

# CORNER STONE LAYING

Of Zion Evangelical Church, November 29. Presiding Elder Burgi Present. Church Organized in 1862, at Home of Mrs. S. Winkler, Who is Still Living.

The impressive ceremonies of the laying of the corner stone of the new Zion Evangelical church, which is now being built on West Delaware St., were held Friday afternoon of last week, Nov. 29, at one o'clock.

The ceremonies opened with scriptural reading by the pastor Rev. Ebert, followed by a brief history of the church. Rev. G. H. McClung, pastor of the Methodist church then gave a short address. Rev. Burgi, Presiding Elder, read the ritual concluding with a few appropriate remarks. The corner stone was then placed in position by Rev. Burgi, the stone containing a Bible presented by Esther and Violetta Ebert; a hymn book presented by Mrs. Thole, which was one of the early editions of the book, and had been used by her mother, Mrs. Burger, one of the old time members of the church; percolators of the church; list of church members of the Dwight and Salem churches; copy of the Dwight Star and Herald, and other interesting matter.

Following is the history of the church as read by Rev. Ebert: Religion is a universal fact. It is a fact as old as the human race itself. The history of the world is a history of religion. From Adam, down thru the long centuries to the last man that shall walk the earth, religion will assert its supremacy.

Religion is the basis upon which all true society is founded. When man lost his religion, he lost his home and his happiness and was scattered over the face of the earth. The babel of confused tongues was a mere symbol of the babel of a corrupt religion.

Professor Dawson says: "Religion grows out of man's fundamental conscious relations to the universe that conditions his life." It is therefore a response in thought and feeling and action to the vital questions of life.

Tylor, Bastian, Waltz, the great anthropologists have endeavored to prove that man the world over develops the same elementary ideas. These ideas may be modified by geographical and social environment, but they remain essentially the same everywhere. In the domain of religion, their argument certainly holds true. There is no nation or tribe or clan to be found on this familiar planet that believes in complete extinction of life with death. The belief in immortality seems to exist everywhere. There is no people that does not believe in a supreme being—in a supreme mind that has ruled the ages—a being to whom we are responsible and whom we ought to worship and adore.

All religions are valuable just in proportion as they contribute to the development of body, mind, soul and spirit. The test of any religion is what it does for those who practice it.

The Christian religion is distinguished from all other religions in this, that it emphasizes the facts of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. It is a religion that speaks hope and cheer and courage when even science and philosophy and all other voices of human knowledge are silent. It tells us whence we came, what we are and whither we are going. Christianity never can be adequately substituted. It requires no improvement. It is destined to conquer the world. Christianity is Christ: Christ is the crowning glory of ideal manhood of noble, flawless character.

Religion consists not so much in speech, as in act; not so much in ceremony, as in character; not so much as information of mind, as in inspiration of soul; not so much in creed and rites as in the transformation of character.

Every tree has its roots. Thus also the Evangelical church has its history. Rev. Jacob Albright, its founder, deeply convinced of the need of German emigrants that settled so thickly in the year 1800 in Pennsylvania, endeavored thru his kindly ministrations to improve the neglected religious conditions of these foreigners, by conducting services in the homes of the people. They did not come to church; so he brought the gospel to them. And thus gradually, nucleus was formed for a religious organization that has in the short space of its existence made vast strides in its missionary operations, so that today the Evangelical church has 27 conferences and a membership of 150,000 and adding to this the membership of our sister church, the United Evangelical church, it would more than double the above number. Thus the sons and daughters of Jacob Albright are scattered over all parts of the globe in United States, Canada, Europe, Japan and China.

The year 1862 marks the beginning of our church in Dwight. Rev. Gagstetter served the large Grand Prairie circuit at the time. One year before Dwight was surveyed by Nelson Buck and marked out as a town; our church in Goodfarm had already been founded. This was in the year 1853. Dwight was founded in the year 1854. The first sign of a town as the records show was an inverted tin can nailed to the top of a telegraph pole. We are certainly glad that the town bears the beautiful name it does. How unhappy we would be, if they had called this fair spot, "Dog-town" as a certain party preferred. Dwight, how sweetly it sounds on our ears. There is music in that name.

The first appointment for a religious meeting in Dwight by this church, was in the house of Mr. Simon Winkler. The meeting was conducted in German language. Several German families had been invited to this first German religious service in Dwight.

