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Timbercrest celebrates 100 years

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Timbercrest, North Manchester, the oldest continuing operating home of the Church of the Brethren, celebrated its centennial Saturday, June 17, with a service of dedication and inauguration. Approximately 1,200 persons attended the outdoor service where former Governor Otis R. Bowen, M.D., was the key speaker.

Timbercrest started out as a Home for Old Folks and Orphans in 1889 by the Middle Indiana District of the Church of the Brethren. The Mexico Home Orphanage was closed in 1943. The home for adults continued until 1968 when it moved to North Manchester and became Timbercrest.

Timbercrest has grown from 78 residents to 325. Not only has the number of residents increased but also the acreage. Starting out with 26.4 acres, the campus now has 104 acres.

The service on Saturday, not only recognized the 100 years but also the dedication of the home's expansion. Dedicated were five residential wings, new health care center, activity hub and assembly room, courtyard dining room and warming kitchen, and the remodeled area of the former health care center now known as "A Street" of shops and residential wing B.

Bowen's Address

Dr. Bowen spoke about the rising cost of medical care and ways to manage the cost without damaging the quality of care. He noted higher malpractice premiums, medical technologies, utilization practices of physicians, and patients are a part of the rising cost. He mentioned employers who realize the tax brakes when offering health insurance to employees, courts who keep awarding higher and higher malpractice settlements and individuals who abuse alcohol, use tobacco, drugs, are overweight and so on.

"Thoughtful people must ponder the wisdom then of so much treasure into the high technological invention to treat the condition these health practices cause, while allocating so little to the preventive aspect of health. I think we need to get our priorities a little more in place."

Dr. Bowen commented there are two ways out of the high cost dilemma: ration care or find a way to deliver it more cost effectively without destroying the providers of care in the process.

"We must rid ourselves of the comforting notion that more is better in medicine always. There is much to be said for allowing the human side of medicine to flourish in the years ahead. It's the kind of medicine that we practiced years ago, because, we often had little else to offer our patients besides a good dose of sympathy and understanding. Above all, let's not make a god of high technology medicine. It has many wondrous things to offer, but not for all people, at all times and all circumstances. Because in the end physicians must practice medicine as they did at the beginning and that's with a lot of heart and sole and I pray that the future of health care takes on this human face, because, if it does, we will all be well served by it."

David Lawrenz, administrator, noted in closing comments "We must rely upon and be open to our Lord and God. People live and serve, come and go, but the Spirit of God goes on forever."



COMMEMORATIVE HANGING — This photo shows a commemorative hanging designed and quilted by several residents of Timbercrest, North Manchester. The quilt was presented Saturday, June 17, during the Centennial Service of Dedication and Inauguration to David Lawrenz, administrator.

A home for old folks and orphans was established in 1889 by the Middle Indiana District of the Church of the Brethren. Levi Miller, Mexico, was its founder and chief benefactor. Known as the Mexico Home, 600 older adults and 1,500 children were cared for. The orphanage was closed in 1943, and the adult home was moved to North Manchester and became Timbercrest in 1968. (Photo by Deb Patterson)



DEDICATION SPEAKERS — C. L. Gottmann, president of the Timbercrest Resident Council, at the podium, was one of the speakers during the Church of the Brethren Home, Inc.'s service of dedication and inauguration on Saturday, June 17. Timbercrest, North Manchester, celebrated its centennial year with the dedication of several new additions.

Shown behind Gottmann is Dr. Otis R. Bowen, key speaker; and David Lawrenz, administrator. (Photo by Deb Patterson)

Undertaker: Orville Carr, Syracuse, Indiana.

Second marriage on June 15, 1929 to Laura Erickson, she died October 22, 1932.

Passed away Feb. 13, 1950, 1:30 p.m. Carr Funeral director from Syracuse called for body. Died from complications from a broken hip.

Mary Etta Royer born August 17, 1886, near Servia, Indiana, father James Milton Royer, mother, Ida V. Shireman.

