

ORGANIZATIONS

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB OF WARWOOD

In the 1930's, when Junior Woman's Clubs were springing up all over W. Va., Mrs. Bart Evans, President of the Woman's Club of Warwood, was eager to start one in Warwood.

With her guidance a pre-organizational meeting was held early in August 1935, at the home of Mrs. William L. Kaiser with Mrs. William Carpenter as co-hostess. Attending was a small group of interested young women, who decided to ask close friends to attend an organizational meeting for a Junior Club to be held September 3 in the Bank of Warwood building.

The Northern District Chairman Miss Hooten was invited to the September meeting to officiate with Mrs. Evans. The Junior Woman's Club of Warwood was organized at this meeting and was admitted to the State and General Federations on the same date--September 3, 1935. Elected and installed by Miss Hooten and Mrs. Evans at the organizational meeting were these officers: Miss Virginia Perryman, President; Mrs. Russell Klieves, First Vice-President; Mrs. William Kaiser, Second Vice-President; Miss Martha Rinehart, Recording Secretary; Miss Katherine Steinbicker, Corresponding Secretary; and Miss Wilma Dauber, Treasurer. In addition to the foregoing officers, charter members were the Misses Hazel Baker, Georgia Bischoff, Hazel Blum, Dorothy Brandfass, Helen Dauber, Helen Emsley, Naomi Ford, Leah Gunneman, Martha Kaiser, Virginia Lynch, Elizabeth Mayfield, Dorothy Mountford, Elizabeth Steinbicker, Delora Thomas, and the Mesdames Ray Brandfass, William Carpenter, Howard Hood, Russell Hubbard, Leo Landon, W. T. Lyons, Harold Meyn, and Robert Taylor.

Mrs. Evans appointed Mrs. Herbert Wolfe, First Vice-President of the Woman's Club of Warwood, as senior sponsor for the Junior Club, a position she fulfilled for two years. When she then became President of the Woman's Club, she appointed Mrs. Earl Grubb as sponsor. Mrs. Grubb remained the sponsor until the Civic League of Warwood was organized. (When some of the Junior members reached a certain age, they formed the Civic League. Many of the charter members of the Junior Club were also charter members of the Civic League.)

The Junior Club's first year was active and happy,

with the membership reaching 39. During the second eventful year, the Woman's Club of Wheeling started a Wheeling Junior Club, and the two younger groups worked closely to support each other. They jointly implemented the first Junior dance in June 1936, at the Belmont Hills Country Club.

Some of the many worthwhile achievements of the Junior Woman's Club of Warwood over the years are: sponsored free dental service to needy children; bought a piano for the Woman's Club room; started and supported a first aid station in Warwood; helped open a branch library in Warwood; helped with the March of Dimes; purchased a complete room of furniture for the Wheeling Hospital; started an annual teachers' day tea to honor local teachers; collected used tools and had them repaired for the unemployed to use in a program sponsored by the State Conservation Department; participated in the Salvation Army doll-dressing project; assisted the Weston State Hospital financially with gifts; sponsored a Civil Defense Program; helped establish the Mental Hospital at Roney's Point Sanitarium to serve the W. Va. Northern Panhandle; donated a stainless steel planter with flowers for placing under the city sign at the south end of Warwood, replacing it later with a stone planter; participated in a "Get Out the Vote" parade and urged citizens to vote for a better roads state bond issue; worked for a school bond issue; helped get a well-child clinic in Warwood; held an Easter Egg Hunt for children; assisted the Colin Anderson Home for Retarded Children (at St. Mary's, W. Va.) from 1972 to 1974 with a \$3000 donation and other valuable gifts; helped the Wheeling Civitans to institute the Sheltered Workshop; paid the tuition for one child to attend the Russell Nesbitt School for Retarded Children; sponsored a "Smokie the Bear" coloring contest at Lincoln School with "Smokie" giving prizes for the best work; collected books, magazines, and records and made Christmas stockings for the patients at Half-Way House at Roney's Point; headed the Mental Health Bell Ringers for the entire Ohio Valley and collected more than \$1000 for the W. Va. Mental Health Association; held a card party for the girls at Florence Crittenton Home; helped the Romeny Home for Deaf and Blind Children by donating a

colored television set and \$900; donated \$250 to a family whose home was destroyed by fire; installed a tree at the Warwood Home for Aged Men and made gifts for the residents; made toy banks for children at the St. Vincent's Home; held a games party at The Home of the Good Shepherd for the patients; took successful action to have four stop signs installed by the Wheeling Traffic Division on Richland Avenue; donated American flags to the two grade schools in Warwood; established a new Juniorette Club with eight members (increased to 35 members by 1975); donated \$1000 to furnish a room at the new Wheeling Hospital Medical Park; sponsored a Wheeling High School girl in the Penny Art Scholarship contest; planted a tree for each club member's new baby; donated money for the Dutch elm disease; painted the bleachers in Garden Park red, white, and blue (with the Warwood Boosters supplying the 26 gallons of paint); and painted the fire hydrants on Warwood Avenue red, white, and blue.

Some of the awards won by the Club for several of the foregoing projects are: Pearl Buck Award for sponsoring a greased pig contest in the Heritage Day Festival; Maxine Scarbro Trophy, State Project Award for support of the Colin Anderson Home for Retarded Children; the Governor's Cup for work in mental health, and King's Jewelry Store's first place award for a table-setting contest.

Ms. Barbara Criswell was named Beautification Chairman of the Ohio County Bicentennial Committee. She also is serving as co-chairman of the Warwood Bicentennial Committee with Mrs. R. Earl Jones of the Woman's Club of Warwood. They plan a "Warwood Day" to take place in June 1976.

Despite a fluctuating membership--once only 20 women but recently as high as 49--the Junior Woman's Club merits commendation for its many accomplishments.

Past presidents of the Club are Miss Virginia Perryman, 1935-37; Mrs. Russell Klieves, 1937-39; Mrs. W. H. Carpenter, 1939-41; Mrs. Frank Rice, 1941-43; Mrs. Robert Krauth, 1943-44; Mrs. James E. Spargo, 1944-46; Mrs. Sheldon Perrin, 1946-47; Mrs. Frank Bibbee, 1947-49; Mrs. J. Francis Mozena, 1949-51; Mrs. David Wiles, 1951-52; Mrs. William Mull, 1952-53; Mrs. Arthur P.

Zeigler, 1953-54; Mrs. Clyde Campbell, 1954-55; Mrs. Cecil Tout, 1955-56; Mrs. Gerald DePasquale, 1956-57; Mrs. Charles Anderson, 1957-58; Mrs. Earle Schoolcraft, 1958-60; Mrs. C. Ray Walters, Jr., 1960-62; Mrs. Edward Stupak, 1962-63; Mrs. Thomas Tighe, 1963-64; Mrs. Anthony Provenzano, 1965-65; Mrs. Frank Pramesa, 1965-66; Mrs. Joseph Bazo, 1966-68; Mrs. Wayne Bryan, 1968-70; Mrs. Barbara Criswell, 1970-72; Mrs. Ted Showalter, 1972-74; and Mrs. Donald Wilkinson, 1974-76.

WOMAN'S CLUB OF WARWOOD

The Woman's Club of Warwood is a community service club and much time and money go to these services. The following charitable projects are doll dressing for the Salvation Army, folding bandages and collecting men's white shirts which are made into gowns for the Cancer Society. The club has won The Silver Sword award for this service to the Cancer Society.

Stamps were collected for the Veterans' Hospital and over 7,000 ditty bags were made by members for The Red Cross to be sent to boys in Vietnam. This work was done over a period of 4 years. The club has furnished bell ringers for heart, muscular dystrophy, the cancer society, and the Red Cross, every year for 15 years

Mrs. J. Earl Grubb made hundreds of stuffed animals for O.V.G.H. and Wheeling Hospital each year. Mrs. Samuel Sharp made over 5,000 stuffed animals and dolls for crippled children in the Shrine Hospital. It is just the past year Mrs. Sharp, who is 88 has had to retire from this work due to bad health.

Mrs. Grubb has been named "Woman of the Year" by the Professional Business Women's Club of Wheeling. Mrs. Grubb has brought honor to the club not only for her service to The Wheeling Community but for her talent. Her crafts have been 1st and 2nd awards winner at The State Convention for many years. Mrs. George Nolte has been 1st and 2nd winner for her beautiful and inspiring poetry. Also her plays and short stories have won awards.

Members have served as gray ladies at both Wheeling Hospital, O.V.G.H., and Peterson Place.

For a 4 year period four members of The Club

served in Fish. Fellowship In Serving Him (Our Lord). In both telephone referral and transportation.

Mrs. Herbert Miller, four times President served as Director of Home Nursing for 15 years in Red Cross. Mrs. Miller was cited by The Wheeling-Moundsville Chapter for her service. She is also a member of The Seeing Hand Society Board of Directors.

Mrs. J.J. Yost served The Red Cross as First Aid Instructor for many years.

Hostesses were sent to Oglebay Mansion in July and August for 3 week periods over the past 15 years. The yearly donations were Y.M.C.A., Camp Gahabel, Heart Fund, Cancer Society, After Prom Party, Pearl Buck Foundation, Care, Red Cross, Russel Nesbitt School for Retarded Children, Crippled Childrens Society, Seeing Hand for the Blind, Ohio County Library Fund, Weston State Hospital, Big Brothers of Wheeling and Y.W.C.A.

