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## Present "Shy Guy" April 26th

R. M. Johnson — 5-0356

rk.—"Shy Guy," a three-act play, will be presented by the senior class on Thursday, April 26.

cast of characters includes: Paul Clauson as Fred Hastings, a high school senior and all-conference basketball player; Jackie Johnson as Fred Hastings, a happy, fluttering and optimistic mother; Karl Hill, Gil Hastings, a loyal and affable friend and father; Eunice Osmund as Nancy Graham, a pretty and popular girl interested in Fred Hastings; Dallas Ingemunson, Larry Madison as speedy, energetic senior who is always having bright ideas; Karen Jullie Tucker, a breezy, talkative girl with an overwhelming love for dogs; Ann Ingemunson, Ann Patterson, a beautiful model who sets things to no end for Larry; Ann Heggen, Melinda Whipwiry, eccentric little lady of wit with a good sense of humor; Lois Matison, Lois Corwin, an athletic and efficient young business woman in her early 30's; Sherwood Danbury, Mr. Danbury, an aggressive, enthusiastic man of 45, a natural actor and showman, and Mayerson as Bill Sterling, a pleaser determined young man in his

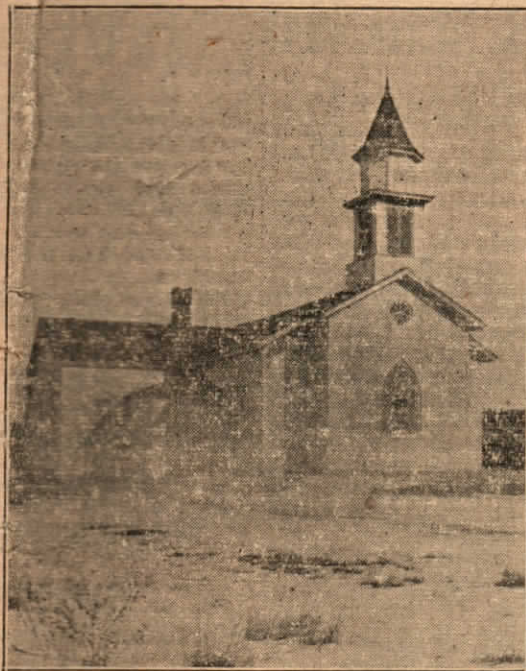
### Family Gathering—

preciation of his 20 years of service as custodian of the Newark church, its members and friends are having a gathering for Mrs. Knudson, Friday evening, April 7, at 7:30 p. m., in the church

### Initiated New Members—

Newark FHA girls held their initiation of new members on Tuesday. Those who were initiated to receive junior membership are: Phyllis Lundy, Janet Beverly Hutchinson, Mary Alice Johnson, Geraldine Mink-

## Easter Service in AuSable Grove Presbyterian Was Last in Old Building



Na-au-sable. The last service in the old building of the Au Sable Grove Presbyterian church, Easter Sunday, April 1, was beautifully impressive in worship and song.

In addition to the community, many friends came from a distance to attend the closing service in the church of their fathers.

The contract for this building was let in the summer of 1866, to Fisher & Merrill, of Aurora, for \$3,300.00. It was dedicated on October 4 of the same year. The land for the church grounds was given by Dr. Townsend Seely. During the year of 1891 the chapel was added to the church building for a Sunday school department.

Extensive repairs were made in the

early 1900's when the entrance to the church was changed from the south to the west; the pulpit and the choir were transferred from the north end to the new addition built on the east, providing a session room also.

Services will be held for the first time, April 8, in Fellowship hall of the educational unit of the new Au Sable Grove church.

The traditional Maundy Thursday communion service was held in the old church building with the Rev. Dr. W. F. Zuurdeeg administering the sacraments.

The following babies received the rite of baptism: Peggy Jo Schlapp, Donald Neal Swanson and Joan Louise Bundy.

## 'He is Risen' Given at Prairie Church

Anna Kruger — 4-2861

Oswego.—Among the many Easter services in the Oswego was one of particular interest in the Oswego Prairie church, Sunday, when the play, "He is Risen," by Robert Horspool, was presented under the direction of Paul Shoger. Those taking the various parts were Mercedes Davis, Everett Hafenrichter, Donald Plocher, Dan Huntley, William Leigh, Robert Ebinger, Dan Rebhorn, Eddie Wolf, Barbara Davis, Ann Smith, Oliver Hem, Merlin Hummel, Yvonne Haag and Robert Constantine. The costuming and scenery were beautiful and the entire spectacle was most enjoyable.