Admitted to the Home October 17, 1947, from North Manchester, Indiana, age 61.

One brother deceased. One brother Frank Royer, North Manchester, Indiana.

Three sisters deceased. Two living, Lydia and Nina.

Undertaker: Bender & Son, North Manchester, Indiana.

Burial: Fairview cemetery, near Servia, Indiana.

Lydia Royer born January 6, 1896, near Servia, father James Milton Royer deceased, mother Ida V. Shireman deceased.

One brother Jonas, deceased. One brother Frank, living.

One sister Bertha, deceased. Two sisters living, Etta and Nina.

Undertaker: Bender & Son, North Manchester, Indiana.

Burial: Fairview cemetery, near Servia, Indiana.

In sickness or death notify brother, Frank Royer, North Manchester, Indiana.

Admitted to the Home October 17, 1947, age 51.

Nina Marie Royer born July 6, 1898, father James Milton Royer, mother Ida V. Shireman, both deceased.

Admitted to the Home October 17, 1947.

One brother deceased. One brother living Frank Royer, North Manchester, Indiana.

One sister deceased. Two sisters living, Etta and Lydia.

Undertaker: Bender & Son, North Manchester, Indiana.

Burial: Fairview cemetery, near Servia, Indiana.

Elizabeth Peters born November 19, 1863, near Somerset, Indiana, father Henry Brubaker, mother Elizabeth Frantz.

Admitted to the Home December 12, 1947, from Wabash Country Church, age 84.

Married to Daniel D. Peters December 3, 1894, he died Oct. 5, 1926.

No children. One step daughter, Amanda Peter married Cloyce Holland, Plymouth, Indiana, R. 1.

Brothers: Samuel F. Brubaker, deceased; Jacob L. Brubaker, Texas; Joel W. Brubaker, deceased; Noah D. Brubaker, deceased; John H. Brubaker, North Manchester, Indiana.

Sisters: Mary Brubaker, married Henry Anstine, deceased; Catherine Brubaker, married William Anstine, deceased; Sarah Brubaker, married Joseph Blocher, deceased; Francis Brubaker, married David Blocher, deceased; Barbara Ellen Brubaker, married John Pulley, Wabash, Indiana, R. 5; Julia Ann Brubaker, married Ira Tinkle, Lafontaine, Indiana, R. 2; Magaline Brubaker, deceased.

In case of sickness or death call sisters Barbara Pulley or Julia Tinkle. Call V. O. Sowers, LaPaz, Indiana.

Jay Holland, Lapaz, Indiana.

Burial: Center Church cemetery, N. W. of Plymouth, Indiana.

When I pass out call step grandchildren, Floyd Holland or Philo Ingerham,

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Mr. Marsh, a retired C & O car repairman, lived in Mexico for 15 months, moving there from Pipe Creek Township.

He was born in Jefferson township June 13, 1875, the son of Jacob E. and Elizabeth Miller Marsh. He was a member of the Peru Baptist church.

Survivors include a sister, Miss Irene Marsh, Mexico, and a brother, Joseph W. Marsh, Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday from the Mexico Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Thomas Shively officiating. Burial will be in the Greenlawn cemetery.

Friends may call at the McCain funeral home, Denver, after 7 p.m. Thursday. The body will lie in state for one hour preceding the final rites.

Nettie May Wilson born October 23, 1871, Liberty Mills, Indiana, father John Funk, mother Anna Snep.

Entered the Home on October 11, 1951 from North Manchester Church of the Brethren.

Married on June 14, 1891 to Wesley Wilson.

Children: Mrs. Lulu Jenkins, 308 South 1st St., North Manchester, Indiana.

Grandchildren: Homer Kissinger, North Manchester.
Harold W. Jenkins, 277 E. 3rd St., Peru?

Clarence Leer born November 22, 1909, Elkhart County, Indiana, father Ira Leer, mother Amanda Cripe.

