

1882 completed building its own home on West Main Street. This was said to be the finest building in the village at the time of its completion. This lodge consolidated with Chillicothe Lodge in January 20, 1950 for their new home.

THE ENCAMPMENT. In connection with the I. O. O. F. there is the Encampment, which was instituted July 7, 1859, with the following list of officers: John Lewis, Chief Patriarch; John Dillon, High Priest; Ferdinand Binkley, Senior Warden; George T. Drake, Junior Warden; L. F. Drake, Scribe. The Encampment meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH

On August 20, 1891, Roumania Lodge No. 336 Daughters of Rebekah was instituted with a charter membership of 17. The first officers were Mrs. Mary Markel, Noble Grand; Mrs. Aldah Black, Vice Grand; Miss Lulu Rouse, Secretary, and Mrs. Hettie Mettler, Treasurer.

ADELPHI LODGE No. 527 FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

THE ADELPHI LODGE No. 527 F. & A. M. was organized by a number of Master Masons living in this community, who petitioned the Grand Lodge of Ohio and were granted a dispensation on March 27, 1882 to form and open a new lodge after the manner of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, to be called Adelphi Lodge.

The Grand Master, Charles C. Kiefer, appointed Patrick Henry, W.M.; Dr. Nathaniel Potter, S.W.; Peter Eby, J.W.; Zara McDaniel, Treas.; O. D. Swinehart, Secretary; John H. Goddard S. D.; E. H. Haworth, J.D., and William Everitt, Tyler. Starting with a charter list of 14 this lodge has enjoyed a steady increase in membership and today its membership numbers more than 150.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Buchwalter Post No. 460 was instituted by Mustering Officer, Comrade General S. H. Hurst, on July 12, 1884. The Post started off with a charter membership of twenty, with the following set of officers: Dr. Nathaniel Potter, Commander; William W. Rouse, Sr. Vice Commander; John S. Neff, Jr. Vice Commander; George Rose, Officer of the Day, and William J. Binkley, Quartermaster. Regular meetings of the Post were held on the 24th day of each month in the I.O.O.F. building. The last member of the Post died in 1932.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Adelphi Lodge No. 675 was instituted on January 30, 1895, with a charter list of fifty-one members. The first set of officers were: Samuel Furry, Chancellor Commander; Alfred P. Bitzer, Vice Chancellor; Russell Swinehart, Prelate; Dr. Howard G. Barton, Master of Work; George Spencer, Master at Arms; Edward Wittwer, Master of Finance; Millard F. Partee, Master of Exchequer, and Howard Koch, Keeper of Records and Seals.

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN

ON JUNE 3, 1895, CORN PLANTER TRIBE No. 173 was instituted by Great Sachem John G. Magg, assisted by degree teams from Congo Tribe No. 51 of Circleville and Logan Tribe No. 9 of Chillicothe. Thirty-one charter members were present for the institution. On June 10th, fourteen were added and on June 17th sixteen more names were added, making sixty-one members of the new Tribe. On May 1, 1896 the Tribe purchased the Bitzer Hotel for \$550 for their meeting place. On June 14th, 1900, the Tribe dedicated their new home on West Main Street, which was completed within one year of its inception. This building was destroyed by fire December 15, 1921, along with some three other buildings. Two of the members of Corn Planter Tribe have served as Great Sachem of the Reservation of Ohio and later served as Representatives to the Great Council of the United States, namely Hugh F. Egan in 1904, and James O. Archer in 1942.

About 1925 the Tribe purchased the Augustus Rose property on the northwest corner of Main and Dawson streets, the place where their meetings have been held ever since the fire destroyed their Wigwam.

DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS

On August 20, 1900 Kinnikinnick Council No. 56 was organized by Cloie Forshner, Great Pocahontas, with a charter list of some 35 members. The first officers were Pet Reedy, Prophetess; Ella Potter, Pocahontas; Georgie Griffin Erskine, Wenonah; Mable Reedy, Minnehaha; William F. Archer, Powhatan; Carrie Egan, K. of R. Other charter members were Mary E. Dumm, Jacob Dumm, A. P. Bitzer, Jennie Bitzer, Phil Griffin, Susie Griffin Leshner, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Egan, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jinks, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram McDowell, Edward DeLong, Laura DeLong, M. L. Strawser, and H. G. Barton.

The Council did not have meetings from 1926 until 1932, at which time it was reorganized under the name of Kan-Ka-Kee Council No. 56.

