes to the number of four and one half (4 1/2) dozen of each, also kitchen utensils were purchased, before the members brought the necessary things from their homes.

In 1915, a Quick Action stove was bought. We had divided the members into three divisions. One division planned ways to make some money, the other divisions worked, but the one was responsible for the planning and soliciting.

There was a home-talent play, "Family Album", put on by members of the society, a charge of 25¢ for play and supper.

From 1927 to 1932 there were 26 members. The surrounding churches had organized a Ladies Aid, so we lost some who went to their own churches. We sent supplies to the Hillcrest Baby Fold, Dubuque, Iowa. We sent cases of eggs and barrels of canned fruit to St. Lukes Hospital at Cedar Rapids.

We had ice cream socials in the evening on the lawn at Minerva (Herbert Nichols' lawn). The ladies made the ice cream. This was before electric refrigerators. We got the ice from ice caves dug out of the ground (the men had hauled ice from the river on sleds and packed it in the caves in the winter). We used this ice for our ice refrigerators in our homes.

The band gave a concert. The proceeds from the ice cream socials were around \$26.55 more or less.

The year of 1930 we served lunches at public farm sales to make some money. \$56.57 were net proceeds from one sale.

Our monthly electric light bill ran from 60¢ up to less than \$1.00.

Yearly report for 1920 to 1930: suppers...\$228.64, Lunches...\$46.00.

A new roof was put on the church in 1936.

At our Christmas meeting we had exchanges of Christmas gifts not to exceed 10¢..



LADIES AID

(Taken at Grace Maxfield's sometime
in May 1938)

THE CHURCH SOCIAL

When the church building was completed, services were held each Sunday. A covered dish or basket dinner was held once a month. During the good weather, the meal was served outside. When the weather was bad, boards were placed on the pews on the south side of the aisle to make a place to put the food; and the members sat on the north side of the church to eat. Following the meal, the time was spent visiting.

Horses were tied to hitching posts which were placed behind a high tight board fence. This was done to protect the horses from the weather. Horse blankets were also used.

SOCIAL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY

Other activities of church members were those who were members of the Temperance Society.

Report of the Essex Concord Temperance Society

See years ago, a few of the neighbors in Essex Concord district began to manage the society of a reform in the neighborhood. There were few if any who did not use intoxicating in some form, although most of them moderate.

Therefore a meeting was called August 19, 1847, in E. L. Tomlinson, and organized with the motto B. F. Nichol Pres. Edward Pres. vice Pres. and Louella Nichol Sec. The signing of the original one, with Temperance Pledge (which you will remember did not forbid sweet cider) constituted the terms of membership. The following are the names of those who at that time signed the Temperance pledge.

Leicester Brackett
Jared Elliott
W. J. Nichol
William Elliott
George Cushman
John Elliott
Elihu Harding
Herman Frothingham
Gus Hixson
Wm Cushman
Walter Elliott
Hann Harding
Wm Tadlock
Celia Nichol
Louella Nichol
Tryphena Nichol
Elizabeth Harding
James Angell
B. F. Nichol
Thompson Tucker
Thomas L. Tomlinson
Dora Tucker

John Cushman
Wm DeGardner
Nancy Angell
Lizzie P. Nichol
Laura Harding
Hiram Angell
Silda Frothingham
Nathan Odell
Pulley Public
Curtis Nichol
Frederic Harding
G. B. Tomlinson
Sarah Hixson
Bill Tucker
Lydia Baker
Emma Lodge
Hann Nichol
John Frothingham
Hann Nichol
Addie Nichol
J. L. Elliott
Lizzie Harding



PICTURE OF THE CRAB APPLE ORCHARD SCHOOLHOUSE (LOCATION OF TEMPERANCE SOCIETY MEETINGS) WAS TAKEN IN THE EARLY 1890'S. PICTURED ARE THE CRAB APPLE ORCHARD SCHOOL CHILDREN.

LITERARY SOCIETY MEMBERS



Literary Society lectures, plays, etc., were held before the Lyceum Courses came to the community.

