

This was duly approved by the Conference, started, and finished!

In the winter of 1973-74, further repairs were made so that today it is pretty well in order.

In 1963, work was begun on parsonage cistern on October 10. It is to be 12x12x10 or 1440 cu. ft. It is to be reinforced with steel rods. (1440x7½ gal. equals 10,800 gal capacity) It is to cost \$751.00. The top will be poured October 15. Hallsville's share \$375.50. In 1973 further repairs were made on the parsonage house.

HALLSVILLE UNITED BRETHREN LADIES AID

In January, 1901, a Ladies Aid Society was organized with following ladies recorded as members: Mrs. Jennie Martin (wife of the pastor, J.W. Martin), president; Mrs. Alice Reed, vice president; Miss Maggie Walker, secretary; Miss Lena Maag, assistant secretary; Miss Ella Maag, treasurer; Mrs. Martha Wagner, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Stella Maag, Mrs. Mary Wolf, Mrs. Wilda Markel, Mrs. Lucinda Reed, Mrs. Annie Barnhart, Mrs. Leah Rebstock, Mrs. Frank Holderman, Mrs. Newton Kerns, Miss Mattie Dresbach ("Aunt Mat"), Stella Holderman (who later married Roland Pontious). Honorary members were the Rev. Mr. J. W. Martin and Dave and Bill Wilkinson.

During the year, several socials were held and the members made quilts for which chances were sold at .10c each. Miss Ella Maag held the ticket which won the quilt. This quilt was on display in June, 1937, at the Hallsville Centennial celebration. Secretary records for 1902 and 1903 are no longer available but in 1904, we find Mrs. Rose Faulkner, Miss Rebecca Wagner, Mary Wagner, Mrs. Alice Reed, Katie Imler, Ella Kellenberger, Mrs. Anise Buchanan, as members. Officers were Mrs. Martha Wagner, president; Matilda Holderman, vice president; Katie Imler, secretary; Viola Faulkner, treasurer.

In December, 1909, an old time social was held. Proceeds: \$31.90. In 1907, hostesses were Mrs. Levi (Ila) Tatman, Rose Dresbach, Delilah Hough, Alice Reed, Ella Kellenberger, Bertha Atkins, Ethel Patrick, Alice Roll, Matilda Holderman, Miss Minnie Maag (who died in August, 1974, at the age of 90), and Viva Hough. New members were Mrs. Rebecca Bookwalter, Rella Reichelderfer, Mrs. Sollars, Susanna Cryder, Conda Smith, Bertha May, and Nettie Dresbach.

In 1914 and 1915, officers were: Stella Maag Squires, president; Mrs. Halterman, wife of the pastor, vice president; Ada Dresbach, secretary; Sophia Roll, treasurer. Members were Mrs. Elias DeLong, Mary Carnes, Bessie Dawson, Rosa Karshner, Leota Clark, Minnie Yapple, Ada Cryder, Cleo Hunter, Iva Barnes, Mae Coey, Ethel Smith, Cleo Bower, Effie

Pontious, Mary Diehl, Mrs. Susan Diehl, Freda Wilson, Anna Hough, Mrs. Roscoe Yapple, Mrs. A. W. Whetstone, Julia May, Msr. Cerrie Diehl, Nora Ogg, Leota Holderman, Pearl Maag, Zelma Richter, Cecil Clark, Grace Dresbach, Hazel Carnes, Lona Barnhart, Lida Coey, Mrs. H. B. Welch, Bertha Diehl, Rose Pontious, Martha Heffner, Bernice Hough, Alma Fisher, Harriet Chester, Jennie Moss, Mrs. Harvey McGee, Eva Ziegler, Opal Dawson, Mazie Jones, Trieba Canter, Mrs. Beulah Brown, Alice Yapple, Mrs. Calhoun, Bernice Atkins, Bessie Raymond, Donna Moss, Mae Pontious, and Hazel Bower.

Later than 1925, Mrs Hugh Leasure, Ethel Minser, Annie Diehl, Clara Buchwalter, Dulcie Gatwood, Ruth and Lola Dawson, Lucille Pontious, Hazel Karshner, Dorothy McNeal, Mary Imler, Tessie and Ethel Jones, Mary Jones, Mrs. Bertha Kerns and Mrs. Bert Fox were added. In later years, Marceleete Dresbach, Florence Cryder, Mary K. Delong, Mrs. Emmitt Frazier, Winifred Schaal were added to this list at various times, as were other faithful community church women.