The German people in the community became more and more interested in these meetings and the number of converts increased so rapidly that the conference decided to make Dwight a regular appointment. The ministers that served this charge have been many because of a peculiar conference rule, that prevailed at the time, that no minister was allowed to remain longer than two or three years at one church. The large missionary operations of the church and the great lack of ministers made the rule necessary. The ministers that served Dwight church since its inception are as follows:

- Rev. J. Gagstetter, 1862-67.
- Rev. L. Ruh, 1865-67.
- Rev. Stuwig, 1867-69.
- Rev. J. C. Kiest, 1869-71.
- Rev. C. Wagner, 1871-73.
- Rev. V. Neitz, 1873-76.
- Rev. S. Wilman, 1876-79.
- Rev. P. Zahn, 1879-82.
- Rev. Roloff, 1882-84.
- Rev. W. Wingert, 1884-86.
- Rev. A. Wehr, 1886-88.
- Rev. Brose, 1888-90.
- Rev. J. Lintner, 1890-91.
- Rev. J. Elfrink, 1891-93.
- Rev. Geo. Schwartz, 1893-94.
- Rev. Fred Schwartz, 1894-96.
- Rev. A. C. Koten, 1896-98.
- Rev. M. Gronwald, 1898-02.
- Rev. F. Storkman, 1902-06.
- Rev. A. H. Zahi, 1906-07.
- Rev. J. Marth, 1907-09.
- Rev. H. F. Ebert, 1909—to the present.

Mrs. Margaret Winkler, known and beloved by the name of Grandma Winkler is one of the oldest residents of Dwight. She was born in Schoenbrunn, Oberamt Krellsheim, Germany, June 16, 1830. She came to America in 1847 and settled in Peoria. Mr. and

Mrs. Winkler removed to Dwight in 1862. Mrs. Winkler was married in 1850 and the happy home was blessed with 10 children, of which 3 died in infancy. Three of the children have made their homes in Dwight: Mrs. James Nelson with whom the aged mother is making her home, Mrs. W. H. Conrad, and Miss Sarah Winkler are all well known to the people of Dwight. When Mr. Winkler first came to Dwight, he engaged in carpet weaving and carried on quite a successful business.

When Rev. Gagstetter came to Dwight, Mr. Winkler received him cordially into his home and gave him



the privilege of holding meetings under his roof. Several families at once identified themselves with this movement and an organization was effected. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Winkler, the Buehlers, the Conrads, the Klugharts, the Burgers, the Brunners and several other families becoming charter members. The old Winkler home is still standing, being one house south of the Congregational parsonage, and it was a home in which Evangelical ministers were ever welcome and royally entertained as long as Father and Mother Winkler lived in it. The old church was erected in the year 1872 during the ministry of Rev. Solomon Neitz. Mrs. Winkler was a very sincere, active and energetic member and thru her untiring efforts much good has been accomplished.

Her loving, gentle, guileless spirit her earnest, consecrated Christian life has won the respect and love of a host of friends. Most patiently she bears the trials of old age, which come not in equal measure to all, finding strength in the underlying principles of her religion and in the fact that her beautiful life has been a testimonial to the memory of her early self-sacrificing life and what a comfort it must be to her in her old age to see the old church supplanted by a larger and more modern house of worship. May the great Giver of all life and blessings spare the dear mother for many years to enjoy her own usefulness, the results of her labors, and the continual esteem and love of all who have learned to know her.—[H. F. E.]

### Art of Cookery.

"The art of cookery is as old as history; its development measures the development of civilization. More people are engaged in cooking all or a part of their time than in any other occupation. On the selection and preparation of food depends, more than on any other single factor, the health and consequent happiness and prosperity of mankind."—American School of Home Economics.

### Dignity and Justice.

Hourly and earnestly strive, as a Roman and a man, to do what falls to your hand with perfect unaffected dignity, with kindness, freedom and justice, and free your soul from every other imagination.—Marcus Aurelius.

### Unenthused.

"I was talking to Digby this morning about the latest dreadnought. He didn't appear to be much interested. 'I should think not! Digby married one.'—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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## BASE BALL.

### A Resume for the Year of the Frank L. Smith Club.

The base ball season which closed a month ago, while it was not so successful as the year previous was still good enough to suit the majority of the loyal fans of this city. In 1911 the team played 30 games, winning 21 losing 8 and tying one; a percentage of .725.