**EVERGREEN CHAPTER No. 169, ORDER OF THE
EASTERN STAR**

By Miss Florence Bowsher

UNDER A DISPENSATION from Mrs. Anna A. Wells, Worthy Grand Matron, and Dr. George A. Astler, Worthy Grand Patron of Ohio, Jacob Balthaser was appointed a special deputy. He, with the officers of Amanda Chapter No. 150 of Amanda, O., instituted Evergreen Chapter on April 15, 1903, with twenty-six charter members. The chapter worked under dispensation until October 24, 1903, when a charter was granted by the Grand Chapter. Mrs. Georgia Griffin Erskine was the first Worthy Matron, and Dr. Howard G. Barton was Worthy Patron.

Evergreen Chapter has paid its quota of one dollar per member to the International Temple Fund and five dollars per member to the Ohio Eastern Star Home. The chapter has been highly favored by the visitations of officers from the Grand Chapter; also high honors from the Grand Chapter have come to several of its members.

An original and unique meeting of Evergreen Chapter is an annual Sunrise Easter Breakfast. The breakfast is prepared and served entirely by the brothers of the chapter. Following the breakfast a special Easter program is given in the chapter room. All is completed in ample time for the members to attend their various places of worship for the Easter services.

On October 10, 1953, Evergreen Chapter celebrated its 50th anniversary with Mrs. Marguerite Steele, Worthy Grand Matron, as a distinguished guest, who presented the two charter members, Mrs. Nellie Leist DeLong and Miss Florence Bowsher with pins for their fifty years of service in the order. Life membership was also presented to these two charter members.

Mrs. Helen M. Kellenberger and George H. Rihl are the 1954 Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. The present membership is one hundred forty-three.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

By Mrs. Donna Beougher

IN THE BEAUTIFUL WOODED SECTION of the Northeastern part of Colerain township around the early years of 1800's homes were being built and buildings erected from logs cut from the virgin timber as the early settlement of Adelphi took place. Not too many homes were built as yet, but the people felt the need of a place to worship. They went from home to home in those early days and held their worship services. As early as 1810 the first Lutheran Church was built, with the Rev. Jacob Leist as the first minister.



Methodist Church of Adelphi, Rev. Richard McDowell, Pastor

Later, another Lutheran Church was built on the land donated by Elizabeth Reichelderfer, under the condition that it would not be used for any other purpose during her lifetime. A large log structure with gallery and elevated pulpit was erected. The Rev. Leist was minister for many years, then the Rev. Jacob Weiner,

the Rev. Langerum and the Rev. Sweeny. The attendance fell away to such a point that they no longer held church. On the lot north of the Lutheran church, the Presbyterians, assisted by the new society of Lutherans, erected a building. The Church was dedicated May 10, 1835, and the first minister was the Father David Jones. The directors of the society at the time of the dedication were Samuel Fetherolf, William Nagle, James Crane, and Dumah Bartlett Sr. Mr. Bartlett was the main stay, but after his death in 1854, it dwindled and soon ceased altogether. The church building was sold to Augustus Rose.

The New Society Lutherans formed another church with a few changes. Rev. Little was the first minister, then Rev. Waddle, Thomas, and Drake. The society was too weak to continue, so it, too, fell by the wayside. Peter Lance was a very prominent member living about two miles from town.

From the Presbyterian church, the German Reformed Church was formed, with the Rev. A. Henry as the minister.

In 1820 the Methodists built a log structure taking only one week to complete. It was situated on the Southwest corner of Market and High streets. In 1858 another church was built on the Southwest corner of Main and Dawson. On this lot stood the first log cabin in Adelphi. The Rev. John Steele was the first minister. They boasted a large attendance. The Rev. Zachariah Horton was in charge of the Sunday School.

About the year 1901 the church was remodeled and the pulpit was taken from the south end and moved to the north end and on the south end, classrooms and a balcony were built. Redecorating was done throughout the church and stained glass windows were donated by several loyal supporters of the church. The Pattersons, Wittwers, Koch and Vaughn families were among some of the members. (Aunt) Etta Patterson was the superintendent for seventeen years. Jacob Koch and (Uncle Billy) Patterson were the song leaders for many years. Rev. John Wittwer was at that time and until recently, the only minister from the Adelphi church, the Rev. Harold Mowery being the latest one. When Rev. L. E. McCandlish was minister, the "Ladies Aid" and the "Missionary society" were united, now forming the "Women's Society of Christian Service."