These meetings were held monthly. Dues were .10c per month. The Aid was called on to fill the financial church gap very, very often. It provided opportunity for a get together for the women of the church which today is sadly missed.

Time has brought its changes and the Ladies Aid here gave way to the revived Missionary Society after the 1946 merger with the Evangelicals and later, 1968, with the Methodist denomination. This later WSWs has also disbanded due to the deaths of old members and lack of new ones.

HALLSVILLE U.B. MISSIONARY SOCIETY BROTHERHOOD

Missionary Society and Brotherhood

The first missionary society was organized November 12, 1891, after a grey-haired returned missionary from Africa lectured at the United Brethren Church. Lizzie Wagner was president; Stella Maag, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. C. Rebstock, Mrs. Matilda Holderman, Phoebe Bookwalter, Lizzie Wagner, Ella and Stella Maag were among the members. In March, 1943, after a lapse of many years, a new missionary organization was formed. Its membership was composed of women from the Hallsville and Colerain churches, with Mrs. Stanley Dunkle, the pastor's wife, president.

Hallsville's first Brotherhood was organized in 1943 by the Rev. Mr. Stanley Dunkle. Officers were Bert Fox, president; Nelson E. Kerns, secretary; Clinton Speakman, treasurer. John Hinton was next president of the organization. Franklin Dresbach was secretary and Clinton Speakman was treasurer during this term.

When this area was re-districted, the original organizational structure became divided. Both organizations are now discontinued.

THE STORY OF THE BELL OF THE HALLSVILLE CHURCH

On February 4, 1878, Mr. Julius Rebstock wrote the Buckeye Bell Foundry, Vanduzen and Tift, 102 East Second Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, for a price list on church bells. In reply to his letter, Buckeye Bell agreed to furnish the church with a two hundred pound bell for \$60.20, with \$2.00 extra for a tolling hammer, making a total of \$62.20. The company also donated to the church the freight to McCoy's Station. Immediately Mr. Rebstock set out with his name heading the list of contributors to purchase the bell. It may be of interest to know that the following contributed to this cause: J. C. Rebstock, L. Crites, Nat Barnhart, William Pontious, Fred Pontious, Jacob Delong, J. F. Maag, Charles Hickle, Norris Reed, Reuben Dresbach, Mrs. Reuben Dresbach, Daniel Dresbach, Mrs. Daniel Dresbach, H. Bookwalter, Mrs. C. Bookwalter, Simon Bookwalter, H. E. Barnhart, John Ranck, John Minser, Robert Crawford, John May, Leroy May, Oliver Holderman, Hannah Holderman, Dr. Harvey Dresbach, Annie Jones, F. Pontious, Ged Dresbach, Englehart Rebstock, Mrs. Mary Rebstock, Allen Pontious, W. C. Gildersleeve, H. C. Cooper, Henry Eckel, Mrs. Saloma Bookwalter, J. W. Walker, Jacob Strawser, Byron Strawser, C. M. Reynolds, Samuel Reed, Mrs. Susa Bookwalter, Jacob Pontious, Tamson Hickle, Levi Buchwalter, A. J. Bowers, E. N. Schwin, Mrs. Jane Patrick, Edward Pontious, Maggie Ortman, Mrs. Cath Crawford, Jacob Hickle, J. Throckmorton, J. Counselor, J. C. McKitrick, A. Reichelderfer, W. D. Gildersleeve, Cath Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. William Dawson, Frank Holderman, L. O. Bookwalter, George Thompson, Josephas Dresbach, George Jennings, William Jennings, H. Dresbach, David Pontious, W. H. Dresbach, George Hoover, J. H. Hickle, Samuel Hickle, Charles Karshner, Elihu Holderman, M. L. Buchwalter, Daniel Cramblit, Salina Friece, Lewis Montgomery, A. Buchwalter, Joseph Hough, Phillis Ranck, James Dawson, Mattie Dresbach, Ella McCue, Thomas McGrady, Mary McGrady, Mrs. Anna Ranck, Allen Karshner, and Elica Hickle.

On February 28, 1878, the bell was installed.