The Rosewood Twig organized by The Club in 1955 sew in the club rooms twice each month. In 20 years of service to the O.V.G.H. it has been highest point winner of all Twigs. The Twig has averaged about 900 articles each year for the 20 years as of October. 1942-War years-The Club rooms were donated to The Red Cross. 11,849 hours were contributed by members. A defense Department was formed and surgical dressings, also house dresses and knitted articles were made by members. The club collected cards and 300 lbs. of magazines were sent to service men overseas. The club was made a 100% Honor Club for its service to its country. The members worked on the 3rd and 4th War Bond drive and sold \$2,212.50 in War Bonds.

The Child Health Clinic was still active at the beginning of World War II, which had been started in 1924 and was held each month with volunteer doctors and nurses in charge. Due to the shortage of medical personnel the clinic had to close in 1944 due to a shortage of doctors and nurses.

In 1922 The Club was admitted to the Federation, and the same year the "Book Review" program was initiated. In 1923 Mrs. John Garden served as president of The West Virginia Federation. In 1924 The Literary Meetings were started. In 1926 Garden Park was beautified. The following year the Club rented The

Community House for its headquarters. In 1928 The Christmas Exchange was inaugurated. Also the first basket for the needy was given and has continued. In 1934 The Club moved to more spacious quarters in The Bank of Warwood Building. On September 5, 1934 "Open House" was held and Miss Eleanor Steber contributed the beautiful musical program.

In 1936 The Junior Club was organized under the sponsorship of The Club. It has become a leader in the community of Warwood. In 1940 Mrs. J. Earl Grubb served as President of The Northern District. In 1941 through the efforts of The Club a branch of The Ohio County Library was opened in The Bank of Warwood Building. The summer vacation month were staffed by volunteer members of the club for many years. But that service has been discontinued.

In 1944 The First Hostesses were sent to Oglebay Mansion. About 1966 The Mansion began getting students from area colleges for the summer. The Club's services were no longer needed.

In 1946 The Club celebrated its 25th anniversary. A silver tea (open house) was well attended.

1947 The Club was incorporated and it was in 1951 that our Cancer Society work began. In 1952 The Club was instrumental in securing a blood mobile to The Warwood Methodist Church. 86 pints of blood were donated.

1955 was the year The Rosewood Twig was organized by The Club and has sewed faithfully and continuously.

1957 The Club was once again honored by having Mrs. Victor Jones serve as President of The Northern District.

1960 The Club collected eye glasses for The Lion's Club to be used by needy children. The members helped get out the vote. Traffic light installed at N. 19th Street in Warwood through the Club's efforts.

1961 Community Service Department Chairman Mrs. R. Earl Jones organized The Governor's Clean-up Committee for Warwood, Clearview and Short Creek. All service organizations of Warwood joined together to do a bang up job. By 1962 Warwood homes were spanking clean on the outside and many new paint jobs were done. The City of Wheeling repaired streets and side walks and alleys were paved. The Warwood Organizations worked hard and

the people responded. A merit award was earned for Community improvement at the 1962 State Convention. Warwood was ready for the West Virginia Centennial! A copy of the book "Banner in the Hills" was purchased by The Club and donated to The Warwood branch of The Ohio County Library.

1963-67 Mrs. Elmer Nolte, Club president donated club rooms for reception and judging of The Centennial Queen Contest.

1963-64 Entered Community Improvement Contest.

1965 A craft and antique show was held in The Corpus Christi School auditorium by The Womens Club of Warwood. Crafts were displayed and sold and antiques were displayed. \$100.00 was made and over 150 people attended.

The club rooms moved from the 2nd floor of the Bank building to underneath the Bank.

1966 The Second Craft Show was held by The Club in Griest dining room. It was a huge success, over 250 people attended and many articles were sold. This was a joint effort of the Junior Civic League and The Warwood Women's Club.

1966 Through the Club's efforts, The 'street cleaning sign' on Warwood Avenue were better co-ordinated and saved many people from paying fines for illegal parking.

1969 Mrs. Roscoe Wilhelm was made January Citizen of the Month by the Jaycees for outstanding community work. Mr. & Mrs. Wilhelm had fostered more than 40 needy children.

1969 Sponsored a student in Hallmark Art Contest. Collected 130 prizes for Seeing Hand Society. Members attended meeting for Wheeling Bi-Centennial. Sold badges to defray expenses for Bi-Centennial project.

Organized Ohio County Citizens's Committee for West Virginia Constitutional Convention and held public meetings. Organizational chairman, Mrs. R. Earl Jones served as Executive Secretary for the committee. Mrs. Herbert Miller was co-chairman along with Mr. J. Paul Camiletti, Wheeling attorney. The committee was responsible for educating the public of the facts concerning the need of the Governors Bill to succeed himself. Several members worked to get out the votes

on later elections and necessary "Bills" were voted in.

1970 Mrs. Maurice Smeal served as Treasurer for the Lutheran's Project for "Meals on Wheels". Collected white gifts for Lutheran Church.

1972 Mrs. Herbert Miller elected 3rd Vice President of the Northern District. Mrs. J. Earl Grubb was named to the States Nominating Committee.

1972 Donated money to North Warwood Playground Fund to light and renovation. Mrs. George Nolte served 350 at Peterson Hospital. Mrs. Grubb worked for and at The Wheeling Hospital Auxiliary. Two members helped on The "Bob Hope Telephone" at St. Mathews church for Red Cross.

1973-74 Mrs. B. Lee White has taken in \$1,220,00 for rent of The Club rooms. Mrs. Paul Carroll dressed two dolls for the Salvation Army and won prizes in the judging contest.

HISTORY OF THE U. S. MARINES IN WARWOOD

The U. S. Marines first landed in Warwood on October 1, 1952 with the activation of the 59th Special Infantry Company at the Naval-Marine Corps Reserve Training Center located on the banks of the Ohio River at the end of North 13th Street. This company of the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE had Major Joseph A. Edwards as its first Commanding Officer. In January 1953 the unit had a strength of 1 officer and 14 enlisted Marines. By July 1955 the company had increased to 4 officers and 86 enlisted men with its reserve members coming from throughout the Ohio Valley. On November 1, 1957 the Marine unit in Warwood was redesignated on the 59th Infantry Company.

Due to a decline in strength, the Marines moved out of Warwood on February 20, 1958 with the deactivation of their unit. The 50 personnel assigned to the unit at that time were transferred to the 76th Infantry Company in nearby Steubenville, Ohio.

Upon the request from the State of West Virginia a Marine Corps Reserve Company was re-established in West Virginia at the Warwood Reserve Center on 12 December 1969. The 76th Infantry Company which had since redesignated to become Company "B", 4th Military

Police Battalion moved from Steubenville to Warwood. Ceremonies marking the return of the U. S. Marines to Wheeling were conducted on January 10, 1970 with Wheeling Mayor ROGERS cutting the ceremonial ribbon at the Warwood Reserve Center.

On October 1, 1971 the Warwood based Marines were redesignated from their Military Police Company designation to that of Detachment, Bulk Fuel Company. Though this change was not especially welcomed by the members of the unit, it was dictated by the needs of the Marine Corps Reserve.

Another redesignation of the Marine Corps Reserve Unit in Warwood, this change being more enthusiastically welcomed by its members, occurred on April 1, 1973. The unit was redesignated as Detachment, Company "H", 2d Battalion, 23d Marines making it again an Infantry unit.

Having a parent command far away in California created a few problems for the unit so a final redesignation was accomplished on October 1, 1974. The new and present designation - Company "I", 3d Battalion, 25th Marines placed the Warwood based Marines under the command of a nearer Marine Reserve Battalion whose other elements were based in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Columbus and Akron.

Over one hundred Marine Reservists coming from all parts of the Ohio Valley (many from Warwood) report report at least once each month to the Marine Reserve Center in Warwood to conduct a weekend of military training. This training consists of tactical field training, classroom lectures on military subjects, conditioning hikes, parades and physical conditioning, etc. It is a common sight to see groups of U. S. Marines either marching to cadence or running to improve their physical fitness through the streets of Warwood.

Since the U. S. Marines first arrived here they have become deeply involved in the community of Warwood. Probably the most visible community effort is their annual "Toys for Tots" campaign where they collect toys for distribution to less fortunate children in the area at Christmas time. Each year the Marines, through outstanding support from the community, have been able to brighten the lives of thousands of children who otherwise might not have had a Christmas. Partici-

pating in local parades, providing Color Guards for various scholastic events and patriotic observances within the community, making speeches/presentations before school, church and civic groups on such subjects as Patriotism, Respecting the U. S. Flag, Drug and Alcoholic Abuse, etc. are only a few of the community activities in which the Marines have participated.

In addition to the Marine Reservists there are seven active duty Marines, who are stationed at the Reserve Center in Warwood; these members of the Inspector-Instructor Staff assist the reservists and participate in many Marine Corps functions within the community. These Marines, who have come from all parts of the country, have found Warwood a very pleasant place to both work and live. Some have even decided to retire here.

The U. S. Marines, who celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of their Corps on November 10, 1975, were particularly honored to participate in Warwood's Bicentennial Celebration on June 26, 1976. A. U. S. Marine Color Guard led the Bicentennial Parade and Marines conducted the Ceremonial Flag Raising.

THE DANDY LIONS

The Warwood Dandy Lions originated in March 1974 at the Warwood Presbyterian Church through the diligent effort of Mrs. William (Sheila) Carney, whose husband was President of the Warwood Lions Club in 1973-1974.

