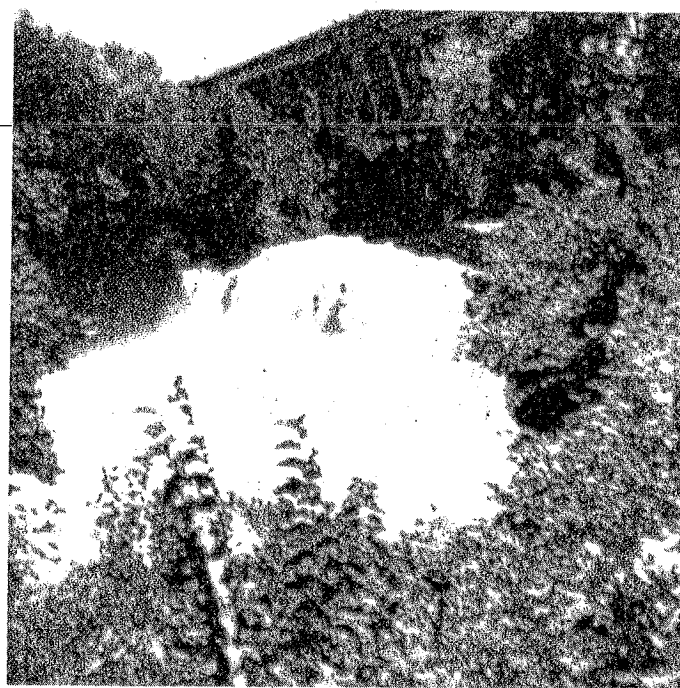


A History of
Ludlow Falls Camp Meeting

Missionary Church East Central District



A Century of Proclaiming Christ

100th Anniversary of Camp Meeting
1899 - 1999

Dear Friends,

This year we have the privilege to do what many never get to do in an entire lifetime – to celebrate a 100-year anniversary. What does such a celebration of ministry mean to us?

First, we celebrate the *continuity* God has given the Ludlow Falls Camp. The cycle of spiritual life and growth is evident as people gathered year after year, added and enlarged facilities and sustained a ministry that was begun 100 years ago at this location.

Second, we appreciate *stability*. We often sing the words to a great hymn of the Christian church, "On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand...." Friends, God has been so faithful to grant us stability in times of cultural change within our society and ever increasing compromise and worldliness in the church world. Ludlow Falls Camp's reputation as a Bible believing, holiness preaching, evangelical camp is well known in our region and denomination.

Last, we accept the *responsibility* God has given us. We dare not be satisfied with past accomplishments. The same spiritual fervor and determination that brought the camp into existence are necessary for its continued maintenance and growth. We must fulfill our responsibility to this generation and future ones to care for existing facilities and plan for future expansion. The mantle of leadership has been laid upon us to see that there is a dedicated camping area for the proclamation of the changeless message of Christ and the empowering of His Holy Spirit until Christ returns.

This history records some of the exciting chapters of our camp. I pray we will always look back thanking God for His faithfulness and look with anticipation to the future for what God has in His heart for Ludlow Falls Camp. The timeless words of St. Paul in Philippians 1:6 ring true for us as we approach a new century and a new millennium: *"Being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Special thanks goes to our 100-Year Celebration Committee Rev. Jeff Gerig (Chairman), Helen Riley, Juanita Edmiston and Jean Gerig (Secretary). Also, I would like to thank all of the individuals who have shared memories or photographs with us in preparation for this history. In 1981, Mr. Harold Steele published material about the Ludlow Falls Camp in a history of the East Central District of the Missionary Church. A significant portion of that material was used in compiling the 100-year anniversary history.

Because of Him,

Rev. Bill Hossler – District Superintendent

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Rev. & Mrs. Bill (Margaret) Hossler

1885 - 1919

The first Camp Meeting in the Ohio District was held in a grove at Englewood in August of 1885 with John Rasor, David Hess and David Earnest as the Camp Meeting Committee. Two church founders, Solomon Eby from Ontario and Daniel Brenneman from Indiana, traveled a significant distance to attend this event. A group of twenty-five accompanied Eby and Brenneman and certainly added to the excitement of this first Ohio camp. In his report to the Gospel Banner, Eby proclaimed the Ohio camp meeting a "grand success." Brenneman noted in the September 1, 1885 Gospel Banner that the entire encampment resulted in a "complete victory for God." (*Gospel Banner* Vol. 8, No. 17)



Rev. Solomon Eby, founder of the United Missionary Church in Canada

There were no permanent structures at this first camp. Tents were the order of the day, for sleeping, eating and services. The speakers were mostly local, with the exception of Eby and Brenneman. At one evening service, sixteen preachers spoke five minutes each. Brenneman reported that prejudices towards camp meetings were overcome by the Englewood Camp and that three new converts were baptized in the final service." (*Gospel Banner* Vol. 8, No. 19)

In 1886, the second Camp Meeting was held in a grove near Potsdam. For over a decade the site alternated between Englewood and Potsdam. In 1897, it was held in Harshman's Grove east of Dayton, Ohio, and then back near Potsdam in 1898.

The choice of a Camp Meeting site was dictated by the need to be near a railroad or electric traction line, making it accessible to people traveling from a distance. Horses and buggies were used for local travel, but trains reaching speeds of up to sixty miles per hour between stops, would bring in visiting guests and dignitaries from long distances. The Pullman Car had been invented by this time and, with the prices of railroad fares being reasonable, many came to camp this way. The traction line to Ludlow Falls was in operation from 1901 - 1927. (Short History of Ludlow Falls -Appendix A)

There were few, if any, permanent facilities at these early camps. The people stayed in tents and slept on the traditional straw tick or straw mattress. Drinking water was hauled from farms nearby and many meals of the picnic type were eaten. Services were held in large tents that would accommodate assemblies of considerable size.



Rev. Daniel Brenneman, Presiding Elder of the Indiana Conference

The first Camp Meeting held in Smith's Grove at Ludlow Falls was in 1899. Attendance at the annual camps increased from year to year. An announcement in the Gospel Banner a month earlier invited the "pilgrims in Ohio" to rent a sleeping tent for \$1.75 and bring appropriate bedding. Guests from other conferences were also invited. During camp, Indiana Conference Presiding Elder, Daniel Brenneman, reported in the Gospel Banner that camp meeting services were in progress and "thousands" from all directions were in attendance. H. S. Hallman, an Indiana elder and Gospel Banner editor, reported that the Ludlow Falls site impressed him "with the beauty and convenience of the grounds, it being in a park across the river from the station." He was equally impressed by the ministering brethren who seemed to demonstrate "good courage." After listening to the reports of the ministering sisters at Ludlow Falls Camp, Hallman declared "the city mission work in Ohio is promising."

Brenneman estimated that at the final service, August 6, 1899, there were 10,000 present, requiring the use of four different locations on the grounds simultaneously to preach the gospel. Many have thought this

number too high an estimate, but even an attendance half this size would have created crowded conditions on the limited grounds.

In 1900, it is recorded that the large tent used for services blew down in a storm, burying hundreds of campers, but everyone escaped major injury.

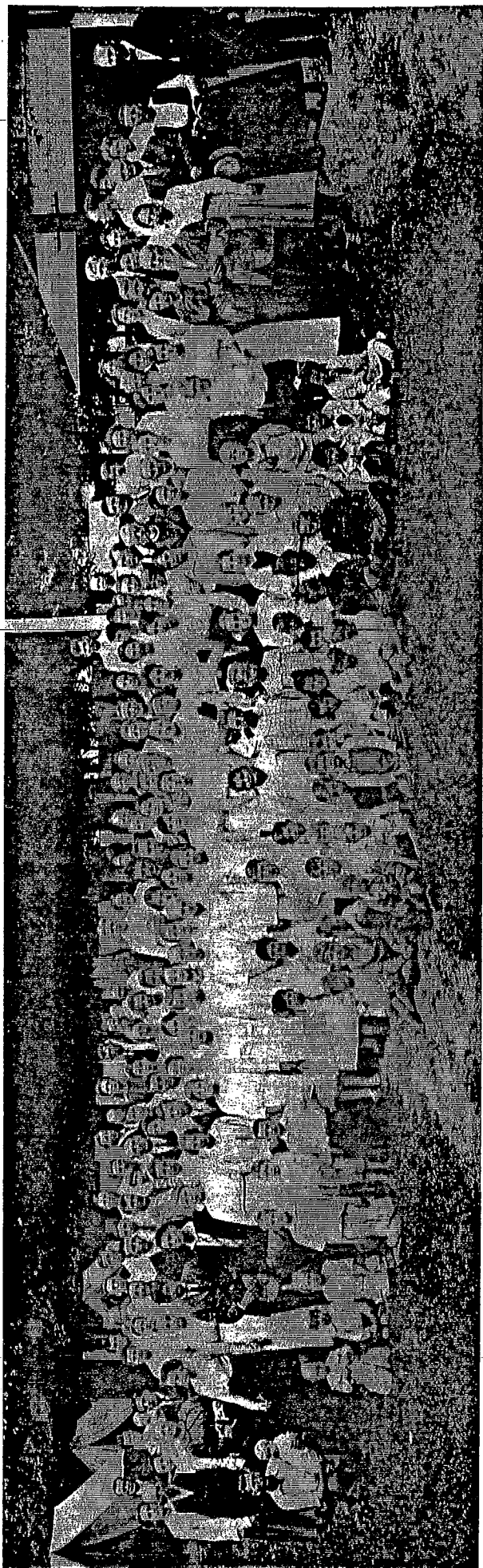
The meager facilities and primitive surroundings most assuredly did not hinder the presence, power, or working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of men and women. The deep truths of the Gospel were "vigorously proclaimed and sinners were converted, back-sliders were reclaimed, believers were sanctified, church members were strengthened, and the body of Christians edified."

From 1901 through 1919 the Ohio church camp was held at...

1901	Phillipsburg	1911	New Carlisle
1902	Greenville	1912	New Carlisle
1903	No Camp Meeting	1913	Gettysburg
1904	Salem	1914	Potsdam
1905	Tecumseh	1915	Gettysburg
1906	Englewood	1916	Gettysburg
1907	New Carlisle	1917	Potsdam
1908	New Carlisle	1918	New Carlisle
1909	Potsdam	1919	New Carlisle
1910	New Carlisle		

These early camps were truly "family camps." Most of the church families were farmers by occupation. When possible, parents would take the younger children and leave the older children at home to care for the daily chores. Often these older children who cared for the chores would rotate and take turns staying home and looking after the farm. With this arrangement, every member of the family would get to attend Camp Meeting at least some of the days.

The custom of everyone taking a yearly vacation is a trend only of the last forty years. During these years, attendance at the annual Camp Meeting was the nearest to a vacation these farm folks ever had. Families brought the necessities from home, something to sleep on and water buckets and basins for washing. Families slept in tents 12 feet by 14 feet which they rented. Mattresses were ticks, filled with fresh straw from some farmer's field. Gradually more and more families rented lumber and made floors under their tents. No nails were driven into the boards and the boards were then returned to the local lumber yard. Sometimes after a hard rain, when there was no floor, one could see a stream flowing right through the tent. At such times efforts were made to get things off the ground and piled onto a bed out of the water. Approximately one hundred fifty campers stayed on the grounds during these early Ohio camps.



Camp Meeting, August 1918
Smith's Field, New Carlisle, Ohio

1920 - 1939

In 1920, twelve acres of land were purchased from Mrs. Eliza Smith for \$5,500.00. Thus, Smith's Grove in Ludlow Falls became Ohio's first permanent campground.

In 1921, the tabernacle and boarding house (present dining hall) were constructed. It was recorded in the West Milton Record that the several residents of Ludlow Falls commented that "they had not seen the park looking so well in many years." (West Milton Record, August 1921) The building of personal cottages was not permitted on the grounds until 1927. During the early camps, fifty tents, 12 feet by 14 feet, were rented from Dayton Awning and Tent Company for \$2.50 each, for use by families.



Rev. Frank & Emma Holdeman

Frank helped with the construction of the tabernacle in 1921.

With the ownership of a new campground, there came a need for the drawing up of rules and regulations. In a June 1, 1921 meeting, the following rules were approved by the camp committee.

1. The premises on which these meetings shall be held shall be known as the Ludlow Falls Campgrounds of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church.
2. The campgrounds and its permanent buildings are to be set apart to God for religious services in harmony with the principles and doctrines of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church.
3. The management and control of the campgrounds shall be under an executive committee elected by the annual conference.
4. All permanent improvements, such as buildings, shall be by the consent of a called meeting of the district.
5. The executive committee may at their discretion permit family reunions, except on Sundays. Sunday School gatherings and the like may be held on the grounds, if they do not interfere with or militate against our principles and doctrines. Fees for such use of grounds shall be determined and collected by the executive committee.
6. All religious services and gatherings shall be by the consent and under the supervision of the Presiding Elder.
7. Evangelistic help for the following year shall be selected by the ministers together with the executive committee and Presiding Elder before the close of each camp meeting.

The committee on rules and regulations was instructed to draw up a shorter code of park regulations governing the public use of the grounds.

1. Resolved that for the present, no leases will be given to erect cottages and until such rules are adopted to govern the same.
2. Resolved that we build a tabernacle 56 feet by 84 feet with eight foot lifting doors on two sides and one end.
3. Resolved that we build a boarding hall (present dining hall) 28 feet by 56 feet, and 8 feet high including a 14 foot kitchen across one end. Bro. D. Wyseander shall superintend the job of

putting up the buildings and the wage scale shall be 40, 45, and 50 cents per hour for carpenters.

"For the time being, it was decided to borrow money as needed until further arrangements could be made at the dedication set for several weeks previous to Camp Meeting time. After deciding to build and staking out the location for the tabernacle and boarding hall, the called meeting was adjourned." (Minutes from June 1, 1921 meeting.)

The West Milton Record reported of the 1921 Camp Meeting, "Sunday was a great day at the camp. The morning sermon was delivered by Prof. J. A. Huffman, of Bluffton College. In the afternoon the park with the auditorium and all the other equipment was dedicated. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Evangelist N. W. Rich of Rocky Ford, Colorado, and the dedication proper was conducted by the Presiding Elder, C. I. Huffman of New Carlisle, Ohio. The cost of the park with its equipment is a little over 10 thousand dollars, all of which was easily provided." (*West Milton Record*, August 17, 1921)



1924 Camp Meeting Speakers

Rev. & Mrs. J. A. Beery, Rev. & Mrs. W. R. Cox, Rev. & Mrs. J. A. Huffman, and unknown couple.

The 1921 Camp Committee included Charles Miller, Charley Botkins, Ervin Harlicher, Ora Zecher, John Wissinger, and Rev. C. I. Huffman.

The 1922 Camp Meeting saw 75 decisions for Christ as well as 13 individuals who followed the Lord in baptism. "The whole community cannot but be helped by the good that was done during this series of meetings and the good fellowship that prevailed among those who gathered there from time to time." (*West Milton Record* August 16, 1922)



Rev. Ralph Holdeman
preaching at age 3 years
old, Camp Meeting 1924.

One early difficulty experienced was in the securing of a water supply. A well of 175 feet deep was drilled south of the boarding house but it failed to produce any water. Another well was drilled to a depth of 75 feet between the tabernacle and the road to the west. This afforded some water but not a sufficient amount to supply the entire camp. In 1923, a large spring of water was secured from a hill some distance north of the grounds on Mr. Thompson's property. The spring and its right-of-way were secured with a permanent lease from Mr. Thompson for a price of \$10. A small pump house was built to house the pump and storage tank at the bottom of the hill north of the tabernacle.