BULLETIN BOARD

On a pleasant Sunday morning in 1947 during the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Louis Mathew, a group of friends gathered at the front of the Hallsville church. The occasion was the presentation and dedication of the church bulletin board, which is still in use.

Minnie Houser Yaple, wife of Roscoe Yaple and mother of Florence and Russell Yaple, had come to live in our church community as a bride approximately 1903. During the years, she taught the women's Sunday school class and was president of the Ladies Aid. This involved getting up at 5:00 A.M. on Sundays in order to get the chores finished, the children ready, and allow time for the trip to church. Mrs. Yaple was one of the first tithers of the church, and she continued this practice

throughout her life. Shortly after her death in 1943, the family found that she had put aside \$200 to be given to her home church. For a time this was invested in a savings bond. With the consent of her family, the bulletin board was presented to the church. It was accepted with grateful appreciation and thanks of the people of the Hallsville U.B. Church. A church has its place, its work, its responsibilities, and its victories. This one has endured one hundred thirty years. It has seen and known tragedy, sacrifice, victory, and joy in service.

CEMETERIES

Four cemeteries are located quite near Hallsville. The old Throckmorton cemetery about one mile north of the Whisler Road is no longer in use, but here lie sleeping many of the early pioneers of the community. The Dawson Cemetery to the East on the north side of Route 180 (on a hill on the Adam Schaal farm) has also been abandoned and but four graves remain. The Hickle Cemetery on the former Herman Dresbach farm was the private burial plot of the Hickle family. The earliest internment recorded is 1829, the latest, 1845.

An old burial plot is recalled by the older inhabitants of this area. It was located on the property (on Main Street in Hallsville, State Route 180) of Hugh Clark Jr. just north of the house. These graves were never removed, but time has obliterated all trace of them.

The second oldest burial plot in Colerain Township is located one mile west of Hallsville on State Route 180. It was first used in 1811 when Jacob Strauser was buried there. He was killed at a barn-raising on the Martin Dresbach farm nearby. This site was used as a burying ground from that time forth, but was not laid out until 1844 when it was used in connection with the United Brethren Church in this area. The burials were in rows, as Infants' Row, Dresbach Row, etc., with no places or lots sold or reserved. The land was donated by Martin Dresbach and it was commonly called Dresbach Cemetery.

We find mention of this transaction made in the will of Martin Dresbach, January 27, 1849, wherein he divided his property amongst his family excepting so much of the land as is included by me on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1849 to Thomas McGrady and Benjamin Dresbach, son in law and brother of Martin Dresbach, trustees of the United Brethren in Christ in this neighborhood. This is part of East half of Section 18, Township 10, Range 20. (Martin Dresbach's will, probated October 16, 1850).

Communication with the Rev. Mr. C.A. Walter, former U.B. Conference historian, brought information from Portsmouth, Ohio, dated October 29, 1953. It reads in part: "On receipt of your letter, I immediately looked up the facts pertaining to the Hallsville Cemetery and find the following as recorded in the minutes of Southeast Ohio Conference for

"We, the undersigned trustees of the United Brethren Church in Christ of Hallsville, Ohio, and also trustees of the United Brethren Cemetery of Hallsville do find that said United Brethren Church Cemetery is and always has been a burden on the church, in keeping it in such shape and repairs as it ought to be, and being approached by a

public spirited and generous class of citizens to and have said cemetery placed and kept up under endowment plan, without further expenses to the church, therefore, be it resolved: that the above cemetery be transferred to an independent society, to be known as the Hallsville Cemetery Society, and that we ask your honorable body to cooperate with us to this end. Signed: J.F. Maag, Herman Dresbach, Grant Dresbach, Timothy Routt, Amos Brown, J.C. Rebstock, Joseph Wagner, David W. Jones, J. W. Martin, pastor."

The above was duly approved by the conference. Later purchase of land has increased the size of the cemetery.