Front: GLEN MAXFIELD

1st Row (l-r): GRACE (ELLIOTT) MAXFIELD, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN, LUELLA HALL, LILY TUCKER, MARTHA (PAGE) MAXFIELD, ETHEL NICHOLS CHARLIER

2nd Row (l-r): FRANK HUMPHREYS, CHARLES NICHOLS, FRED MIDDLETON, TOBE HUMPHREYS, DEL HUMPHREYS, HERB NICHOLS, RALPH MIDDLETON

WESLEY CHAPEL, MINERVA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1912

ADMISSION 25 AND 15 CENTS

Music..... Orchestra

"THE WRONG BABY"

SYNOPSIS:—Mrs. Brixon keeps a day nursery; asks her frivolous niece to take charge for one day, while she attends a wedding. Marietta, the niece, has a dreadful time, and finally at the close of the day, when the babies are all called for, makes a mistake and hands out the wrong baby, thereby causing other mistakes and confusion, and in desperation tries to right matters before the aunt returns.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mrs. Brixon, keeper of nursery..... Mrs. H. A. Humphreys
Marietta, niece of Mrs. Brixon..... Mrs. H. Nichols
Mrs. Mulligan, mother of Patsey..... Mrs. Fred McKinnon
Mrs. Tripoli, mother of Macaroni..... Mrs. John Charlier
Mrs. Wafer, mother of Uneeda Ginger.... Mrs. Stacy Nichols
Mrs. Schaffner, mother of German child..... Alma Gustavson
Rose Tripoli, sister of Italian babe..... Alice Nichols
Orchestra

Reading..... Miss Nelson

NOT A MAN IN THE HOUSE

Comedy in Two Acts.

SYNOPSIS:—Mrs. Bings, happily settled in her new home, rules that no man is to enter. The other members of the family, the servant included, are of the opinion that man is a necessary adjunct, and try to convince Mrs. Bings, succeeding only in exacting a promise to yield if she finds it necessary to call one in. They finally succeed.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mrs. Maria Bings, who has a rough experience with a cruel husband, after his death declares that no man shall enter her home..... Mrs. G. E. Maxfield
Miss Lucy Rider, a timid maiden sister... Mrs. Geo. Nichols
Jessie Ray, a pretty niece who comes to visit
..... Miss Hattie Bryant
Aunt Belinda, an old fashioned elderly lady who sympathizes with the young..... Mrs. Fred Nichols
Kate, a servant who has a gentleman cousin whom she greatly admires..... Mrs. Warren Nichols

(A COPY OF AN ORIGINAL PROGRAM SHEET - 1912)

LYCEUM PROGRAMS AND LOCAL PLAYS

Lyceum Course entertainment was held three times through the winter followed by a home talent play. Transportation to the church for the Lyceum Course entertainers who came to Marshalltown by train was provided by Glen Maxfield, Fred McKinnon and Stacy Nichols, Sr. They owned automobiles large enough to transport them and their equipment to the church.

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The first Father and Son Banquet was held in 1933...sponsored by the Ladies Aid.

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The women of the church used the basement after it was completed for Farm Bureau Meetings, making quilts and other items for the Red Cross during World War I.

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Members Serving in the Armed Forces: Many members of the Minerva Church have served in the Armed Forces, including the Civil War, W.W. I W.W.II, and Korean Police Action.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Fourth of July Celebrations were held at the Stacy Nichols, Sr. pasture, south of Minerva, across the creek on the west side of the road. This was across the road from the Minerva School. Included in the activities were a parade, games, sports, merry-go-round, refreshments, including a lemonade stand, and usually a program with a speaker.



EARLY JULY 4TH

Fourth of July CELEBRATION AT MINERVA, IOWA

G. E. MAXFIELD, President of the Day

PROGRAM

Morning

- 9:45 Band Concert, Minerva Concert Band.
- 10:15 Parade—Autos, Floats, Fantods. Parade will form at Station and march to grounds.
- 10:45 Beginnig of program at grounds.
 - 1 Music Band
 - 2 Invocation Rev. C. E. McCurdy
 - 3 Song Male Quartette
 - 4 Address of Welcome Rev. C. E. McCurdy
 - 5 Song Male Quartette
 - 6 Reading of Declaration.
 - 7 Song Male Quartette
 - 8 Address Rev. James McGee
 - 9 Music Minerva Concert Band
 - 10 Benediction Henry Wilson

DINNER

Afternoon

- 1:15 Ball Game Hartland vs. Liberty
- 2:30 Program of Footraces:
 - 100 yard dash Men
 - 50 yard dash Men
 - 50 yard dash Boys under 13 years
 - 50 yard dash Married Ladies
 - 50 yard dash Unmarried Ladies
 - 50 yard dash Girls
 - 50 yard dash Boys
 - Egg race Boys
 - Relay races
 - Sack races
- 3:30 Base Ball game Minerva vs. Winners
- 5:00 Match Horseshoe Game

Evening

- 7:30 Band Concert Minerva Concert Band
- 8:15 Grand Display of Fireworks

Cash prizes will be given for all events. Those entering any of the events should register with the Secretary of Events, W. A. Goette, before 1 o'clock, July 4th.

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HOMEcoming AT MINERVA CHURCH, OCTOBER 13, 1935.