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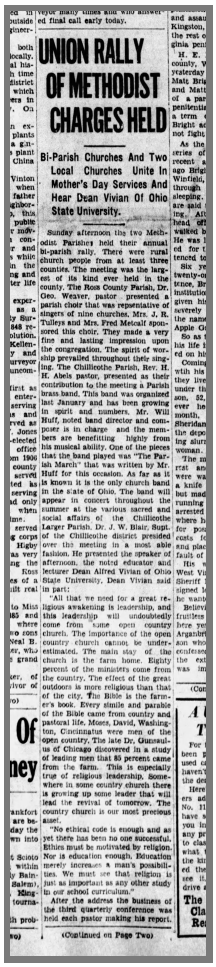

UNION RALLY OF METHODIST CHARGES HELD

Bi-Parish Churches And Two Local Churches Unite In Mother's Day Services And Hear Dean Vivian Of Ohio State University.

Sunday afternoon the two Methodist Parishes held their annual bi-parish rally. There were rural church people from at least three counties. The meeting was the largest of its kind ever held in the county. The Ross County Parish, Dr. Geo. Weaver, pastor presented a parish choir that was representative of singers of nine churches. Mrs. J. R. Tulleys and Mrs. Fred Metcalf sponsored this choir. They made a very fine and lasting impression upon the congregation. The spirit of worship prevailed throughout their singing. The Chillicothe Parish, Rev. H. H. Abels pastor, presented as their contribution to the meeting a Parish brass band. This band was organized last January and has been growing in spirit and numbers. Mr. Will Huff, noted band director and composer is in charge and the members are benefiting highly from his musical ability. One of the pieces that the band played was "The Parish March" that was written by Mr. Huff for this occasion. As far as it is known it is the only church band in the state of Ohio. The band will appear in concert throughout the summer at the various sacred and social affairs of the Chillicothe Larger Parish. Dr. J. W. Blair, Supt. of the Chillicothe district presided over the meeting in a most able fashion. He presented the speaker of afternoon, the noted educator and lecturer Dean Alfred Vivian of Ohio State University. Dean Vivian said in part:

"All that we need for a great religious awakening is leadership, and this leadership will undoubtedly come from some open country church. The importance of the open country church cannot be underestimated. The main stay of the church is the farm home. Eighty percent of the ministry come from the country. The effect of the great outdoors is more religious than that of the city. The Bible is the farmer's book. Every simile and parable of the Bible came from country and pastoral life. Moses, David, Washington, Cincinnatus were men of the open country. The late Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago discovered in a study of leading men that 85 percent came from the farm. This is especially true of religious leadership. Somewhere in some country church there is growing up some leader that will lead the revival of tomorrow. The country church is our most precious asset.

"No ethical code is enough and as yet there has been no one successful. Ethics must be motivated by religion. Nor is education enough. Education merely increases a man's possibilities. We must see that religion is just as important as any other study in our school curriculum."

After the address the business of the third quarterly conference was held each pastor making his report.

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