Additional ground was purchased in 1903, and the Hallsville Cemetery Association was formed. Mrs. Keiah B. Hosler, Grant Dresbach, and John Towers formed the committee in charge with I.T. Jones, Matthew Moore, M.L. Buchwalter, Herman Dresbach, Rufus B. Hosler, J.B. Towers, the Rev. Mr. J.W. Martin, Grant Dresbach and Jacob Hickle signing the Articles of Incorporation of the Hallsville Cemetery Association on May 30, 1903. Lots in the "old" part are still used free of charge, but the new part was surveyed and lots are purchased therefrom. The name chosen was Maple Grove Cemetery in recognition of the memory of a grove of maple trees which originally stood at the front (north) of the burying ground, Martin Dresbach's sugar camp. These, though, have long since been removed. Many familiar area names are recorded on the markers there. Common usage decrees the names Dresbach or Hallsville Cemetery. Few people now living ever heard of the "Maple Grove" title. Today's officers of the cemetery association are Harold Karshner, William Diehl, Wayne Cryder, Damon Haynes, and T.J. Willis.

WEDDINGS IN CHURCH AND PARSONAGE

The following couples have been married in the Hallsville Church:

Mr. and Mrs. Justin Ater (nee Elizabeth Maag) 7:00 A.M. April 7, 1901.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Joseph (Helen Cryder) December 1, 1945 (H.C. Elliott)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newton (Thelma Jones) Sept. 1, 1949 (L.C. Mathew)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shoemaker (Mae Jones)
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knapp (Blanche Nihiser) July 5, 1952 (Allen Garner)
Mr and Mrs. T.J. Willis (Charlene Karshner)
Mr. and Mrs. D. Reichelderfer (C. Delong) June 7, 1970 (L.C. Mathew)
Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodward (D. Morrison) Aug. 10, 1971 (L.C. Mathew)
Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Congrove (N. Robinson) Dec. 31, 1971 (L.C. Mathew)
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Congrove
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Karshner (Ruby Smith)
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bowsher (Suzanne Karshner) Oct. 12, 1967
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mathew (P. Shoemaker) July 1, 1972 (L.C. Mathew)
Weddings held in the parsonage include those of Tessie and Dwight Jones (March 5, 1927), by the Rev. S.R. Shaw; Garnet Congrove and Clarence Russell, May 5, 1941, by Earl Anderson; Opal Dawson and Ollen Swepston, by the Rev. Clyde A. Walter; Martha Hardesty and Mike Nungester; Eleanor O'dell and Golden Jacobs, October 25, 1950 by the Rev. E.B. White.

PASTORS OF HALLSVILLE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

Pastors of the Hallsville United Brethren Church since its date of purchase from the Evangelical Association in 1874:

Date: The Reverends:

- 1876-1879 William Price
 1880-1883 William Fisher, August 30, 1880 - also September 11
 1883-1885 Jesse McLaughlin
 1885 1887 T.L. Haas (with J.H. Jackson, presiding elder, Sept. 30, 1885)
 1887 1889 James Windom (married John Hinton and Mahala Wilson)
 1889 1890 Charles Haas
 1890 1891 Perry Hinton (bought Class Book in 1873)
 1891 1892 M. Winget (organized our first missionary society)
 1892 1893 N.E. Cornetet
 1893 1897 Joshua S. Turbin (He was a Carpenter; built Hallsville U.B. parsonage in 1896).
 1897 1900 J.B. Mathias (preached his first sermon Nov. 10, 1897)
 1900 1903 John W. Martin (held protracted meeting at Colerain, 6 weeks and 4 days.)
 1903 1905 Charles H. Faulkner (first sermon October 15, 1903)
 1905 1907 John W. Martin (again) (He moved to Proctorville, Ohio 1907)
 1907 1909 George H. Sollars
 1909 1912 L.L. Harris (brother of E.E. Harris, editor of church publication, "The Watchword").
 1912 1915 Winfield Scott Halterman
 1915 1916 John Walker
 1916 1918 Henry W. Woodward (A staunch Democrat).
 1918 1921 Harry B. Welch (wife, Daisy).
 1921 1926 Clyde A. Walter (started Hallsville's Fish Fry, August, 1921).
 1926 1927 Silas R. Shaw
 1927 1930 Mrs. Lulu Shields (Mr. Shields and Alfred Dunkle built the Parsonage front porch).
 1930 1931 E.R. Robinette
 1931 1932 H.O. Davis (left in December, 1932)
 1932 1936 Harvey C. Elliott
 1936 1939 James D. Hopper
 1939 1941 Earl Anderson
 1941 1942 Jonathan Orr (served Hallsville only; he was from Laurelville, Ohio).
 1942 1945 D. Stanley Dunkle (church centennial August 26, 1945. For First time in Hallsville U.B. Church history, we had a Bishop as our Speaker: Bishop A.R. Clippinger).
 1945 1949 Louis C. Mathew (redecorated Hallsville Church).
 1949 1951 E.B. White (remodeled Parsonage).
 1951 1952 Allen Garner
 1952 1955 Roy Standiford
 1955 1958 Lloyd DeLong (parsonage well dug deeper; striking salt and sulphur water).