### Family Gathering—

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dittman and children, Sharon and Buddy, of Antioch, visited during the Easter season with Oswego relatives and on Sunday were guests at a family gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nogle. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis, Barbara and Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Burkhart and Mrs. E. E. Hafenrichter.

Mr. Dittman was at one time a teacher in the Oswego school and Mrs. Dittman will be remembered as Belinda Hafenrichter.

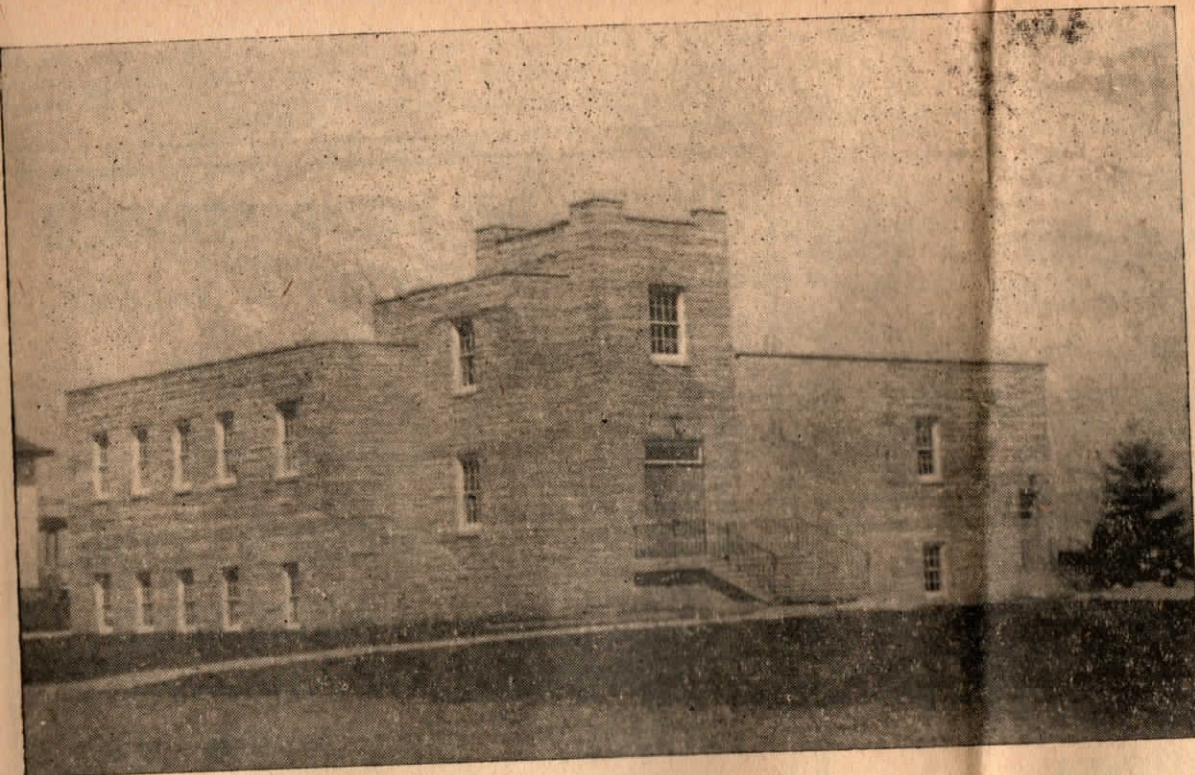
### Attended Memorial Service—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry attended the Maundy Thursday memorial service at Scottish Rite cathedral in Chicago, which was presented by Gourgas chapter of Rose Croix, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. It was an extremely beautiful service and much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brown entertained their children and families at an Easter dinner, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rusch and children, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown and son and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Gerry and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gerry were entertained at dinner, Easter Sunday, in the home of their daughter, Mr.