The purpose of the Dandy Lions is to create and foster a bond of mutual understanding among its members. The object is to promote the theory and practices of Lionism.

Charter officers for the club year beginning in June 1974 were: Mrs. Niles (Eleanor F.) Carp, President; Mrs. William (Sheila) Carney, Vice-president; Mrs. Thomas (Linda) Porter, Secretary; Mrs. William (Ann) Schodder, Treasurer; Mrs. Ernest (Fritzi) Bentfield, Historian; and Mrs. A. Paul (Marie) King, Tail Twister.

In addition to the foregoing, other charter members are Dorothy Parshall, Dorothy Cox, Ruth Warner, Phyllis Stewart, Betty Smith, Joan Franz, Nancy Vieweg, Esther Petros, Alice Raper, and Doris Stewart.

NAVAL HISTORY

The United States Navy in 1939 authorized the formation of a volunteer Naval Reserve Unit in the Wheeling area. The mission of this unit was to train men to support the personnel of the fighting units and ships of the U. S. Navy at sea. This unit met originally in the Wheeling Steel Building at 16th and Main Streets in Wheeling, and most of the members were called to active service in World War II. At the end of World War II this reserve unit was again activated and was composed of veterans of World War II, and some young men starting Naval Reserve Careers. The late Captain Lee Spillers, Captain Marce Sheppe and Commander L.H. "Bud" Nightengale were local area residents who provided the leadership.

A U.S. Navy ship, of the Landing Craft Infantry design, used extensively in World War II, was assigned to Wheeling and operated in the Ohio River for training purposes. The U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, N. 13th St., Warwood, was completed and dedicated in 1948, for the purpose of training young men and experienced former Naval personnel in the techniques of sea warfare should the nation again mobilize for war.

The Korean Police of limited war commenced in 1950 and over 400 members of the Wheeling area Naval Reserve training in the U.S. Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Warwood joined the active Navy in war and served honorably and creditably. Many returned to this area and returned to the Naval Reserve, and Reserve Units including an Officers Training Company and a Marine Unit were formed and drilled and trained in the enlarging complex of the Training Center.

Prominent in this organization were Chief Petty Officers Clifford Board, John Bieaga, Robert Mowder, and Commissioned Officers J. Roger Ewing, Si Taflan, Arthur Kartman, Paul Teare, Walter Willson, John Ceen, and many others who were both active in the Naval Reserve and in Community affairs. In the period of 1959 to 1961 the training center was under the command of LCDR Jack Bion Rothbart, U.S. Navy, assisted by the above named Reserve personnel, and during these years it won top awards as having the most outstanding recruiting program in the U.S. Navy, and for having

the best trained reserve units in the United States. Chief Petty Officer Homer Stillion supervised recruiting and is presently still on duty at the Training Center. During the Viet Nam action hundreds of young Wheeling Area residents briefly trained at this Center, and then joined the active Navy.

The Naval and Marine Corps Training Center, Warwood continues to train young men and veteran sailors in Naval skills related to warfare, and now includes many women in the training. It is administered by the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps, but leadership is provided by local residents. The facilities are used by police officers for range practice with weapons, civil defense radio amateurs and other groups. It is an active part of the Navy and the Community.

WARWOOD FOOTBALL MOTHERS

The Warwood Football Mothers held their organizational meeting on January 29, 1968. The first officers were Mrs. Petrini, president; Mrs. Evans, vice-president; Mrs. Roseberry, secretary; and Mrs. Scenna, treasurer.

The purpose of the is to assist the Warwood High School football teams financially and in any other way possible and to promote good character and sportsmanship among the players.

Any woman interested in promoting the welfare of the football teams may become a member. Honorary membership is open to everyone.

Officers for 1975-1976 are: Mrs. Thomas Innocenti, president; Mrs. Anthony Assaro, vice-president; Mrs. Wilbert Myers, secretary; and Mrs. James Frum, treasurer.

WARWOOD VETERANS ASSOCIATION

The Warwood Veterans Association, formed by a group of World War II veterans, was chartered by the State of W. Va. on July 1, 1948, as a non-profit

organization. W. D. Gallaway was the first Commander.

The association first rented property at 5th St., Warwood. The present building, at 6th Street and Hazlett Avenue, Warwood, was constructed in two phases, with future building planned.

The club's purpose is to constitute, remain, maintain, and conduct a patriotic, civic, social, literary, charitable, and benevolent organization for the interest of those who have served in the armed forces of the U. S. A. The by laws state that, should the club be dissolved, the remaining proceeds will be equally divided among Warwood churches.

The association has donated to many causes, one of which was a college scholarship for a deserving Warwood student.

Timothy McCormick is the present Commander, and George Visnic, the building committee chairman.

With Ruth Blackburn as the present president, an Auxiliary supports the association through many activities.

THE CIVIC LEAGUE OF WARWOOD

The Civic League of Warwood, Incorporated, was organized June 13, 1941, was admitted to the W. Va. Federation of Women's Club July 8, 1941, and by virtue of this, was admitted to the General Federation, the world's largest organization of women.

The objective of this club is cultural, social, civic, and recreational, with the programs geared to the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Civic League has a scholarship loan for residents of Warwood proper or its immediate surrounding territory. The student must be a graduate of Warwood High School, Central Catholic High School, or McKinley Vocational High School, with college entrance requirements satisfactorily completed. The student must be enrolled and accepted by a college or training school within the State of West Virginia. The student must be desirous of preparing himself or herself for the teaching or nursing profession.

The club maintains card tables for community use and has just purchased sixty new tables which are

stored at Warwood Grade School.

In 1975 the Civic League was engaged in a project "Operation Soft Touch"; the members are making pillows to give to the elderly, the sick, and the just lonely. For a Bicentennial project the members are making a beautiful quilt to be raffled to build up the treasury.

The club purchased and installed stone benches for the Park Commission in Garden Park.

Working with entire community, the members helped to purchase portable bleachers, a scoreboard and time clock and to erect locker rooms and rest room facilities at Garden Park; to install safety lights and the library at Warwood Grade School; to sponsor the After-Prom Party; and to purchase Band uniforms at Warwood High School.

The club contributes to Care, to the Edythe Reeder Galahad Fund, and to many other activities.

Many social activities, such as dances, card parties, shopping trips, dinner meetings, etc., are held.

The number of active members is limited to 150.

The following are past presidents: Mrs. Arthur Walker, 1941-43; Mrs. Paul Williams, 1943-45; Mrs. Charles Conrad, 1945-47; Mrs. George Myers, 1947-49; Mrs. Hugh McConkey, 1949-51; Mrs. William Kaiser, 1951-52; Mrs. Harry Parshall, 1952-54; Mrs. James Ayers, 1954-56; Mrs. Leslie Wolfe, 1956-58; Mrs. Harry West, 1958-60; Mrs. Pete Karnell, 1960-62; Mrs. William Scott, 1962-64; Mrs. Edward Paulovicks, 1964-67; Mrs. Richard McNamara, 1967-69; Mrs. William Scott, 1969-71; Mrs. Dwight Varner, 1971-73; Mrs. Richard Hogg, 1973-75; and Mrs. Charles Bromelow, 1975-.

BROOKS BIRD CLUB

707 Warwood Avenue

Founded as a non-profit organization in 1932 by John W. Handlan and named for A. B. Brooks, one of the early conservationists and bird experts at Oglebay Park.

Club now has (1975) over 600 members in 30 states and 5 foreign countries and is listed as an international society.

THE WARWOOD LIONS CLUB

Sponsored by the Wheeling Lions Club and chartered by Lions International, the Warwood Lions Club was organized with 47 charter members in November 1944. The first officers were Miles W. Bodey, president; Tom Wickham, first vice-president, C. C. Phipps, second vice-president; E. F. Stamm, third vice-president; E. G. Ogden, secretary; J. H. Delbrugge, lion tamer; Douglas Stone, tail twister; and A. R. Todd, Earl S. Breen, J. L. Letzelter, and John R. Hannigan, directors. At present, two charter members remain active in the club--past president Lester Smith and J. Lorain Mercer.

To serve the community, the club has raised between \$70,000 and \$75,000, all of which has been spent to improve Warwood or to aid needy local residents. Fund-raising activities include minstrels, carnivals, bulb and broom sales, sales of products made by the blind, dances, and pancake dinners.

Past and present projects are: purchased iron lung for the Wheeling Hospital; purchased numerous incubators for the Ohio Valley Medical Center; assisted in the purchase of Warwood High School band uniforms twice; purchased numerous new band instruments for the high school; assist in sponsoring the high school After-Prom Party each year; sponsor Boy Scouts; assist Girl Scouts; purchased eye glasses for the needy for about 20 years until the Wheeling Lions Club assumed this responsibility; contribute substantially to the W. Va. Lions Sight Conservation Fund each year; pay liability insurance for the Midget Baseball Teams of Warwood; assist the Clearview Midget Baseball League; provided thousands of dollars for equipment for the Garden Park tennis courts; provided black-topping, curbs, and

drainage for the improvement of the tennis courts for the first ice skating rink in Warwood; assisted families in need of home improvement; helped purchase bleachers for the Warwood High School football field; donate services each year for football games at gates and as security in order to help the school athletic fund; assist the high school in the annual publication of year books; assist the Woman's Club of Warwood each year in the publication of their year book; operate a stand or two for the annual Boosters Club Lawn Fete (earning \$1000 to \$1200 each year for the Boosters); operate a lending service of invalid equipment (to Ohio County residents) including wheel chairs, hospital beds, commode chairs, walkers, canes, bedside tables and cabinets, and crutches; hold a Christmas party each year for the retired elderly residents of the Garden Park Terrace Apartments with gifts for each or a substantial money donation to the building's recreation fund (One Christmas \$100 was given toward the summer picnic); donated \$2500 for radium needles for the free cancer clinic at Wheeling Hospital; purchased new basketball boards for Warwood Grade School; sponsor a free band concert in Garden Park each summer; assist the Seeing Hand Association each year in supplying driver for the blind in attending their bowling and Christmas party activities; sponsor a Carnival Nite each year at the Seeing Hand Blind Camp and award prizes for contests or furnish refreshments as requested; give help to various organizations and individuals in need. (No worthy cause has ever been turned down.)

