CROSSING THE BRIDGE

We have almost reached the other side, only hours now, and we will have crossed the span of 1939 and landed on the shore of 1940. We cannot turn back, we start again on another year. Providence alone knows how many of us shall hear the merry chimes of still another milestone.

The past year is so close on our heels that we still feel its warm breath, to some it has been friendly, to others unkind, to the rank and file of humanity it has probably been just another year.

Life is much like a bridge, on it we travel home. Some are overtaken by trouble, sickness, accident, death. There is ever a passing jostling throng and dangers in every direction, howbeit, there is a guard rail, a road and a path for those that walk, then there are lights and directions.

I, too, have seen officers of the law on the bridge they safeguard your journey, and repair men with tools to make it safe. Friends, too, one will meet if they show themselves friendly.

Again, when one walks or rides on the bridge he surely has a destiny, home city, or business. There is some reason for being on the bridge. I am told of people who are crossing the bridge who weary, who tire of the effort, they look over the rail, a hundred feet beneath is death, some recoil, they look up, they clutch again the thread of life, hope sees a star, they breathe a prayer, thank God and take courage.

There are other heavy laden pilgrims, they have suffered long, their hearts are lonely, their friends, many of them, have slumped, they are missing, they must have quietly stepped aside somewhere on the span.

The bridge tells many a tale of love and hate, of hope and despair, of youth and effort, and old age too.

There was a wooden bridge, just one span long, near my boyhood home. Many a day and many an evening we played there, often we climbed up and down the piers, and sat in the darkness and listened to the ripple of the stream. The march of time has swept away the little landmark, and gone, too, are the merry voices of playmates, they have crossed the great bridge, called life, they are on the farther side.

So 1919 bridge has nearly been crossed. Should we pause and be serious about it? Should we profit by experiences along the way? Should we make resolves as we start on the bridge called 1940?

Come, friend, I would speak with you. Time is precious, very precious. I am not altogether satisfied with my sojourn along the bridge of 1939, are you? Be honest friend, let us do better in 1940. Yes, we have trifled, been insincere, just plugged along, one
of the gang, killed time, slighted the church, walked on the other side of duty, sought the path of least resistance, we drag out the last span of the old year like weary, prodded cattle.

Almighty God, help us in 1940 that we shall find the way, we shall employ the urge, we shall command Divine guidance, that we will glorify our Maker, be actuated and driven on by a burning zeal, called the Holy Spirit.

GEO. M. HULME.

DEATH

Mrs. Anna Beckwith, 71, wife of Charles Beckwith, Hudson road Stow, passed away Tuesday morning at her home, after an illness of two weeks. She leaves her husband, Charles E.; two brothers, Charles Smith, of Springfield Township, and Thomas Smith of Wadsworth, and a sister Jane Lappin of Akron.

Mrs. Beckwith had been a resident of Stow for 37 years, coming here from Norton township.

Funeral services were held this Thursday, 2 p. m. from the Weller chapel, Rev. Voss of Uniontown officiating. Burial in Stow cemetery.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

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DEATH

Funeral services for Mrs. Charlotte Merle Dutt, 302 Carroll st., Akron, were held Wednesday at the Weller Funeral Home, Cuyahoga Falls at 2 o'clock p. m. with Rev. Walter S. Tunks, of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church of Akron reading the rites. Interment was made in Glendale cemetery, Akron.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Rose E. Howard of Stow; three brother-in-laws, Walter D. Howard, Stow; Samuel Dutt, Akron, and Robert Dutt, Detroit, Mich.; three sister-in-laws, Mrs. Frances Dutt, Akron; Mrs. Albirda Fite, Albany, N. Y., and Mrs. John LeVier, Gibsonburg, O.; one foster niece, Mrs. Walter Herman, Akron, and five nieces and six nephews.

After several years of married life the young husband, William Dutt, passed away in 1914. She gave up her social life at that time and entered the successful business of her husband, The Dutt Drug Company, located at 7 E. Exchange St., where she has managed the business since that time. She was there Saturday evening, and seemed to be in her usual health, but at 11 o’clock she talked with her sister here and complained she was not so well, and on Sunday at 8 o’clock a. m. she passed away. She was born on Sunday, February 14.

Unmindful of her own poor health for years, she was generous to the need of others. She liked to remember the smaller churches and organizations.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I am not able to manage my own life as I would like to; how then can I hope to direct my neighbor’s life?—F. A. C.

YEARLY CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

On Friday evening January 5th the church will hold their yearly business meeting.

This meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the church. All members should be present. All officers should have their yearly reports ready. Election of officers will take place.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE
A program to be held New Year's Eve in Community Church is being planned.
It is expected that each church organization will be responsible for a portion of the program, Rev. Hulme taking up the time from 11:30 p. m. to midnight. After services the ladies will serve a midnight lunch in the church parlors. The Committee: Mrs. Harry Osman, chairman; Mr. A. F. Hall, Miss Clara Hardy, Mrs. Virginia Judy, Mary Jo Woodring and Miss Mildred Osman.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS BUSINESS MEETING
On Tuesday evening January 7th the Men's Bible Class will meet at the home of C. M. Woodring, 130 Thorndale Avenue, Stow for business session extraordinary. All members are requested to attend and bring a friend as a social time will be in order, as well as business.

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YOUNG PEOPLES BIBLE CLASS

Item One. The regular monthly business meeting of the Young Peoples Class will be held Tuesday evening January 9th at the home of Henry Harruff, 115 Munroe Falls Road, which is located between Baughman's Feed Store and Welsh's Restaurant. Everyone is requested to attend as election of officers will take place.

Item Two. Members of the Young Peoples Bible Class wish to thank the following for the success of their Christmas party: Clara Hardy, Helen Stein, Henry Harruff, Virginia Easterling, Mildred Osman, Gladys Shroeder, Bob Stein and George Robinson. Twenty-four were present and according to all reports everyone had a good time.

Item Three. Thanks is also extended those members and non-members (Mr. Osman for one) who helped trim and redecorate their class room.

Item Four. The Young Peoples Bible Class wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a most happy prosperous and successful New Year.

NO NEWS

ITS ALL A MATTER OF HISTORY NOW

Item I. Fifty two were present at the Ladies Bible Class Party on Tuesday evening of last week. Everyone said that it was a real nice party.

Item II. The Christmas Cantata last Sunday morning was one of the nicest we have heard in years. Twenty-five members took part. The choir deserve much credit for glorifying our Lord and Master with such music. Two numbers, one a duet and the other a solo brought tears to our eyes as we listened and considered the thought so beautifully expressed in song.

Item III. Near the close of a very interesting program Christmas eve Santa Claus came with popcorn balls and oranges for all the good little folks of our Bible School. All must have been good because none seemed to have been missed. Th ladies, Mrs. Cumpson, Mrs. Bertha Hissem, Miss Betty Cross, Mrs. Judy and others who directed the little folks in their efforts deserve much credit, for such things take considerable
effort and much real work.

Item IV. After the Christmas program Sunday Christmas Eve the Young people of the church and Washington, D. C. (guess who) loaded themselves into Al Stein's new milk truck and visited numerous homes singing Christmas carols. They ended up about midnight at Woodrings where half frozen they received hot refreshments.

THE YEAR ENDS

With this issue another volume of the Community Church News is completed.

During the nearly six years of this paper's existence not a single weekly issue has been missed. For this minor achievement, humanly speaking we have a number of persons to thank. In the first place we have the readers and subscribers to thank. A newspaper cannot exist without subscribers, especially the reading kind. Then there are the advertisers who in a large measure support the paper financially. Most of them advertise because they feel that it pays. Several advertisers have told us of receiving definite response to their ads.

Then to thank we have our Minister who writes the leading article or editorial (as some call it) each week. Would we could find others in our church who would contribute items as faithfully. Several there are, who tho not members of Community church contribute regularly. We appreciate this help. Again to thank we have the lady who types the copy each Monday evening. This, so the linotype operators can set the type more conveniently and easily. Also there is the source of lino-

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THAT FIRESIDE ROOM

If you have not been down in the fireside room at our church recently, just stop in there sometime soon.

With Mr. Al Hall as their teacher and leader the young folks have spent many hours the past several nights redecorating the room where they hold their Sunday class meetings. The papering we believe was done by Mr. Osman. Such good work deserves special mention. Other church folks could well follow the example of the young folks in their church work program.

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LADIES BIBLE CLASS NOTES

Hooray! The Sanners are here for Christmas. Ain’t you glad and ain’t I glad. The Ladies Class were thrilled to have Mrs. Sanner back with them last Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterman and son Jack, have been shut in with sickness for sometime past. We wish them a speedy recovery and back to church soon.

Parents of Mrs. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Presley of Lodi and Mr. Nichol’s father of Medina, also Mrs. Bertha Martin of Akron spent last Sunday with the R. Nichols family.