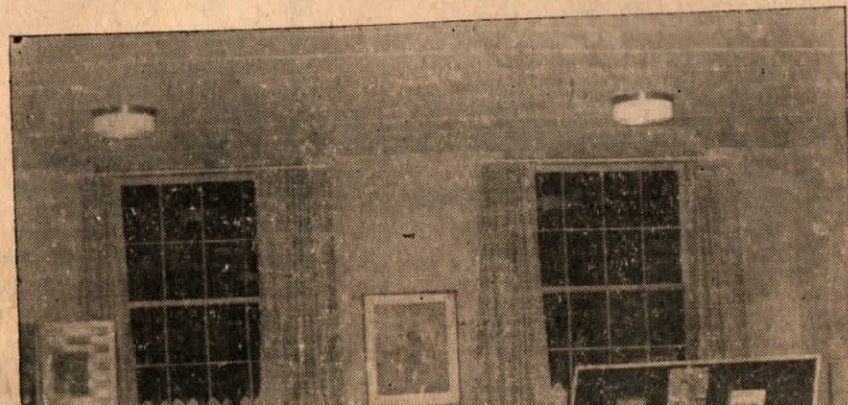
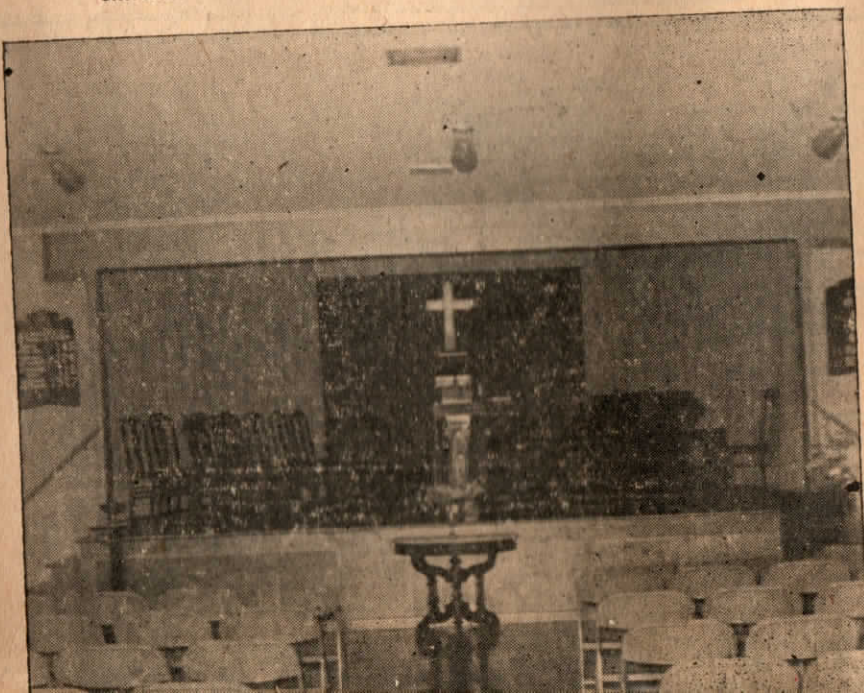
The exterior of the new educational unit of the Au Sable Grove Presbyterian church. The sanctuary wing will be added starting in the "blank" space just to the right of the entrance door.



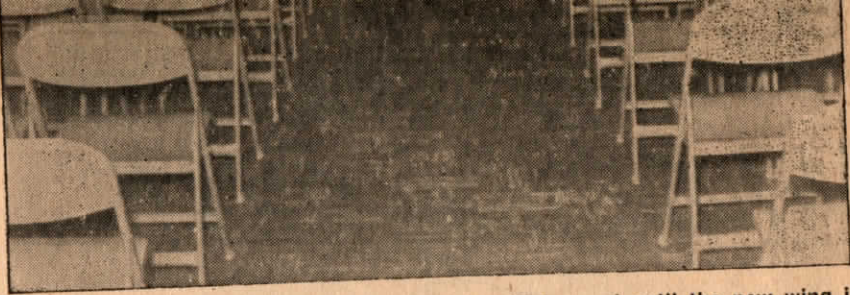
The first "spade" of dirt was moved as this shot was made, on September 22, 1954. Jim Hopkins, on the bulldozer, John Schobert and Ralph Schlapp assisting.



Mr. Clark, the stone contractor, lays the first of many Bedford stone in the structure. All photos through the courtesy of Hugh H. Goudie.







