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Opening Celebration

OHIO HIGHWAY No. 7

Saturday, October 17, 1931

SHADYSIDE, OHIO

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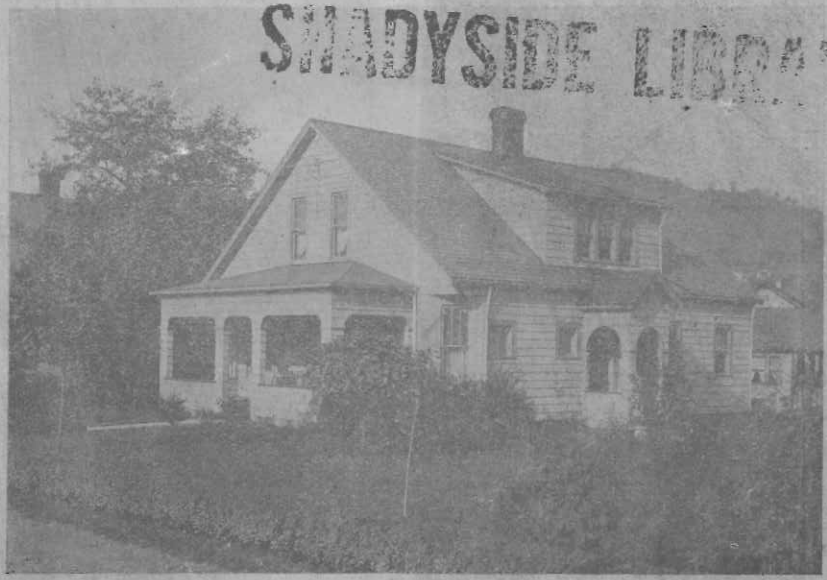

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SHADYSIDE—"A Home-Town Town of Homes"

Shadyside Public Library

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The "Wine House," the Oldest House in Shadyside

WELCOME VISITORS!

PROGRAM

Exposition—10 a. m. to 5 p. m.
(Free: in old school auditorium, Lincoln Avenue at 39th street, opposite speakers' stand.)

Barbecue—11 a. m.

Parade—Shadyside division joins procession at 2 p. m., due returning 3:15 p. m.

Speaking Program—3:30 p. m.
Stand at Lincoln avenue and 39th street; in new school auditorium, across street, if weather in inclement.

Surprise Package—6:30 p. m.
American Legion Post 521, Inc.

Sports Events and Music all Day.

FACT AND ROMANCE

Shadyside, the first county seat of Belmont County, was laid out by Daniel McElherne. The exact date is not known, but tradition tells us not later than 1799, possibly 1798.

This young Englishman, McElherne, was one of a party of government surveyors stationed at Wheeling, then in Virginia, to survey the rich land now known as south eastern Ohio. For his pay in that work he took 2,200 acres of land skirting the Ohio River and extending from the southern limit of Bellaire to Wegee Creek. The county he named Belmont in honor of Lord Belmont of his beloved England, and in memory of his own home he called the town Pultney.

The first court house of this district was a log cabin, the home of a pioneer settler, Jacob Kepshire, in Avondale. The barn nearby was used as the county jail. The first court was held Tuesday, November 4, 1801. A frame building two stories high and thirty-five feet square was later built by the county near the river road in Avondale, but it never served as a court house. This afterward was known as Banee's Tavern.

Pultney, in all probability, would have remained the county seat, but for the rise of St. Clairsville. Through the influence of politicians, an agitation was started to have the seat of justice moved to that place and the change came into effect in 1804. Disappointment over the loss of the court house together with the untimely death of young McElherne, disorganized the struggling little settlement and the people drifted away to nearby communities.

Shadyside Public Library

In the late thirties, a second attempt was made to establish a community in "Pultney Bottom." This time it was by an association which called itself "The Eastern Ohio Phalanx" and under the leadership of Robert Grant of Canton, Ohio. These happy-go-lucky folk purchased a large tract of land and erected a huge, three-story, frame house to be their residence and community center. The cellar under this structure was so deep and vast that carts bearing vegetables and fruits from the fields could be driven into it for unloading directly into great bins and cribs where the harvests were stored.