The water system contained a pressure switch which automatically turned the pump motor on and off. The year this system was installed groups of people, as many as twenty-five at a time, would gather in front of the pump house door just to observe the pump being turned on and off automatically. The system was so new and so novel for its time, that these groups gathered between services throughout the entire ten days of camp.

Also, in 1923, two hundred songbooks entitled, "Songs of Perfect Love" were purchased for use in the services during Camp Meeting. These greatly aided the worship in the services.

In 1925, dormitories which contained twenty-four rooms were erected. It was also at this time that a fence was erected around the property, thus defining the boundaries of the camp. All campground

buildings were insured with Brotherhood Aid at this time.

The following were the rules governing the building of cottages drafted at an August 8, 1925 meeting held at the Ludlow Falls Campground.

1. Cottages shall be a uniform width of 12 feet.
2. Cottages may be 12, 14, 16, or 18 feet in length.
3. Cottages must be built four feet from the front line and two feet from the side lines.
4. Cottages may have a four foot front porch.
5. Cottages shall be built uniform in height, with a seven foot wall and gable roof.
6. All buildings are to be painted white.
7. Cottages must be at least eight inches off the ground.
8. All issues requiring a special vote must receive a unanimous vote.

It was also decided at this meeting to allow only Missionary Church members to build cottages on the grounds.

In 1926, the first permanent cottage was erected on the grounds which now serves as the Camp Office. The next two to follow were built by Rev. Sidenham (Sidney) Lambert and Rev. Albert Taylor, the latter now being Rev. Frank Riffell's cottage.

In August, 1929, the traction bridge which helped bring many people to camp on the D.C.&P. traction line for over twenty years was demolished. Large cables were simply fastened to a heavy truck and the bridge was pulled over.

The 1931 Camp Meeting was recorded as being one of the largest gatherings on the grounds for several years. The West Milton Record reported, "During the ten days, forty-four tents were pitched on the grounds besides the eight cottages and the ten-room dormitory being occupied. There were 200 campers on the ground and a total of 4,000 individual meals were served. Nearly 500 were served dinner on Sunday. On Sunday morning the large auditorium was filled to overflowing at the Sunday School hour which was followed by a sermon delivered by Rev. Surbrook on "The Signs of the Times and the Near Coming of the Lord." Twenty-five denominations were represented in the morning service. As the meeting closed Sunday night, twenty-

eight people were at the altar bringing the number of conversions to about 100 during the ten days of services. On Saturday afternoon, fifteen were baptized in the creek near the campgrounds." (*West Milton Record*, August 19, 1931)

By October 1932, the tabernacle, boarding house and one dormitory were re-roofed. Unfortunately, in 1937, a tree fell on the tabernacle, damaging the roof. During the decade of the 1930's several additional cottages were built, making a total of fifteen by 1941.

The camp ministry continued to grow and in 1935, it was decided that Charles Miller would be secured as a part-time Camp Caretaker. Brother Miller and Brother D. Shellhaas had overseen the upkeep of the campgrounds as trustees for many years prior.

The personnel engaged for Camp Meeting each year included a camp



Top: Rev. & Mrs. Sidney Lambert, Rev. Longenecker. Bottom: Clara Britton and Mrs. Andrew Good.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Miller, Camp Committee Member and part time Camp Caretaker

evangelist, Bible teacher, song evangelist, youth evangelist, and children's workers. It was during this period that the custom of securing ministers and evangelists from other evangelical denominations to serve at Camp Meeting developed.

During this period, a traditional schedule of services and special days developed. Every service or activity was announced by the ringing of the bell.

6:30 AM	Get-up bell
7:00	Early morning prayer service in the tabernacle
7:30	Breakfast
9:00	Bible study
10:30	Morning worship service
12:00 Noon	Dinner
1:00 PM	Youth service
2:30	Afternoon service with district ministers bringing the messages
5:00	Supper
6:30	Evening prayer groups
7:30	Evening evangelistic service
10:00	Go to bed bell

On Wednesday, the day before Camp Meeting officially began, camp workers would come in to clean up the grounds and to set up tents. Churches were assigned cottages and rooms to clean and were expected to supply all the linens. While the women were preparing the cottages and rooms, the men would set up the tents. A service was then held that evening for those on the grounds. On Thursday, campers would arrive with all the essential supplies necessary for the week.

The first Saturday was Youth Day during which the activities and services were designed especially for young people. Tuesday was Home Missions Day with various mission workers giving reports of their home missionary work and experiences. The second Thursday was Foreign Missions Day with foreign missionaries used as speakers. It was traditional to have chicken served for dinner that day in the dining hall. The second Saturday morning was the annual Camp Business Meeting to care for necessary business matters. Later in the afternoon a divine healing service was held, followed by a baptismal service in Ludlow Creek.



1939 Camp Meeting Evangelist
Rev. & Mrs. D. E. Wilson and
daughter

Sunday School was held at nine-thirty each of the two Sunday mornings, with services for the children held in a separate tent. During the morning worship service on the second Sunday, an offering was taken by the camp evangelist for the support of the District Superintendent. A campground improvement offering was received both in cash and in pledges on the second Sunday afternoon.

Ludlow Falls Camp Meeting was unique among camp meetings in that meals were served on a free will offering basis. This was made possible because of the large quantity of donated food given to the camp. For example, Eli Sease would milk his cows in the morning and bring the milk to camp to be used at breakfast. Meals served in the dining hall were very similar to homestyle meals, often called "farm threshing meals." The long tables were divided by table markers and the dishes of food were passed from diner to diner within a table division. Girl campers would serve water or coffee.

Each person took his plate, glass and silverware to the dishwashing area upon finishing his meal and placed his freewill offering in the box at the exit.

After the first group of campers had eaten, the tables were reset and more food was placed out for the

next group of diners. On Sunday noon as many as five settings were required. Each setting served about one hundred people. At times, the one o'clock youth service would be almost over by the time the last group of diners finished eating. The dishwashing assignment was given to those who were at camp for the entire time. The list of dishwashers for a particular day would be read just prior to the eating of breakfast.

In 1938, twenty-five trees were planted on the grounds to offer shade for campers and to beautify the grounds. Many of those full-grown trees are still giving shade today.

The Ludlow Creek Falls were a natural feature that made Ohio's Ludlow Falls Campground unique. To watch the water rushing over the falls after a big rain was a pleasant pastime. Many young men enjoyed walking their girlfriends down to see them.



Camp Meeting 1940

Many young people met their future spouses at Camp Meeting. In fact, during this time, the "Ludlow Lovers Club" was established. Once a year members would meet for a dinner, to talk over old memories of camp.

Some past members included Gordon and Evelyn Beck, Bill and Wanita Edmiston, and Paul and Ruth Beck. Many enduring friendships had their beginning at Camp Meeting.

Many received Christ as their Savior at Camp Meeting, while others made him Lord of their lives. Several received their call to ministry during Camp Meeting.



Left to Right: Lettie Dsysinger, Margaret Werner, Lydia Dsysinger, Edith Schryer, Bertha Lambert, and Ella Mae Talmage

1940 - 1959

In 1941, two new dormitories were built and furnished on the grounds for use by campers. David Shellhaas was chosen as the new part-time Caretaker, August 8, 1941. It was also at this Camp Meeting that a short history of the Ludlow Falls Campgrounds from 1918 to the present 1941 were written up.

From early times it has been rumored that a locomotive is buried at the bottom of the pool beneath the falls. Events occurring in 1943 helped feed that rumor. In that year, three separate train accidents took place. On June 13, 1943, there was a seven-car derailment on the Stillwater River bridge that resulted in the caboose falling into the river, killing two men. Also in June, several cars jumped the track, plowing into the depot. No one was hurt in this second accident. A derailment later in October was the result of a head-on collision at Mile Post 34, east of town, an accident in which the engineer died. After this string of accidents, that stretch of track became known as "Death Valley."

Due to the war taking place, attendance at the 1943 Camp Meeting was a bit lower than usual. The West Milton Record reported that there were still twenty-five cottages occupied and fifty-five tents in use. On the first Sunday 700, meals were served at noon. What made this meeting unusual was that on Thursday, a memorial service was held for Rev. Joseph Ummel, 46, who had died suddenly on July 14 in Nigeria from a fever. He had been in missionary work for 21 years, and had often spoken at Camp Meeting. (*West Milton Record*, July 1943)

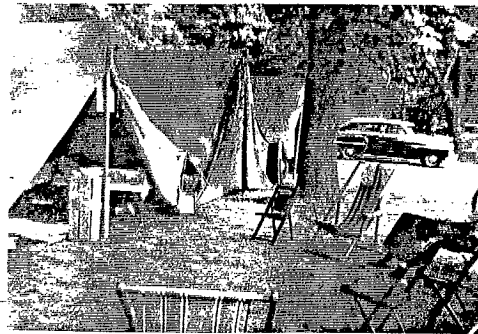
A major change in the Camp Meeting program took place in 1945. A separate youth program was begun, being placed under the direction of the district youth council. The Council consisted of: Rev. Forest Huffman, Director; Rev. Arthur H. Ditmer, Dean of Boys; and Miss Margaret Carter, Dean of Girls.

Youth campers were boys and girls, aged ten to twenty-one. Each camper paid a registration fee of \$1.25 to attend. That first year, ten campers and one counselor stayed in a double tent, with all ten campers agreeing to abide by the following rules of the youth program:

1. Daily attendance at the young people's meeting, the afternoon preaching service, and the evening evangelistic service;
2. No recreational activities during the hour of service;
3. No bathing suits, shorts or slacks and no smoking permitted on the grounds;
4. Retire within one half hour after the close of the evening service;
5. The payment of a registration fee of \$1.25 to be paid to the camp youth director;
6. Assistance at the dining hall is required;
7. Any camper who does not obey the rules may be sent home.

This youth program enjoyed success from the beginning, with more young campers registered each year. As time went on, a recreational program was developed for them; but the spiritual response was the most gratifying feature of the youth program. Many came to know Jesus as personal Savior, others were sanctified, and some made life commitments for Christian service. The young people were receiving benefits spiritually, socially, and physically.

The 1947 Camp Meeting brought record crowds to the grounds despite very hot weather. It was reported that at this time there were twenty permanent cottages, twenty-five dormitory rooms, and eighty tents occupied. On the first Sunday, approximately 1150 meals were



Camp Meeting 1951
Large crowds made for tight sleeping quarters.

served. Mrs. Harry Strome was the chief cook at this time. New restrooms with modern toilet facilities were completed northeast of the tabernacle to serve the new cottages and dormitories. Also a 4,800 gallon cistern to catch spring water and furnish an adequate water supply was completed in time for this Camp Meeting. (*West Milton Record*, August, 1947)

In 1949, six additional acres of land were purchased on the north end of the grounds, located down the hill. This land has served the camp well as a recreational area, and a place for overflow parking.

The 1949 Camp Meeting was a special time as it marked the Fiftieth Anniversary of the first Camp Meeting held at Ludlow Falls. Weeks of preparation were organized to make needed improvements to the facilities. A cement floor was poured for the tabernacle and the dining hall. The dining hall was renovated, with the stools being put in to accommodate larger crowds. Mrs. Ermal Flory served as the head cook, with a staff of helpers including Mrs. Walter Kress, Mrs. Chester Riffell, and Mrs. Jesse Osborn. Mrs. Willard Phipps served as table and serving chairperson. (*West Milton Record*, July 27, 1949)

In the winter of 1950, a longstanding tradition was begun with the city of Ludlow Falls. That tradition was the Christmas light display, which began that year with one single strand of lights placed across the falls by the Boy Scouts. In later years, the Ludlow Falls Volunteer Fire Department took over. At its peak in the mid-seventies, over 130,000 visited the display. Still today, several thousand visit the lights over the falls during the Christmas season.

On the last Sunday of the 1951 Camp Meeting, a children's tabernacle 32 feet by 40 feet was dedicated. The building was located on the northwest side of the campgrounds and was built free of indebtedness. It has been described as "a very inviting place for the children to worship." This children's tabernacle was later renovated in 1959 into what is now the Camp Caretaker's home. Mr. Arthur Strome and his wife, Sarah, were the first to live in it.



Camp Caretaker's Home 1999
Dale & Anita Beyer currently occupy what used to be the children's tabernacle.



Camp Meeting 1951
Rev. Forest Huffman, Camp Director, stands in front of the newly dedicated children's tabernacle.

It was also in 1951 that the Ohio State Highway Department surveyed the property, with plans to relocate State Route 48, which runs alongside the grounds. Harold Bowman is quoted in the Gospel Banner as saying, "If the plans become a reality it will destroy many of the physical qualities which we have enjoyed during the past years. We are doing what we can to have the State reconsider, and we would request an interest in the prayers of the great

(Gospel) Banner reading family." The State Highway Department did not reconsider, but paid the Campground Trustees \$18,323.97 in 1953 for the 3.95 acres of land required to relocate the state highway and for any damages incurred. This highway relocation necessitated the construction of a new camp ground entrance northwest of the tabernacle and the relocation of the parking lot at the north end of the campus. After the new highway was completed and the boundaries of the Ludlow Falls Campground markedly changed, several new cottages were built south of the tabernacle.

The construction and maintenance of camp buildings, the purchase and repair of equipment, the acquisition of insurance protection, the issuing of leases for the erection of private cottages, and the general care and upkeep of the campgrounds was for many years entrusted to a five member board of trustees.

In 1952, the Camp Meeting Committee was enlarged from five to ten members. These additional members helped in overseeing the big responsibility of preparing and serving of meals. They also assisted with the care of restrooms, laundry facilities, camp-owned cottages and dormitories.

A modernization of the camp's electrical system and the construction of the fellowship hall (now the Caretaker's garage) were completed in 1954. The fellowship hall was a project of the young people.

In 1955, the method of serving meals was changed to a cafeteria style. Diners entered the dining hall in two different lines to be served. This system better accommodated the larger number of people being served. Meals continued to be served on a free-will offering basis until the 1979 Camp Meeting, when meal tickets were first sold.

Also, in 1955, a kitchen twelve feet by twenty feet to the east and at the south end of the dining hall was finished and equipped with two three-tub sinks for dish washing. In 1957, the dining hall and kitchen were again enlarged.

Three new buildings were constructed during 1958 and 1959. One was the Bethel Publishing Company bookstand, which is still in use and stocked during Camp Meeting by Bethel Church Services. The other two were a new children's tabernacle and an additional restroom, both located at the south end of the grounds.

The district can be justly proud of some of its members, both laymen and ministers, who have given years of diligent and dedicated service to its Camp Meetings. Perhaps the honor of the longest camp service record goes to Mr. Roy Harshbarger, a member of the Potsdam church who has served on both the Camp Meeting Trustee Board and the Camp Meeting Committee for a total of twenty-five years.



Thrill of Lifetime—Moving Into Tent

Ludlow Falls—These three children lost no time in moving into their tent at the annual Ludlow Falls Camp Meeting of the United Missionary Church. They are Danny, 2 years old; Margie, 8, and Grace, 5. Their parents are Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Holdeman of Sidney. (*Dayton Daily News*, Friday, August 3, 1956)

1960 - 1980

A boys' dormitory and restroom facility were constructed on the new property down the hill in 1960. Some of the space was also used to park camping trailers and recreational vehicles used by families attending Camp Meeting.