This year (1976) the Lions Club of Warwood, with 77 members, will celebrate its 31st anniversary.

Present officers are: William L. Stewart, president; Robert J. Litten, first vice-president; A. Paul King, second vice-president; Max Vieweg, third vice-president; Ernest S. Bentfield, secretary; Eugene Baker, treasurer; John Franz, tail twister; and Ray Higgs, lion tamer.

Board of Directors: Wm. Burke, Frank Bush, Wm. Dickerson, James Foti, Rev. Kenneth Cain and Frank Pollock.

EARLY SETTLERS 1700's

EARLY SETTLERS IN THE 1700s

In researching the first early settlers, we had difficulty tracing the genealogy of the families through successive generations. Therefore, the continuity, through the years, is sometimes interrupted.

When the first early settlers came to this area of Wheeling and Warwood, nothing but Indian trails were in use. Among the contemporaries were the Zanes, the Mitchells, the Caldwelles, the Lashes, and the Woodses.

The Zane brothers are best known for their contributions to Wheeling history, but many of their ancestors migrated north to Warwood. Those now living in Warwood are Mr. and Mrs. E. Paul Zane and their son Paul E. Zane, Jr., of Glenns Run Road; Mrs. J. (Gloria Zane) Bailey of 2404 Warwood Avenue and her sons James and David; and Mrs. Charles B. (Martha Zane) Trautwein, Jr., of 2505 Vance Avenue. (Mr. Paul Zane's great, great, grandfather Noah settled in Wheeling.)

Alexander Mitchell settled six miles northeast of Wheeling in the vicinity of West Liberty, W. Va. He worked for the government as an Indian scout. One of his sons Issac W. Mitchell (1810-1866) owned the largest sheep farm in the county, having at one time 1800 Merino sheep. Under an old law Issac became Sheriff by purchase and held that office eighteen years. Of his five sons, John W., born in December 1838, read law with his uncle Zachariah Jacobs, head of the bar of Wheeling; joined the Confederate Army, becoming a major in four years; became a deputy in 1865 under Sheriff George B. Tingle; and married H. Grace Woods. Two Mitchell brothers Henry and John came to Warwood and built homes side by side at 2503 and 2505 Vance Avenue. Henry, whose son lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., was a teacher and then a principal at Warwood High School around 1918. Later, John Mitchell built a home on 21st Street where he and his wife lived for a lengthy period before their recent deaths. Their daughters Mrs. Roberta Loring and Mrs. Margaret Hahne live at the family home. Roberta has a son named Bill, and Margaret a son named John.

The Woods family were prominent early pioneers who came to this area in 1700 and settled northeast of

Wheeling in the Woodsdale area after buying much land in that section. Although we have no knowledge of the Woods family's having lived in Warwood, we do know that, as early as 1800, they owned much land here.

The Caldwells, another old and prominent family, had many descendants. Following is a sketchy background of this family. Alexander Caldwell was a native of New Jersey, having been born there in 1774. In 1816 Alexander and Joseph Caldwell, Sr., owned land on the Ohio River at the mouth of Glens Run. Alexander practiced law in Wheeling in 1816 and was appointed Judge of the Western District of Virginia. His son, Judge E. H. Caldwell, was a native of Brooke County. After college, Judge Caldwell came to Wheeling and married a Miss McMechen. James Caldwell settled around Wheeling Creek near Bogg's line or Caldwell's Run. Joseph, a son of James, married Ann Booker. The oldest son to this union, Alfred, Sr., was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, in 1817. He studied law at Harvard College and became Mayor of Wheeling. In 1860 he was chairman of the Virginia delegation to the Chicago convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln. Alfred, Sr., married Martha Baird, daughter of George Baird of Wheeling. After Alfred's first wife died in 1859, he married Alice Wheat of Wheeling. His son, the Honorable Alfred Caldwell, Jr., was born in 1847. He entered Yale University in 1864, was admitted to the bar in Wheeling, was the Attorney General of W. Va. from 1875 to 1884, and was re-elected in 1888. Married September 14, 1871, to Laura E., daughter of William S. Goshorn of Wheeling, Alfred, Jr., became the father of eight children. Among the later Caldwells is Faris Caldwell, who was married to Cecelia Palmer and lived on Glens Run. They had two sons, William Joseph and Paul H., both of whom are deceased. Paul married and had two children, Joseph R. and Shirley Jean.

A few predecessors of present-day Warwoodians settled in the area of Beech Bottom, W. Va. Some of these families raised tomatoes which were supplied to a cannery located on the site of the present Power Plant. One family, the Proellochs, lived on a farm near the Power Plant until 1907. (The Proellochs children walked more than a mile to a one-room school!)

Before moving to Warwood, Homer and Bob Wiles also resided near the Power Plant. Another family, the Kerchers, moved into the Beech Bottom home of Joseph Stenger in 1900. Living close to the Indian mound where the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation Plant now stands, were Robert Miller and his wife Elizabeth Luke Miller, who was born on a ship coming from Ireland. Their large home, near the Beech Bottom School, is still standing. The Millers are the grandparents of Mrs. Martin Wright of Warwood.

THE GARDEN FAMILY

David Garden, a prominent early citizen, came from Scotland in 1816 and settled on a farm at Glens Run, Virginia, now the Sun Addition in Warwood. He established a tannery in North Wheeling and operated it until 1858 when he retired and lived on his farm until his death in 1886.

His son Alexander T. Garden worked with his father in the tanning business for many years. Later Alexander and his son John B., born in 1860, were associated with the Wheeling Electric Company during the 1880s. Alexander and his wife Mary Bankard Garden had two other children, Mrs. John Sweeney and David A.

John B. Garden, educated in the public schools and a business college, became absorbed in the progress of electrical development and was an early pillar in the Wheeling Electric Company. He, his father, and A. J. Sweeney installed a small plant on 12th Street, Wheeling, to furnish electricity for lighting in that city. The demand for this utility increased so rapidly that the plant had to be constantly expanded and moved to larger quarter, finally being located at Beech Bottom, W. Va., eleven miles north of Wheeling, where an adequate amount of water and an inexhaustible coal supply permitted efficient operation.

Mr. Garden and his Wheeling Electric Company associates put into existence the first electrically-operated cars in Wheeling--a pioneering work since very few cities in the entire country had electric transportation at that time. (Wheeling was the fifth city in the United States to use alternating machines.)

On June 17, 1885, Mr. Garden married Mary Ralston Sweeney, daughter of Andrew James and Maria E. (Hanna) Sweeney. The Gardens' children were George Alan, a graduate of the University of Virginia and a Wheeling attorney, and Gertrude A., wife of R. R. Throp of Echo Point, Wheeling.

For a long time the John B. Gardens lived on their estate "Dalkeith" a few miles northeast of Warwood--on Highland Road off Cherry Hill. Their son Alan and his wife also lived there with their son, John B. II, a well-known Wheeling attorney. After the deaths of the John B. Gardens and Alan, Mrs. Alan Garden and her son moved from the old family residence (which is now owned by the Paul Karnells).

John B. Garden was a member of the Board of Trade, of the Fort Henry Club, of the Wheeling Country Club, and of the Board of Education for six years.

THE STENGERS

Joe Stenger, of the first generation of local Stengers, came from Germany in the early 1800s and settled on a farm in Beech Bottom, W. Va. He moved to 8th Street and Warwood Avenue--to live for a period in the "Old Reuter House"--and then returned to Beech Bottom. He and his wife had four sons and five daughters--John, William, Michael, Adam, Agnes, Theresa, Clara, Eugenie, and Minnie. Mr. Stenger had a fatal accident; while doctoring a neighbor's horse, the horse kicked Mr. Stenger in the head. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stenger died in their late forties or early fifties.

Alex Garden sold to William, Adam, and Michael the land located between 22nd and 23rd Streets and between Warwood Avenue and the Ohio River. The three Stengers managed a very successful truck garden there and sold their produce to Wheeling markets. Neighborhood children also prospered by working in a large shed on the farm. They tied radishes, onions, etc., into bunches. "We got three cents a bunch, and when we had six cents, we left for the Switch Confectionery for an ice cream cone. Then we went back to work some more," one child said. Older boys and girls also helped by preparing the larger produce for marketing. The Stenger brothers sold their land in 1923 or 1924 to The Sun Realty Company, which named the

section "Sun Addition" and divided it into lots. A. J. Finley, president of the Realty Company, built one of the first homes in this area--on Vance Avenue.