- 1958 1959 Lennie C. Thompson (died in the pulpit of Colerain Church, Sunday night, February 22, 1959).
 1959 1961 George C. Rodgers (died February 11, 1961 in Chillicothe Hospt.)
 1961 Mrs. George C. Rodgers (JoEllen) Feb. 1961 until conf. in Sept.)
 1961 1963 Kenneth Brown (started first acolyte).
 1963 1965 Richard Darby
 1965 1966 Warner H. Mathias
 1966 Ray Mann (one Month Supply Pastor).
 1966 1968 Gerald E. Seymour
 1968 1969 Emmett Frazier (resigned from pastorate Jan. 18, 1969)
 1969 Clayton F. Lutz (supply pastor, retired conference Supt.,)
 1969 1971 James Sager
 1971 Pat Drewry

PARSONAGE CHILDREN

Elmer and Ida McLaughlin, Leon Winget (oldest Peace Corps volunteer from the United States.), Florence and Andy Mathias, Ollen, Carl and Bess Martin, Paul and Rosa Faulkner, Worden, Orella, (Also a set of twin girls born in the parsonage) Harris, Virgil, Virginia and Kenneth Halterman, Raymond Welch, Elizabeth, Richard and Margaret Marie Walter, Howard Shaw, Lawrence Shields and son Harry Emerson Shields, Lillian, Alice, Norma, and Harold Robinette, Niece, Margaret Perry Davis, Floyd and Pauline Elliott, James Hopper, Marian Louise Mathew, Don White, Patty and Allana Garner, Cherie, Linda and Michael Delong, Gregory Rodgers, Melody and Melissa Darby, Michael, Pat and Gera Seymour, Brian and Brent Sager, Kim, David and Dale Drewry.

THE HALLSVILLE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

The survey of Hallsville was done by P.N. White (Pickaway County Surveyor), June 22, 1837, for Ambrose Grafton (who lived in Mae Pontious' house just east of today's Hallsville Community Church). John Buchwalter (son of Joseph, who came to Hallsville in 1812), and Ephraim Dresbach (son of Martin). The record was received June 29, 1837, and recorded the same day. John Buchwalter built the first house erected after the village was surveyed. This house is now occupied by the Larry Mitten family and is three doors west of the United Brethren parsonage. In 1884, John Buchwalter also donated the site for the present United Methodist (former U.B.) Church which was built by the Evangelical Association and dedicated August 30, 1845, "to be used by any and all creeds." Daniel Pickel (father of Penina Pickel who was for 23 years a teacher in the Hallsville School) and Sam Buchwalter (son of Joseph) helped in the erection of this building. The church was dedicated, as previously noted, on August 30, 1845. This was the day Elizabeth Metzler, the mother of Mrs. Oscar (Ella) Kellenberger was born. The recollection of this event helped establish the date of the Hallsville Centennial celebration, held August 26, 1945, the Sunday nearest August 30th. For the first time a bishop spoke in our church, Bishop A.R. Clippinger. The original building was rectangular in shape and was 44x54'. Two exit doors faced south. The door at the right was for the women to enter;

the door on the left was for men. Women sat together on the right side of the church; men, to the left. Children sat with their mothers. I always liked the story of the twelve year old boy who went in the entrance to the right with his mother; then, while she straightened her belongings, purse, umbrella, etc. he made a bee-line for the men's side, no longer a child.

The pulpit with the place for the choir and the organ at its right was located at the northern end of the building. Heavy shutters covered the windows and during the time of the evening service the only light which shone outside came from the transom above the doors. Two coal stoves warmed the building and coal oil lamps were placed in front and hung from chandeliers. The belfry was added and the bell was hung February 28, 1878. Also to the north were two large windows and this was the place Santa Claus entered (by the north window nearest the Christmas tree, where a bucket of water was kept to make the tree candles safe), On one memorable occasion, Santa Claus got mixed up in the water bucket!