The tabernacle was expanded twelve feet on the east and west sides in 1961 increasing its capacity from around 800 to 1,250 people.

Mr. John Brunk replaced Mr. Arthur Strome as Caretaker in 1962 and served until 1965.

Three youth shelters were built in 1963; two more shelters in 1964; and a shelter house for boys in 1965. In 1966, Ralph and Olive Riffell donated a cottage for use as a Camp Nurse's Station, in memory of their daughter, Gloria, who was a teacher of nursing. It was built by Rev. John Caddy and was located as Prayer 8 cottage. The Nurse's Cottage was moved in 1999 to Prayer 13 cottage to make it more visible to campers and closer to the dormitories.



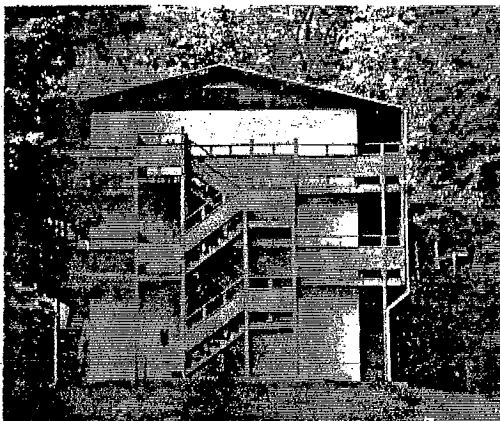
Camp Meeting 1961

Camp Caretaker, Arthur Strome and District Superintendent, Rev. Norman Zimmerman open drinking fountain valves.

Earlier, in 1965, a Camp Meeting Plans Committee was created with the responsibility to assist the District Superintendent in arranging for the program of the annual Camp Meeting. This committee of ten people included the District Superintendent, Vice-District Superintendent, the Youth Superintendent, (all by virtue of their office), three ministers and four laymen. The functioning of two camp committees continued until 1969 when one governing body, known as the Camp Board, was organized.

Arthur and Sarah Strome returned as caretakers in 1965 and served until 1973, when an unfortunate accident, unrelated to the camp, resulted in Arthur's death.

Since the early 50's, a popular attraction between services has been the snack stand. The first snack stand was a small building located just outside the north end of the dining hall. This little building later proved too small. In 1967, the fellowship hall east of the Caretaker's home was enclosed and made into the Caretaker's garage, with the eastern section becoming the new snack stand.



The Lodge in 1998

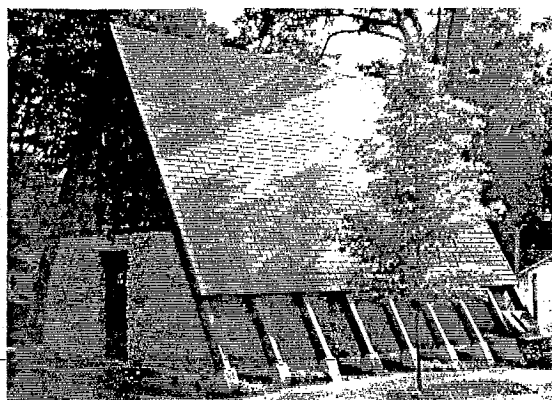
This "motel" was constructed in 1969 and 1970.

In 1968, fluorescent lights were installed in the dining hall and kitchen. The kitchen was also revamped with stainless steel equipment and a new walk-in cooler. New stoves were added in 1971.

An attractive thirty-four room dormitory, located on the north hillside was constructed during 1969 and 1970 camp seasons. This building became known as the "motel." Several large trees were cut down to make room for the project. Mr. John Harry laid all the block for the dorm, with tremendous volunteer help from district men, including Rev. Ralph Holdeman, the District Superintendent, who spent long summer hours at the camp. Ladies from various churches helped furnish the various rooms, including the four

speaker rooms. In 1987, ten rooms were taken out of the basement of the dorm, creating one large meeting area, due to the extreme moisture that collected there.

The first Cadet Camp was held August 21-28, 1971 on the grounds. Mrs. Claude Crocker of Cincinnati, Ohio was the director. She was assisted by a staff of nineteen adults who served as counselors, teachers, missionaries and cooks. The chapel services were led by a variety of people, including John Caddy, Lois Cable, Terry Butters, and Clara Kneuss. Rev. Ralph Holdeman conducted "a very impressive" communion service on Saturday. Mrs. Helen Sando was the teacher for "Finding God Out of Doors." This was a wonderful class in which the children found and collected things that God had made for them. The missionaries on the grounds for the week were Rev. Howard Moser and Rev. Clarence Esch, both from Ecuador.



Prayer Chapel in 1998

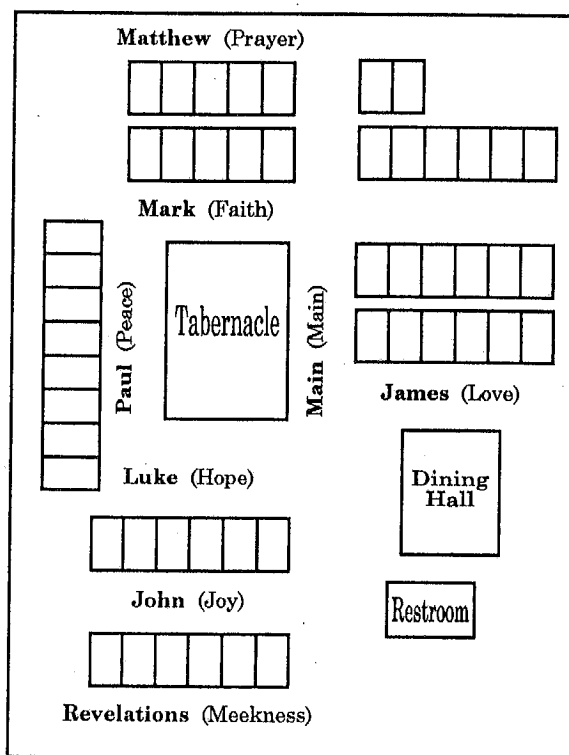
A lovely Prayer Chapel was built and completed in one week, June 5-10, 1972. Paul Kulp and his wife were the architects for the building. Stones were gathered from around the campground to be used in the siding. The W.M.S. furnished the inside of the chapel. The Prayer Chapel had the first air conditioner on the grounds.

On February 11, 1972, names were given to the streets on the grounds. At first, names of biblical characters were chosen, but then it was decided to go with the various Fruit of the Spirit.

A 75th anniversary was observed on the first Saturday of Camp Meeting in 1974. Rev. Ralph Holdeman was the Camp Chairman at this time, and Rev. Harold Bowman was the Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, presiding over the special festivities. Rev. Holdeman estimated that there were 500 people staying on the grounds and the tabernacle was filled with 1,200 people each evening.

Mr. Gary Marks was hired as an interim caretaker for the summer of 1974. Rev. Charles Kauffman was then employed as the camp's first full-time Caretaker in November of 1974. His salary was a \$100 per week, plus living quarters and benefits. Charlie had moved from a ministry in Arizona. He served until 1979 when he accepted a position as Camp Manager at a Michigan District Camp. Charlie was very involved in the Ludlow Falls Community and build a good relationship with the townspeople.

By the 1974 Camp Meeting, the youth program had grown to include over 200 teens. Campers were lined up side-by-side in sleeping bags wherever space was found. Even the Camp Caretaker's home was used. Because of the overcrowded conditions, it was decided to move Youth Camp out of Camp Meeting. The first separate Youth Camp was held in July of 1975, which became known as MYFO (Missionary Youth Fellowship of Ohio). It did not draw a high number of attenders, but it was unique in many ways, one of which was its being held on a college



Name and Location of Streets

Names of streets if Biblical characters had been chosen instead of the Fruit of the Spirit. Present street names are in parentheses.

campus. In 1996, this youth convention became known as 3DYC (Three District Youth Convention) and was moved to the month of December. This move created an increased interest among youth coming to Camp Meeting again. Our present youth camps have continued to grow each year; and finding housing for teen campers is once again becoming a problem.

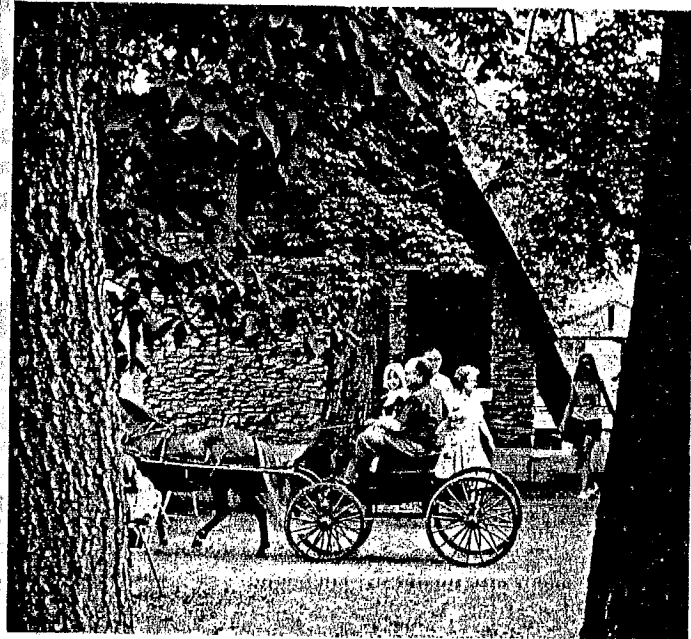
75th Anniversary of Camp Meeting - 1975

Falls camp renewed faith for 75 years

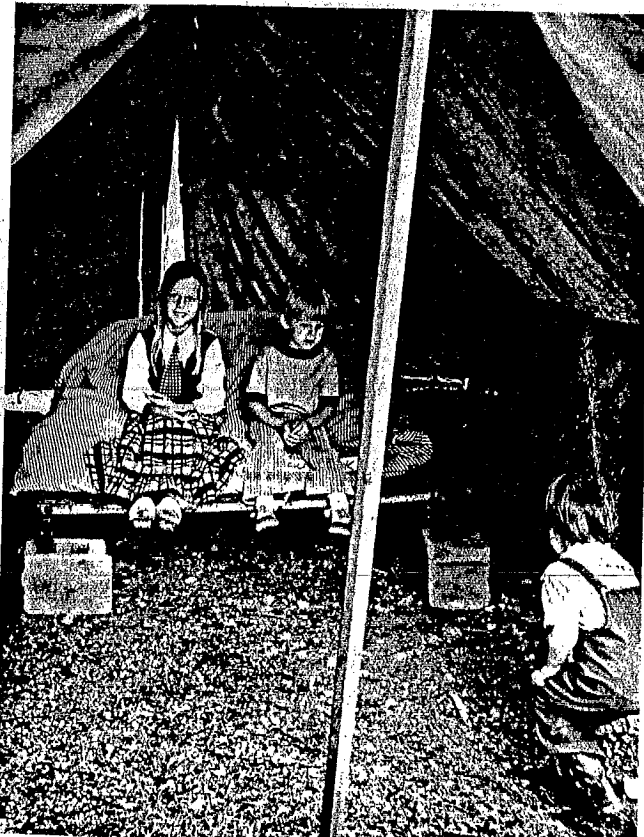
—Troy Daily News, Monday, August 5, 1974



Left: Rev. Frank Riffell, pastor of Greenville Missionary Church, listens to reminiscences of Edith Schryer, 89, of New Carlisle, formerly a mission worker. She and other church workers saw old faces and camp pictures in the clippings displayed in a museum set for the weekend.



Above: Backgrounded by the new chapel of stones from the campground are some modern day pioneers trying out the dray – Rev. John Caddy, Potsdam, vice district chairman for Ohio Missionary Churches, and his granddaughter, LEEANNE CADDY, 6 West Milton.



Left: It's fun displaying the straw ticking camp beds of old to Marla Beck, Leesburg, Fla. And D. J. Brennan of Dayton, but sleeping on it – no way. Tony Circelli of Heath, isn't even too sure about the steadfastness of the old tent that was rented each year to campers.



75th Anniversary of Camp Meeting - 1974
Dr. Kenneth Geigier, President of the Missionary Church visited the camp and is shown on the left with the Camp Chairman, Rev. Ralph Holdeman.



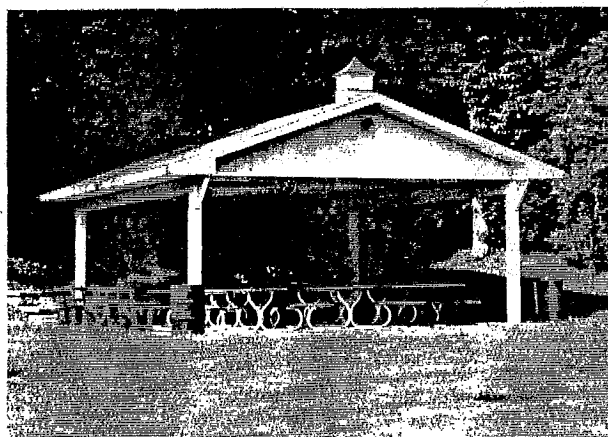
75th Anniversary of Camp Meeting - 1974
Rev. & Mrs. Harold Bowman, District Superintendent and Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

It was shortly after 1975 that Camp Meeting began to see a decline in attendance and enthusiasm for several years. Not much in the way of expansion took place during this time, as giving had decreased dramatically. The emphasis was primarily on maintaining what was already in place. At this time, there was even talk of selling the camp.

On February 3, 1976, it was decided that no new cottages were to be built on the grounds. The first Camp Banquet to promote Camp Meeting and to establish the \$100 Club was held in Sidney, Ohio, in April of that year.

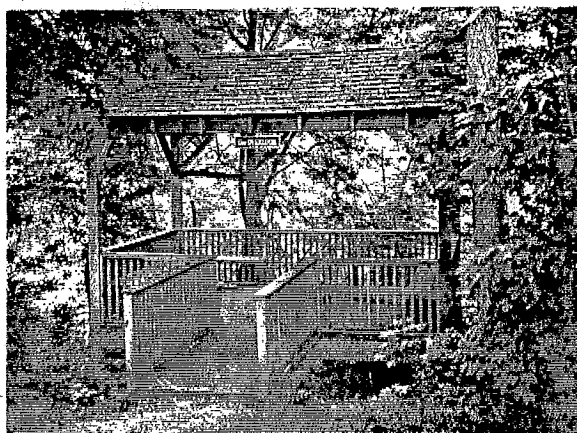
Roger & Mary Steiner were hired as Camp Managers in August 1, 1979. Roger was employed through July 22, 1983. Mr. Arthur Riffell filled in as interim Camp Manager for twenty-two days, while a search was made for a replacement for the Steiners.

It was at this point that camp responsibilities were divided. On March 3, 1984, Rev. Norm Rettig was hired as Camp Administrator and was employed through 1989. It was his role to oversee the ministry of the camp and the various groups using the grounds. Mr. Dwight Riffell was hired as Camp Caretaker in the summer of 1984, and was employed through May 31, 1989. His job was to oversee the grounds themselves, making sure that everything was in working order.



The Rettig Shelter
This shelter was built in 1988, in memory of Mrs. Marjorie Rettig.

In 1988, Rev. Rettig built a shelter house down by the ballfield in memory of his wife Marjorie. This shelter has been used for many special occasions on the north end.



