

## Bethany Methodist

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the Amelia folk insisted he receive some reimbursement. An electrician was paid for wiring the church for lights.

Trustee Paul Fisher estimated the total will run somewhere between "four and five hundred-dollars".

Most of the building supplies were hauled in—usually without charge by the truckers.

When the memorable November, 17 blizzard struck last Fall, the builders were glad they had boarded up the Windows for the Winter. Otherwise, serious damage might have resulted.

Came Spring, 1949, and work was resumed. Meanwhile, the church was being put to use and has been used regularly ever since.

There is a full basement, where Sunday-school classes meet. The church is equipped with a hot air furnace, a 32-volt power plant and used pews.

In front is a small landing with steps. Inside the front door is a vestibule, a small cloak room and the entrance to the basement. The sanctuary forms a recess in the rear of the church. Ceiling is covered with a tile composition board and walls are covered with "plank" composition board. Main auditorium seats about 150.

In Sunday's dedication Harry S. White, the unofficial historian for the community and that section of the county, recounted the Bethany history.

"It was in 1901," he said, "a Sunday-school was organized by Thomas Moss, who was an employee of the American Sunday-School Union. A woman in the East had sent Mr. Moss sufficient money to organize the Sunday-school. He named it Bethany."

"Classes were held in the district 216 school house, better-known as the Scafe district."

(A photograph on the wall of the present church is a memento of that first group.)

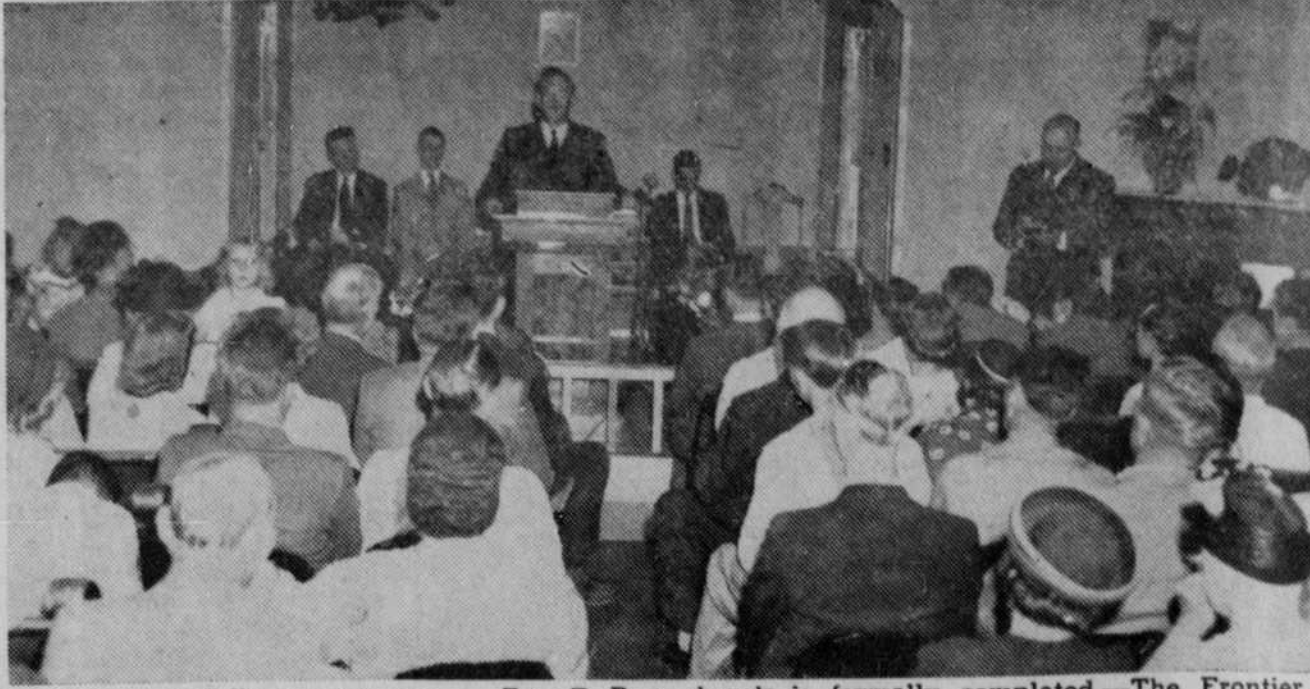
"A few years later Rev. P. E. Fisher, who held a local preacher's license, began to preach. In 1908 he persuaded Rev. Lee Dailey to assist in a meeting. At this time," Mr. White told the audience, "Mrs. Goeller, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Remington and the Whites prayed through in the old-fashioned way and a Free Methodist class was organized."