This mansion stood just at the south-east corner of the present new high school building near the intersection of East 39th street with Lincoln avenue. Like many other socialistic dreams, this, too, came to naught, ending after a few years with the dissolution of the company and the members seeking individual

homes elsewhere. The house was purchased by John Rodefer, remodeled, and used until about twenty years ago when destroyed by fire.

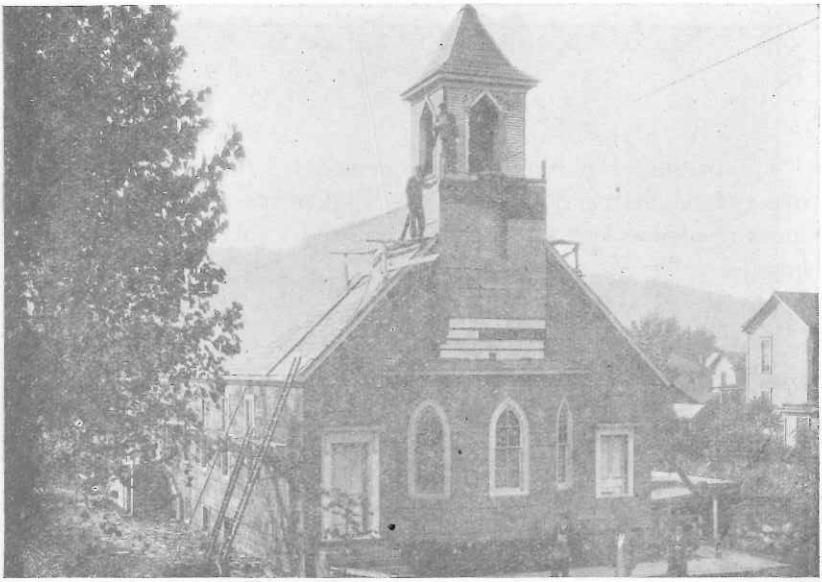
The McElherne acres were sold to pioneers for homesteads. Among those having the honor to head first families of Shadyside were Robert Crangle, John Rodefer, Robert Futhey, Samuel Heath and Robert Hutchens. Of the homes of those early families now standing tradition indicates the oldest is the two-story structure on the west side of Central avenue at 38th street. It is established with considerable accuracy that material used in its construction was salvaged from the "pumpkin flood" of 1816 when much choice lumber as well as thousands of golden pumpkins dotted the surface of the raging Ohio River. It is conceivable the house has looked, in turn, upon the turnpike, the railroad, the trolley line, and now upon the new highway, for at least a century and a decade. It is known as" The Wine House," because here the great grape industry of the community centered and much rich wine was pressed within its spacious cellar from the luscious, purple fruit. It was the scene, too, of many convivial parties when gallants of Wheeling made merry within its walls.

Likely the second oldest is the Samuel Heath place, built probably in 1851, and yet occupied by his descendants. It is outside the south boundry of the town, bordering that line and east of Ohio Highway No. 7.

The name Shadyside, as is often the case, was quite accidental. James Leisure, who had bought the farm of Robert Hutchens, planted a row of evergreen trees along the turnpike bordering his estate and placed a small white board, bearing the name Shadyside in black letters, by the side of the neat gateway. When the Bellaire, Zanesville and Columbus railroad came through the valley in 1879, the Leisure farm being centrally located and the name already in place, a small platform was laid opposite its lane and thereafter trains stopped at Shadyside station. Mr. Leisure had unwittingly named the town.

A little frame school, built about 1877 near the site of the present Central avenue building; a postoffice opened late in 1885 in the grocery of James Thompson, the first store here and which began business on the night of Hallowe'en that year; and the building of three small churches marked the beginning of Shadyside as a town.

Street cars connecting Shadyside with Bellaire and Wheeling further developed the village into an ideal residential section. Now, with the dedication of Ohio Highway No. 7, Shadyside has vital touch with every state in the union and confidently expects great and rapid development in the years ahead.