Granddaughter, Jill, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dunn of Wooster, visited grandmother Dunn for two hours one day last week. Grandmother Dunn all a thrill tells how granddaughter who is able to walk about considerable now had two falls and discovering a basket of Mrs. Gillam’s apples—eating three.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bivins spent the week end in Pittsburgh. Miss Ed Ek spent the week end with her family at Suffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Brittan gave their family Christmas dinner on Sunday.

Miss Ida Sirdefield of Kent spent Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Coffeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon of Akron were Sunday callers of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitcher.

Good coal in three ton lots, $4.50 per ton. Casebeer, corner Fish Creek and East Graham Roads. (Adv).

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Foltz spent Christmas day with their children and grandchildren the Zohns at Brecksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Holmes entertained with a family dinner on Sunday and on Monday were guests of the Duffs in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sabin en-
entertained their mother, Mrs. Morse and sister Vera of Akron on Monday.

A few little friends of Bobbie Sundell helped him celebrate his fifth birthday anniversary last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chapman with their sister and family from Beaver Falls, Pa. spent Christmas in Ravenna with their mother, Mrs. Keener.

On Monday, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Coffeen accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Carl Coffeen to Akron where they were Christmas dinner guests of the Ralph Hinmans.

Mr. Geo. Ake owing to having the flu and tonsilitis the week before Christmas was unable to go to Cleveland as he had planned to spend the holiday with friends.

Christmas night Mr. and Mrs. John Mitcher and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brittan and daughter were guests of Mrs. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Riggs, in the Riggs home on East Kent Road.

Mrs. Catherine Lodge formerly of Fish Creek is a guest of her daughter Mrs. J. Pomeroy and family in New York. The trip to and from New York is one of her Christmas gifts from the Pomeroy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Sundell attended a Christmas party in Akron Saturday night when the National Insurance Company entertained the District Superintendents and their wives.

SPECIAL: All glassware formerly priced up to $1.75 now on sale at 25c to $1.00. Virginia Henault, 116 Thorndale Avenue, Stow.—(Adv.)

Mr. and Mrs. Glen France and children were Sunday evening guests of Mrs. France’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beany at Twinsburg in honor of the birthday of Mrs. France. On Monday the Frances gave a Christmas dinner for their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weston and son Donald gave a candle light Christmas breakfast to their families. At noon the Westons ate Christmas dinner with the Taylors in the Falls and Christmas night were at “Grandpa and Grandma” Westons in Cuyahoga Falls.

The Earl Curtis family and the Arthur Gouglers were also busy with Christmas festivities.


NEWS ITEMS

Not later than Monday evenings we are pleased to receive short news items and announcements. Advertising on Tuesday. If items are late and they are included in the current issue it most generally means a special trip to Cuyahoga Falls. Please try and get them in on time.
PERSONALS

Mary Jo Woodring has a new typewriter.

Skating now on Silver Lake, not very safe tho at present writing.

Dr. Ray A. Bohl and family moved to 168 Oak Road last week. Dr. Bohl purchased this property.

M. H. Davies, wife and son, Bobby, of Forty Fort, Pa. are visiting parents of Mrs. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Klesa, Orchard Drive.

Robert Hamilton attending Ohio University, Athens, Ohio is visiting over the holidays at the home of his parents on Diagonal Road.

One birthday celebrated at Bible School last Sunday, that of Miss Annabell Hardy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sanner with son, Edward, Jr. are visiting this week with friends and relatives in Stow and Cuyahoga Falls. Son Howard remained in Washington. Had to work and sing in church cantata.

Mr. Fred Heming, late of Akron but now of Chicago, visited over the Christmas holidays with his wife and children at the home of his "in-laws", Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bishop, Hiwood Road.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Max celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary last Sunday, December 24th. On two days of last week the Max's with daughter, Rosemary, visited with Mr. Max's parents in Zanesville, Ohio.

For English style type used in last week's paper and for the special heading on the Christmas program we have Mr. Frank Howe to thank. The cuts were obtained from the Falls News.

Max and Jim Woodring, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Woodring of Akron, were unable to make their yearly visit to Grandpa and Grandma Woodring on Christmas Day on account of having their tonsils removed on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Golda Haartje, West Arndale Road, is ill.

Lost: In Church last Sunday morning a small spiral note book containing notes for this paper. Return to Editor please.

Mrs. S. P. Banders, Christmas present: a 1940 Hudson Super Six Blue Bird from her husband.

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