For thirty-five years Mr. G. H. Armstrong was the Superintendent, and it was during this time that "Rose Sunday" was inaugurated. It was 1920 when Rose Sunday first took place, at the time of year when the roses are blooming in all their glory. Roses were hauled in by trucks by volunteer helpers who got up early Sunday morning to complete their work. From miles around the roses were brought in to make the Adelphi Church a wonderful indoor rose garden. Talent was obtained from all over the county and state, and people made it the time of their yearly visit. Baptism took place at the water fountain, formed by a stream running over rocks and moss, A record attendance of 464 was established. During this occasion one wedding took place. After 22 years, lack of interest disrupted this annual affair and it fell by the way. Following Mr. Armstrong, Mr. H. A. Strous was Superintendent for eight years.

In 1951 the Church did some more remodeling at which time a basement was added. The Rev. Richard McDowell is the present minister. Some of the past ministers were: Rev. Brown, Rev. Durant, Rev. Steele, Rev. R. A. Blair, Rev. J. L. Landsettle, Rev. A. E. McCullough, Rev. J. R. Field, Rev. R. S. Meyer, Rev. S. C. Elsa, Rev. C. L. Thomas, Rev. J. K. Price, Rev. E. B. Dean, Rev. Lester McCandlish, Rev. Bretz, Rev. Webster, Rev. Disbennett, Rev. Wright, Rev. Fraizer, and Rev. Paul Scott.

THE FIRST CHURCH IN HALLSVILLE was a private home. It stood on the north side of the Adelphi pike, in the southwest section nine, on the land owned by Samuel Buchwalter. It was also used as the school house. Peter Cartright and David Young were among the early ministers. In 1815 a very large camp meeting was held just north of Hallsville, with over one thousand persons in attendance, coming from as far as Kentucky. The Rev. Swayze was the local minister of the Methodist church. Jacob DeLay was the minister about the year 1818.

The Hallsville Church was built in 1844 through the efforts of both the Evangelicals and the Methodists. The Evangelicals had the greatest sphere of influence, and later, about the year 1874 the Evangelicals sold their interest to the United Brethren, who used the church half the time and the Methodists the other half. The Rev. William Fisher was their minister. Both churches held semi-monthly services, with Rev. Zachariah Horton, minister.

In the year 1896 a building was built in West Hallsville. It was finished and dedicated on June 7, 1896, when it then became a part of the Adelphi charge. It has seen many coats of paint

and new wallpaper but not until the year 1950 was there any remodeling done. At that time a new basement was put under the old structure. From the beginning of the Sunday School, Mr. Harley Dresback was their Superintendent, never ceasing to be a loyal worker and supporter of the Church. Fifty-three years were given in service to the church by Mr. Dresback until his death in 1953.

Near the center of the township the Swamp Church was erected around 1846 by the United Brethren and the German Reform organization. Rev. Pleasant Brock was the minister, later followed by the Rev. Jacob in 1852. Several members followed Rev. Jacob and in 1859 a large new church was built under the leadership of Rev. Jacob, who was followed by the Rev. Brice. The Sabbath school was supported by both societies. Mr. Brice was succeeded by Rev. Thomas. After the withdrawal of Rev. Brice the attendance grew smaller until after two years of service, by Rev. Dent and a short period by Rev. McWherter, the preaching ceased altogether, although the organization made their reports to the clerk, A. G. Hinton. The Presbyterians finally sold the church to the United Brethren. This is the present Colerain Church. During the time Rev. Welsh was minister, the church was remodeled, being turned around to face the north. This was done about the year 1919.

In the Southeastern part of Colerain in Tar Hollow, at the head of Pike Run, the Pine Grove Church was situated. It belonged to the United Brethren denomination. The names found among its membership were Waites, Gross, Vanfossen, Fullers, Corrick, Hinton, and many more. George Hempleman was their first minister.

In February of 1950 the need for another church in Adelphi was felt by the Rev. Bernice Clary, who held her first meetings in the K. of P. building, across the street from the Methodist Church. The new Church was called the Adelphi Mission, and continued in that location for four years. A school bus was used to go out and pick up the people from the country. In the spring of 1954 a new church building was started and was finished in time for the first services on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954. The Church is known as the Adelphi Community Church. It is interdenominational and the Rev. Bernice Clary is still the pastor.

Financial Institutions

By Mr. O. B. Armstrong

COLERAIN BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

THE EARLIEST RECORD of a financial institution in the village is July 1, 1896, when the Colerain Building and Loan Association opened its books for business.