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THE SHADYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Karl H. J. Schoenborn, Pastor

The organization known today as The Shadyside Presbyterian Church started almost 80 years ago under the name of The Wegee Presbyterian Church, the church building being located about one mile southwest of Shadyside. The Rev. David C. Irwin, who began preaching there in the spring of 1851, "proposed getting up a subscription for building a Presbyterian meeting house at Wegee," which was accordingly done and the records go on to say that the organization was effected on March 31st, 1852, with twelve members.

The records from 1852 to May, 1869, are lost. It was on the night of July 5th, 1896, however, that calamity came, for the building was washed away in a flood. For more than two years the Wegee members attended the First Presbyterian Church of Bellaire. In October, 1898, a committee was appointed by the Presbytery of St. Clairsville to organize The Shadyside Presbyterian Church, this constituting a reorganization of the Wegee Church. The building was erected and dedicated on March 6th 1899, and there were 25 charter members, 19 of them coming from the First Church of Bellaire, 6 of them uniting on profession of their faith. 11 of these charter members are still alive.

The original building has been remodeled three times, but the present reconstruction will serve two purposes: it will give a most needed enlargement and it will meet the eye with greater beauty.

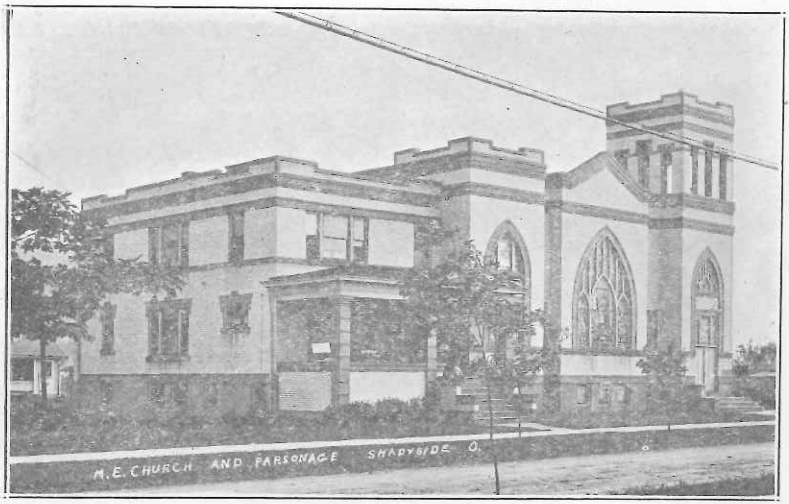
Dr. W. A. Williams was the first pastor of the reorganized church. Eight full-time ministers have followed him, a new pastorate having begun less than two months ago.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Because this congregation is as yet not fully organized, the Catholics of Shadyside are attending divine services in St. John's Bellaire, and their spiritual needs have been looked after by the priests of that parish.

On July 26, 1920, two and one-half acres of land located on 40th Street, two squares east of Central Avenue, were purchased and there is now no debt on the property. Plans are ready for the erection of a combination church and school building where the ever-increasing Catholic population can attend Mass every Sunday and the children be placed under Catholic instruction.

Every Sunday afternoon at this time more than a hundred children receive instruction in Christian doctrine from the Sisters of St. John's School, Bellaire, in a house on the church property.



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THE LINCOLN AVENUE M. E. CHURCH

Rev. A. A. Gilmore, Pastor

The Methodist Church of Shadyside was organized at Lower Wegee in 1843. The second building of that place was moved to Shadyside and there rededicated on Aug. 13th, 1899, Rev. J. A. Rankin, Pastor.