Entered the Home September 7, 1951 from Middlebury, Indiana.

Brothers and sisters:

In case of illness or death contact:

Mrs. Don Carson, 1617 Prairie St., Elkhart, Indiana.

Mrs. Glen Bowman, Middlebury, Indiana

Elvin Leer, Bristol, Indiana.

Mrs. Wm. McKinzie (Gertie), Burr Oak, Michigan.

W. B. Benjiman, Goshen.

Leon Leer, Goshen (crossed out).

Robert Leer, Howe (crossed out).

Mrs. Hugh Colwell, Bellflower, California.

Mrs. Edna Daily, Maxwell Home, Pennsylvania.

Barbara Pulley born May 21, 1872, Wabash, Indiana, father Henry Brubaker, mother Elizabeth Frantz.

Entered the Home on October 17, 1951, age 79, from Wabash Country Church.

Married on September 30, 1917, to John Pulley.

Died August 26, 1959, funeral at Wabash Country Church August 29, 1959, at 2:00 p.m.

Lizzie Quinn born March 4, 1884, Huntington County, Indiana, father William Mendenhall, mother Amanda Wheeler.

Entered the Home November 26, 1951, from Andrews Church.

Daughter: Mrs. Edith Rittenhouse, 1421 So. Broadway, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Bertha Skinner born January 19, 1878, Chili, Indiana, father John Chaplin, mother Adline Nichols.

Entered the Home December 27, 1951, age 74, from Peru, Indiana.

Nephew: Mr. John E. Chaplin, 3275 Paloma St., Pasadena, California.

66 Left Home on March 15, 1952, at 11:30 a.m.

Two children: Merle Langdon, Hartford City, Indiana.

Married: Harve Rarick, deceased.

Hulda Rarick passed away March 11, 1954, 2:00 a.m.

Treva Joy Hopper born September 26, 1903, Elkhart County, Indiana, father Gideon F. Macumber, mother Ellen Ann Hunt.

Entered the Home October 28, 1953, age 50, from Elkhart city Church of the Brethren.

Married: George Hopper on May 12, 1923. He is deceased.

One daughter in California.

Has burial lot in Elkhart.

Went to Logansport December 21, 1954.

Mary Elizabeth Studebaker born September 7, 1867, Logan Co., Ohio, father Martin M. Miller, mother Sarah Katherine Frantz.

Entered the Home February 17, 1954, from Muncie Church, Brethren.

Married: John William Tinkle.
Alex Studebaker.

Son: William J. Tinkle, 2008 E. 4th St., Anderson, Indiana.

Mrs. Studebaker passed away July 30, 1958, at 6:30 a.m.

Sarah J. Burdge born September 4, 1869, near Summitville, Indiana, father Jacob Hiatt, mother Chrissa Ann Winters.

Entered the Home July 22, 1954, from Marion, Indiana, Church of the Brethren, Middle District.

Married: yes

Children: Mrs. John Lester Atkinson, Summitville, Indiana.
Paul Lamb, 1215 54th St., Marion, Indiana.

Undertaker: Mr. Hunt, Fairmont, Indiana.

Emma C. Shultz born September 7, 1870, Huntington County, Indiana, father James M. Shank, mother Mary Ann Goodmiller.

Entered the Home July 24, 1954, from Huntington, Indiana. Church: Loon Creek Church of the Brethren. Middle District.

Married: Elmer E. Shultz, October 11, 1891.

Son: Howard M. Shultz, 205 Wright St., Huntington, Indiana.

Undertaker: Bailey at Huntington.

Emma E. Shultz passed away Dec. 1, 1955.

Anna Zigler born June 24, 1881, Fayetteville, West Virginia, father Martin Samuel Sager, mother Sarah C. Pobsat.

Entered the Home August 31, 1954, from Goshen. Church: Brethren Church.

Married: J. S. Zigler, September 24, 1944.