The sanctuary in the new building will be used until the new wing is added. The congregation has every reason to be immensely proud of their "House of Worship."

## Many Present for Dedication of Au Sable Grove Church Unit Sunday

Miss Mary T. Howell — 8-6532

Na-au-say.—The dedication services for the Christian education unit of the new Au Sable Grove Presbyterian church started with family night, Saturday, May 12, pot luck, held in Fellowship hall at 7:00 p. m. The spacious room filled with long tables attractively appointed, seated 165 to partake of a bountiful meal. The program later was announced by Donald G. Roper, minister. A film strip was shown, followed by musical numbers by Mrs. Carl Swanson and John Kellogg. The Rev. Dr. Paul S. Johnson of Oak Park and the Rev. Edward M. Esler of Indianola, Iowa, extended greetings and congratulations upon the erection of the new building.

The morning worship service of Sunday, May 13, began at 11 o'clock. It was a beautiful summer's day and Fellowship hall was filled by a devoted and interested audience. The stage was adorned with a profusion of lovely flowers given as a memorial for Miss Effie Austin. Donald G. Roper, minister, conducted the services and delivered the sermon. The Rev. Edward M. Esler administered the rite of baptism to Laurel Ashley, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Stewart, and to Barbara Joan, baby daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald H. Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. William Rupert were received into church membership.

The afternoon's formal dedication

service began at 3:00 o'clock with the congregation gathered on the lawn to witness the cornerstone laying. The Rev. H. C. Montanus of Morris performed the ceremony, assisted by Donald G. Roper, the Rev. Dr. W. F. Zuurdeeg, the Rev. Glenn D. Strang and the Rev. Edward M. Esler. At the conclusion, the choir leading, followed by ministers and people, entered the church for the dedication of the Christian education unit. Ralph Schlapp delivered the keys to the Rev. Glenn D. Strang, moderator of the Ottawa presbytery, who accepted them in the name of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. After music by the choir the sermon, "Teaching the Children," was given by the Rev. Mr. Strang. Dr. Johnson pronounced the benediction.

Preceding the social hour Mr. Roper read congratulatory letters from former pastors of the church, officials of the Ottawa presbytery and personal greetings were delivered from representatives of local churches.

At the tea, Mrs. James Hopkins, sr., and Mrs. Nellie Bent dispensed hospitality from an attractive table. It was a time of wonderful fellowship when former members of the church and vicinity met and revisited old days with their friends of Au Sable Grove. Congratulations upon the completion of our beautiful structure were freely and sincerely given by friends and guests from abroad.

### History of the Au Sable Church—

The Au Sable Grove Presbyterian church had its beginning in a log house, 16x20, the home of Dr. Townsend Seely. A half dozen families had been meeting in the Seely home for divine services, and on February 26, 1848, "resolved to organize themselves into a Congregational church to be known by the name of Au Sable Grove." For 16 years church services with Sunday school were held in the Union schoolhouse which had been built in 1847. On June 11, 1854, the little band of followers changed their relations from the Fox River union to some presbytery and substituted Presbyterian for Congregational form of government. The first church was built in the year of 1866 on land given by Dr. Seely. The manse had been erected a few years previous.

A chapel was added to the church in 1891 for a Sunday school department. Extensive repairs were made in the early 1900's when the entrance was changed from the south to the west; the pulpit and choir to an addition on the east side of the church. A furnace and electricity were later installed.

From records the first pledge of \$25.00 for a new church was given by the young folks of the Christian



One of the fine Sunday school rooms in the magnificent structure. These rooms are decorated in very pleasing colors and are beautiful indeed.

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## Gatherings Held at Millington Homes

Mrs. George Hartman — 5211

Millington.—Mother's day activities with dinners and family get-togethers were the order of the day, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petty and Mrs. Charles Kratzer and son were dinner guests, Sunday, of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Biehl at Big Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hyatt of Sandwich took their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson, out to dinner in Aurora, Saturday night, in observance of Mother's day.

Mrs. Earl Dayton and Miss Shirley Sleezer of Sandwich called, Sunday afternoon, on Mrs. Earl Foster.

Mrs. Alma Olson and son spent the weekend with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shepherd at Naperville. Sunday they were