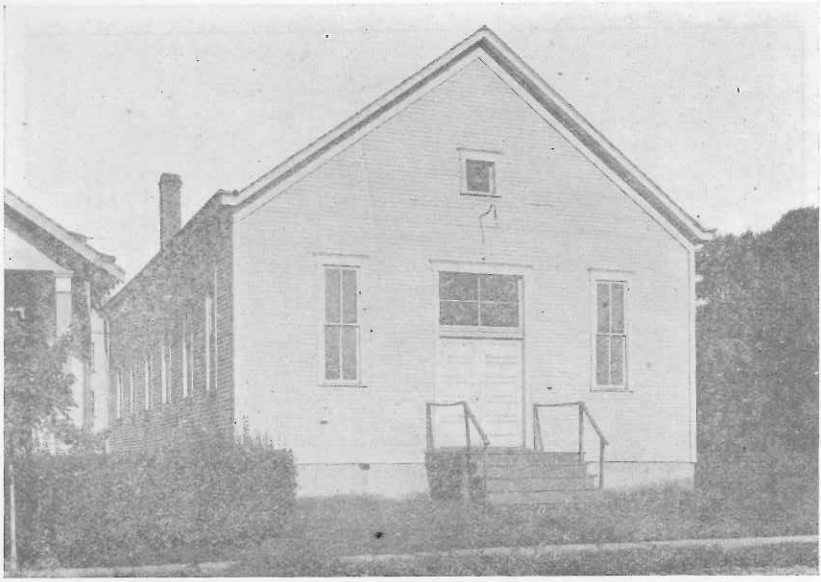
The pastors of the above were: Rankin, Hollingshead, Martin, Strahl, Danford, Porter, Ward and McConnell.

The present edifice is one of which Methodism is justly proud. It is 86x100 feet, constructed of white brick trimmed in brown, the architecture is gothic, and with its large art windows, the exterior is very attractive and beautiful, while the interior is spacious and modern throughout.

Attached to the church is a modern 8-room Parsonage.

Dedicatory services were held March 4th, 1917, Bishop Joseph F. Berry in charge. The growth in membership has been phenomenal, and allround activities have keep abreast with the times. Today it is one of the largest, best organized and most aggressive churches in this section of the state.

There have gone out four young ministers and two missionaries, which will denote the spiritual trend, and mark it finally as a friendly church.



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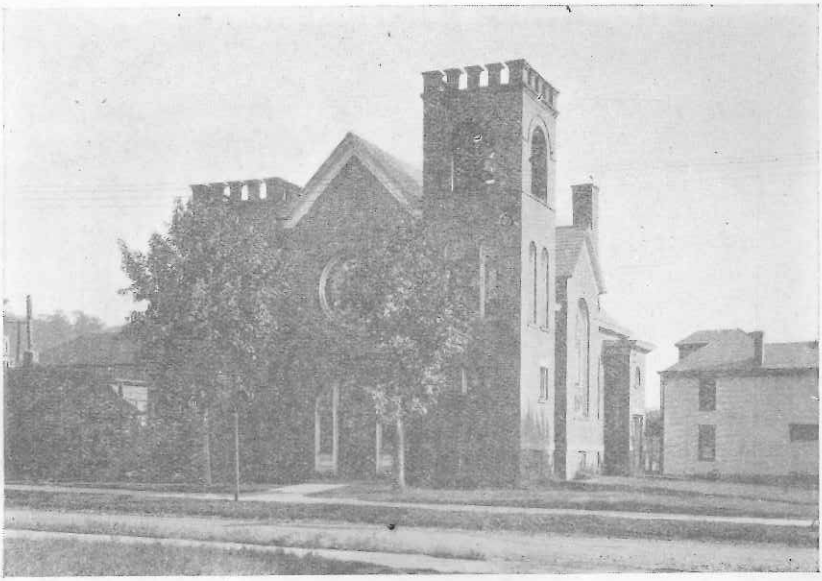
CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Shadyside congregation of the Church of Christ was set in order June 7, 1907, by Evangelist Ira C. Moore of Charleston, W. Va. Prior to that time the local members of the Church worshipped with the congregation that met on Wheeling Island.

Shortly after the congregation was started, they began to make plans to acquire a permanent church house. A building was erected on Leona Avenue near 38th Street. The dedicatory services for this building were held in July, 1909. The congregation still meets in that building.

Among other Evangelists who have preached for the congregation we remember the following: W. B. McVay, A. M. McVay, W. A. Jones, J. H. Pennell, H. W. Bankes, Oliver Johnson, H. E. Taylor, R. E. Taylor, C. H. Morin, C. E. Fogle, A. E. Harper, T. H. Kirkman, J. A. Hines, and John J. Cohen.