Some of its early officers were Mr. Jacob Koch, President; W. W. Patterson, Secretary, and Robert Swinehart, Attorney.

The Colerain Building and Loan Company served this community very nicely for twenty-five years. Then its Board of Trustees saw fit to liquidate and the last entry on its books was on the 13th day of March, 1921, when it paid its depositors and stockholders in full.

THE ADELPHI BANKING COMPANY

THIS INSTITUTION opened its doors for business on the 18th day of July, 1907. Mr. Edward J. Wittwer, Mr. Hugh F. Egan, Robert Swinehart and a number of other people in the village and community did much of the preliminary work that is required for establishing a business of this kind.

The following were the first officers of The Adelphi Banking Company:

Mr. Edward J. Wittwer, President.

Mr. George B. Armstrong, Vice President.

Hugh F. Egan, Secretary.

O. B. Armstrong, Cashier.

The original capital was \$25,000.00, all subscribed and paid in by local people. This capital was increased to \$35,000.00 in 1947.

This bank has served the people of this community well and the latest published report of June 30, 1954, shows assets of more than \$1,500,000.

On the latest published report it showed capital of \$35,000.00, surplus of \$40,000.00 and undivided profits and reserves of near \$39,000.00.

The motto of the bank has always been, "Safety and Service."

The present officers and directors are as follows:

George E. Armstrong, President.

C. B. Bode, Vice President.

Herbert Leshar, Cashier and Secretary.

Robert L. DeLong, Asst. Cashier and Asst. Secretary.

Yvonne Drake, Bookkeeper.

Directors: O. B. Armstrong, Chairman of the board; C. B. Bode, George E. Armstrong, F. M. Bowsher, S. H. Leshar, David Pontious, Herbert Leshar, and Robert L. DeLong.

OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The members of the Adelphi-Colerain Sesquicentennial Historical Committee desire to express our thanks for the splendid co-operation we have received in securing the old histories and newspapers from which we have attempted to record the facts. We are especially indebted to the Editor of Norfolk & Western Magazine for a picture of "Old Susan," the engine on the Kingston-Adelphi Railroad.

The time allotted to our committee has been very limited for us to do the necessary research; however we trust that our efforts to bring together the facts as we have found them will meet the approval of our many readers.

Space will not permit the listing of all of those who have made this small volume possible.

Your Committee:

James O. Archer
O. B. Armstrong
Miss Florence Bowsher
Mrs. Donna Karshner
Mrs. Donna Beougher

Adelphi and Its Founders

By James O. Archer

ON MAY 19th, 1804 a copy of the original plat of the village of Adelphi was submitted to the Recorder of Ross County bearing the following certification:

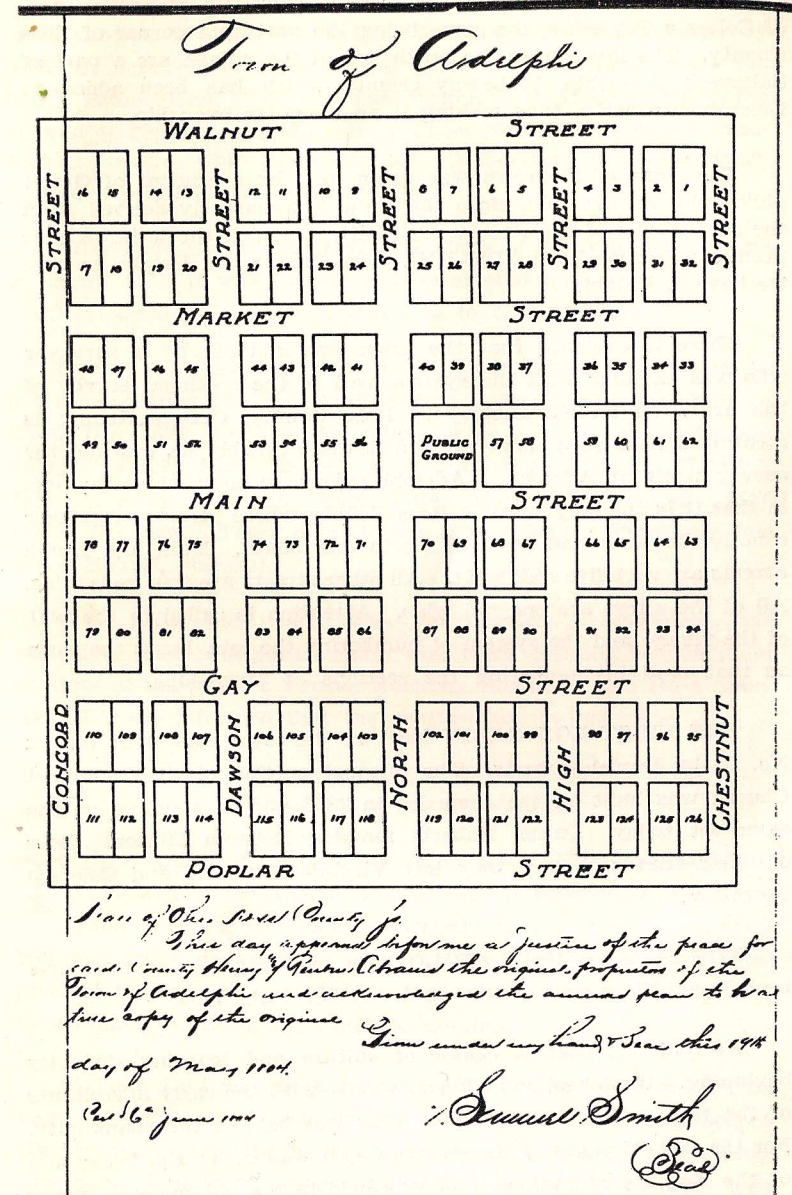
"Town of Adelphi,

"State of Ohio, Ross County:

"This day appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace for said County, Henry and Ruben Abrams, the original proprietors of the town of Adelphi and acknowledged the annexed plan to be a true copy of the original.

"Given under my hand and seal this 19th day of May, 1804.
Cert. 6th of June, 1804.

SAMUEL SMITH."
[SEAL]



The village is located in the northeast quarter of Section one, of Colerain Township, the same being the northeast corner of Ross County. The lots across the north end of the village are a part of Saltcreek Township, Pickaway County which has been added to Colerain Township, thus making it an irregular township.

The name of the town was given to it by a student of Greek philosophy we are told, since the name is apparently derived from the sacred city of the Greeks, DELPHI, to which the letter A was prefixed; thus we have ADELPHI. The Greeks had Delphi, so here we have A Delphi.

There is evidence that the town was laid out by a surveyor who was familiar with the system used in the sectional survey of the area. In an old History of Ross County, George Renick is mentioned as such a surveyor, and it was probably he who did the survey work at Adelphi. Adelphi enjoys an unusual distinction, in that it is the only town in Ross County whose streets are either exactly due east and west, or north and south. Main and North Streets are each five rods wide. All other streets are four rods wide. All of the alleys are one rod wide. Attention is called to the plat of the village and the system of numbering the lots, being the same as that used in numbering the sections of Townships.

THE FIRST LOG CABIN built in the town was built on lot No. 75 by Daniel Roberts. The original portion of the Methodist Church was built on the same lot in 1858 and is standing on the same lot today. Daniel Roberts married Rebecca Hinton, sister of Elias Hinton, before they left Virginia for Ohio and Colerain Township.

THE FIRST WHITE CHILD born in Adelphi is said to have been Israel Zimmerman, born on December 12th, 1804.

Adelphi has been a center of culture and learning since its beginning. Its School and Churches start with the early inhabitants of the town. For many years a Fair was held in the community. For the last 25 years of its observance, it was under the leadership of the Knights of Pythias, and was held in the old mineral spring grounds just north of the town.

Adelphi was long noted for its meat packing industry. Its most famous product — Adelphi Bologna — is remembered by folks for hundreds of miles around. The town for many years has had a Brass Band. The last one organized in 1923, still delights crowds at functions in the county under the name Adelphi Community Band. Ohio governors have pronounced it as the finest Community Band in the State of Ohio.

THE OLD COVERED BRIDGE north of town was a famous landmark until it was burned in 1954 after a new concrete bridge was completed a few rods downstream to take its place.

During the winter of 1837-38 the State Legislature passed an act incorporating the Village of Adelphi. An election was held on April 7th, 1838, electing the following as the first officers for the village: James Hall, Mayor; John Patterson, Abraham Cartlich, John A. Smith, William Hugh, Peter Markel, Councilmen; John Lewis, Recorder. These men elected James Fowler, Treasurer, and Amos Howell, Marshal.

Soon after the village was incorporated a movement was started to make Adelphi a county seat town, forming a county out of parts of the present Vinton, Hocking, Pickaway and Ross Counties. We are informed that the venture lost by one vote.