In the season of 1912 they played 26 games, winning 14 and losing 12 for a percentage of .540. This may look like a considerable drop in the work of the team but an examination of the scores shows that in 1911 the team scored 189 runs to 130 by their opponents, this season the Smiths scored 102 runs to 88 by their opponents making much closer games and with a great many less runs. Only twice in the season was ten runs made by one team, Cabery making ten to 0 on July 4th and on August 25th the Smiths scored 10 to 2 on Flanagan.

Dwight was shut out in three games Cabery turning the trick twice, once 10 to 0 and the other time 1 to 0. Braceville shut the Smiths out 2 to 0 at the Braidwood tournament. Dwight shut the other fellows out twice, Miller beating Saunemin 1 to 0 at Forrest and Mickelson defeating Cabery 3 to 0.

The various tables show what each player has done in batting, fielding and base running, scoring, pitching, etc. An explanation of the signs may be of service to the casual reader.

AB. stands for times at bat, R. runs, H. hits, SO struck out, BB. base on balls, SB. stolen bases, SH. sacrifice hits, 2b. two baggers, 3b three baggers. HR. home runs and TB total bases. PO is for put outs, A for assists and E. for errors.

In batting, the most important part of the game, Frank Flood, the handsome, genial catcher and captain of the team, led with the splendid percentage of .360 and was awarded the magnificent silver bat and ball donated by E. B. Lewis, as an appreciation of his prowess. Boyer was second in batting with .343 for 10 games but Abe was not in enough games to be eligible for the prizes, and the second prize, a pair of fine base ball shoes was awarded to Spike Gutel, the hard hitting old war horse, who made a mark of .329 for 21 games and led in total bases.

Sam Lannon led in runs scored, and tied with Burns in stolen bases. Flood was the best waiter and received, 10 bases on balls, for his performance, almost as many as all the rest of the team put together.

Jim Miller who pitches very well and bats not quite so well had the doubtful honor of striking out 22 times and leading the team in that department. Burns was a close second with 20 whiffs.

You could scarcely blame Flood as there is so much room between his shoulders and his knees that the pitchers found lots of places where he was not swinging.

In fielding Harrison led with a clear record handling 52 chances without a boot, Boyer was a second with 491 and F. Flood third with 483. Gleghorn only played in 5 games, hardly enough to get in the records.

The figures are taken from the score book and are a little incomplete in some of the games but have been used just as set down by the score keeper at each game.

### The Dwight Military Band.—Dwight's Popular Musical Organization.

The Dwight Military Band under the present management, was organized in March 1912. The officers of the Band are as follows: Mr. A. D. Baldwin, Director; Mr. H. C. Rosendall, Manager; Mr. H. C. Baldwin, Treasurer. The membership of the Band consists of the following: Cornets—C. Jepsen, D. M. Jones, T. Tanner, C. Bell, C. D. Jeffries. Clarinets—A. D. Baldwin, C. Morris, E. Smith, Altos—C. Long, L. Hornberger, Theo. Martin, Trombones—H. Rosendall, G. H. McClung, O. Horn. Base J. Ketch amam, Baritone—L. Kime, E. Ferguson. Drums—C. Moloney, J. Hatting, R. Goodman. Nearly all the members have had several years experience,

Player	BATTING AVERAGES.							1911 Ave.	1912 Ave.
	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SO.	BB.	Ave.		
F. Flood	23	75	12	27	7	10	.360	.210	
Boyer	10	35	7	12	9	1	.343		
Gutel	21	76	10	25	16	1	.329		
Harrison	6	19	4	6	7	2	.315	.256	
Paderni	14	45	7	14	5	1	.311	.316	
Burns	25	84	10	22	20	1	.262	.301	
S. Lannon	20	76	16	19	14	2	.250	.352	
J. Lannon	9	32	1	8	6	1	.250	.296	
Mickelson	21	62	5	14	8	1	.225	.279	
Gleghorn	5	19	2	4	2	0	.210	.301	
McGahey	15	50	4	9	11	0	.180		
Kern	11	40	2	7	17	0	.175	.375	
Higgins	7	27	0	3	10	3	.143		
J. Flood	10	32	1	1	22	1	.081		

Player and Position	FIELDING RECORDS.					1911 Ave.	1912 Ave.
	Games	PO.	A.	E.	Ave.		
Harrison 1b	6	47	5	0	1000	.953	
Boyer 1b	10	105	5	1	.991		
F. Flood c	23	202	31	4	983	1000	
S. Lannon c	20	32	1	2	.943	.840	
J. Lannon 1b-c	9	13	3	1	.941	.971	
Gleghorn ss	5	3	9	1	.923	.965	
Burns rf	25	22	8	3	.909	.809	
Gutel 2b	21	27	39	7	.904		
Mickelson p-rf	21	2	33	4	.897	.872	
Kern 1b	11	47	11	8	.880	.875	
Higgins p-1f	7	5	16	3	.875		
Paderni 3b	14	11	16	5	.844	.879	
McGahey ss	15	9	28	11	.770		
J. Flood p	10	3	12	4	.731		