John Stenger built a house on Hildreth Avenue on property owned by his father Joe. John's daughter Katherine, who married Bernard Baker, lived in the house with her husband and children until the early 1930's. Then Harland Rose, an employe of the Hoge Davis Drug Store in Wheeling, and his sister Ella Rose bought the home and lived ther for 37 years. The next owners, Joe Roth, a contractor, and his wife had the house razed in 1969 and built a fine new home. They and four of their six children lived there. (Their twin daughters are now married.)

John Stenger and his family lived in the "Old Reuter House" at 8th Street, Warwood, moving later to 27th Street, Warwood, and then to Stone and Shannon Road into one of the large houses that had belonged to the McCollochs. John's son Earl lives with his wife on 19th Street, Warwood, and Herbert, now 80 years of age, also lives at Stone and Shannon Road. Herbert's son Thomas lives nearby.

Michael Stenger and his wife Anna (Martin) lived for a while on 18th Street, Warwood, before building a home at 112 - 21st Street. They then built another home, a large lovely one, on 23rd Street and Hess Avenue, Warwood. Michael remained in the produce business, using a truck to supply the people of Warwood with fresh vegetables. After the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stenger, the home was bought by Mr. and Mrs. Pavlic.

Rose Stenger Beatty relates that when Michael's parents lived at Beech Bottom, Michael and his brothers would often ice-skate down the Ohio River to Wheeling. While courting the future Mrs. Stenger, who lived in Wheeling, Michael would either ice-skate or "hop" a freight train. One time he narrowly missed being thrown under a train.

William Albert Stenger built a log house at 1804 Orchard Avenue, Warwood, and lived ther until 1904. The home was then sold to the Nesbitt family, who renovated it. Later the Nesbitts sold it to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Schnupp, who also remodeled it. Mr. Schnupp in talking about the house, commented, "The original

old farmhouse was in the rear of the lot, and there are indications that there may have been a trough for animals and an old storage cellar where milk cans may have been kept. An old well was in the rear of the yard, and windows of the house have been plastered over during the reconstruction of the house into a beautiful modern home."

The land that extends from 22nd Street to 23rd Street on the east side of Warwood Avenue was bought by William Albert Stenger and his wife Louise (Robreck) from Adam and Michael Stenger in 1904. The William Albert Stengers built a large attractive home at 2208 Warwood Avenue and lived there with their family for a long time.

In 1940 Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wright bought this property and lived in the home until Mr. Wright's death in 1965. Mrs. Wright sold the property to McDonald's restaurant in 1966.

Adam Stenger and his wife Annie Ault Stenger bought the house on the east side of 23rd Street and Richland Avenue, which had been built by John Garden around 1800. When constructed, the house was placed cater-cornered on the lot but later was moved to the second lot and made parallel with the street. The house, made of logs, had two large rooms upstairs and two downstairs. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar J. Geilinger bought the house in the 1900s and remodeled it into a modern home. However, they left the original home intact and re-decorated so that the old and new are intermingled.

THE WELSHANS (WELSHHANS) FAMILY

David and Jacob Joseph Welshans (Welshhans) came to this area in the early 1800s from Harpers Ferry, Jefferson County, Virginia (now W. Va.).

Jacob Joseph and his wife Katherine (Crowl) Welshans bought 220 acres of land on the Ohio River in 1837. This land bordered the Atkinson and the Stenger properties near Graeb's Hollow and covered a considerable area in the vicinity of Glens (Glens) Run. (The Atkinsons also owned much land, some of which was donated for the Atkinsons' Cemetery located

near the old land fill close to Willow Springs.)

Oscar Welshans, a son of Jacob Joseph and Katherine, married Sarah Atkinson.

Another son Bertram Jacob married Margaret Bastford in 1861. After she died in 1878, he married Blanch McCord. He and his second wife built a home on Glens Run in 1880, and their first child was born there the next year. Bertram Jacob died in 1915.

John Bertram, a son of Bertram Jacob and Margaret Bastford Welshans, worked his own coal mine on Glens Run and operated one of the first blacksmith shops in Warwood. His shop was located where Cupp and Sons, Inc. now have their roofing business.

Helping their father in the blacksmith shop were John A., who died during the influenza epidemic, and Walter C. Welshans. Walter C. worked as a baker in Brinkman's Bakery on the first floor of the former telephone building at 2112 Warwood Avenue. He was also a butcher at the United Pure Food Company at 17th Street and Warwood Avenue, the site of the present Bank of Warwood. Now 80 years of age, Walter C. lives with his wife at 2222 Highland Ave., Warwood.

Mary Welshans Schell, granddaughter of Bertram Jacob and his first wife, lives with her husband in the home built by her grandfather at 2222 Warwood Avenue, Rear.

Ruth Rush Fredericks, a granddaughter of Bertram Jacob and his second wife, resides in Clearview with her husband Harry.

Earl Welshans, Jr., the son of Earl Welshans and the grandson of John Bertram Welshans, lives at 2222 Warwood Avenue.

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN GODFREY WEISKE

Herman Godfrey Weiske and his wife Anna Marie were among the first settlers in Warwood. From 1855 to 1888 they lived in a log house on the bank of 23rd Street and Hazlett Avenue. Their home had two large rooms downstairs with a circular staircase leading to two large rooms upstairs. This home was built in 1800 by a doctor whose name has been forgotten.

Unable to get a clear title to the land, the Weiskes were prevented from buying it. (This land was

later owned by the Garden family.)

The Weiskes had a truck farm and maintained a boat landing where people could board a boat on the Ohio River to travel south to Wheeling or north to Wellsburg, W. Va. (The captain, called Captain Prince, was the father of Henry Schrader, Wheeling attorney.) The Weiskes also had an area where people could fasten their horses and leave their rigs before taking the boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiske had five children. One died in infancy, another at 23 years of age of typhoid. Three survived to old age. The oldest daughter Anna Clara was born in 1861. One day, when she was three years of age and was playing with her playmate Mary Jane Reilly, Anna fell into an open grave in the old cemetery on Myers's Bottom; she survived, however. She married David Campbell and lived more than 80 years.

EBERTS

Carl H. and George S. Eberts were very prominent citizens of Warwood, contributing to the growth and development of the community. Carl was born on December 18, 1888, in what is now Warwood and on the site of the Warwood Tool Company. He was the son of George S. and Mary (Weiske) Eberts, the latter of whom was also born in Warwood. (Her father Herman Weiske died when she was a child.) Carl attended the public schools and, at 18 years of age, took a job in the Quarter Savings Bank in Wheeling where he was promoted to a position as teller. In 1911 he became the active promoter of the Bank of Warwood which was incorporated with a captial of \$25,000 all of which was in stock held by citizens of the immediate community. The Bank opened its doors May 1, 1911, with Mr. Eberts as a cashier. (The present bank building, of modern architecture and equipment, was completed and occupied in January 1914. It is a two-story, brick structure with banking facilities and with a second floor used for mercentile purposes.) Carl married Emma Johnson, daughter of T. H. Johnson of Bellaire, Ohio, who had been engaged in coal operations for more than 40 years. Carl and Emma had one son, Herman Carl, who was associated with a bank in Coral Gables, Florida. Beginning as a cashier,

he became Vice President and President. He is now retired.

George S. Eberts was a child when his parents, Jacob and Caroline Eberts, established their home in what is now South Warwood. In this old homestead the elder Ebertses passed the remainder of their lives. George inherited the farm. He later became prominent in securing the right of way for the street railway through this section of town. He finally sold the farm to the Loveland Improvement Company of which he became a director. In this connection he aided in the platting of his former farm of 72 acres into town lots. Thus he became one of the vital and progressive men of the new town, which at that time was called Loveland. He was one of the organizers and incorporators of the Bank of Warwood in 1911 and continued as a director of the Bank until his death on July 20, 1921. He had active management of the Wheeling Wall Plaster Company, which had its manufacturing plant at Warwood, and where he also was a stockholder. In 1918 he became manager of the Glenova Coal Company. Under his direction the mines of the company were opened--a great influence on the industrial development of Warwood. He served as a member of the Board of Education of Richland District, which included Warwood. Three children survived the parents: Carl H. (above), George J. and Henry W.

The Eberts land extended from Third to Fifth Street and ran from the Ohio River to the top of the hill. Their homestead stood on what is now Warwood Avenue between Third and Fourth Streets. It was torn down many years ago. The Ebertses built the Slack Town School in Loveland in 1901.

George Wolfe said he attended school there. Later Herman Teates and his associates bought the land from the Loveland Company.

It was during this time that Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Wright moved to Loveland. As related by Mrs. Wright, one of our courageous "oldsters," to her daughter Mrs. Herman (Wright) Manbeck:

Some of the pioneer families of around 1903 in Loveland were: Albert Lash of Seventh Street; William Helfenbine at Fifth Street; the Heffners at Third Street; and the

Ebertses at Fourth Street and Richland Avenue.

Martin L. Wright lived at 410 Warwood Avenue. He worked on the Pennsylvania Railroad in Walls, Pa. His train went past the house at 11:00 p.m. He had a signal arranged with his wife. If all was not O. K., she should wave a red lantern to him and he would return over to the house.