"The Overlook" Gazebo
This gazebo was built in 1988, in memory of Rev. Ralph Holdeman.

Also, in 1988, the Ralph Holdeman family donated a gazebo named "The Overlook" in his memory. His son, Dan Holdeman was the builder. In June and

in September of that year, two of Ralph and Hazel's granddaughters were married in the gazebo. During 1988, the eight-room dorm next to the prayer chapel, was converted into a small children's chapel, and then turned into what is now known as the craft cottage.



Marvin Sando & Ginger - 1991

In June, 1988, Rev. Larry Avery was hired as Camp Administrator. He stayed through 1991, when at that time he left to become the Associate Pastor at Trinity Missionary Church in Yale, Michigan. In 1989, John and Brenda Rapp were hired to fill in as Camp Caretakers. They stayed only one year. On February 15, 1990, Marvin and Helen Sando were hired as Camp Caretakers. Marvin was employed through August 7, 1996, when he passed away suddenly.

During Marvin's term as Camp Caretaker several projects were accomplished. Bathrooms were put into the four guestrooms in the Lodge. With the help of Marvin Paulus, all stalls and showers in the restrooms were renovated. With the help of Jim and Keith Artz, the dining hall continued to see improvements. The State became more interested in our camp at this time, and it became necessary to begin following health guidelines more closely. This created added work for Marvin; but with the help of others, the camp was brought up to state specifications.

On December 9, 1991, a road funded by the Steele family was built, running down around the ballfield on the north end of the property. This helped greatly to tie together the north and south ends of the camp.

In 1993, Rev. John Motter came back to the district as the new Camp Administrator. John helped bring life back into the camp, and in addition, used his own talents to beautify the grounds. The wood carvings around the camp are the work of John, who is gifted in carving. John made sure that needed repairs at the camp were carried out and created a new vision for expansion. John served the district until January of 1997, when he left to pastor the Phillipsburg Missionary Church and serve as chaplain of DayView Care Center. His work here at the camp has been and continues to be appreciated.

In March and April of 1996, a new pavilion was constructed in memory of Chester and Miriam Riffell. Ralph Riley headed up the project with help from his brother Bruce, Keith Hicks, Tony Hicks, Harold Lavy, and members of the Riffell family.

This shelter has been used over and over again for many different gatherings and is a great place for fellowship during Camp Meeting.



The Riffell Shelter

This shelter was built in 1996, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Chester Riffell. Ralph Riley is pointing to the acorn Rev. John Motter carved on the handrails of the shelter.

In January, 1997, Dale and Anita Beyer were hired as Camp Caretakers. The Beyers came from our



Dale Beyer putting the finishing touches on the newly poured walkway into the children's tabernacle.

Missionary Church in Wilmore, Kentucky, and have demonstrated not only a hard-working attitude, but a heart for ministry. Dale's giftedness in carpentry has shown itself in many ways around the camp. Rev. Jeff Gerig was hired as Camp Administrator, February 1, 1997, a month after the Beyers. Together Dale and Jeff have tried to further the ministry of the camp.

In 1997, the moratorium on cottage building on the grounds was lifted. Since that time six new cottages have been built. In addition, the Camp Board has sold off three camp owned cottages in an attempt to help people who would like to own a cottage but are unable to build their own.

In the summer of 1998, a full-court basketball court, funded largely by the Artz family, was completed down behind the ballfield, and a permanent waterslide was also put in alongside the road down by the creek. These have been great additions to our children and youth ministries at the camp.



Making of the Basketball Court - 1998
Men from our Wilmore, KY church help to pour the court.

hold their own retreats and meetings on our grounds. The timetable for the completion of this project is the Spring of 2000.

God has blessed Ludlow Falls Campgrounds tremendously over the years, as we have been faithful to Him. Just as we have looked to Him in the past, we can trust Him for the future. We want Him to lead us through another one hundred years of ministry, so that many others may hear the Gospel preached and receive Christ as their Lord and Savior and that others may hear the call to full-time ministry.

At the writing of this history (July 1999), projects continue in an attempt to expand the ministry of the camp. A second story has been added to one of our existing boys' dormitories, increasing the sleeping capacity by 24 beds. There is still a need for increased bed space for our youth and children ministries, so further expansion is likely in the future. 1999 also saw the beginning of a long awaited project - the winterization of the camp. At present we are in the middle of winterizing the Lodge (motel) and the children's chapel. By making these two buildings usable during the winter months, our district churches will be able to



Boy's Dormitory - 1999
A second story was built on top of an original dorm to accommodate additional campers.

A Short History of Ludlow Falls, Ohio

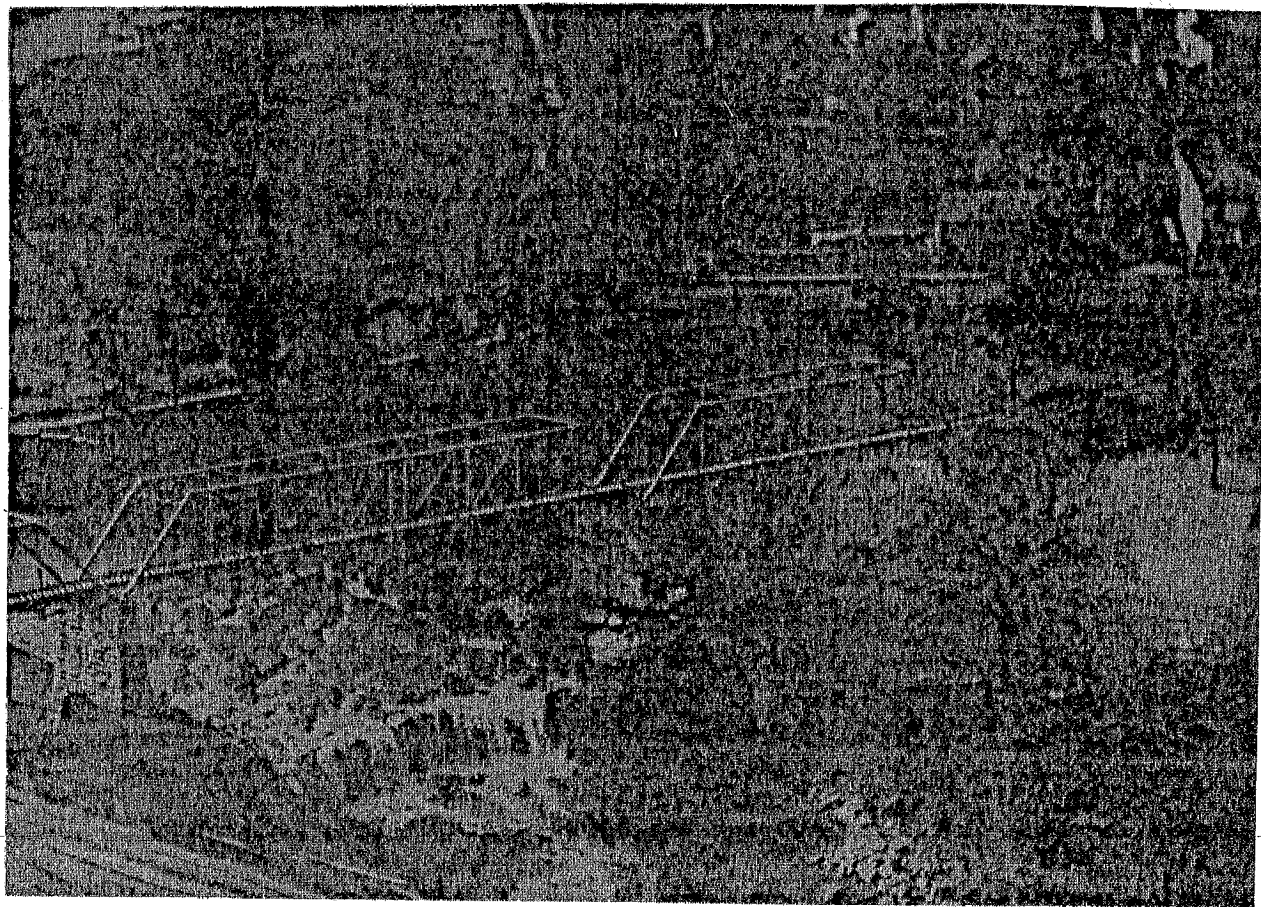
Appendix A

The town of Ludlow Falls is named after Israel Ludlow, a surveyor, who stopped at a big spring north of the village, while enroute to Cincinnati with a wagon train in 1800. When Ludlow moved on, some of his train decided to remain. In 1803, according to record, what is now the town consisted of a log cabin housing seven people. It sat a short distance from the main highway. In 1803, a farm house was built on the edge of the village site. This home was purchased by Thomas Smith in 1842. Included in the purchase was what is now the townsite.

The building of a narrow gauge railway took place in 1879. An early settler, Branson Thomas, cut ties for the road. It went by the name of "Paduka." It later became known as the CH&D (Cincinnati, Hamilton, and Delphos, OH). This train came through Ludlow Falls with a depot and telegraph office established just east of Gallagher's Grocery Store. The CH&D Railroad was abandoned in 1924.

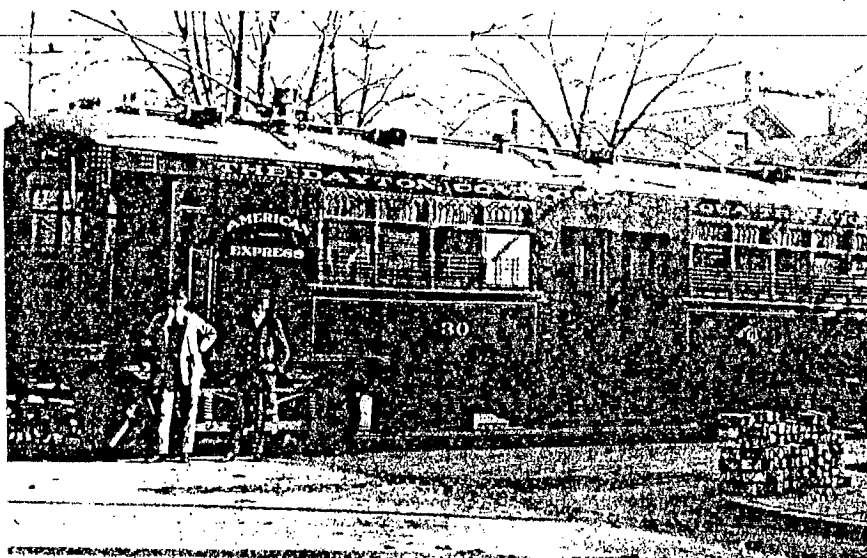
In 1881, another railway came to Ludlow Falls, connecting Springfield, OH with Indianapolis, IN. This was known as the IB&W (Indiana, Burlington, and Western Railroad). It was followed by the P&E (Peoria and Eastern), the Big Four Railroad, the New York Central, and finally the Penn Central, which was abandoned March 3, 1976.

In the early years of the railroad, there was a turntable east of State Route 48 known as the Armstrong Turntable. Ludlow Falls became a division point for all local trains on this line.



Waterfall, Train Tracks and Dirt Streets

The Village and Its Natural Attraction As it Was in World War I Aerial Photo. —*Dayton Daily News*, Sunday, April 7, 1974



The Dayton Covington & Piqua Traction Co.
A traction car of the D. C. & P. Traction Company at Ludlow Falls.

In 1901, a traction line ran along State Route 48 from Dayton to Covington and into Piqua along US Route 36, known as the DC&P (Dayton, Covington and Piqua) Traction Line. The company used what is said to have been the highest traction line bridge in the world in entering Ludlow Falls. The bridge stood 85 feet above the low water mark. The traction line went out of commission in 1927 with the advent of the automobile. It was reduced to junk and sold three years later.

A stone quarry located on the south side of State Route 55 in town was opened and Thomas Smith came in 1880 to operate the quarry and its stone crusher. The quarry was a dangerous place to work and some men lost their lives while working there. When the deposit of stone was exhausted, the quarry was shut down.

The "Corner House" at the bend of State Route 55 across from the Fire House was a hotel in the early days and also a boarding house. It is believed to be the oldest building in town still standing. It was a two story building, but in 1941, the top story caught fire and burned. The top story was torn off and made into a single story dwelling.

The first volunteer Fire Department was organized in 1907 with Ed Overcash as the first fire chief. The first piece of equipment obtained was a handmade rig equipped with buckets for the bucket brigade. The first alarm system used was a shotgun fired by the fire chief to call the men to action. Later the church bells were rung and eventually a siren was installed in 1948.

The Christmas lighting display began in 1950 with one string of lights over the falls placed there by the Boy Scouts. This helped call attention to one of Ohio's natural gorges found only in the south-western part of the state. The Fire Department later took over the oversight of the project. In 1977, Rachelle Ann McClurg of Greenville became the 1.5 millionth person to pass through the gate leading to the display. People continue to visit the Christmas display every year.



Rachelle Ann McClurg, the 1,500,000th visitor at Ludlow Falls. Here she receives a check for the honor, from Fireman Charles Kauffman, as her parents look on. —*New Carlisle Sun*, Wednesday, November 22, 1978

A Short History of Ludlow Falls Campground, written in August, 1941

Appendix B

We the committee on the history of the Campground, in reviewing the history of the procedure of the purchase and development of the campground, wish to report as follows:

During a camp meeting held on the grounds in August 1918, a move was started for the purchase of the grounds. In 1918, as a result of an investigation by a committee composed of Presiding Elder W. H. Moore, together with John Wissinger, Ora Hatfield and Charles Botkin, the option was secured and a subscription for the purpose of purchasing the grounds was started. The purchase was made from Mrs. Eliza Smith for the sum of \$5,500 of which a note of \$1,900 was given for a period of two years, same was paid in full on maturity.

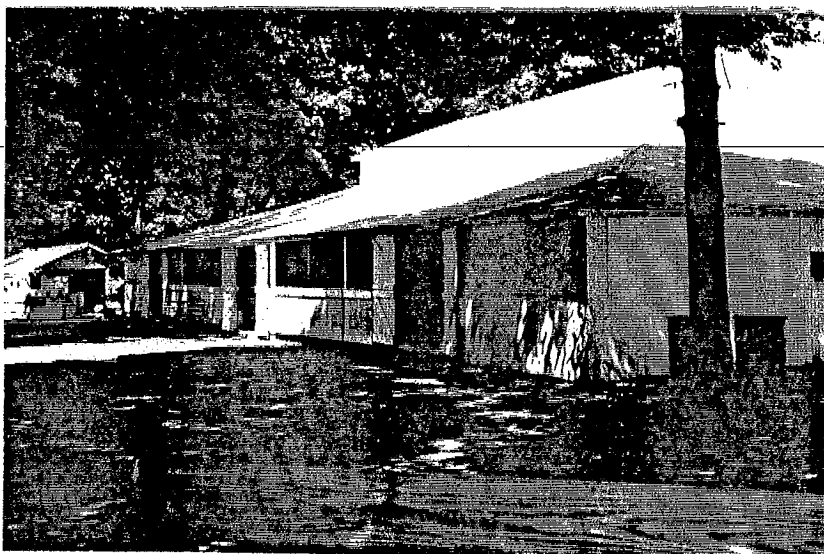
At the time the grounds were purchased, a steam railway bounded the grounds on the west while the Traction passed through the grounds. These have both been removed since, adding substantially to the quietness on the grounds.

The matter of improving the ground was taken up; and as a result in 1921 the tabernacle and boarding house were built. Later the boarding house was enlarged to its present capacity.

