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PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson spent a few days recently with Donald at Denver, Colo.

Efc. Herman Mobly has been awarded the bronze star.

Roy Givens is improving satisfactorily from a spinal operation in Ohio Valley Hospital, He is to return home soon.

The church has lost two of its members in the past week: Mrs. Clara Kinsey passed away on Friday, January 19 and her son, Walter, Sr. passed away on Friday, January 26 at City Hospital.

Mrs. Paul Nelson is back home after a minor operation at City Hospital.

Word has been received that Capt. Wilbert St. John has been promoted to Major.

William E. Nelson passed away on Dec. 21, 1944. He leaves a wife, ten children (2 sons in the service), three sisters, and six brothers, all of whom attended the funeral at Wellsville except Lt. Col. Elbert L. Nelson who is overseas.

NEW PEBBLES ON ROCK HILL

Laura Josephine Greenlee arrived January 22 at City Hospital. Mother, Father, Brother and Daughter are all doing fine.

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Rev. Fuller has announced that the theme of the Lenten Sermons will be Joyous Living based on the Sermon on the Mount.

A PRAYER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND BROTHERHOOD

O GOD, fountain of light and truth, give to Thy Church vision, charity and understanding, that the heavenly message of Thy Son, free from the traditions of men, may be welcomed as the promise of a better age; through Him Who maketh all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen  
(from Book of Common Worship)

EVENTS

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEADS CHURCH WORSHIP

Sunday, January 28 the Christian Endeavor Society took charge of the church service. Despite many objections on their part, all present congratulated them on a very fine service. Russell Giffin was reported as having said, "How do they do it? When I was their age I'd have been shaking all over and they didn't show a sign of nervousness." (Who says the younger generation is worse than the former?) Those taking part were: Alvin Mayer, Junior Parker, Calvin Giffin, Dorothy Nelson, Janet Braun, Boyd Nelson, Glen and Jim Keyser, Ruth Ann Keyser, Marilyn Parker, Naomi Mayer, Robert Tarbet, David Wise, Joyce Tarbet, Joan Giffin, and Richard Steltz.

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INSTALLATION OF NEW PASTOR

At a service held in the church on Tuesday evening, January 23 a committee from the Presbytery of St. Clairsville installed Rev. Herbert H. Fuller as pastor of Rock Hill Church. The committee was composed of Rev. J. H. Gwynne of Martins Ferry, Rev. Frank O. Storch of Bellaire, Rev. J. Taylor McHendry of Neffs, and Rev. Wilbur M. Franklin of St. Clairsville. Following the installation a reception was held for Rev. and Mrs. Fuller and son, Billy. The committee for the reception was headed by Mrs. Russell Giffin and included members of the session and the Board of Trustees and their wives.

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PREPARING FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

When a number of young people indicated a desire to join the church, the Christian Endeavor voted to turn its sessions on Sunday evening over to Rev. Fuller and study with him the Meaning of church membership. Those who are already members felt the review would be helpful to them.



ROCK HILL MANSE  
Bellaire, Ohio

January 29, 1945

To those serving in the Armed Forces  
from Rock Hill Community  
Address: Around-the-World

Dear Friends,

We can use that form of salutation for all followers of the Christ are friends. I feel a real "lift" when I think that because he is my Friend I can count on millions of other friends. It is my hope and prayer that even before you return to Rock Hill that we may become closer friends as we become better acquainted.

I expect that you wonder what kind of folks are living in the manse now. In the December Messenger some information was given about us. I am about 5 feet eight inches, weighing about 175 pounds and will reach 40 years this summer. Mrs. Fuller (or Kathleen) is "5 feet one or two" with red hair -- the rest is a feminine secret. Our only child is Billy Hugh or just plain Bill. He is in first grade at Rose Hill and enjoying his rides on the school bus.