One night about 10:45, a prowler tried to get into the house where Mrs. Wright, who was six months pregnant and with two small sons, were. While the train was passing, all was quiet, all was quiet and she thought he had gone, so Mrs. Wright didn't wave the lantern. As soon as the train passed, he again tried to get in. Mrs. Wright fired a shot at him and he left. Mr. Eberts, at Fourth Street and Richland Avenue, heard the shot and thought she was having the baby. It was winter, and a deep snow, so they both put on hip boots and came over. Mr. Eberts traced the man past the outhouse and into the woods. They never found out who it was. They bundled up the babies and took them all over to Ebertses' to stay until Mr. Wright came home two days later.

rs. Manbeck added:

We moved up to Loveland in 1903. Ours was the first house built at what is now Fourth Street. We had to drill a well for water. About two years after that, Loveland had a pumping station on what is now Third Street and Hazlett Avenue. It was run for years by Adam Martin. They had three large tanks on the top of the hill. My uncle came to visit us there and advised us to move, for if they ever burst, we would all be drowned. I remember those tanks very well.

Before 1903 there was a pumping station between Fourth and Fifth Streets on Richland Avenue that pumped gas. The gas, a National Gas Service, came from the Pennsylvania gas fields to West Virginia; then it crossed the river to Ohio. There was a large light on the bank to warn boats of this pipe line.

Mr. Lewis McNickles was the line inspector; he "walked the line," as his job was called, meaning that he inspected the gas line for breaks in all the surrounding territory.

The following was related by Mrs. Mary Schloboam, as told by her mother Mrs. J. McNickles:

We lived below the McKinley Mine when there were three houses. In 1903 the family moved up Glenns Run where they worked their own coal mine. When they moved, there were three or four farms, and the hillside was used for the hundreds of cows that grazed there.

At that time there was a trestle over Glenns Run, and all travel had to go down the side and under the trestle. Glenns Run was much larger then, having been filled in later by home owners.

EARLY SETTLERS 1800's

EARLY DEEDS, 1773 - 1875

1773, Feb. 3

William Hawkins sold to John Wilson land on the waters of Short Creek on Ohio River to Glens Run.

1790

John Green and Judy, his wife, sold to Robinson, Charles, 100 Acres situated in Ohio County on the waters of Glens Run.

1792

Charles Robinson sold to Absalam Martin 100 Acres in the Ohio County on the waters of Glens Run.

This land borders John Williams then Beech Corner to John Green then it reaches Croghan land.

1794

James Hall to William Croghan.

James Hall sold a tract of land lying in Ohio County on the waters of Glans (Glens) Run and of Short Creek.

1810

Moses Chapline and Mary his wife of Ohio County and the Commonwealth of Virginia of one part and Josiah Chapline of the same place. Witness that Moses Chapline and Mary for 1000 bought two parcels of land at the mouth of Glens Run. Borders land of Wm. Crockain.

2nd tract upper tract where Robert Woods lives.

1813

Between Josiah and Sally on one part and Alexander Caldwell 2nd part Property on the lower side of Glens Run, on the banks of the Ohio River to Robert Woods line etc.

1816

Alexander Caldwell granted to William Gunn. 175 acres at mouth of Glens Run.

1816

William Gunn granted to Joseph Caldwell, Sr. 125 acres Mouth of Glens Run.

1824

William Croghan, Sr., to William Croghan, Jr.

1824

William Croghan, Jr., to Archibald Woods. 1200 Acres.

1831

Archibald Woods to David Lutes. (Grandfather was Andrew Woods.)

Mary Woods, George Tingle, Alexander Jacob, Orville Dewey, John Culbertson, etc. granted to John A. Armstrong property $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles above the corporate limits of Wheeling to the second Island.

1875, June 29

George Nau granted land.

Land lying on waters of Glens Run. The same land conveyed to George Nau and his wife by Casper Saft and his wife by deed.

1875

Mary Woods and others to John Gillispie. Land situated on the waters of Glens Run--land extends to Geiger now owned by Marling (Woods) from Beech Corner etc. of Crawford and Marling (Woods) to Myles line to Parshall corner to Marling line. Owners of this land were: Grace Mitchell, J. F. Woods, Ellen Woods, Mary Woods, Anna Cowpland, John Cowpland, George Tingle, Elizabeth Dewey, Sally Culbertson, and J. D. Culbertson, M. Jacobs, Alex Jacobs.

1875, Aug. 25

Between Mary Woods and R. L. Costain at waters of Glens Run bounded Messers Garden and Reilly. Also a tract sold by the party of the first part to Casper Saft to the land of the Estate of John B. Wilson sold to the party of the first part here to Patrick Miles.

THE REILLY FAMILY

Phillip Reilly was born in County Cavan, Ireland, and emigrated to America at a very early age. After living in many surrounding cities and becoming a successful businessman in merchant tailoring, he settled in Wheeling in 1821. He owned both a grocery store on Market Street and a farm in East Wheeling, which he called Manchester, and from which he shipped produce to southern markets by flat boat. For several years he managed a distillery that he had erected. Later he purchased a farm at Glens (Glens) Run in Ohio County on the line of the Pittsburgh, Wheeling, and Kentucky Railroad.

According to legend, Mr. Reilly arrived on horseback when he first came to Glens Run. He built a brick house close to the river about 1848, using former slaves who helped burn bricks at the site of the home. Until his death Mr. Reilly lived in this residence, which is still intact.

He was a large stockholder in the old Northwestern Bank of Virginia.

His only survivors were two children. His daughter married E. J. Carney in Wheeling and lived to be very old. Michael Reilly, his son, also came from Ireland and was an outstanding Wheeling citizen, contributing much toward the progress and welfare of this city.

Reilly's Tavern, at 24th Street and Ritz Avenue, Warwood, was a stopping place for travelers. Irwin Fuhr's grandmother, born in 1835, often related that when she was fifteen years of age, she and her brother made biweekly trips by horse and buggy to Short Creek, Warwood, Virginia, stopping at various farms to purchase vegetables, milk, and eggs to be sold to customers at the "Old Market House" at 11th and Main Streets, Wheeling. On this trip they always stopped at Reilly's Tavern for lunch.

A long-time resident of the Reilly House, 85 year-old Mrs. Annie Siedel, daughter of the lated Judge John J. Ritz, said "When I was fifteen years old, I found an old newspaper behind a chimney brick in the attic of the house. The headlines read that George Washington would come down Glens Run Road, Virginia, the next day. The date was in the 1700s." She could

not remember the exact day. (See encampment by Mrs. Tustin.) Since the paper evidently belonged to Mr. Reilly, who brought it to his home in 1848, we believe the paper was well over 100 years old. Mrs. Siedel kept it until it crumbled.

The deed to Phillip Reilly from Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds in 1845 stated a location at Glens (Glens) Run, Virginia. We think this land must have reached from 22nd Street to the north end of North Warwood and perhaps as far as Short Creek.

Although there was a post office at Glens Run, Virginia, the exact location can not be placed. It may have been at 23rd Street and Hazlett Avenue or at Reilly's Tavern as both places were used for the landing of boats traveling the Ohio River.

Stage coaches also stopped at Reilly's Tavern after following the old road paralleling the Ohio River. According to "Old Timers," the earliest year for these stops was 1852.

LASCH (LASH)

In 1885 Jacob Lasch, Sr., and his wife Katrine, natives of Germany, came to the United States where Mr. Lasch led an active life as a gardner. He died on March, 1901, and Mrs. Lasch in 1899.

Of the Lasches' five children. four lived--

The son Jacob, a prosperous farmer in Ohio County, was born in 1857 in Bellaire, Ohio. After buying a 40-acre farm approximately three and one-half miles north of Wheeling, he and his brother Peter were partners as business market gardners, selling most of their produce in Wheeling. They kept bachelors' hall and never married.

Conrad, a Wheeling Island resident, bought land in Warwood on March 6, 1894, from Jacob and Katharine Lasch, who had secured it from John J. and Amelia E. Lasch. Conrad moved to his Warwood property in 1895. This interesting account about Conrad is from Walter C. Teater's book Our Island:

South of the Island's point stood a very large red brick. We never knew who built it

or who lived there. Possibly the priests built it when they bought the north end of the Island. It might have been built the same time that North Wheeling Hospital was built. Later the land was sold and a very large farm was put into operation. It was owned by a man named Conrad Lasch. Several different farmers farmed it, but Mr. Lasch was the last owner. There were two hand dug wells on the farm and when the time came that the wells needed cleaning out, one well developed Black Damp, a very deadly gas. So the cleaner was compelled to fill it in with dirt to prevent death. The farm was a very good one. The Lasch family bought a farm in Glenova or Warwood as it is called. The farm produces high quality produce.

The above excerpt is in accord with Bill Lasch's statement that his grandparents owned a farm on Wheeling land. The following story has often been told:

In 1884, when Wheeling had a very high flood, the Lasches' large, beautiful stallion was washed into the river. Because the water was high and the current dangerous, the horse had a difficult time making progress.

Standing on the opposite shore was a group of men, women, and children, watching intently while the horse struggled with the swift current. Breathlessly and quietly they stood, mentally trying to pull the horse their way. Finally, the stallion succeeded in gaining against the current and almost reached the shore in front of the eager group. The spectators were truly pleased and emitted such a cheer that the horse was frightened and retreated to the swirling water, swimming to the opposite shore and almost drowning on the way.

(During this flood a cow, stranded on the Island, decided to visit the third floor

of a home, and while there, helped herself to the straw in the mattress.)

The Conrad Lasch property in Warwood ran from the hilltop to the Ohio River and from what is now 6th Street to 8th Street. Separated by Warwood Avenue (then called Main Street), the land was divided into two pieces, one of thirteen and two-tenths acres and the other of fifteen acres. The land west of the Avenue was farmed while the hilly east was used for pasture. Conrad and Julia Klebe Lasch built a house at 603 Warwood Avenue. Their children included Emma, William, Katherine, Edward, Elizabeth, Albert, Charles, and Henry. Death claimed Conrad in 1907 and Julia in 1921.