Some difficulties were experienced in securing a supply of water. A well 175 feet deep was dug south of the boarding house which failed to produce water. Another well was dug between the tabernacle and the road to the depth of 75 feet which afforded some water, but not a sufficient amount to supply the camp. A third well was dug at the pump house which affords part of the water supply. In

1923, a strong spring of splendid water was secured on permanent lease, issuing from the hill some distance north, as well as the right away, through which it is conveyed to the grounds. A reservoir into which the water is piped from the spring was built about midway between the spring and the grounds from which it is pumped and has met the need by supplying the grounds with an ample supply of water since.

The grounds to the present have been further improved by the building of twenty-four rooms of dormitory, together with fifteen privately owned cottages, including the Presiding Elder's cottage. This, with other improvements, have made the grounds what it is today, August 8, 1941.



The Tabernacle in 1999

Camp History Committee: C. J. Huffman
Chas. Miller
N. Wright

A Listing of Camp Speakers Throughout the Years
Appendix C

Year	Camp Evangelists	Youth Speaker	Children's Workers	Camp Musicians
1921	Elder J. A. Huffman Rev. N. W. Rich			
1922	Rev. Jacob Hygema Elder J. A. Huffman			The Moser Sisters
1924	Rev. W. R. Cox Rev. J. A. Beery			
1925	Rev. J. A. Beery			
1926	Rev. J. A. Beery			
1927	Rev. J. A. Beery Rev. S. M. Eidsath			
1931	Rev. W. L. Surbrook Rev. Jacob Hygema			Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Kinsey
1932	Rev. John Clement Rev. J. A. Beery		Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Kinsey	Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Kinsey
1933	Rev. O. G. McKinley Rev. J. A. Beery			Mr. & Mrs. N. M. Zimmerman
1934	Rev. O. G. McKinley Rev. J. A. Beery			Mr. & Mrs. N. M. Zimmerman
1935	Rev. Paul Thomas Rev. Clyde Meredith			Mr. & Mrs. Ira Wood
1936	Rev. W. C. Graves Rev. Clyde Meredith			Mr. & Mrs. Ira Wood
1937	Rev. Robert French Rev. John Huffman			Mr. & Mrs. N. M. Zimmerman
1938	Rev. Robert French Rev. John Huffman			Mr. & Mrs. Ira Wood
1939	Rev. D. E. Wilson Rev. Milo Rediger			Rev. Maurice Beery
1940	Rev. D. E. Willson Rev. John Huffman			Prof. & Mrs. W. R. Hallman
1941	Rev. B. G. Carnes Rev. C. W. Meredith		Miss Helen Keller	Mr. & Mrs. Loren Brecheisen
1942	Rev. B. G. Carnes Rev. C. W. Meredith		Miss Helen Keller	Rev. & Mrs. Ira Wood
1943	Rev. I. J. Everest Rev. B. F. Lightner		Miss Helen Keller	Mr. & Mrs. Loren Brecheisen
1944	Rev. O. P. Eastman Rev. Milo Rediger		Miss Helen Keller	Rev. & Mrs. D. L. Nisewander
1945	Rev. E. W. Tokley Rev. Milo Rediger		Miss Lois Johnston	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Lewis
1946	Rev. Peter Wiseman	Rev. M. J. Burgess		Prof. Willard Hallman

Year	Camp Evangelists	Youth Speaker	Children's Workers	Camp Musicians
1947	Rev. Charles Bailey	Rev. Morton Dorsey	Mrs. Edna Messerschmidt	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Lewis
1948	Rev. H. Robb French	Rev. Morton Dorsey	Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Messerschmidt	Prof. David Hoover
1949	Rev. H. Robb French	Rev. William Burgess	Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Messerschmidt	Prof. Willard Hallman
1950	Rev. Jared F. Gerig	Rev. John Tuckey	Miss Eunice Paulus	Rev. & Mrs. Loren Brecheisen
1951	Rev. T. H. Gaddis	Dr. R. V. Hudson	Miss Edna Lohr	Gaddis-Moser Gospel Party
1952	Rev. O. G. Wilson	Rev. Paul Elliott	Miss Edna Lohr	Mr. O. Stephenson
1953	Rev. S. I. Emery	Rev. Harold Walker	Mrs. C. W. Crocker	Rev. George Pike
1954	Rev. Paul Elliott	Rev. Ivan Sisk	Mr. & Mrs. Norman Smith	Rev. Franklin Lusk
1955	Rev. George Blanchard	Rev. Ray Pannabecker	Mrs. Edna Messerschmidt	Rev. & Mrs. Franklin Lusk
1956	Rev. Gordon Wishart	Rev. & Mrs. R. S. Bridges		
1957	Rev. George Blanchard			
1958	Rev. Quinton J. Everest	Rev. Donald Taylor		Mr. Jack Bierce
1959	Rev. B. Ivan Williams	Rev. Virgil Caudill		
1960	Rev. Gordon Wishart			
1961	Rev. John Tuckey Rev. C. E. Prosser	Rev. Ray Pannabecker	Mrs. C. W. Crocker	The Martin Family
1962	Rev. Wilfred Fisher	Rev. Clarence Hunking	Miss Edna Lohr	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Balmer
1963	Rev. C. I. Armstrong	Rev. John Moran	Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Crocker	
1964	Rev. B. Ivan Williams	Rev. Virgil Caudill		
1965	Rev. Paul Elliott	Rev. Donald Taylor	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Loucks	Mr. Bill Balmer
1966	Rev. Quinton J. Everest	Rev. Blanchard Amstutz	Mrs. Jean Smith	Mr. Jack Bierce
1967	Rev. P. O. Carpenter	Rev. Richard Reilly	Mr. Paul Loucks	Mr. Elliot Nordgren
1968	Rev. Maurice Stevens	Rev. Frank Zink		Mr. Elliot Nordgren
1969	Prof. O. D. Lovell	Rev. Jay Kesler		Mr. Wesley Chatfield
1970	Rev. G. G. Waun Rev. Harold Burgess	Rev. Eddie Jones	Mrs. Delores Crocker	Franklin Lusk

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1971	Rev. Robert Wagner Dr. Wes Gerig	Rev. Stephen Manley	Rev. & Mrs. Charles Short	Mr. Gene Braun
1972	Rev. Bud Donaldson	Rev. John Donaldson	Rev. & Mrs. Charles Short	Mr. Larry Neff
1973	Dr. Jared Gerig Rev. Don Taylor	Rev. Jim Hossler	Rev. & Mrs. Charles Short	Mr. James Mortimer
1974	Rev. Howard McIlrath Rev. Robert Strubhar Rev. Kenneth Geiger	Rev. Jack French	Joyce McDaniel and Helen Sando	The Gospel Mariner's Quartet
1975	Rev. Tom Murphy	Rev. Harold Brown	Rev. & Mrs. Charles Short	Rev. & Mrs. Gerald Jenkins
1976	Rev. Quinton J. Everest	Rev. Harvey Ache	Mrs. Helen Sando	
1977	Dr. Alf Rees	Dr. Harold Burgess	Mrs. Esther Artz	
1978	Rev. Roy Wilson	Rev. David Mann	Rev. & Mrs. Paul Grabill	
1979	Rev. Clarence Hunking Dr. Harold Burgess	Rev. William Hossler		The Ron Stump Family
1980	Rev. Marvin Engbrecht	Rev. William Hossler	Chuck & Pat Townsend	Rev. & Mrs. Jim Coalter
1981	Dr. Kenneth Geiger Dr. Jared Gerig	Rev. David Mann	Rev. & Mrs. Paul Grabill	The Ron Stump Family
1982	Dr. Robert Strubhar	Rev. Joel DeSelm	Chuck & Pat Townsend	H.I.S. Company -FWBC One Accord-Bethel
1983	Dr. James Bennett	Rev. Jack French	The Miller Family	The Kuhn Sisters
1984	Rev. John Moran	Rev. Jack French	Larry & Carol Avery	H.I.S. Company -FWBC One Accord -Bethel
1985	Rev. David Barker	Rev. Gary Aupperle	Larry & Carol Avery	One Accord -Bethel Common Bond -FWBC
1986	Dr. Don Taylor	Rev. Mark Reed	Jim & Missy Bayer	One Accord -Bethel
1987	Dr. Alf Rees	Pastor Mel Johnson	Jeff & Donna Kephart	Tapestry -Bethel Rev. Dale Sherry
1988	Rev. Mark Bolander	Rev. Dennis Enbrecht	Chuck & Pat Townsend	
1989	Dr. Henry Ginder	Pastor Gary Schnepf	Tim & Lisa Deam	Act IV -FWBC His Design -Bethel
1990	Dr. John Moran	Pastor Joe Focht	Rev. Rich & Jill Studebaker	
1991	Dr. Leonard DeWitt	Pastor Mike Cain	Jim & Janet McAttee	
1992	Dr. Charles Lake	Rev. Duane Nelson	Less & Nancy Wheeler	Ron & Carolyn Patty
1993	Dr. James Bennett	Rev. Jim Merillat	Chuck Townsend	Ron & Carolyn Patty
1994	Dr. David Larson	Dr. Kent Fishel	Rev. Rich & Jill Studebaker	Rev. Robert Johnson

Year	Camp Evangelists	Youth Speaker	Children's Workers	Camp Musicians
1995	Dr. Charles Kirby	Dr. Kent Fishel	Rev. Rich & Jill Studebaker	Shawn Skaggs & Tab Beechler
1996	Dr. James Bennett	Rev. Jim Duncan	Lee & Bea Miller	Marshall Lawrence
1997	Dr. William Coker	Pastor Joe Brook	Rev. Rich & Jill Studebaker	
1998	Dr. Dennis Engbrecht Dr. Wes Gerig	Pastor Tom Moellering	Lee & Bea Miller	Terry & Barbi Franklin
1999	Dr. Stephen Manley Rev. Jack French	Pastor Joe Brook	Mike & Sandy Salsbury Dr. Rich & Jill Studebaker	The King's Brass Rev. Dan Dinkler



Rev. Ken Stucky
District Superintendent 1979 - 1984



Rev. & Mrs. Tom (Kim) Swank
District Superintendent 1984 - 1998



Rev. Bill Hossler, District Superintendent 1998 - Present
Mr. Wilbert Steele (left) working with Rev. Bill Hossler on the Camp Office renovations.

1949 Camp Meeting Menu

Appendix D

Thursday

Noon: 1 1/2 lb. loaf cold meat; 4 gallons pork and beans; 12 cans peaches; 1 1/2 lbs. coffee; 5 white - 2 brown bread (served 70)

Supper: 2 1/2 buckets potatoes; 5 lbs. for 6 gallons dried beef gravy; 5 gallons applesauce; 1 dishpan of cabbage; 1 1/2 lbs. coffee; 20 brown and 15 white bread (served 100)



Camp Meeting 1951

Campers waiting their turn in line for a delicious meal.

Friday

Breakfast: 2 buckets oats; 2 1/2 gallon applesauce; 2 lbs. coffee (served 150)

Noon: 24 cans (249) Salmon Patties; 7 gallons sliced tomatoes and peas (5 gallons would have been enough); 6 gallons applesauce; 2 1/2 buckets potatoes (served 200)

Supper: Browned left-over potatoes; left-over peas; sliced tomatoes; Swiss chard pickles; 15 white - 20 brown bread (served 180)

Saturday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats; prunes, 2 1/2 lbs. coffee (served 175)

Noon: 50 lbs. of meatloaf, five buckets of potatoes with gravy; green beans; tomatoes; slaw; 2 dishpans (not enough) of applesauce (served 349)

Supper: Cold meat; tomatoes; cheese; 3 dishpans of butterscotch pudding; 3 dishpans of potato salad; 110 white - 45 brown bread (served 320)

Sunday

Breakfast: 4 buckets of oats; 25 dozen rolls; prunes (served 240)

Noon: 3 large dishpans of noodles; 8 buckets of potatoes; 1 large kettle of green beans and corn; 4 dishpans of slaw; tomatoes; 175 lbs. of beef (served 595)

Monday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats; prunes; 12 loaves of bread (served 215)

Noon: Italian spaghetti with 18 lbs. of meat (35 lbs. total); 1 1/2 dishpans of slaw; pickles; applesauce (served 225)

Supper: Leftover spaghetti; corn and beans; slaw; pickles; 13 loaves of bread (served 250)

Tuesday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats (served 215)

Noon: 70 lbs. of sausage; 2 dishpans of slaw; cooked tomatoes over bread; gravy; applesauce (served 320)

Supper: Hash; tomatoes; cucumbers; 43 loaves of bread (served 275)

Wednesday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats; prunes (served 225)

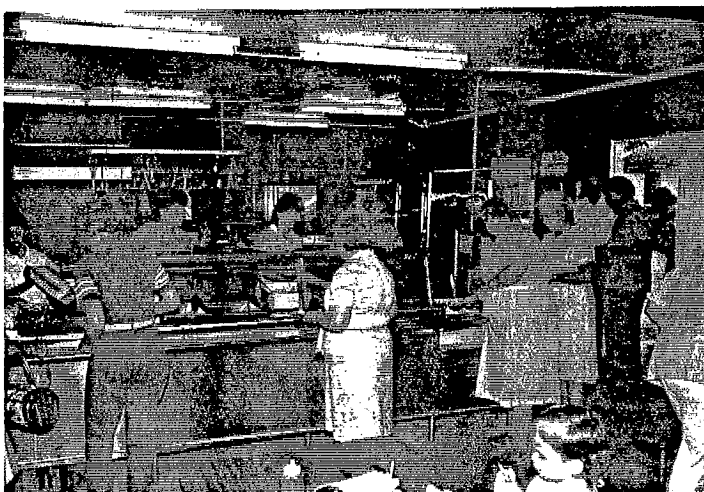
Noon: Stew (5 buckets of potatoes, 2 buckets of carrots, 3/4 bucket of onions, 45 lbs. of beef); beets; applesauce; tomatoes (served 265)

Supper: Corn on the cob; leftover stew; beets; applesauce; cookies (served 277)

Thursday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats; prunes; bread and butter (served 250)

Noon: 40 chickens and 4 pans of noodles; 8 buckets of potatoes; 3 pans of slaw; beets; applesauce (served 410)



Dining Hall Serving Line

Supper: Creamed chicken; 10 boxes crackers; leftover potatoes; tomatoes; cucumbers; cookies (served ?)



Campers enjoying a meal in the dining hall.

Friday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats; applesauce; bread (served 225)

Noon: 24 cans of salmon (not enough); vegetable stew (2 buckets of potatoes, 5 cans peas, 1 bucket of carrots); cold slaw; mango strips; applesauce (served 273)

Supper: Smoked sausage; corn on the cob; leftover vegetable stew; tomatoes; cookies (served 245)

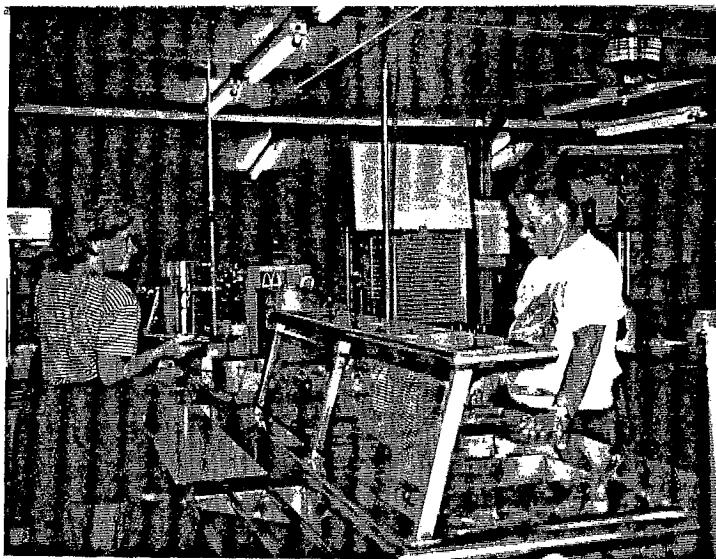
Saturday

Breakfast: 3 buckets of oats; applesauce (served 225)

Noon: Meatloaf; 5 buckets of potatoes with gravy; creamed corn; tomatoes and beets (served 275)

Supper: 2 pans of potato salad; 30 lbs. of wieners; leftovers (served ?)