"Mr. and Mrs. Fisher joined with us, making us seven members."

"Brother Fisher continued to preach faithfully until at the Butte annual conference in 1912 Rev. T. W. Rutledge, an ordained preacher, was sent to us. He was with us three or four years."

"In 1916 we bought the Haile place. Mr. Haile had died and his wife and family were moving away."

It was about this time that Mr. White, the narrator, had donated 10 acres to the church. Those were horse



Delivering dedicatory sermon . . . Rev. R. B. Campbell, of Illinois, speaks to parishioners Sunday afternoon as Bethany Free Methodist church is formally completed.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.

and buggy days and lots of space was required.

"In 1917 Reverend Dailey was appointed as pastor at Riverside, near Ewing, and Bethany. He was with us two years. From then until 1923 we had no regular pastor," the venerable Mr. White continued.

"That year Rev. V. A. Bagley was sent to us and was our pastor for two years. In 1930 Rev. W. B. Good was appointed; Rev. W. H. Lee served during 1932 and 1933; Rev. L. W. Scott in 1934; Rev. Ray Morton, 1935 and 1936; during 1937, 1938 and 1939 our pulpit was supplied; Rev. E. W. Pedersen worked with us during 1940, 1941 and 1942; Rev. D. L. Wadsworth, 1944 and 1945; Rev. Wesley Hankin, 1946; Rev. Ira L. Dixon, 1947, 1948 and 1949."

Today, Harry S. White is the only living charter member.

Folks came from several states and from other congregations to witness Sunday's dedication. Rev. M. H. Grosenbach, of Wesleyan Methodist church, and 20 members of his congregation were present, as were Rev. Fritz Hand and others from Riverside church.

There were also people from Bonesteel, S. D., Page, Lynch, Spencer, Butte, Fremont, Chambers and Atkinson.

An Omaha male quartet, appearing in special meetings at the Baptist church in Chambers, came over for the dedication, sang several selections.

Dedicatory day opened with Sunday-school at 9:45 a.m. Clyde Burge is superintendent. The love feast was set for 10:30 a.m. with Lester Gossard as leader. Reverend Hand presided in the morning worship, beginning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. D. V. Smith, of Lincoln, offered the opening prayer and Charles Snyder read the scripture. Sermon was delivered by Rev. R. B. Campbell, of Illinois. At noon there was a communion service.

At 12:30 p.m. there was a fellowship dinner at the Harry S. White home.

The afternoon dedicatory

service opened with a scripture reading by Rev. Floyd Cooper, followed with a prayer by Rev. Cecil Phillips. Reverend Campbell, who recently presided in a similar rite at Wellsboro, Pa., delivered the sermon. Then followed the dedication ritual in the form of a responsive reading.

Reverend Campbell also preached at the evening service, climaxing the full day of activity.

Bethany Free Methodist church has three of its own devoting their lives to religious work. These are Mrs. Frank Adamson, Rev. Roland F. Fisher and Edward Skudler.

Mrs. Adamson, formerly a White girl, last week was on the high seas returning to her African mission field with her husband and son, David, about 11. Their children, Myra and Merlin, are sophomores this year at Central college in McPherson, Kans. The Adamsons recently were in the United States on leave.

Reverend Fisher is at Winfield, Kans., where he is in evangelistic relations work. He has held pastorates.

Edward Skudler is preparing for mission work in Japan by attending a church school in Seattle, Wash.

Reverend Dixon and his family came to Bethany in August, 1947, from Casper, Wyo. Sunday, Mrs. Dixon was in charge of the guest book. They reside in a house near the church.

The Henry Freeland is moving to Missouri and will be greatly missed. The Freeland is one of the six families. The Clyde Burges and George Atkinsons are relative newcomers—having moved into the community during late years. The Mike Philberns now live in West Point but have retained their membership at Bethany.

With dedicatory ceremonies formally over, Bethany Free Methodist church, perched on a knoll and nestled behind an erect row of Jack pines, stands ready to serve.

Summing up the accomplishment of a modern, new House of God for a numerically tiny country flock, Trustee Glen White put it this way: "If people love the Lord and are willing to sacrifice these things can be done."

Hold Benefit Bazaar, Sack Social—

The Up-and-At-It 4-H club held a bazaar and sack social Friday evening, September 23, at the Clyde Streeter home for the benefit of the St. Anthony's hospital building fund. The sacks of food, needlework and white elephant articles donated by the community were auctioned off by Clyde McKenzie. Proceeds netted \$90.