Desk lamp must go to owner, O. W. Stine, Goshen, Indiana. Also the contents in desk.

Pastor: Rev. Harry W. Eshelman, 1302 Berkey Ave., Goshen, Indiana.

Funeral director: Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, Indiana.

Clara Almeda Ogan born October 19, 1883, Noble Twp., Wabash Co., Indiana, father George Ogan, mother Lizzie Gardner.

Son: Roy Kenaga, Goshen, Indiana.

Mary Alice Kenaga died February 14, 1957 at 9:00 a.m.

Mary Alice Kenaga (obituary)

Mrs. Mary Alice Kenaga, 93, one of Elkhart County's oldest residents, died at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Church of the Brethren Home in Mexico, Indiana, where she had lived for two years. Her home was at 4818 S. Main St., Dunlap, Indiana. Born on the Elkhart prairie, southeast of Goshen, she was married to Menno S. Kenaga in 1884. He died September 3, 1954. She was a lifelong member of the Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren. Surviving are four sons, Ivan, of Elkhart, Roy, of Goshen, Indiana, Noble of Dunlap, and Melvin of Boulder Junction, Wisconsin; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Betty McKecphnie, of Shelby, Mont. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren. Rev. J. A. McCormick will officiate, with burial in Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart. Friends may call in the Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, until 11 a.m. Saturday and in the church from 1 p.m. until the funeral.

Mrs. Anderson entered the Home June 15, 1955. Left the Home, June, 1956, to live at Soldiers' Home at Lafayette.

Mrs. Lizzie Hartsaugh born March 21, 1874, Knox Co., Ohio, father Samuel Leckrone, mother Mary Hendricks.

Entered the Home August 30, 1955, North Manchester, Indiana.

Married: February 15, 1900 to S. G. Hartsaugh.

Passed away April 24, 1961 at 12:00 noon in Nursing Unit.

Lovana Ganger born July 22, 1869, Goshen, Elkhart County, Indiana, father Levi E. Miller, mother Mary E. Farmald.

Entered the Home April 30, 1956, Goshen, Indiana.

Married: January 19, 1895 to Henry Ganger, deceased.

Son: Galen Ganger, 2216 West Sixth St., Mishawaka, Indiana.
(wife's name Violet Ganger)

Niece: Mrs. Eva Slabaugh, Box 104, Etna Green, Indiana.

Burial lot in West Goshen cemetery, Goshen, Indiana, on Lovina E. Ganger lot.
Stiver Funeral Home, Goshen, Indiana.

Deceased May 8, 1963.

Sarah Ranck born November 7, 1869, North Manchester, Indiana, father Isaac Cripe, mother Mary Frantz.

Entered the Home August 29, 1956.

Married: Marvin J. Ranck, March, 1892.

In case of need notify her son: Mr. R. H. Ranck, R. 1, Urbana, Indiana.

Other son: E. W. Ranck, 1614 Crescent Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Daughter: Mrs. Homer Shaffer, R. R. #1, Box 2, Bourbon, Indiana.

Sarah Ranck died June 23, 1962.

Beatrice Douglas born May 27, 1892, Nappanee, Indiana, father Ira B. Miller, mother Martha Eshleman.

Entered the Home March 18, 1956. Northern District.

Husband: Lorenzo Douglas, deceased.

In case of death call Hay Funeral Home in South Bend, Indiana. Funeral to be in the 2nd Church of the Brethren in South Bend, with Rev. Charles Stouder

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as speaker, and Amanda and Roy Metzler to sing hymns, "There's no Disappointments in Heaven", and "Good Night Here and Good Morning up There". Burial to be in St. Joseph Memorial Park beside her father and twin sister.

In case of death call brother: Theodore E. Miller, 20203 Arrow Hwy., Covina, California.

A son: Ira Everett Vinson, Morningside Hotel, South Bend, Indiana.

A daughter: Bernice Alexander, 1513 North Reserve St., Muncie, Indiana.