Camp Meeting 1956
 Women busy in kitchen preparing meals.
 (Dayton Daily News, Friday, August 10, 1956)
Left to Right: Alice Steele, Marie Kress, and
 Drene Hinkle



Camp Meeting 1998
Left: Tony Hicks faithfully manning his position
 in the kitchen.

Camp Meeting 1998
Right: Linda Flora, Camp Cook since 1997, serving
 a kitchen helper.



Individual Memories of Camp

Appendix E

Virginia Artz My mother and dad started taking me to camp soon after I was born in July 1940. In 1946, at the age of nine, my uncle who was a Nazarene pastor asked me during an altar call if I wanted to be saved. I guess I was ready because I remember going to the altar and crying and asking for forgiveness.

The following year I started going to Youth Camp. At that time Youth Camp was for those ten to twenty-one years of age. For six years I attended Youth Camp. I remember having straw ticks for a mattress on a set of springs in brown tents located where the girls' dorms are now. It got pretty hot at times in those tents. We had to keep our tents tidy and got awards for the neatest tent. We had devotions with our counselor, Retha Singleton, every day in our tent. We had quiet times also every day and had to stay in our tent at that time.

One night I was supposed to be in and I wasn't. It was after curfew. Well, I got caught by our pastor, Harold Bowman, while I was kissing a boy under the lights by my tent. He said, "Virginia, aren't you supposed to be in your tent?" Needless to say I was embarrassed and had to serve K. P. (Kitchen Patrol) for that and a few other things I shouldn't have done. Everybody had a turn doing K. P.

Back then we had a pretty strict dress code. It was dress up only in skirts and blouses or dresses for the girls and dress slacks and shirts for the boys for all services. Girls were not allowed to wear shorts or slacks at anytime during camp.

Some of our activities were going under the falls, wading in the creek, and walking around the camp. Sports activities included softball, kickball, and volleyball. The prizes for winning were vouchers to be used at the snack stand. Our water fountain consisted of ice put into a wooden container of some kind with a couple of spigots to let the ice water out. This was located on the east side of the dining hall.

I remember hearing stories about a train wreck sometime before and cars falling into the falls. That was how deep it was supposed to be according to the stories.

Many other memories come to mind, such as picture taking at the falls, sawdust floors in the tabernacle, hand fans for cooling yourself, singing out of the hymnals, Evelyn Beck playing her organ which she always brought with her to camp, people getting blessed and running up and down the aisles shouting and praising God, my second cousin Mary Hoke waving a hankie, praising God and praying long prayers, a full altar and lots of testimonies. We had oatmeal for breakfast and apple butter for every meal. Memories of Camp Meeting times are great!



Camp Meeting 1939
Mr. Orville Riffell standing by
the old water fountain.

Wanita Aldridge Edmiston Memories of Camp Meeting are so precious, some so happy and some so sad as you dwell on the memories. It is difficult not to look up toward the left of the tabernacle and still see Evelyn (Huffman) Beck playing the organ as no one else does, or ever will. The front seat seems empty as I can't see Gordon Beck sitting there listening to the music. How I miss those two at camp. Both of them had beautiful singing voices and musical talent we would like to have. Did Evelyn ever say, "No" when asked to use her talent? I'm so happy to have known them and their wonderful family.

I looked around the tabernacle and try to see some others. Where are Harold and Helen Bowman? They always were faithful at camp. They were my husband's pastor in Pennsylvania. I could always confide in Helen. They supported the camp so many years. Where are all the people from

Pennsylvania? Remember the Cox's, the Wright's, the Beaner's, Joe John, Joe Sabo Sr. and Joe Sabo Jr., Bob and Betty Perry, Velma Wertz and Max Wertz, and others, too many to list? I guess they now go to a camp in Pennsylvania since they are not a part of our district. We really do miss them all.



Ray & Dorothy Swank - 1992

Remember our cooks? Eunice Fourman seemed to love doing the work. She must have done it for eighteen years. In thinking back, I realized that Dorothy Swank cooked for the camp for sixteen years. Ray, her husband, supported her during this time. Dorothy and Ray have gone on to their rewards in heaven. We miss them both.

Do you ever need a plumber or help around your tent or cottage? During many years of camp we would see Kenneth Ferree working around the camp fixing problems. We miss seeing him as he has gone on to his reward, but we wonder did we thank him enough for his many efforts.

I think of the ladies at the camp. I remember when Wilma Croghan bought material and Flavia Aldridge sewed drapes for the restrooms. I doubt if they received thanks, but we enjoyed having a curtain to pull. Flavia and Wilma planned and sold enough at the Kraft Shop to give \$1000 to help the camp. They did this for many, many years.

I remember our pastor loading our young people's possessions and taking them to camp. We were so thrilled to get to camp. The year was about 1937. Friendships I made then are still active today. What if our pastor would not have been faithful in getting us to camp? I will never forget what my pastor did for me even though it has now been sixty-two years ago.

Remember the great music and the testimonies. I'll never forget the song "*I've Never Been Sorry*" sung by Mr. & Mrs. Loren Brecheisen. I wish I could name all the college quartets, trios, choirs and solos that have been sung at the camp. Many souls have been saved through the music ministry at camp.

Our great leaders have contributed so much to our camps. Remember Gordon Bacon, Quinton Everest, Everett Storms, Jasper Huffman, C.I. Huffman, the Goods, Kenneth Geiger, the Pannabeckers, as well as our many faithful pastors and wives, too numerous to mention. Our District Superintendents of the Ohio District — Harvey Metzger, Russell Ditmer, Forrest Huffman, Harold Bowman, Norman Zimmerman, Ralph Holdeman, Ken Stucky, Tom Swank and presently Bill Hossler have contributed much to our Camp.



Former District Superintendents, Rev. & Mrs. R. P. Ditmer and Rev. Forest Huffman

We are looking forward to a bright future, as we continue to support the camp, as others have done during these past 100 years.

Eunice Fourman My first memories of camp are of us teenage girls getting up early and going down to the falls for Bible study and prayer. We lived in tents with no floors and slept on straw beds. I have always loved camp. I loved to cook and still do. I was always helping in the kitchen. I cooked for eighteen years as the head cook and helped out several other years as was needed.

Rev. Bowman was the District Superintendent when I started and Rev. Holdeman was District Superintendent when I resigned.

Rev. John Caddy, Rev. Ralph Riley, and Rev. Strome were three of my best helpers in the kitchen. We cooked all the chickens and picked off the meat. We cleaned and peeled potatoes and vegetables by hand. Now I am 88 years old and when camp time comes around, I can hardly wait to go.

Evangeline Hinkle My parents, Chester and Miriam (Hall) Riffell met at camp somewhere around 1927, and were married in 1929. My husband, Charles Hinkle and I met at camp as children of nine or ten years old, and were married in 1951.



Eunice Fourman,
Camp Cook for eighteen years

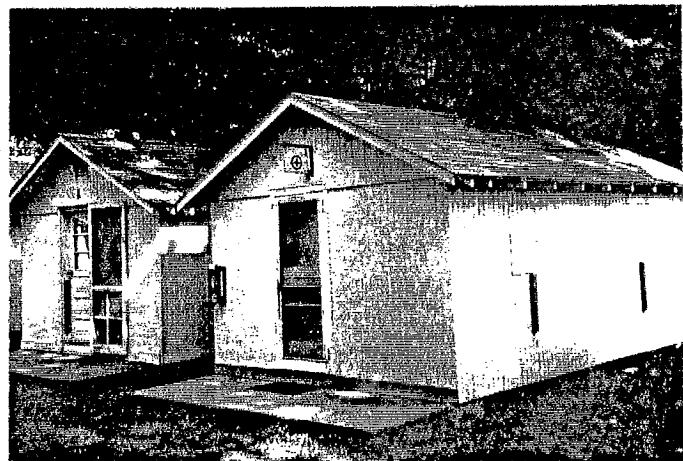


Camp Meeting 1939
Ralph Holdeman and his future wife, Hazel Simpson

Hazel Holdeman There are many wonderful memories of camp, but one is very outstanding in my mind. In late October 1977, while my husband Ralph was serving as District Superintendent, we were planning our last week of vacation. Because of doing so much traveling all year round, we decided to take our travel trailer to the campground. This proved to be one of the most restful and peaceful vacations of our lives. We walked in knee-deep leaves, hiked, and talked to God. Our son brought his ATV (all terrain vehicle) and we had fun in the creek with it. We invited some nearby pastors and wives to come over for a meal and fellowship. We prayed that God would raise up other leaders for the camp and He has surely answered our prayers. Praise His Name!

Lois Cable Hossler It was 1951, I was only 25 years old, my husband was the new pastor at the Greenville Missionary Church, and I was asked to be the camp nurse at Ludlow Falls Camp Meeting. We moved into the "nurses" tent, dividing it with sheets pinned to the tent binding so we could live in the back, and see patients in the front. The front half had the famous "white wonder box" with first aid supplies and a few extras in an old suitcase and a few chairs.

Prior to my being nurse, some youth had come to camp with head lice so it had become the nurses assignment to check every youth camper, not only for head lice, but for athletes feet and throat infection. Youth campers stayed in double bunk beds and "too many" in a room.



Camp Nurse's Cottage
The Nurse's Cottage was donated in memory of Gloria Riffell, who was a teacher of nursing, by her parents, Ralph & Olive Riffell.

The nurse's tent was located between two trees next to what is now the Camp Craft Cottage. Across the way, guys and gals would sit on benches, flicking little stones at each other. It is amusing to see their grandchildren still doing that today.

Before the new State Route 48 took off some of the camp property, a lot of people lived in tents out toward the road. Some couldn't afford a doctor, so often prayer became the only medicine. I remember once when there was a person with a bad ear infection. We prayed to God and the patient was healed.

Alice Marie Martin My mother, Eunice Fourman was the camp cook for eighteen years, so many of my memories are tied to the kitchen. My mother would get up early every morning and go to bed late every night. At that time all the meals had to be prepared by hand. There was never any charge for meals while my mom was the cook, as enough always came in through freewill offerings.

In regards to Youth Camp, one year Rev. Harold Walker was the Youth Evangelist and Naomi Hoke was the Dean of Women. On the last night of camp we switched their luggage and wrote Mr. & Mrs. Harold Walker on paper towels and placed them on their pillows. No one ever found out who did it until years later.

When Eleanor Hatfield was the Dean of Women, on the last night, the girl's dorm doors were wired shut, so that no one could get out. There were always parties in the bunks of the girls dorm when it was all open and the one on the end would watch to see if anyone was coming. One night we had just gotten the pop and food out and the alert was sounded. Two other girls were with me in my top bunk. Everyone scurried to take cover and no one was caught. I also remember pillow fights, with feathers flying everywhere.

In the services, I remember the "testimony time," and the older ones shouting and waving their hankies and going up and down the aisle.

Rev. Richard McIntosh I remember around 1974 that God confirmed my calling to the ministry at Ludlow Falls Campground.



Jesse & Mary Osborn

Mary Kline Osborn My first visit to the Ludlow Falls Campground was in 1926 when my mother, my sister, and I drove there from Lima in our Model T Ford. How we all enjoyed that Camp Meeting! The sawdust floor in the tabernacle and in the dining hall didn't bother us, and it was fun to sleep on our straw tick beds in our tent. At that time there were only a few cottages, and no dormitories. No one seemed to mind that the sanitary facilities were pit toilets at the edge of the campground!

During those early days, there were services not only in the mornings, but also in the afternoons, as well as the evening service. I especially enjoyed participating in the large prayer circle on the lawn in front of the tabernacle late on Sunday afternoons. Those Bible studies and sermons by well-known evangelists were especially helpful in developing my spiritual growth.

Later, when my husband Jesse and I served on the Campground Committee from 1947-1950, we enjoyed being helpers -he as Camp Treasurer and handyman, and I as kitchen and dining room helper. The sweet fellowship we enjoyed with the other Committee members was a blessing! It was during those years that the first refreshment stand came into use.

Betty Riffell My first recollection of attending camp was in 1939, while I was in high school. There was no Youth Camp at that time, but I was invited to stay with a couple of older girls. Their tent was right by the evangelist, Rev. Wilson and his wife. One night she called out the window and kindly asked us to quiet down, as her husband was not feeling well.



Camp Meeting 1940
Frank & Betty Riffell on a date.



Camp Meeting 1940
A ring meeting before the evening service.

We felt bad that we had found so much to laugh at.

The ring meeting before the evening service where the adults and youth met for prayer and testimony was a growing experience for me. Several times I sought God's forgiveness and guidance at the altar. Frank and I were engaged at one Camp Meeting in 1941 and in 1942 we tented together as a married couple.

Olive Sease Riffell Along about the first of July each year we started marking off days on the calendar and planning for camp. There was an excitement in the air as we kids anticipated the coming camp and that excitement grew as we packed our bags and headed for Ludlow Falls.

I remember dad setting up our tent, as we filled the straw ticks for our beds. Then when it rained, as it usually did during camp, I remember a stream of water running through our tent, and oh yes, if it rained through the night, we had to hold an umbrella over us to keep dry. We not only had a "holy" tent, but a "hole-ly" tent as well.

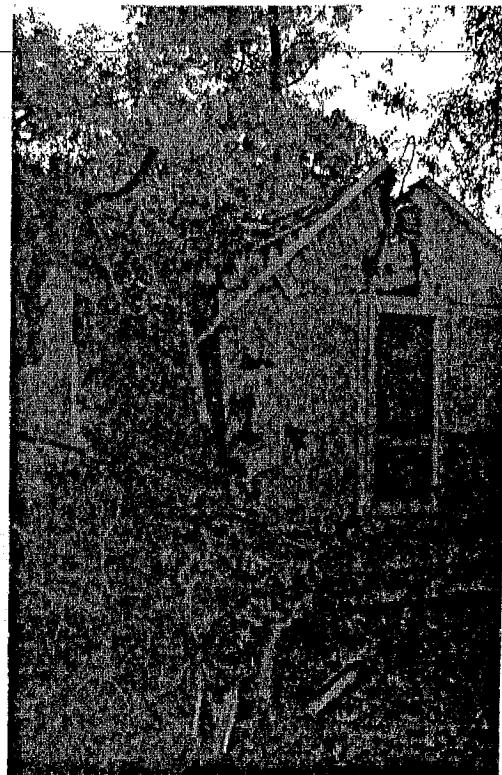
I recall the children's meetings we had in a big tent in the north grove. At 2 PM every afternoon, all the kids headed for that big tent. I remember singing out of those little red song books. This was so special. It was the only service that they had for the children. We were also expected to be in the adult services and they seemed like they would never end.

