MINISTER'S COLUMN

I am thinking today of the Community Church; its tenets of faith, its policy, its history, its future. Limited space forbids more than a few lines. What would you understand by the Church at Thyatira, at Sardis, at Philadelphia, at Ephesus etc., Rev. 1:12? Sounds like a community Church, plain and simple. No label or badge or brand, aside from a group of believers located at separate convenient areas for the worship of God, actuated and quickened into life by the Story of Jesus Christ.

Denominations, creeds and a legend of different setups fall in line at a later date. It is a great Church that simplifies its ritual, stands free from the tangle of bewildering doctrines and man-made machinery of government.

A great Church, I say, that stands alone, an organized band of saved people with God in her midst. However, it takes the strong to stand thus. Many need support, or hitching in many ways to stand at all. However, the greatest Church of human history savors of a community idea.

Toothless Temple located at Jerusalem built for the worship of Israel and the stranger from afar. 2 Chron. 6:32-33.

Thousands of such Churches now function in every civilized land: Never a future more promising than today. A weary, sin-cursed race demands a living faith, a Church that feeds the soul, an altar of prayer, where God may be found, a Bethel of vision and hope, a place where the burdened soul may contact with the living Christ and live anew. Will you help to promote such a Church at Stow?

—Geo. M. Hulme, Minister

CHURCH CALENDAR

BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.
MORNING WORSHIP SUNDAY 10:45 A. M.
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SUNDAY 6:30 P. M.
ORCHESTRA PRACTICE TUESDAY 7:00 P. M.
CHOIR PRACTICE WEDNESDAY 7:30 P. M.
LADIES' GUILD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
TRUSTEES' MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 22
CANTATA SUNDAY 4:30 P. M., MARCH 25
COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS THURSDAY, MARCH 29
GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH SERVICES

7:30 P. M. MARCH 30
IMPORTANT: Plan to attend the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary," on Palm Sunday—4:30 p.m. Palm Sunday is on March 25 this year.

IMPORTANT: Thursday night during Holy Week there will be two neighborhood cottage prayer-meetings—and on Friday night, Rev. Hulme will conduct special devotional services at the church. All members and those wishing to unite with the church are requested to be present at this meeting.

Here are some St. Patrick's day birthdays (March 17):
- Mary Joe Woodring
- Arlene Stein
- R. S. Zinc

THE LADIES' GUILD

Remember to attend the meeting of the Ladies' Guild at the church this next Wednesday, March 21. Luncheon fee 25 cents of which 100 per cent goes in to the guild treasury. Hostesses for the luncheon will be Mrs. H. W. Faggert, Mrs. Perry Schnee, Mrs. H. J. Stockman, Mrs. C. H. Monteith and Mrs. C. W. Klein, Mrs. W. C. Crichton will have charge of program arrangements.

At this meeting the guild plans to have a shower for one of its members. Either food or money will be appreciated greatly.

Mrs. C. A. Thomas, our president, is spending two weeks with her daughter in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. C. C. Bush, who slipped and fell a week or so ago, is now able to be around again.

AN UNUSUAL, BUT GOOD JOKE

By W. R. Lodge

'When I was about eleven years old, one rainy, drizzling day in late March, my brother, Ballard Lodge, who was four years older, thought he would have a little excitement and play a trick on me. I had only recently been permitted to shoot my father's shot gun and had killed a muskrat and a rabbit during the previous winter and had acquired a desire to shoot.

Ballard had previously arranged by means of a spool of linen
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thread, which he strung from our
chicken coop, which was under
the shop, a building just south of
the bear pits, in the rear of the
old “Homestead,” on the side hill,
and up about 100 feet from the
lake.

Father was at work building
fishing beats in this shop. From
the rear of the shop there was a
wire fence, which ran down the
hill and out into the lake about
fifty feet, comprising the north-
erly boundary of an old cow pas-
ture that was located between the
home and the lake, with the road
fence for the south boundary.

Ballard had run his thread
along these fence posts and out
around the outer post in the
lake, then several rods to the
north along some bullrushes,
where he had it tied on to a gin-
ger ale bottle, which was not only
tightly corked, but had brown
cloth from an old coat tied on to
it so that as it floated it looked
quite like a muskrat from a dis-
tance. Having his trick all plan-
ned, and all set, he came down to
our old barn, which was about 150
feet from the lake and just to the
northwest of the shop. I had just
finished cleaning my pigeon coop
in the loft above the wagon shed,
when Ballard said this ought to
be a good day to hunt muskrats.
I locked down toward the lake
and spied what I thought looked
like a muskrat, but after watch-
ing it for some time and not see-
ing him move, I doubted if it was
a muskrat and started to pick up
a stone to throw at it to see if he
was alive. Ballard hollered, "wait
“Can't throw yet,” and ran toward the shop. I thought he was going after the gun. I finally threw the stone and it struck the water a short distance from the muskrat (?). Ballard had reached the thread in the chicken coop and began winding it up. Seeing the muskrat start to swim, I immediately started as fast as I could to the house for father's gun. Gun in hand, I was running past the open door of the shop when father came out and called, "what are you going to shoot?" I replied a muskrat! He said, "you better let me shoot him, you might not hit him." Since I had only shot this big, heavy, old-fashioned, muzzle loader, double-barreled shotgun a few times, I readily assented, since I knew father to be an expert marksman, and I did want the muskrat's fur.