Albert built his home on the Lasch property when he married Sarah Marie Stapel of Pittsburgh. When he became interested in growing flowers, his uncle Peter Lasch gave him an old greenhouse, the beginning of Lasch Florist, which was operated from 1907 to 1973. Albert and Sarah had six children--Harold, Virginia, Ruth, Margaret, Robert, and Kenneth. All worked with their parents in the florist enterprise part time, but Virginia, Ruth, Robert, and Kenneth, most of their working days. Albert Lash bought the homestead in 1949, and his heirs now own the property.

William Lasch lived on Cherry Hill and had a very successful farm.

Note: Although he seems to be unrelated to the foregoing Lasches (Lashes), a Jacob Lash, apparently was the first Lash in Wheeling. A native of Pennsylvania, he was one of the first settlers to cross the mountains when only Indian trails were available for travel. He settled on a farm in Belmont County, Ohio, in 1797 and died in 1869. Jacob's son Abraham Lash, also of Ohio, and born in 1798, was one of the first white children born in that territory. Abraham married Nancy Powell, who was of Welsh descent. Their twelve children grew to maturity. - One of these children was named John. John A. Lash, a leading jeweler of Wheeling, was born in Ohio in 1841 and came to Wheeling in 1866. He opened Grant House on Main Street.

THE DORSCHES

Casper and George Dorsch purchased 130 acres of land from Zachariah Jacobs in 1864. (Mr. Jacobs had bought the property from William Reynolds.) This acreage was bounded by the top of the hill on the east, 13th Street on the north, the Ohio River on the west, and the alley between 10th and 11th Streets on the south. The Dorsch brothers farmed their land until it was developed into city lots.

Two Dorsch homes, built on the east side of Warwood Avenue between 10th and 12th Streets, were the first show places of grandeur in Warwood. Each residence was constructed to complement the impressive beauty of the surrounding land with its backdrop of the tree covered hill. The Dorsches built the brick mansions in the 1920s. The George Dorsch home at 1100 Warwood Avenue is a large and stately red brick with pleasantly landscaped grounds. When Mr. and Mrs. Dorsch died, the heirs sold the estate and much of the nearby land to James Bryan, who lived there for quite a few years. Mr. Bryan then sold the property to Rudolph Roth and his wife Rose in September 1972. (Mr. Roth is an employee of the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation. The Roths have one daughter.) The Casper Dorsch palatial home of white brick stood at 12th Street and Warwood Avenue. Resplendent with stained glass windows, a leaded glass door and, inside, crystal chandeliers imported from Czechoslovakia, the house was truly imposing. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorsch lived there until the property was sold. The house was razed in 1969. During the following year the Garden Park Terrace apartment building, with 100 residential units, was built for senior citizens. (The first occupant of the building was 82-year-old Mrs. Hazel (Pool) McGill.)

At one time W. E. Wollenweber rented the original farm house at 1108 Warwood Avenue from Mr. Bryant. In 1946 the home was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Lasch, who remodeled it into an attractive modern residence. (Mr. Lasch is manager of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Store in Wheeling.) Their son William C. Lasch now owns the home.

To the south side of the Roth home at 1006 Warwood Avenue is a charming, modern, ranch-type brick residence--the home of Mr. and Mrs. Latis B. Thomas,

who built it. (The Thomases had five children.)

Slightly to the rear of the Roth and Thomas home is another fine home--at 1008 Warwood Avenue. Rudolph A. Medovic and his wife Margaret built it in 1964 for their family, which includes two sons Michael and Thomas. (Mr. Medovic is a self-employed grocer at 22nd and Market Streets, kneeling.)

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Dorsch built a pleasant home for themselves at 1208 Hildreth Avenue.

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

The history of the Warwood Church of Christ begins in 1957 when a group from the Wheeling Church of Christ, which was then located on the Island, left to begin this new congregation. The need was seen by them to have a congregation in this end of Wheeling.

With the help of the Wheeling congregation the property now located at 105 North 20th St. was secured.

The ministers who have worked with the Warwood Church of Christ are: Bill Curry, Carl Matheny, Roy Goodmiller, Edwin Floyd, Barney Winland, Clendon Walker, with Lloyd Beard as the present minister.

The Warwood Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to all to visit the services of the church. Services: Sunday - 10:00 and 10:50 and 7:00 for the evening services. Bible Study: Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

THE WARWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

The Warwood Methodist Church was started by Mrs. Lilly Hilton Bibbee, who held prayer services in the Loveland School in South Warwood. The church was organized in 1905 by the Reverend C. B. Graham, then Superintendent of the Wheeling District. Two lots were secured from the Warwood Land Company on 21st Street upon which to build a church. Services were held for a time in the Glens Run School but were terminated because of lack in participation.

Wanting a more central location, the congregation exchanged their property in 1912 for a lot at 14th Street and Warwood Avenue. There a small building was erected with used lumber, and services were held for several years. Five years later a small addition was built.

The Reverend Gilmore served the church from 1912 to 1914. When the Reverend G. J. Johnson came in 1914, a new church was considered.

At this time an adjoining lot was purchased. Both lots extend 80' along Warwood Avenue and 155' to Hildreth Avenue.

In 1918 the congregation bought a parsonage at 1808 Warwood Avenue. The parsonage was moved to 1408 Hildreth Avenue in 1944, to 1500 Warwood Avenue in 1952, and to 21st Street in 1975.

Ground was broken for a new educational building on August 15, 1959. Other improvements include repairing the organ and lengthening the sanctuary at a cost of \$120,000 which was "paid in full" by 1972.

THE UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In the late 1880's a Sunday School, known as the Richland Presbyterian Church, started in the Glens Run School. Ministers of at least two different denominations held services there more or less regularly. On December 11, 1905, a group of eighteen persons sent a communication to the Wheeling Presbyterian Church asking that a Presbyterian Church be organized. Having been granted the request in January 1906, 22 persons held an organizational meeting in the school and became charter members. Two of them, Mrs. L. B. McNickle and Mrs. E. O. Archer, are still living. The Reverend J. P. Stoop was the first minister. On March 18, 1906, a congregational meeting was held and the name Richland chosen for the church. The Reverend Stoop accepted the call as minister and served faithfully until May, 1909. Church members pledged \$176.00 in July 1906 to erect a church. Because of this small amount, the Presbyterian Board of Church Erection gave \$1000, and the Warwood Land Company donated two lots valued at \$800. The new building was dedicated on October 4, 1908, with the value of the church and lots amounting to \$7,970.54.

In 1909 Edward Giles, a seminarian, supplied the pulpit. The Reverend Edgar Day served the church from February 1910 to October 1914; the Reverend E. P. Carson, from February 19, 1915 to December 25, 1921; the Reverend J. Alex Brown, D. D., from May 1922 until his death on October 19, 1923; and the Reverend John D. Keith, from January 1924 until late in the fall of that year.

The name of the church was changed to the Warwood Presbyterian Church on April 9, 1924, since Warwood had been annexed by the City of Wheeling by that time.

Accepting calls later were the Reverend Charles Mummey, Ph. D., from January 14, 1925, until July 1928 and the Reverend Lyman N. Lemmon from January 10, 1929, until 1947. After having served eighteen years longer than any other minister, the Reverend Lemmon resigned to accept a call in Wellsville, Ohio. The Reverend Arthur Pritchard became the minister on October 1, 1947, and upon his resignation, the Reverend John Shettle served for eight years. Then the Reverend Roger Smith was minister from 1968 until August 1974. An interim minister, the Reverend Charles Reichenback, served in

1974. The present minister is the Reverend James Cranston.

A new Moller pipe organ was installed in 1931.

Plans for a new church began in June 1949, and a tract of ground at 23rd Street and Warwood Avenue was purchased in 1953. Excavation began two years later, and in October 1956 a fine new building was completed.

WARWOOD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 1913 to 1975

The Warwood Evangelical Lutheran Church had its beginning in the early summer of 1912, when Messrs. Henry F. Juergens, John J. Brochardt and George S. Alberts, Jr., of the First English Lutheran Church made a survey for the purpose of organizing a Sunday School. The old Glens Run School House (where Gulf Oil Company now has a service station) was procured for a meeting place for the first Sunday School session on Sunday, June 16, 1912. Mr. C. A. Peterson was elected the first Superintendent.

On January 3, 1913, the more centrally located Center Warwood School became the meeting place. The building was located on the hill above, where later, Warwood High School at 17th Street was to be built. There were no sidewalks, only a few board walks, and no street lights of any description. The members had to carry lanterns to light their way as they struggled through the mud and dust to attend services.

It was imperative that, with a school house as a place of worship, a church edifice be provided. A piece of ground 50 feet in front by 350 feet in depth on Warwood Avenue next to the school on the south side was purchased for \$2,500.00 from The Warwood Land Co. The ground was part of the farm of Jacob Lasch, whose farmhouse still (1975) stands across Warwood Avenue from the church.

During the summer of 1913, C. Franklin Koch of Hamma Divinity School, Springfield, Ohio, supplied the Warwood Church as well as the new Edgewood congregation. The Rev. W. S. Dysinger, pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, and the Rev. S. S. Adams gave their support and held occasional services.