I had attended camp all my young life, but as I became a teenager, camp began to mean more to me than just a fun time. It was a time of spiritual renewal in my life, and I became aware of the holy atmosphere at Ludlow Falls Camp.

It was at this time that my folks, Eli & Callie Sease, were asked to serve on the Camp Committee. I remember getting up early in the morning so we could get the cows milked and get the milk to the camp in time for breakfast. At this same time, Ralph Riffell's folks, Orville and Osa Riffell, were serving on the committee.

Somehow our parents got the idea that the teenagers of the committee were to help in the dining hall, setting up tables, cleaning up, chasing flies, etc. Needless to say, we resented this. We wanted to go out and play baseball with the other teens. That was the only activity they had for us.

Ralph and I both worked in the dining hall each day. Ralph, shy as he was, started directing some attention to me—maybe just a glance in my direction, but enough to make a teenage girl aware of it. Of course, I was thrilled. Here was a handsome young teenager and a Christian one at that, and he had noticed me! So a special friendship started between Ralph and me, and over the next several years grew and matured into a romantic commitment that ended in marriage in 1937. This year,



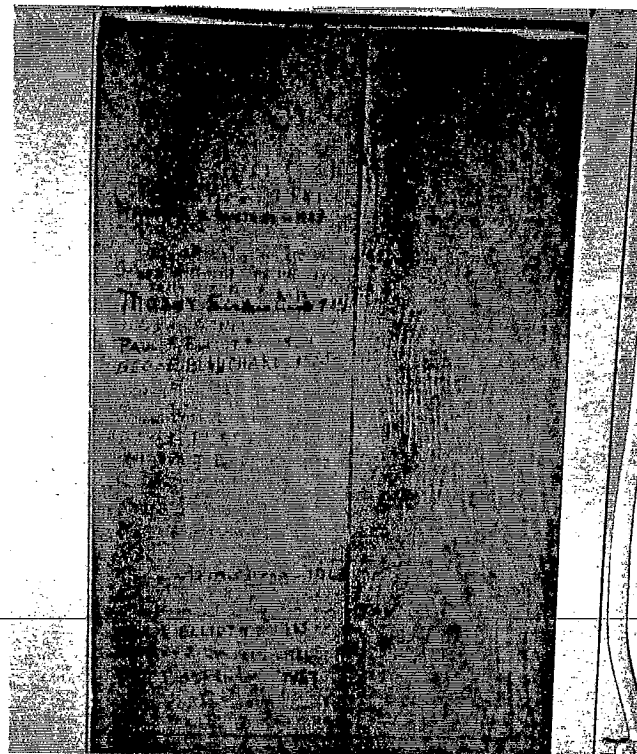
Damage to a cottage from a storm in 1990.

1999, on May 1, we celebrated 62 years of marriage. I guess working in the dining hall was not so bad after all! Ralph says that his folks also met at camp, way back when they were having meetings in various towns.

Helen F. Riley My first introduction to Ludlow Falls Campgrounds was in 1950 when my pastor, Rev. Gordon Beck said to my boyfriend, Ralph Riley and me that he wanted us to attend camp as counselors. Of course, we respected him and wanted to help him out. He was the Director of Youth Camp that year. Each of us was given a group of kids to take care of during camp. They were mostly very young, around ten to twelve years of age. We became their mother and father during camp. Two tents were placed end to end, with the campers staying in the back tent and we the counselors in the front tent.

That was the beginning of many years of attending camp. We both continued to be counselors. Ralph, during other years, would be Dean of Boys and Director of the camp. We even came home on a furlough when he was stationed at Camp Gordon, Georgia, to work in Youth Camp.

Ralph and I always urged our people to attend camp when we pastored in Piqua, Englewood, and Pleasant View. I wish all the pastors would participate today. We were taught to make it a vital part of our lives. We took our turn on the Camp Committee. It was hard work, but it was also lots of fun. We felt we were helping the camp carry on.



List of Past Camp Evangelists

This list of Camp Evangelists from 1939 - 1967, can be found on the back of the door of the Nurse's Cottage.



Renovating of the Camp Restrooms

Left to Right: Averil Aldridge, Bruce Riley, and Jack Moore

Ralph also built many of the cottages on the campgrounds as well as worked on many of the roofs. He helped to build the Pleasant View girl's dorm, which had a canvas siding. He removed several trees and whatever needed to be done, he gladly did. In 1996, he directed the building of the Riffell pavilion. This was dedicated to the memory of Chester and Miriam Riffell of Pleasant View. We learned to love and respect them when we were pastoring Pleasant View. Ralph's latest interest was in helping with the planning of the RV Park on the south end of the camp. He worked on the electrical layout. When it became too much for him physically, he contracted our son-in-law, John Sims, to help on the electrical plans. When the RV Park becomes a reality, I will remember the concern he had for it.

As many of you know, Ralph went home to be with the Lord just recently, on April 23, 1999.

Our children have also made camp a vital part of their lives. We thank the Lord for that, and my prayer is that they will continue to do so. Evelyn, who lives in Florida, and her husband come back as often as they can and will be here for the 1999 camp. Ruth, Phil and Sean will also be attending and staying at camp.

Helen Sando After we moved to the grounds as Camp Caretaker, I became very homesick. I was washing dishes and tears were slipping down my cheeks as I prayed. Marvin came into the house and asked me to go with him. We walked to the creek where we saw spring flowers, deer tracks and watercress. We prayed and rejoiced. This was where God wanted us. The creek and woods was so much like our farm home for thirty years. God had it prepared perfectly for that phase of our lives. Here at camp we prayed in each room and cottage as we cleaned and fixed items in it. Our greatest desire was God's blessing on the folks who worshipped and grew in our Lord.



Helen Sando - 1991

My memories include helping to start the first Kid's Camp. We gathered broken crayons and scissors and scrap paper from school for the supplies. The first time I cleaned the kitchen stoves, soon after we arrived, Mary and Naomi Hoke's brother helped me scrub. What a blessing to hear him praising the Lord and telling me about his Gideon Bible ministry.

We had cut down the old pews from the Pleasant Grove church for use in the Children's Chapel. One Saturday we set the old benches out for a Ludlow Falls Fireman wedding. The ceremony was lovely. The bride left riding a fire truck and I enjoyed my first ride in a white limousine.

One day I came home from teaching school and Marvin had bought and surprised me with a red golf cart. He thought it was time I had my own to go cleaning dorms, cottages and for going over the hill to clean, riding on the new gravel lane. Ray and Dorothy Swank used my cart to get to the dining hall while they were cooks for our camp.

Mary Short Memories so many... sawdust on the floor of the dining hall and tabernacle, the straw tick tent, outside toilets, having children's meetings in a big tent. I have not forgotten. Friendships that have lasted for years, the snack stand by the dining hall, the nursery, and family style eating in the dining hall.

I remember the night in 1962 or 1963 that it stormed so loud that we couldn't even hear in the tabernacle, and all the tents were leaking. What a joy it was being the children's workers for so many years! What a heritage my parents, Chester & Miriam (Hall) Riffell left me. A heritage that I am passing on to my children and grand children.



Camp Meeting 1961

Rev. Charles & Mary Short move into their tent. (Dayton Daily News, August 4, 1961)



Camp Meeting 1984

Irene Spitler I have many memories of the camp at Ludlow Falls. I was carried there by my parents, Eli and Callie Sease, in between my first and second years of life because of me being crippled from my waist down. This time it was the day of a healing service that they were going to have. I was anointed that day and a few days later I started moving my legs and doing some walking. I was too young to know what was going on but it all came through the faith of my parents. The campground is a very special place to me. In my 79 years I have not missed one year of Camp Meeting. I have served many years on the Camp Meeting Committee and made sure that our

children were at Camp Meeting every year as they were growing up.

I can still remember Edith Schryer working with the children during Camp Meeting. One of my childhood activities at camp was to learn the Books of the Bible and how to sing them. I still can sing them today.

Howard Steele I remember our parents taking the family (two parents and seven kids), to Ludlow Falls on Sunday in a Model A Ford Sedan.

Our first tent rental was \$3.50 for ten days usage. For \$1.00 we upgraded the tent floor by renting 2x4's and wide boards from the West Milton Lumber Company. My father later built his own cottage, now my sister's Alma Gracy, for only \$500.

I met my wife, Marie, in 1934 at camp. Both of our parents were on the Camp Committee. She was sixteen and I was twenty. We have been married sixty years together.

We built our first cottage together, now owned by Horace Hossler, in 1966 for \$700. We owned our cottage for thirty years. All seven of my brothers and sisters have also owned a cottage.



75th Anniversary of Camp Meeting - 1974

Howard Steele and his sister, Thelma Streber, enjoying the day with family and friends.

Things I remember about camp include planting several trees, being the District Youth Leader and the big rallies on Saturday we would hold, and the toilets with the automatic flush system which would flush down over the hill toward the creek. The assigned work days for food preparation were always a highlight for me. New Carlisle's day was usually the Monday after the first Sunday. We have had many excellent evangelists, Bible teachers, children's workers and youth leaders down through many

years of camp.

Tom Stockslager I remember the huge thunderstorms and the way the water ran through the tents and under the beds. I met my wife Rita Shelly at the campground in 1965. I praise God for her in my life.

Anonymous Somewhere in the mid to late 1980's David Barker from Canada was the camp evangelist. The young people all loved this older gentleman so much that they begged him to come and be the speaker at MYFest, which he did. Late in the week of Camp Meeting, after a lot of rain, the young people all had a mud fight. When they were completely covered in mud, they searched for David Barker and hugged him. What a picture! The youth also purchased a huge Canadian flag which they dropped from the back of the tabernacle ceiling during the final service to honor God's servant for the week, who so wonderfully touched their lives with his love and his messages.



Youth Camp 1998

One hundred and fifteen teens and counselors participated in Youth Camp.

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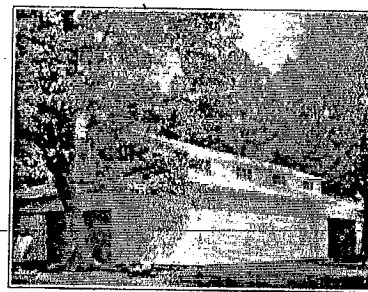
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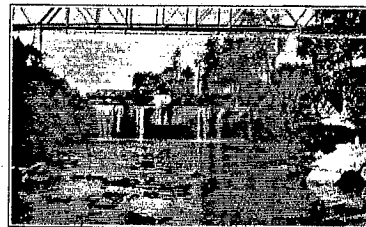
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CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM



LUDLOW FALLS



J. A. BEERY, *Bible Teacher*
Young People's Worker



W. C. KINSEY
Song Leader-Children's Worker



MRS. W. C. KINSEY
Pianist and Children's Worker

Besides above named workers, many other ministers and a number of missionaries will be present. Young Peoples' Hour 2 P. M. to 3 P. M. in charge of Rev. Beery. Preaching, 11 A. M., 3 and 8 P. M. Preaching each evening by Rev. Clement.

Thursday, August 11th, will be Foreign Mission Day. Bro. and Sister Ummel, I. A. Lehman and Son, also Gladys Altic and probably other missionaries will be present.

Sunday, Aug. 14th, will be Home Mission Day. Interesting and stimulating addresses will be given by Home Mission Workers.

Children's Meetings from 1 to 1:50 in charge of W. C. and Mrs. Kinsey. Encourage the children to be present.

Order Tents and Rooms Early. Write to Secretary, ROY HARSHBARGER, West Milton, Ohio.

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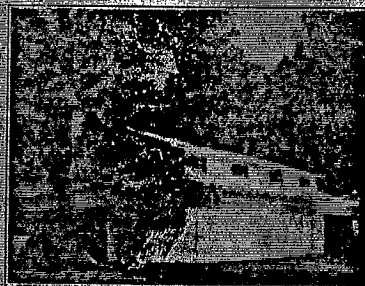
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REV. PAUL THOMAS, Evangelist



CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM



LUDLOW FALLS



MR. AND MRS. W. L. WOOD,
Song Leader and Pianist

Besides above named workers, many other ministers and a number of missionaries will be present.
Young People's Hour, 2 P. M. to 3 P. M. in charge of Rev. Meredith. Preaching, 11 A. M., 3 and 6 P. M. Preaching each evening by Rev. Thomas.
Saturday, August 3rd, will be Annual Young People's Day. Special speakers will feature the day.
Thursday, August 8th, will be Foreign Mission Day. Miss M. L. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hummel and other missionaries will be present.
Tuesday, August 6th, will be Home Mission Day. Interesting and stimulating addresses will be given by Home Mission Workers.
Children's Meetings from 1 to 4 P. M. Encourage the children to be present.
Space provided for privately owned tents—subject to approval of Camp Board.
Order Tents and Rooms Early. Write to Secretary, ROY HARSHBARGER, Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Camp Meeting 1935

ANNUAL
Camp Meeting

To Be Held by The
Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church
AT LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO
July 30th to August 9th, 1936



REV. W. C. GRAVES, Evangelist



REV. CLYDE MEREDITH,
Bible Teacher and Young Peoples
Worker



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R. P. DITMER, Dist. Supt.

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Young People's Hour, 2 P. M. to 3 P. M. in charge of Rev. Meredith. Preaching, 11 A. M., 3 and 8 P. M. Preaching each evening by Rev. Graves, of California.

Saturday, August 1st, will be Annual Young People's Day—Special speakers will feature the day.

Thursday, August 6th, will be Foreign Mission Day—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ummel, Miss I. Hollenbeck, Mr. D. C. Eby and other missionaries will be present.

Tuesday, August 4th, will be Home Mission Day. Interesting and stimulating addresses will be given by Home Mission Workers.

Children's Meetings from 1 to 1:50. Encourage the children to be present.

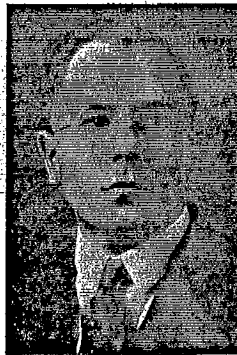
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Camp Meeting 1936

THE ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

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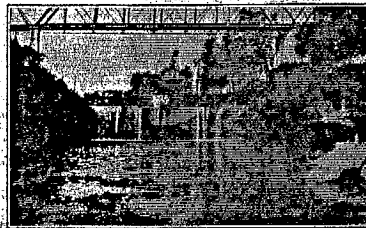
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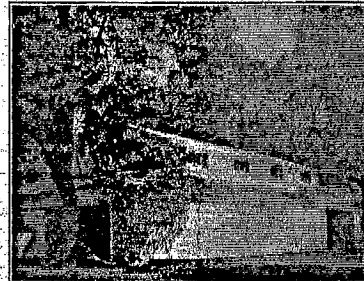
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LUDLOW FALLS



CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM

Rev. Robt. French, from Los Angeles, California, will serve as camp evangelist, speaking twice each day.
Besides above named workers, many other ministers and a number of missionaries will be present.
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Children's Meetings from 1 to 1:30. Encourage the children to be present.
Space provided for privately owned tents—subject to approval of Camp Board.