On October 4, 1875, proceedings were started for the sale of Lot #19 in Hallsville by James Riegel and Wm. C. Gildersleeve as trustees of the Evangelical Association of Economy (Hallsville), also J.W. Walker, presiding Elder. Then on January 17, 1876 it was ordered that Lot #19 be sold at private sale for the best price obtainable. And use the funds for the building of a Mission Church for the Evangelical Association at Columbus, Ohio. So this property was sold to John Ortman, John C. Hinton and Daniel Dresbach, trustees of the United Brethren in Christ for the sum of \$600.00.

In 1896 the Methodists built for their class a new church at the west end of town.

In 1919 during the pastorate of the Rev. H.B. Welch, the church was remodeled much as you see it today. Several years later, the back door at the west and the entrance thereto were added. This complies with state regulations as well as provides a means of entrance for latecomers. Under the pastorate of the Rev. L.C. Mathew, plans were made to have the church re-decorated. This was done. There have been three organs in our church (prior to the present one). Clara Hettinger and the Rebstocks got the first organ; Mrs. Simon Bookwalter, the second; Mrs. Mae Pontious, the third (in 1898).

Early pianist known throughout the years have included Miss Alice Hickle and Mrs. Herman (Ada) Dresbach. Later there was Mae Coey, who at first could play only two pieces, "Work, for the Night Is Coming" and "America" We sang these each Sunday! Mae learned other pieces, and we have benefitted through the years by various other pianists. Mrs. Louis Cryder, Mrs. T.J. Willis, and Mrs. Guy Mathew are learning on the new organ and plan to use the opportunity for group lessons which is being made available. Charlene Willis made and presented the organ cover.

During the pastorate of Kenneth Brown, Tom Cryder was asked to be our first acolyte. (Tom practiced lighting his matches in his fathers

hayⁿow! With the addition of a second Candlelighter, others served in this capacity, as Jeff Mathew, Mike Cryder, Stacy Carmean, Tom Karshner, Larry Karshner, and Brian Shoemaker. John Mathew and Richard Cryder were ushers.

The preacher's desk and a small secretary's table were made and presented to the church years ago by Mr. Rebstock. William Barnhart presented the electric clock, which you see in use on the east wall. The Communion table was given by the family of Bert and Ursa Fox in memory of their parents. A church school class purchased the glass top and its equipment. In 1965 the family of Elwood and Larry Karshner received permission to install three stained glass windows in memory of their sons. In 1974 the Plummer Karshner family presented to the church a new Wurtitzer organ. In 1961 the Viva M. Dresbach Memorial Fund was set up, also a gift from Charles & Carrie Diehl. A picture from Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Dunkle and one from Dulcia Shephard Newlan. A scarf for piano and desk from Miss Grace Dresbach. The bequests of Herman Dresbach and wife Ada Dresbach together with other gifts of time, talent, labor, money, and prayers from many other church friends have kept the (now) Hallsville United Methodist Church alive and progressing. All these things are hereby gratefully acknowledged.

On May 31, 1932, three local young men, members of the Hallsville U.B. Church, Clayton Lutz, Charles Fox, and Gerald Dunkle, received their quarterly conference licenses to preach in the Southeast Ohio United Brethren Conference. This meeting was held at the Colerain Church. In September, 1936, Clayton Lutz received his elders' orders at the annual conference in Westerville and became the first minister so licensed from Hallsville. In August, 1955 C.F. Lutz was elected conference superintendent at the conference held in Newark, Ohio.

I have sketched briefly, and yet at length, many of the material things accomplished by this church. The work of a church in this or any community is hard to assess. Its imprint is indelibly stamped upon the lives of its people. The years have brought many changes: in 1946, the United Brethren and Evangelical merger; in 1968, the Evangelical United Brethren became, in a further reorganizational move, United Methodists. The fate of Hallsville during the next hundred years is absolutely up to us. How will we meet the challenge?

All are architects of fate
Working in these walls of time
Some with massive deeds and great
Some with ornament of Rhyme
Build today, then, strong and sure
With a firm and ample base
And ascending and secure
Shall tomorrow find its place.