Player	BASE RUNNING, SACRIFICE AND EXTRA BASE HITTING.							Games
	Runs	S.B.	S.H.	2b	3b	H.R.	T.B.	
Gutel	10	0	8	4	0	4	21	
F. Flood	12	4	3	7	0	0	34	
S. Lannon	16	6	2	1	1	0	22	
Burns	10	6	3	3	1	1	22	
Boyer	7	1	1	2	0	0	14	
Paderni	7	2	4	3	1	1	23	
McGahey	4	2	3	2	1	0	12	
Harrison	4	1	0	1	0	0	7	
Higgins	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	
Gleghorn	2	1	0	1	0	0	5	
Mickelson	5	0	2	2	0	0	15	
Kern	2	0	0	2	0	0	8	
J. Flood	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	

Pitcher	PITCHING RECORD.						S.O.
	Games Won	Lost	Runs	Hits	B.B.	H.R.	
Mickelson	13	4	8	39	66	13	92
Flood	12	7	3	38	64	21	91
Higgins	5	2	1	11	16	2	36
Miller	1	1	0	0	2	3	13

Mickelson pitched in hard luck, losing some splendid games. An examination of the pitching record shows he won 4 and lost 8 while Flood won 7 and lost 3, and yet they allowed the same number of runs, hits and struck out the same number of batters. His class of baseball made a splendid showing.

Date	Pitcher	Runs	Hits	S.O.	B.B.	Opponents
May 19	Flood	1	2	8	0	Kinsman Greys
26	Mick-Hig.	1	5	6	8	Chicago Carrols
30	Flood	5	4	6	16	Chicago Carrols
June 2	Flood	9	2	5	9	Kinsman Greys
9	Flood	2	1	5	9	Morris Reds
11	Mickelson	4	5	10	6	Saunemin Stars
12	Miller	1	0	2	13	Saunemin Stars
16	Mickelson	5	2	4	6	St. Bede's College
23	Mickelson	0	1	4	8	Cabery Defenders
30	Flood	9	4	7	6	Morris Reds
July 4	Mickelson	3	4	3	8	Morris Reds
7	Flood	0	10	10	6	Cabery Defenders
14	Mickelson	3	2	6	12	Creator Athletics
20	Flood	9	4	9	14	Herschler
Aug. 2	Mickelson	0	2	5	1	Braceville Blues
4	Mickelson	2	6	7	7	Morris Reds
15	Flood	3	2	6	6	Morris Reds
18	Mickelson	3	0	4	9	Cabery Defenders
25	Mick-Hig.	10	2	5	14	Flanagan Red Sox
30	Flood	6	7	7	3	Morris Reds
Sept. 1	Flood	7	1	6	13	Chicago McKennas
8	Mickelson	4	6	7	7	Cabery Defenders
29	Higgins	4	1	4	13	Cabery Defenders
Oct. 6	Mickelson	2	4	3	13	Reddick
13	Flood-Hig.	6	2	7	13	Joliet White Cross
24	Hig-Mick-Flood	3	9	9	8	Chicago Cubs
Totals		102	88			

there being but two or three students in the band. The one aim of the management has been to build up a band that the people of Dwight would be proud of, and it is safe to say that their efforts have not been wasted. Since the time they organized they have had one rehearsal each week, and they expect to continue with the same through the winter. The boys have all worked hard and deserve a great deal of credit.

In the smaller towns throughout the country a band is the means of furnishing the citizens with a great amount of enjoyment. There are very few people who do not enjoy music, and it is a fine thing for the citizens of a town to have a band. Music is a profession which requires a great amount of study in order to become efficient, and there are a great many people who do not realize the amount of work and study required to obtain that end. Without the support of the citizens financially the life of a band in a small town would be very short-lived, as there is quite an expense connected with an organization of this kind. The summer season was very successful, the band playing numerous engagements, besides a series of concerts on our business streets. For the concert a subscription was taken up among the merchants and business men of Dwight, and the boys were given a loyal support. From all indications we are going to have a musical organization in Dwight that every citizen will be proud of.

