

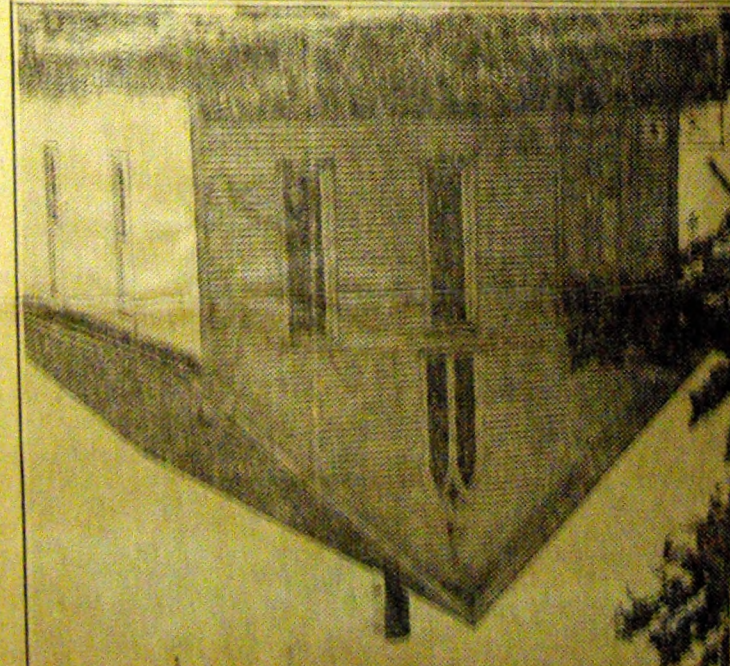
conducted a singing school, Dr. Pitts...  
 Little congregational church. It was...  
 which made possible the fame of the...  
 it was closely linked with the events...  
 and academy buildings still stands for...  
 ones remaining. It is fitting that the...  
 the Little Brown Church, are the only...  
 was the old Bradford academy, and...  
 that buildings a high structure which...  
 the village of Bradford. Of the old...  
 Today there is little or no trace of...  
 was not long in getting under way...  
 to Nashville. The demise of the village...  
 1896 did not reach Bradford, but went...  
 missed it. The road but through in...  
 other direction toward the railroad...  
 a field of hard corn. Like many...  
 there were subdivisions and homes in...  
 specified in detail. But today what...  
 in state for Bradford and lots were...  
 people. Great things were believed...  
 life of a thriving pioneer town of 100...  
 was once the center of the religious...  
 but start out to be a rural church. It...  
 But the Little Brown Church did...  
 record. In one day 21 couples were...  
 married.

**Once a Town Church**  
 McGreggor, some 25 or 30 miles away...  
 was hauled from the local town of...  
 still sound and sturdy. The siding...  
 bers of honest Iowa oak and elm are...  
 on siding is in good shape and its tim-  
 construction in 1890. Its beam-paint...  
 and William Kent arranged for its...  
 is about the same as when the Rever-  
 ting a new shingle roof. Otherwise it...  
 Brown Church in the Vale" was est-  
 When visited recently the "Little...  
 Tanke minister 19 years ago.

NASHUA, Iowa, Oct. 1.—A song...  
 written by a country doctor 75 years...  
 ago and made world-famous by Pitts...  
 Sunday has made a little church of...  
 60 members the best known rural...  
 church in America.  
 That church, of course, is "The Lit-  
 le Brown Church in the Vale." No...  
 trip through this part of northeastern...  
 Iowa is complete without a visit to...  
 this famous house of worship that...  
 was designed and built under com-  
 siderable dimen-sions by a "down east"

## Song and Story Make Famous These Two Iowa Rural Churches

Two rural churches—one made famous by a...  
 song, the other by a novel, have been the center...  
 of worship in their farming communities for many...  
 years. Of the two the "Little Brown Church in the...  
 Vale" is the best known to the public.  
 The other famous rural church is "Tranquillity...  
 church in Tama county, Iowa. One of its famous...  
 worshippers was "Tama Jim" Wilson whose farm...  
 was located nearby. "The Able McLaughlins," a...  
 Pulitzer prize novel of some years ago, had as its...  
 locale this old church and its community.



TWO FAMOUS RURAL CHURCHES

### Evangelical Salem Church at Black Prairie

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:00 a. m.  
 PRAYERS, 10:15 a. m.  
 WORSHIP, 11:00 a. m.  
 PRAYER MEETING, 8:00 p. m.

Sixty farm people are members of...  
 the church. Sunday attendance runs...  
 from 40 to 60. In the summer wor-  
 shippers include a number of tourists...  
 each Sunday, but in the other sea-  
 sons attendance is largely local.  
 quiet, rural setting. In June this year...  
 1,000 couples took their vows in this...  
 general west. Last year more than...  
 particularly, the Little Brown Church...  
 church in the "marriage" church in the...  
 Although it does not seek the honor...  
 publicly in 1891. The rest is history.  
 and it was presented for the first time...  
 dedicate the song to the new church...  
 Dr. Pitts and his sisters decided to...  
 cated after four years of building...  
 cated in a vale, was about to be dedi-  
 the Bradford church, brown and in...  
 er. And it was about this time that...  
 out for the use of the academy sing-  
 several years but was finally brought...  
 The manuscript was not used for...  
 First Used for Dedication

before the structure was actually com-  
 pleted.  
 song while visiting in the east, and...  
 Pitts wrote his "Little Brown Church"  
 on the point but it seems that Dr.  
 composer. History is not entirely clear...  
 sician of some note, and an amateur...  
 pains of the Iowa pioneers was a mu-  
 in addition to earning for the acres and