ECONOMY — HALLSVILLE

THE SECOND CENTER OF POPULATION in the Township is located on the Adelphi Pike about five miles west of Adelphi. John Buckwalter, Ephraim Driesbach and Ambrose Grafton laid out the town in June of 1837. The name of Economy was given to the town by John Buckwalter, from a town in Pennsylvania by the name of Economy, which he admired.

William Hall became the first postmaster of the town and the name Hallsville was given to the post office which soon became popular among the citizens and today remains the name of the town. The name Economy is today only used in connection with legal documents and deeds in the transfer of real property.

Just south of Adelphi is located the residence of Jesse Spencer, who operated the land office in this area during the early part of the century. The land office was a small building in the northwest corner of the front yard of the Spencer home. Mr. Spencer came to Adelphi from Chillicothe, where he operated the land office. He died in 1840. Frank Cryder, son of George and Mary Bowsher Cryder, lived in the Spencer home for many years. The home was owned for more than 50 years by Robert Swinehart and is now owned by Russell Cox.

PYTHIAN SISTERS

By Miss Florence Bowsher

THROUGH THE INTEREST of Dr. R. H. Bowsher and C. M. Leist, Adelphi Temple No. 563, Pythian Sisters was instituted August 12, 1910, with twenty charter members. Three charter members are still very active in this organization. They are Hattie Cryder, Martha Heffner and Florence Bowsher. Pythian Sisters own the K. of P. Hall in the village of Adelphi. This group celebrated its fortieth anniversary August 12, 1950, and forty year pins were presented to the charter members.

LADIES AUXILIARY OF DEPARTED COMRADE POST No. 9454, ADELPHI, OHIO

By Mrs. Don Patterson

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of Departed Comrade Post No. 9454 of Adelphi, Ohio, was organized June 24, 1948. The officers of this new group were: President, Florence Barton; Senior Vice President, Violet Conrad; Junior Vice President, Mary Danner; Treasurer, Phyllis Notestone; Chaplain, Mary Campbell; Conductress, Georgia Notestone; Guard, Evelyn Bullock; Three Year Trustee, Lerma Mahoney; Two Year Trustee, Hattie Conrad; One Year Trustee, Kathryn Hart; Secretary, Nina Ricketts; Patriotic Instructor, Vera Garrett; and Historian, Bernetta Vorhees.

The Ladies Auxiliary is an organization which helps the Veterans of Foreign War Post No. 9454 with their various projects. The 1954 officers are: President, Grace Markel; Senior Vice President, Ollie Brown; Junior Vice President, Mary Campbell; Treasurer, Ruth Tatman; Chaplain, Clara Jane Frazier; Conductress, Florence Barton; Guard, Hazel McNeal; Three Year Trustee, Loie Tatman; Two Year Trustee, Georgia Notestone; One Year Trustee, Kathryn Hart; and Secretary, Nina Ricketts.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, ORGANIZATION, DEPARTED COMRADE POST No. 9454

By Mrs. Don Patterson

THIS GROUP WAS MUSTERED in May 15, 1947 with Frank C. Barton as Commander. The installing officer was R. L. Ritchey of Chillicothe, Ohio, the Twelfth District Commander. Post No. 108 of Chillicothe helped with the installation of the officers and the organization of this new post. Serving under the new commander were Warren Barton Good as Adjutant and Quartermaster; Creighton Notestone, Senior Vice Commander; William Markel, Junior Vice Commander; and J. R. Mahoney, Chaplain.

Post No. 9454 started with 14 charter members and had grown to 78 members by the end of the first year. They first met in the K. of P. building and later purchased the slaughter house property and had club rooms there. They now meet in the rooms offered for public use by the Red Men Lodge.