Father soon got two big trees in range and sneaked down close to the shore of the lake behind a big maple, and just as he was taking aim, that linen thread began to wind up again and the muskrat started to swim, when bang! I could see that the shot completely covered the object, but it kept right on swimming, to our amazement.

Father immediately shot the other barrel. Bang! And still the muskrat continued to swim until he got to the fence post and there he died. Father could not understand why he did not stop him sooner and was a little abashed when he told me to take a boat and go out and get him. I was very much surprised when I picked that quart bottle up with almost all the clothes shot off it. I immediately took it up to father.
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at the shop and he was certainly surprised and we all had a good laugh. I shall never forget father's look of astonishment as I handed him the "muskrat," with its fur riddled like a sieve.

I was not sorry that I let father do the shooting, for I always knew that he was a sure shot and he kept up to his record in this instance.

Ballard had intended the joke for me, but it was too good for just one victim, so he caught both of us unintentionally.

BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES

Where were the Lowes Sunday morning?

The Young People's class is planning a party.

Harvey Boyles was unable to attend the Men's Bible class meeting, Sunday, on account of the loss of several teeth, Saturday. Harvey paid to have them out, you should know.

Buddy Montefith was listed as having an injured cranium last week. This week he had an attack of ptomaine poisoning. In

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fact, Paul, Betty and Ruth Ilene, all of the Monteith children, were physically incapacitated over the weekend.

Sunday, James Cross was ill in bed with a cold. Better take some of Mr. Houck’s cod liver oil, James.

John Stahl went on a journey to McKeesport, Pa., this last week. He took his grandmother Stahl home. She has been visiting in this vicinity for the past few weeks.

March 11, seven were present in the class which Mrs. Cross teaches. This class is making a drive for new members. All girls between the ages of 12 and 16 years are welcome and urged to join this class.

The second Men’s Bible class supper is now a matter of history. Some one suggested that it would be alright for the men to give suppers—IF—hey did ALL the work—but the ladies make the pies, the scalloped potatoes, set up the cabbage and even help wash the dishes, while the men accept the glory and take the profits. However, the ladies will have to admit it was Mr. Cross who made those delicious buns and this time things were salted to perfection.

Fourteen little folks were in Mrs. Monteith’s class, Sunday.

THE LADIES’ BIBLE CLASS

We were glad to see Mrs. Crich- ton at church, once again.

After hearing Mrs. Hulme, Sunday, when called on unexpectedly, we are anxious to hear from her when she is prepared.

The Ladies’ Bible class say they are striving hard to keep ahead of the men. Thus far they have outnumbered them. (Hear the men say “Is that so?”) Let us keep it up, ladies.

Soon—probably the second Wednesday night in April—the Ladies’ Bible class plans a get-together for the purpose of organizing and laying plans for service to the church and community. More about this later.
PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. H. A. Rearick is manager of Isaly’s store in Stow. He tells us that most of Isaly’s stores are company-owned, tho the store in Stow belongs to him. He has promised to attend one of our church services soon.

Mr. H. R. Thies, research chemist at Goodyear, has purchased the A. F. Pearson property just north of the school house. He expects to occupy the place very soon.

Mr. J. F. Edmiston, River road, works for Firestone, but, as a sideline and hobby, has a greenhouse. He is now starting plants which will be set out in the open garden during April, May and June. See him for snapdragons, giant asters or even the prosaic cabbage plant.

Mr. H. E. Van Hyning, who has a nice flock of chickens, reports an average winter egg production of 70 per cent. He mixes his own feed and uses cod liver oil. Who can beat this record for the winter months?

April 6, 6 p. m. Friday, is the time of our next church nite supper. Attend and help your Bible class win a prize.

Rev. Hulme will preach Sunday on, “The Prayer Life.” Bring your friends and neighbors to this service.

Wanted: More people to attend our Sunday services REGULARLY. However, we are glad to see you at any time.

Visit the Stow hardware and inspect their line of gas and gasoline stoves. Mr. Wheeler will be glad to show them to you.

Mr. Bauder, owner and manager of the Silver lake greenhouse, is putting in a line of fresh bulk vegetable seeds. He is now checking the germination of these seeds in his greenhouse.

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