Deceased July 29, 1965.

Edward Disinger born August 3, 1873, Howard County, Indiana, father George Disinger, mother Mary Disinger.

Entered the Home March 13, 1956, Southern District.

Married: Ida F. Hufford, October 23, 1931.

In case of death call undertaker at Rossville, Indiana, Moore Funeral Home.

In case of death call Mrs. Disinger's brothers and sister: Andrew Long
Chas. Long
Mary Revis

Deceased January 17, 1965.

Ida Disinger born June 18, 1881, Wabash, Indiana, father David P. Long, mother Sarah Frantz.

Entered the Home March 13, 1956, Rossville, Indiana, Southern District.

Married: Mr. Willard Hufford, deceased, later to Ed Disinger.

Brothers: Andrew Long, Rossville, Indiana.
Chas. Long, Rossville, Indiana.

Sister: Mary Revis, Rossville, Indiana.

Deceased June 23, 1965.

Alla Hufford born July 14, 1905, Pymont, Indiana, Carroll County, father Willard Hufford, mother Ida F. Long.

Not married.

In case of death notify L. E. Moore Funeral Home at Rossville, Indiana.

In case of death call Mrs. Disinger's brothers.

S. S. Scrogum born December 1, 1883, Astoria, Illinois, father Geo. H. Scrogum, mother Rebecca Barger, Wear Cave, Virginia.

Is working for the Home, came April 20, 1956, from Sebring, Florida, formerly of Goshen, Indiana. Went back to Florida on November 15, 1956. Came back again in March, 1958.

Married: March 24, 1912, to Dora E. Ames.

Undertaker: Culp at Goshen, Indiana.

Burial lot in West Goshen Cemetery.

Became a resident March, 1958.

Died January 14, 1960.

Mrs. Dora E. Scrogum born March 13, 1885, Girard, Illinois, father Davis Ames, mother Mary Ann Bechtold.

Entered the Home April 20, 1956 from Sebring, Florida, formerly from Goshen, Indiana.

Married: March 24, 1912 to Stewart S. Scrogum. Burial lot, West Goshen cemetery.

Mrs. Nellie Jackson entered the Home March 15, 1955, Southern Indiana.

Son: Harry Jackson, R.R. 1, Cicero, Indiana.

Son: Herschel Jackson, R. 5, Anderson, Indiana.

Mrs. Nellie R. Jackson died May 15, 1958, at 3:30 p.m.

Rev. David Neher born January 12, 1863.

Entered the Home November 7, 1956, from North Manchester, Indiana,
Middle Indiana.

Married: Lucinda Alice Warner December 27, 1885. She passed away in
March, 1956.

Son: O. W. Neher, North Manchester, Indiana.

Another son and a daughter.

David Neher died July 4, 1957, at 9:40 a.m.

Rev. David Neher (obituary)

The Rev. David Neher, 94 years old former North Manchester resident, died Thursday forenoon at 9:00 at the Mexico Church of the Brethren Home, following a stroke. The body was taken to the Burgess Funeral Home, and at 1:00 Sunday afternoon was taken to the Church of the Brethren to lie in state. The funeral service was held at 2:00 in charge of the Rev. H. F. Richards and the Rev. D. G. Berkebile. Burial was in Granade Cemetery near Reiffsburg, five miles south of Bluffton. Rev. Neher was a son of the Rev. Samuel and Rebecca Nevel Neher, and was born near Lima, Ohio, January 12, 1863. He married Lucinda Alice Warner in 1885 near Petroleum, and they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary before her death in March, 1956. Rev. Neher served in the free ministry in five central states, and also held many other church positions. For 23 years, prior to going to the Mexico Home, the aged couple made their home with their son, Dr. O. W. Neher in North Manchester. Surviving besides the son in North Manchester, is another son, George E. Neher, Mt. Morris, Illinois; a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Fager, Naples, Florida; eleven grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Maude Elsie Ganger born March 19, 1886, Mottville, Michigan, father Nathan E. Frakes, mother Emma Kline.