Everyone asks us how we like Rock Hill now. The answer is always the same: "Just fine!" Many people express regrets that we are having such a hard winter (since yesterday the ridges and hollows are again covered with a new blanket of white snow). We have no regrets for it. The snow makes the hills beautiful. It is a real winter and we really enjoy it. It reminds me of the words of Isaiah (1:18) "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." The winter here surely makes us think of God in many ways. And too, it has given the folks here on the Hill an opportunity (unknown to them) to show what fine Christian folks they are. We often speak here in the manse of their thoughtfulness and desire to help and of their loyalty to their church. We know they are human but I suspect that it was just such folks who inspired the Psalmist to pray: "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

I hope to get settled enough soon that I can write to each one of you individually. But don't wait for that. I would like to hear from all of you whenever you can find the time to write. Tell me something of yourself, your connections here on the Hill, what your work is in the service, about places you have been, what you do in spare time, something of the men or women you meet in the service, and especially, about your church and religious activities. Where, when, and how do you worship? Do you have anything that compares to Sunday school or C. E.? Who is your chaplain? How does he conduct worship? I am also interested in knowing some of your dreams and ambitions for the future. How do you think God wants you to use your life when you return? Would you like a sermon-in-a-paragraph each month or do you get enough preaching? In short I want to know from you the things that will help me serve you now and in the future when you return.

Mrs. Fuller and Bill join me in wishing you a speedy return and the care of God in all that you do.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert H. Fuller*  
Herbert H. Fuller

## FROM AND ABOUT FOLKS

Dear Folks:

....I am glad to inform you that mail from Edgar, Jr., who is now a German P. O. W. is now beginning to come through. While coming down in his parachute in enemy territory, he was hit five times in the head, and was seriously wounded in the leg. He was confined to a hospital for a time but his last card dated Sept. 22, 1944 stated he was O. K. His prison camp is situated about 40 miles from the Oder River, in a little German town of Sagan. We are hoping the advancing Russians will release him soon.

Louis, or Bub as he is better known, has completed his boot training at Great Lakes, and his address now is: Louis Shallcross S2/c A. T. B., N. O. B. Camp Bradford, Norfolk Va. Lucille will soon have completed her probation period at Martins Ferry Hospital, and will receive her cap February 1.

Hoping for a speedy victory and a lasting peace, I remain,

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Edgar Shallcross.

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Jim McGloy expresses thanks for the Christmas packages and the Messenger and goes on with this bit of news: "Since my assignments have consisted of working instead of fighting, I am sure some of the others could send back a more 'newsy' account of themselves. Iceland is not too bad, but on the other hand is far from being in the summer resort class. I understand that most of the population belong to the Lutheran denomination; possibly the Presbyterian idea has not got around to them yet.

Best regards to everyone, Jim McGloy"

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Dear Janet,

I want to thank you for your Christmas card. ....I thought I would wait till after Christmas to write so I could tell you what our Christmas was like. There isn't really much to tell but we were safe and as far from the front as we have always been since arriving. We didn't work that day and we had a swell turkey dinner. Our Bn. had as guests 20 War Orphans and while they didn't eat right with us, those who were with them said they really enjoyed themselves and ate plenty so I guess we made Christmas a little merrier for those poor kids.

I have been to London and saw some of the most interesting places and really enjoyed myself. Could spend more time there. Saw some of the bombed places also and you can see these people have stood up under a lot.

John McGloy.

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News comes from Mrs. Vera McAllister about Bob. She writes that she had a letter dated December 20 and "headed Germany. Said it was pretty cold there but at that time had been very little snow but lots of mud. Said he was beginning to get his Christmas boxes and everything tasted so good and he and the boys all said thanks a million. .... that his (Christmas) would likely be spent in a hole in the ground. ....has been his first 'dog fight' in the air and it was quite interesting but the Jerries soon turned tail and left pretty quick but he didn't like the 'eggs' they laid sometimes.

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SMILE

CRACKER

The church was going to buy a stained glass window and Mr. Smith was sent to the city with a note which had the text, color, and size of the window. Being absent minded, he misplaced the note so he wired his wife to send him the description in care of Western Union. He waited for the reply and when it came, the operator read it and fainted. It said: "Unto as a child is born - red and green 6 feet long and 4 feet wide."

First student: I wonder how old Miss Jones is?

Second student: Quite old, I imagine; they say she used to teach Caesar.



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