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ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

To Be Held By The
Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church
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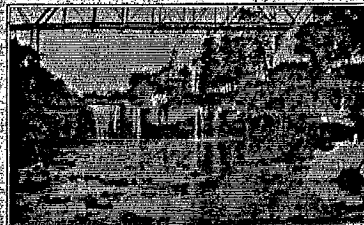
REV. JOHN A. HUFFMAN
Bible Teacher and Young Peoples
Worker



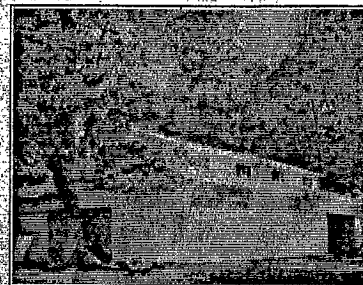
R. P. DITTMER, Dist. Supt.



MR. AND MRS. IRA L. WOOD,
Song Leader and Pianist



LUDLOW FALLS



CAMP MEETING AUDITORIUM

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Young People's Day—Special speakers will feature the day.

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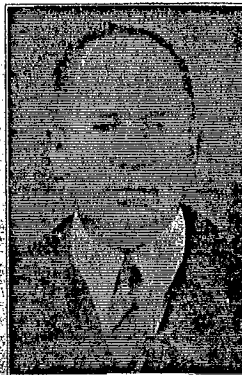
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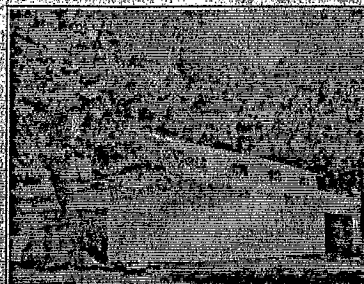
REV. MILO REDIGER
Young People's Worker



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REV. D. E. WILSON, Evangelist



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LUDLOW FALLS



REV. MAURUS BEERY
Song Leader

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Saturday, August 5th will be Annual Young People's Day. Special speakers will feature the day.

Thursday, August 10th will be Foreign Mission Day. Miss Ola Fuesco from India, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Unnied from Africa, and other missionaries will be present.

Tuesday, August 8th will be Home Mission Day. Interesting and stimulating addresses will be given by Home Mission Workers.

Children's Meetings from 1 to 1:50. Encourage the children to be present.

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Camp Meeting 1939

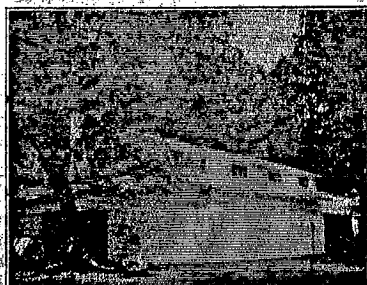
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AT LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO

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LUDLOW FALLS



REV. D. E. WILSON, Evangelist

Young People's Hour, 2 P. M. to 3 P. M. in charge of Rev. John Huffman. Preaching, 11 A. M., 3 and 8 P. M. Preaching each evening by Rev. Wilson and music will be in charge of Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Hallman of Portland, Oregon.

Saturday, August 3rd will be Annual Young People's Day—Special speakers will feature the day.

Thursday, August 8th, will be Foreign Mission Day. Rev. W. E. Wood from India, and other missionaries will be present.

Tuesday, August 6th, will be Home Mission Day. Interesting and stimulating addresses will be given by Home Mission Workers.

Children's Meetings from 1 to 1:30. Encourage the children to be present.

SPACE PROVIDED FOR PRIVATELY OWNED TENTS—SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF CAMP BOARD.

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Camp Meeting 1940

ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

OF MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

AT LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO

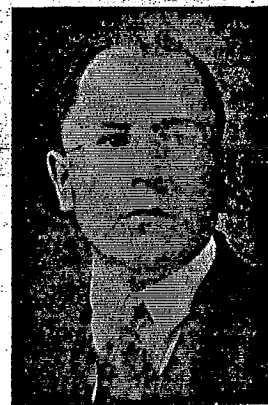
July 31st ————— August 10th



C. W. MEREDITH, Marion, Ind.
Bible Teacher and Young People's Worker



B. G. CARNES, Wilmore, Ky.
Evangelist



REV. R. P. DITMER
New Carlisle, Ohio

MISS HELEN KELLER, Detroit, Mich.
Children's Worker

MR. AND MRS. LOREN BRECHEISEN
BINGHAMPTON, N. Y.—In Charge of Music

SERVICES

Morning Prayer Service.....	6:30	Children's Hour.....	1:00
Bible Hour.....	9:15	Young People's Service.....	2:00
Worship Service.....	10:30	Preaching.....	7:00
Evangelistic Service.....	7:30		

SPECIAL DAYS

Young People's Rally, Saturday, Aug. 2 Home Mission Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5
Foreign Mission Day, Thursday, Aug. 7

A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE. BRING BED LINENS AND PILLOWS.
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ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

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AT LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO

July 30th ————— August 9th



C. W. MEREDITH, Marion, Ind.
Young People's Worker



B. G. CAIRNES, Wilmore, Ky.
Preacher



REV. AND MRS. IRA L. WOOD,
Pontiac, Mich.
In Charge of Music

MISS HELEN KELLER, DETROIT, MICH., CHILDREN'S WORKER

SERVICES

Morning Prayer Service.....	6:30	Children's Hour.....	1:00
Bible Hour.....	9:15	People's Hour.....	1:30
Young People's Hour.....	10:30	Preaching.....	2:30
Evangelistic Service.....	7:45		

SPECIAL DAYS

Young People's Rally, Saturday, Aug. 1 Home Mission Day, Tuesday, Aug. 4
Foreign Mission Day, Thursday, Aug. 6

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OF MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

AT LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO

July 29th ————— August 8th

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LUDLOW FALLS

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for Spiritual

Refreshing
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SERVICES

Morning Prayer Service.....	6:30	Preaching.....	7:45
Bible Hour.....	9:15	Missionary Service.....	7:00
Preaching.....	10:45	Evangelistic Service.....	7:45
Young People's Hour.....	1:30	Vacation Bible School for Children.....	Daily

ENGAGED WORKERS

Rev. J. J. Everest, Goshen, Ind.
Mr. and Mrs. Loren Brechelsen, Binghamton, N. Y.

Rev. B. F. Lightner, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Miss Helen Keller, Detroit, Mich.

SPECIAL DAYS

Young People's Rally, Saturday, July 31 Home Mission Day, Tuesday, August 3
Foreign Mission Day, Thursday, August 5

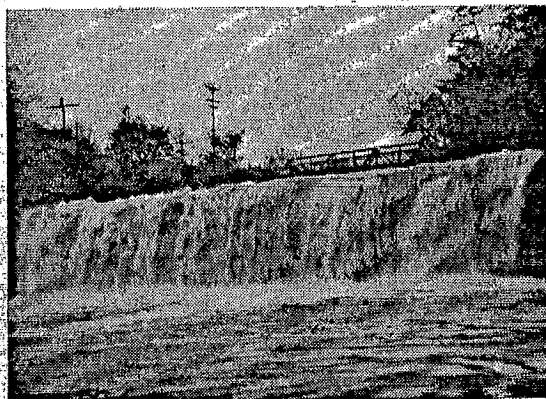
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THE ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

OF THE MENNONITE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO

AUGUST 3-13, 1944



LUDLOW FALLS

WORKERS

REV. O. P. EASTMAN, Detroit, Mich., Evangelist
will speak twice daily.

REV. MILO REDIGER, Upland, Ind., will conduct
Daily Bible Studies and also serve as Young
People's Worker.

REV. AND MRS. D. L. NISEWANDER, Wheeling,
W. Va., Ministers of Music, will have charge
of the music of the camp.

MISS HELEN KELLER, South Bend, Ind., will
conduct Daily Vacation Bible School for the
children.

SPECIAL FEATURES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5—ANNUAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8—HOME MISSION SERVICE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10—FOREIGN MISSION DAY

YOUTH CONFERENCE PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE CAMP

For Information Address Director F. L. Huffman, R. R. 1, Laura, Ohio.

Tent Orders Should Be Sent to Roy Harshbarger, Camp Secretary, R. R., Pleasant Hill, O.

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THE ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

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LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO

AUGUST 2-12, 1945



LUDLOW FALLS

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Ministers of Music, will have charge of the
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SPECIAL FEATURES

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CAMP MEETING

**Ludlow Falls, O.
AUGUST 1-11**

Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church CONFERENCE

SPECIAL DAYS . . .

YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALLY — SATURDAY, AUG. 3
HOME MISSION DAY — TUESDAY, AUG. 6
FOREIGN MISSION DAY — THURSDAY, AUG. 8



REV. M. J. BURGESS

Rev. Burgess, pastor of the M. B. C. Church at
Fort Huron, Mich., will serve as Youth Evangelist
and speak in afternoon service.



REV. PETER WISEMAN

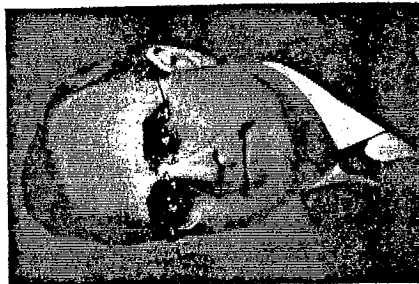
Dr. Wiseman, pastor of Holness
Tabernacle in Detroit will be con-
ducting Bible Study in morning and
speaking in each evening service.



REV. F. L. HUFFMAN
OHIO DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT
Director of Camp

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES . . .

Morning Prayer Service 6:30	Youth Program Under
Bible Hour - - 9:00	Direction of
Youth Service - - 10:00	REV. N. D. ZIMMERMAN
Afternoon Service - 2:30	of Dayton, Ohio
Evening Service - 7:30	
Children's Service at 10:00 and 2:30.	



WILLARD J. HALLMAN

Prof. Hallman, an instructor in music at Cascade
College, Portland, Oregon, will have charge of
music. Mrs. Hallman will preside at the piano.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE

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Camp Sec., — Ludlow Falls, Ohio

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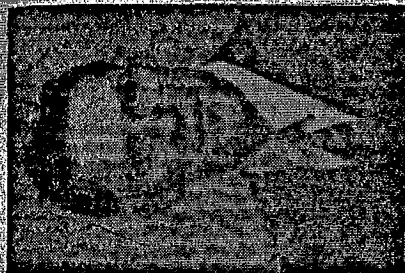
United Missionary Church OHIO CONFERENCE

SPECIAL DAYS....

Young People's Rally — Saturday, July 31
Home Mission Day — Tuesday, August 3
Foreign Mission Day — Thursday, August 5



H. ROBB-FRENCH
of Portland, Ind., will be conducting Bible Study in the morning and will be speaking in each evening service.



REV. MORTON DORSEY
Rev. Dorsey, of Winchester, Ohio, will serve as Youth Evangelist and will also speak in each afternoon service.



PROFESSOR DAVID HOOVER
Instructor in Music at Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana, will be in charge of music program of the camp.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES...

Morning Prayer Service	7:00
Bible Hour	9:00
Youth Service	10:00
Afternoon Service	2:30
Evening Service	7:30
Children's Service	10:30 and 2:30

Youth Program Under Direction of
Rev. Gordon L. Beck, Greenville, Ohio.



REV. AND MRS. EDWIN MESSERSCHMIDT
Rev. and Mrs. Messerschmidt will be conducting Children's Services in morning and afternoon.



REV. F. L. HUFFMAN
Ohio District Suplt., Director of Camp



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West Milton, Ohio

Camp Meeting 1948

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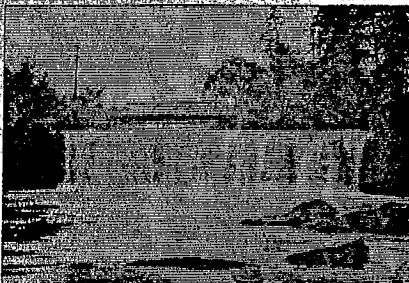
Ludlow Falls Camp Meeting

OF THE

UNITED MISSIONARY CHURCH

OHIO CONFERENCE

**AUGUST
4-14**



A retreat planned for the purpose of Spiritual help in a wonderful environment, among the beauty of nature. Children are invited to attend, also, under careful Christian supervision.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning Prayer Service.....7:00 Afternoon Service.....2:30
Bible Hour.....9:00 Evening Service.....7:30
Youth Service.....10:00 Children's Service.....10:30 and 2:30
Youth Program Under Direction of Rev. Arthur Dittmer, Potsdam, Ohio

SPECIAL FEATURES

Missionary Speakers Representing China and West Africa
FOREIGN MISSION DAY.....SUNDAY, AUGUST 7
HOME MISSION SERVICE.....TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 9
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DAY.....SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

CAMP



REV. WILLIAM BURGESS

Pastor of Dakota Ave. United Missionary Church of Detroit, will be speaking in daily youth services and in afternoon services and in several evening services as well.



REV. H. ROBB FRENCH

A Spirit-filled Evangelist of national reputation will conduct Bible Study in morning and bring messages in the evening services, during the last week of Camp.

EVANGELISTS



PROFESSOR WILLARD HALLMAN

Head of the Department of Music, Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind., will be in charge of music program. Mrs. Hallman will preside at the piano.



REV. AND MRS. MESSERSCHMIDT

Of Andersen, Ind., will be conducting services for the children morning and afternoon.

Reservations and tent orders may be directed to:

MR. WILLARD PHELPS,

Camp Secretary,

R. F. D., Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Inquiries may directed to:

REV. FOREST L. HUFFMAN,

Camp Director,

West Milton, Ohio

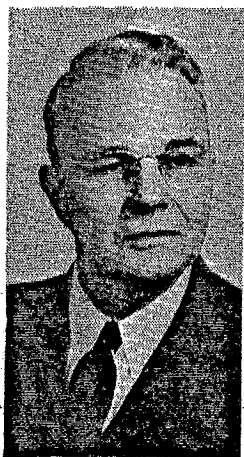
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July 30th--August 9th



Rev. S. I. Emery
Evangelist and Bible Teacher

FOUR SERVICES DAILY

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Bible Study	-	9:00 A. M.
Youth Service	-	10:15 A. M.
Inspirational Hour	-	2:30 P. M.
Evangelistic Service	-	7:30 P. M.
Children's Services	-	9:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.



Rev. Harold Walker
Youth Leader and Speaker in the
Inspirational Hour



Rev. George Pike
Song Evangelist

You are Invited to Come and Worship With Us.

LUDLOW FALLS, OHIO, IS LOCATED 20 MILES NORTH OF
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CAMP SECRETARY
Mr. Howard Steele
R. R. 2, New Carlisle, Ohio

CAMP CHAIRMAN
Rev. Harold E. Bowman
506 S. Arlington Ave.
Springfield, Ohio



Mrs. C. W. Crocker
Children's Worker

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AUGUST 4th - 14th

CAMP EVANGELISTS



REV. GEORGE BLANCHARD
is a Spirit-filled evangelist from
Chattanooga, Tenn.



PROFESSOR AND MRS. FRANK LUSK
of Midsbury, Alberta, will be in charge of the music.



MRS. EDNA MESSERSCHMIDT
Will thrill the children with her flannel
board and her vivid method of presenting
Bible truth.



REV. RAY PANNABECKER
of Goshen, Ind., is spiritually qualified
and well trained to be speaker in the
youth meetings.

FOUR SERVICES DAILY

Bible Study	9:15 A. M.	Inspirational Hour	2:30 P. M.
Youth Service	10:30 A. M.	Evangelistic Service	7:30 P. M.

WELCOME

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Camp Meeting 1955