Entered the Home December 24, 1956, from Elkhart, Indiana.

Husband: William Albert Ganger, deceased.

Son: Merle Ganger, 2320 Stevens Ave., Elkhart, Indiana.

Deceased January 26, 1965.

Leon E. Leer born March 4, 1893, McPherson, Kansas, father Ira J. Leer, mother Amanda Jane Cripe.

Entered the Home July 2, 1957, from Goshen, Indiana.

Wife: Rose Etta Hostetler.

No children:

Wife: Rose Etta Leer, 206 Est Washington St., Goshen, Indiana.

Burial lot in Rock Run cemetery, Goshen, Indiana.

Passed away December 15, 1960.

Stella M. Mansfield born April 30, 1880, father Ephraim Rairigh, mother --
Bassinger.

Entered the Home July 2, 1957, from 902 W. 14th St., Muncie, Indiana.

Married: Harry Mansfield, 1899, deceased.

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Children: three sons, four daughters.

Paul R. Mansfield, R. 1, Yorktown, Indiana

Irvin C. Mansfield, R.R. 1, Eaton, Indiana.

Seleatha Pittenger, R. 2, New Haven, Indiana

Wauneta Sayer, 210 East 11th St., Alexandria, Indiana.

Ruth I. Smith (Mrs. Ernest Smith), 1005 W. 14th St., Muncie, Indiana.

Martha Foes, R.R., Elwood, Indiana.

Carl Mansfield.

Stella M. Mansfield deceased November 11, 1963.

Leanna S. Friend born June 14, 1867, Franklin County, Virginia, father Isaac Kinzie,
mother Susan Flora.

Entered the Home July 23, 1957, from R.R.1, Macy, Indiana.

Married: Wilson C. Friend, October 6, 1888, deceased.

Children: one son, Charles Friend, R. 1, Macy, Indiana.
one daughter, Carrie Baldwin.

Expired 2:34 p.m., Dec. 17, 1960.

Mrs. Odilla RePine born February 13, 1880, Ogeltown, Indiana, mother -- Mock.

Entered the Home July 10, 1957, from R. 2, Claypool, Indiana.

Married: January 1, 1898.

Children: two, daughter
son, Wilbur RePine, Claypool, Indiana.

Granddaughter: Mrs. Paul E. Miller, North Manchester, Indiana.

Died March 8, 1959 at 8:30 a.m.

Miss Eva R. Heeter born July 22, 1881, North Manchester, Indiana, father Rev.
Gorman B. Heeter, mother Rachel Ann Fanning.

Entered the Home August 1, 1957, from Idaville, Indiana.

Single.

Sister: Mrs. Isaac (Ida) Pritchett, Idaville, Indiana.

Passed away March 16, 1960 at 6:20 a.m.

Malinda Henry born November 23, 1876, Miami County, Indiana, father Isaac France,
mother Caroline Mutchel Krause.

Entered the Home November 13, 1957, from Route 2, Peru, Indiana.

Married: June 1, 1897 to Wm. B. Henry.

Children: one

Granddaughter: Mrs. Herbert R. Hoos, Jr., Route 2, Peru, Indiana.

Allen Funeral Director, Peru, Indiana.

Died June 22, 1959, at 10:15 p.m.

Newton E. Howes born January 20, 1885, Winebago County, Iowa, father Edgar C.
Howes, mother Julia Jane Smith.

Entered the Home December 21, 1957, from Andrews, Indiana.

Married: July 12, 1915 to Sarah E. Bear.

Children: Edgar J. Howes, Jamestown, North Dakota, R.R. 3.
Mrs. Walter Overholser, 341 E. High St., Huntington, Indiana.
Harold B. Howes, Bippus, Indiana.

Expired April 5, 1961 at 1:p.m.