Visit Dierkings—

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feyerberrn, of Wisner, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pfeil and family, of Wayne, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Dierking.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Streeter spent Sunday in Ewing visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Rotherham.

CARDS OF THANKS

WE WISH to take this means of expressing our gratitude to our relatives and friends for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our recent bereavement.

SHAUGHNESSY FAMILY

I WISH to take this means to thank the many kind friends for their offers of service, cards, and letters received by me and also the ones Jim received at Spokane, Wash., while he was convalescing from his accident. Especially to the O'Neill airport for their wonderful cooperation. All these favors will never be forgotten.—Mrs. James E. Kelly and son Neal. 21c

WE, the members and pastor of the Bethany Free Methodist church of Amelia, take this means of saying, "thank you!" to all who contributed to the dedication service of our new church, whether in cash, pledges or talent. We extend to you all an open invitation to any and all services.—Rev. Ira I. Dixon, pastor. 21c

### INMAN NEWS

Dotty Moore and Tom Clark, who attended college in Wayne, spent the weekend in the Harry Moore and E. E. Clark homes.

Miss Audry Brunckhorst, R. N., left Wednesday, September 21, for Dallas, Tex., where she will be employed.

The LL club met Wednesday afternoon, September 21, with Mrs. M. L. Harkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith and son, Gregory, of El Monte, Calif., came Wednesday, September 21, to visit in the Anna Smith and Otto Retke home.

Mrs. Anna Pierson and Carolyn and Sam Watson were last Thursday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson in O'Neill.

Cecil Keyes, who attended school at Milford, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Keyes.

The Coffee club met last Thursday at the aid parlor with Mrs. John Gallagher, Mrs. M. B. Kelly and Mrs. Leon Tompkins as hostesses. Twenty members and six visitors were present. A covered dish lunch was served at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laney and son, Pat, of Jasper, Minn., spent the weekend with Mr. Laney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Laney.

Mrs. Sam Henry and Lyle Ruth Jackson, of Lucas, Kans., came Saturday to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly, jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bellwig and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dunnaway, of Ewing, and Tom Kelly, of Page, were Sunday

supper guests of Lyle Abney's. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Watson returned Sunday from Chicago, Ill., where they have been visiting. They were accompanied to Inman by their daughter, Mrs. William Slusher, who will spend some time with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James McMahon and daughter, Patricia, and John Mattson spent Sunday afternoon in Ainsworth visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Jessen.

Miss Barbara Brunckhorst, who attends college at Norfolk, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brunckhorst.

DeWayne Stevens, who is employed at Wausa, spent the weekend with his grandmother, Mrs. Belle Lines.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Berger, Mr. and Mrs. DeWayne Berger and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berger and son, Douglas, spent Sunday in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hutton at Page, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hutton's 30th wedding anniversary. It was also Mrs. Thomas Hutton's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Herb Russ, of O'Neill, were present to help celebrate.

A. E. Thompson, of Casper, Wyo., spent the weekend in the Lottie Thompson home.

## Personals

Pvt. and Mrs. Allen Knight left Wednesday for Camp Carson, Colo., after having visited Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Knight for 10 days.

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Kilpatrick and Miss Arlene spent Sunday in Orchard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Hill and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Erich, of Detroit, Mich., were dinner guests at the Kilpatrick home Sunday, September 18.

Mr. and Mrs. George Klein and Carol attended the wedding Tuesday, September 2, of Mrs. Klien's brother, Jack Brandt, at St. Francis' church at Randolph. Mrs. Joseph Trecker, of Broken Bow, a sister of Mrs. Klein, returned from the wedding with the Kleins. She remained until Friday.

Mrs. Gerald Rothchild, of Atkinson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ar-

thur Dexter, and family Sunday. Friday of Mrs. Della Eby. Mrs. Harriet Rohr, of Herrick, S. D., was an overnight guest. Frontier for Printing!

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To benefit St. Anthony's hospital building fund on September 30, beginning at 11 a.m. East of Holt county courthouse annex.

- 30 CATTLE, consisting of 1 registered Angus heifer, several cows, steers, and the balance steer and heifer calves.
- 30 HOGS, consisting of 1 young registered Spotted Poland China boar with the balance of feeder pigs and market hogs.
- 4 SADDLE HORSES and a saddle bred colt.
- 1 STACK PRAIRIE HAY located 3 miles Southeast of O'Neill on highway 275.

Anyone Wishing to Donate Livestock for the Benefit of St. Anthony's Hospital Building Fund Should Bring it into O'Neill Anytime prior to Friday at 11 a.m. Sept. 30