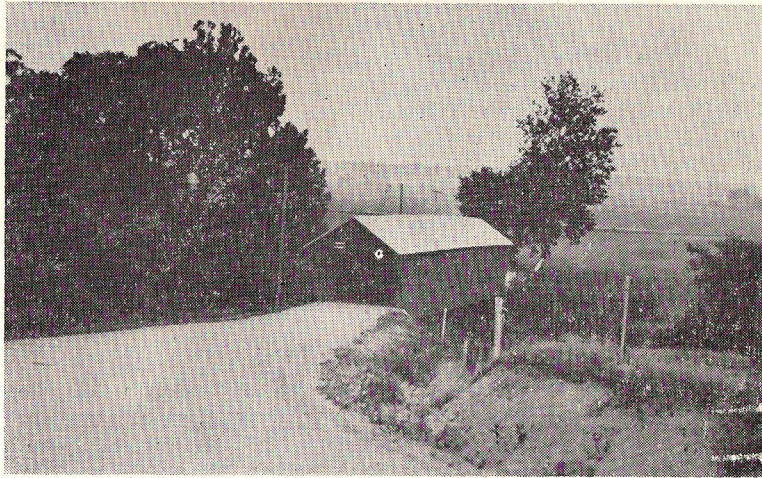
Help is extended to veterans through this organization and each Memorial Day and Armistice Day they decorate the graves of their comrades and conduct military services on these holidays. They are also called upon to participate in the funeral services of those desiring military funerals.

Present officers of this organization are: Melvin Tatman, Commander; Ronald Rossiter, Adjutant and Quartermaster; Francis Byron Barton, Senior Vice Commander, Johnny Thompson; Junior Vice Commander; and Frank C. Barton, Chaplain.

Adelphi's Old Covered Bridge

By Mrs. Donna Karshner

ON AUGUST 11 1855, SPECIFICATIONS were written up for a bridge to be built across Salt Creek. The contract was given to John Karshner and his partner, Samuel Hanniger. SPECIFICATIONS: Lumber for a bridge across Salt Creek at the town of Adelphi. The bridge to be one hundred and six feet in length and sixteen feet in width in the clear and ninety feet between abutments, the Cond to be 21 feet 3 inches long and 11 inches wide and 2½ inches thick.



The tnedes to be 19 feet, 6 inches long and 11 inches wide and 2½ inches thick.

The top braces one set to be 23 feet long and 2 by 8, the other set 23 feet long and 2 by 5.

Rafters, small, 2 by 6 and 2 by 4.

Principal rafter to be 4 by 4 at one end and 4 by 6 at the other end; rafter beams 4 by 6.

Floor beams 6 by 12 and 18 feet long.

Floor braces 3 by 6.

Two bearing beams 19 feet long by 12.

Two bearing beams 32 feet long 12 by 12.

Four balens beams 16 feet long, 12 by 15.

Four braces 8 feet long 4 by 15 from abutment to balens beam.

The timber to be of White or Burr Oak, clear of knot or crack or wind shaken, the pins to be of Burr Oak 2 inches thick.

Height of lattice work 14½ feet, all planks used for lattice work 11 inches wide by 2½ inches thick and 17½ feet long.

Width inside in the clear 12 feet..

Base of abutments 20 feet by 6 feet at base, 14½ feet by 4 feet at top, stonework 11½ feet high.

Construction of the bridge was started during the fall of 1855. The stone for the abutments was quarried near Laurelville. After the construction had begun, the work went along very well until one day in November. It seems that on Nov. 20, they were preparing for the raising of the bridge. John Karshner was working under the structure, and John Cherry stepped in to replace him. When the bridge was being raised, the timbers fell, some striking John Cherry and fatally injuring him. Early in the winter of 1855, the bridge was completed.

With the coming of the automobile and its accompanying hazards, the old bridge became a danger spot. On rainy days it was a common sight to see one or two wagons or other horse-drawn vehicles parked in the bridge. It was decided that the bridge should have some of its side boards cut down, exposing the lattice work, and admitting more light.

Although for many the old bridge held pleasant memories, there were others that greatly disliked it. Several attempts were made to destroy the bridge. After enduring all this, it was still in perfect condition when it was replaced by the new structure. The old wooden bridge in its picturesque setting was an ideal subject for both amateur and professional photographers, who treasure in their collections photos of the Old Adelphi Bridge.

When it was learned that the bridge was to be taken away, local citizens desiring to save the old structure, got up a petition with the hope they could preserve it. It had been originally been planned to build a roadside park in that general area and the famous old bridge with its nostalgic memories was desired as a shelter house for the park. Despite all efforts by the people of Adelphi, the beautiful old covered bridge across Salt Creek was burned on June 16, 1954. Peace to its ashes and those of its builders.

And so closes another chapter of living men who took inanimate things and by their patience, craftsmanship and love for natural beauty, created something near and dear to their children. Time marches on in its endless cycle, while progress, remorseless and uncomprehending, destroys the heritage of the past. Alas, why must these things be?