The church was permanently organized Sunday, October

1913, with 28 charter members, many of whom still have descendants who are members in 1975. The charter members were Messrs. and Mesdames George Ambrose, George M. Bruhn, Charles M. Bruhn, Silas A. Conner, A. F. Ebeling, Harry E. Hohmann, Jochum Jochumsen, T. J. Thompson, L. C. Nolte, C. A. Peterson, Mesdames Edward Bingell, William M. Miller, Elizabeth Troll, Misses Barbara Pfefferman, Virginia Troll, Messrs. Samuel Thompson, J. Elton Thompson, and E. F. Hohman.

The Rev. Ralph A. Harshman of Shanesville, Ohio, was called to become the first pastor of the Warwood and Edgewood churches on November 20, 1913, at a salary of \$1,000.00 per year.

These early months and years were, in a sense, times that tried members' courage and faith, for it was no small task to build a church in war times, but, with loyal and devoted workers in the congregation, the new \$20,000.00 Warwood church was completed. The cornerstone was laid with appropriate services on June 17, 1917. During building operations there were ditches and mud, lumber and brick piles; the board walk was destroyed, and, at last with the dismantling of the little temporary school building, there was nothing left but a few folding chairs and a wrapping paper-covered store box for a pulpit. Fortune smiled again and services were permitted to be held in the new High School when completed.

The groundbreaking for an edifice of brick and stone was held September 3, 1916. The Festival of Dedication took place on Sunday, September 1, 1918.

In 1918 Rev. Harshman resigned from the Warwood church. Since then we have been fortunate to have as our spiritual leaders: Rev. Lehr A. McCord, Rev. J. Edwin Dale, Rev. Howard W. Amick, Rev. Robert F. Fisher, Rev. Robert L. Lang, Jr., Rev. Merle V. Rentz, Rev. Tobey D. Lytle, Rev. Maurice M. Smeal, Pastors Rudolph H. Bischoff and Stephen Stofcheck (present pastors).

Within the five decades there have been approximately 400 baptisms, 225 marriages performed and about 250 funerals conducted by the eleven pastors.

The Warwood Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran and First English Lutheran Churches formed the Wheeling Lutheran Shared Ministry in October, 1972. Pastor's salaries, together with price raises of utilities, etcetera,

were more than any one of the churches could cope with on its own so the shared ministry provides all three churches with the same two pastors, Rev. Rudolph H. Bischoff and Rev. Stephen Stofcheck.

Since the dedication of our church many improvements and alterations have taken place and several organizations formed. Some improvements were:

- 1923 - Purchased parsonage (under construction)
for \$7,700.00
- 1924 - Gas steam heaters installed
- 1939 - A Hammond Electric Organ was purchased
- 1946 - Warwood Lutheran Church became debt free
for first time
- 1947 - New carpeting was laid in sanctuary
- 1948 - Kitchen and classroom addition to
building at rear
- 1950 - Commercialism was eliminated. The choir
and organ were removed from front of sanc-
tuary and placed in the balcony; Communion
kneeling rail was installed; new eccles-
iastical light fixtures were installed
- 1953 - A new gas heating system was installed
- 1954 - New cement floor laid in church school;
Vigil light was installed, Cathedral chimes
were installed
- 1958 - Completely new "Service Books and Hymnals"
were purchased for a new form of worship
- 1961 - Kneelers were installed in sanctuary
- 1965 - A two-car garage was built at parsonage
- 1968 - 50th Anniversary was celebrated.

Some of the above items were Memorial Gifts, together with many others too numerous to mention but equally appreciated by all.

The Warwood Evangelical Lutheran Church has grown to be a powerful influence and provides spiritual leadership in the community. Aside from the regular services and congregational work, it participates, together with the other local churches, in the Weekday Bible School, Union Good Friday Services and Union Thanksgiving Observance in Warwood. We are also represented on the Greater Wheeling Council of Churches.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi was built in 1923 and was an established parish in 1916. The first pastor was Rev. P.H. Gilseman. He served from 1916-1921.

On August 19, 1923, Bishop John J. Swint laid the cornerstone of the present Church. The church was dedicated formally with a Solemn High Mass on May 11, 1924.

An interesting account and description of the Church is found in the Wheeling Register on May 11, 1924.

"The simple beauty of the Church exterior is achieved by strict adherence to the old Lombardic type of architecture. It is constructed of cream grey rough texture brick. There is a great arch over the opening of the porch and the tympanum is filled with brick and stucco ornaments. Over the porch, the gable wall of the structure is occupied by a coupled arched window seen from the interior above the organ. A fine bell cote rises 75 feet from the sidewalk.

"This beautiful structure is formed on Basilica type, with clear-story and four stone pillars on each side of the nave carrying round arches. The nave ceiling is barrel-vaulted, the windows of the clear-story penetrating it. The side aisles have lean-to roofs plastered the underside of the rafters.

"On the front-the narthex runs across it entirely with stairs to the organ tribune on the epistle side. The main entrance on Warwood Avenue is in the center of the narthex, and at the gospel side is a door leading to the side street. The sanctuary has a square end: the priests' sacristy is on the epistle side due to the proximity of this side to the rectory. The boys' sacristy is on the opposite side with boiler room below and storage room above; the boiler room has a separate outside entrance.

"The sanctuary floor is composed of grey Tennessee marble borders, steps and inserts: there are Westfield green risers with vari-colored tiles for the field. In the aisles and narthex the floor covering is of red quarry tile with cement borders and base.

"Artistic features of the interior are found in the painted glass windows - the work of George W. Sotter

Cox, Nostrand and Gunnison of Brooklyn: in the woodwork which is white oak stained in mission color and which predominates in the altars, Communion rail, Baptismal font, sedelia, pews, and other woodwork throughout, being the handicraft of the American Seating Company. All these features were designed by the Architect. Over the sanctuary is a huge crucifix which is truly a magnificent piece of work. The pipe organ installed by Estey Company, is an instrument of the highest order of excellence. The paintings on the side altars were done in oil by Mr. McQuaide. The stations are in usual French and Munich finish. The seating capacity, without the organ tribune is 550. The Architect was Edward Weber of Pittsburgh, the same architect who designed the magnificent Wheeling Cathedral.

"In the hands of a properly trained and artistic mural decorator, this beautiful Church could have its interior with its beautiful lines and harmonious proportions made a marvel of devotional beauty to vie with any similar church of the eleventh and twelfth centuries."

WARWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In 1909 the First Christian Church of Wheeling gave two lots on North 8th Street as a building site. A tabernacle was erected here and a meeting held.

These lots and \$500 were exchanged for the lots where the church now stands, at N. 17th Street and Richland Avenue. The leaders in this movement were: James M. Gooch, C.P. Doty, George Sutton, Ray Naylor, J.C. Pryor, G.H. Sutton, George F. Press, James Gooch, and C.P. Doty.

On May 30, 1911, the work of erecting the building was undertaken. The excavation had been made by Brothers Gooch and Sutton and the sewer and foundation for iron pots laid by Mr. Si Conners.

Many men and women of many creeds joined heartily in the good work.

Mr. Geasy was contractor and architect, and the following carpenters gave their time freely: Jno. Murphy, Thomas Parriot, Mr. Delaplaine, Mr. Schutzner, Mr. Gears, and Mr. Grimm.

While the men were working, the women were

busy preparing food which was donated by Mr. W.E. Helfinebine and others. The Warwood Band, which was in its infancy at that time, furnished music during the P.M. and in the evening a prayer meeting was held on the lawn.

The church wasn't finished as planned, in a day, but a very worthwhile effort was made. Jno. W. Gieseey was hired to complete the outside work.

The bell was donated and placed by Brothers Sutton and Gooch. The lumber for the floor was donated by Miss Rebecca Wilson and laid by Jno. Wiley and Chester March and H.C. Mitchell. The pulpit was made and donated by Mr. Dick Gears. The chairs were donated by the First Christian Church, the Baptistry by the Gooch Sisters. Concrete work was done by Mr. Marsh. Labor has been and is still being freely donated, but materials such as lumber and other inside and outside furnishings must be paid for.

The first building program put on a mortgage of some \$2,500.00 which was cleared up through the efforts of the congregation under the leadership of Professor Finley in 1918.

Since then a parsonage was erected at 1612 Richland Ave., a garage built, pews installed, stained glass windows put in, a new roof put on the building. the choir platform enlarged, the basement concreted and partitioned, a heater installed, electric lights have taken the place of gas lights, the street paved, the front door entrance improved, the building painted inside and out several times due to the faithful little congregation under the able leadership of F. B. Imhoff, J.C. Pryor, W. W. Evans, F.E. Biddle, A.P. Finley, P.H. Canary, Fred Helfer, J.R. Eglert, H.C. Satterfield, F.R. Nichols, and H.A. Blake.

Due to the illness of Rev. Nichols in the fall of 1936, Donald Cover acted as student minister until his graduation from Bethany College in June 1938 when he was called to the field as full-time minister. During his pastorate some of the improvements made to the church property have been: Parsonage mortgage paid off by organization and individual pledges, new baptistry and class room upstairs, brick veneering of church and parsonage, new hardwood flooring and carpet in auditorium, purchased property at 131 N. 17th Street for parsonage, old parsonage converted into Sunday School rooms, new furnace in church and annex, new rest rooms

... church basement, new porch on church and enlarged vestibule, 2-car garage built in rear of 131 N. 17th Street, new pulpit furniture, paneled walls in church basement in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nesbitt, removed steeple and church bell, air conditioned church, loud speaking system and installed electric elevator chair.

He has conducted over 500 baptisms during his time of service as minister.