ADELPHI'S SCHOOLS

By Mrs. Donna Karshner and Mrs. Don Patterson

THE EARLIEST SCHOOLS were private schools. James S. Webster taught the first school in Adelphi. A log house, which had been built for a private home, was used at a very early date for a church and school near Hallsville. The first school house in this territory was built between two little streams east of Hallsville in the year 1827. This was succeeded by a frame school house between Hallsville and the first stream east and on the south side of the road. This, in turn, was succeeded by the present school house in Hallsville.

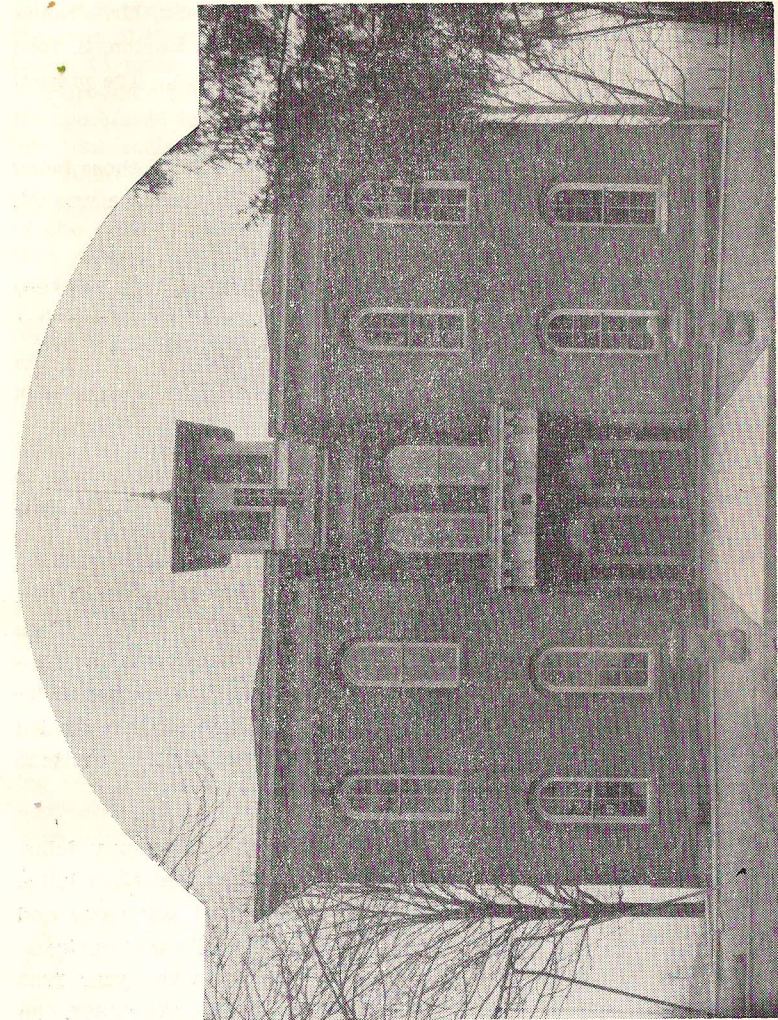
The first school house in Adelphi was built in the south end of town on what later became the Lutheran Church lot and graveyard on Concord Street.

In 1844 or 1845 a brick school was built on the corner of North and Main Streets (at the back of the lot on which the town hall was subsequently built, and it was the only one of its kind for many years. It contained one room and cost about three hundred dollars. Thomas Armstrong was the first teacher.

In 1870 the growth of the town made a new building necessary. It was located on Market Street, west of Concord. This new building was built of brick with stone trimmings and cost nine thousand, seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents. The building was two stories high and contained two school rooms, cloakrooms, halls, etc., on each floor. School was begun in this building in November, 1870, with Alanson Newman as the principal. Mr. I. M. Stewart followed, continuing three years. He was then succeeded by Mr. Isaac Jordan.

In the township at large there were eight school houses: Bull Creek, Abernathy, Rock Hill, Oak Lane, Walnut Valley, Dresbach, Hallsville (2 rooms), and Brimstone. Bricks from the old Abernathy School and the Oak Lane School were used in the construction of the music room at the present Centralia School.

Early teachers were Ida Belle Walton, Maggie Cosgrove, Lusie Holderman and Minnie Roult. In addition to the above named prin-



ADELPHI SCHOOL in 1925. Superintendent, Mr. W. H. Barton; Principal, Mrs. W. H. Barton. The graduates of that year were all boys: Ray Kitchen, Floyd Stewart, Maynard Tomlinson, and Edward Weston.