No Evangelist is now employed for full time work, but protracted meetings are generally held two times a year, and visiting preachers often call for shorter meetings. The next series of meetings will begin on November 15th, to be in charge of Evangelist Fred E. Dennis of Marietta, who has often preached here.



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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. A. M. Flax, Pastor
"The Church with a Welcome"
Instituted, 1905

A live Sunday School

Good Choir

Woman's Missionary Society.

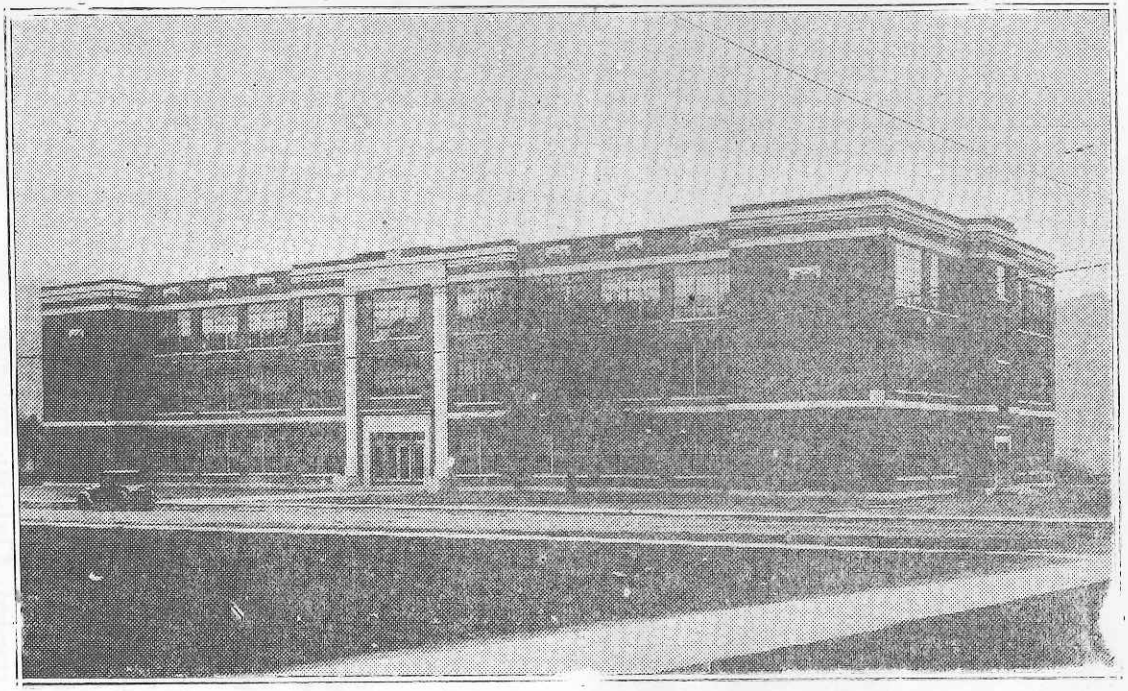
The Triangle—Young woman's missionary group.

The Home Society.

Junior Christian Endeavor.

Intermediate Christian Endeavor

Senior Christian Endeavor



NEW SHADYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

SHADYSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

G. M. McCommon, Supt.

The Shadyside Schools have always kept pace with the growth of our town. Years ago, when the village was sparcely settled, a small frame building was built on 43rd and Central Ave. When the population outgrew the accommodations, a four room brick was built on the same location. This provided more room than was needed, so the surplus was occupied by lodges. Then in 1908, the large brick building, containing 18 rooms was built on Lincoln Avenue and all the children transferred to this building. Yet this building was soon completely filled and the Central Avenue building re-opened.

In 1921 our village began to grow and also the need for more room for the children caused an addition of 8 rooms to be added to the four rooms for school purposes. The Lincoln Avenue building was soon inadequate and some change needed and as the State declared the building unfit for use, the question of a bond issue for $170,000 was put up to the voters at the November election, 1929, and carried, which resulted in our fine new High School building on the corner of 39th and Lincoln Avenue.

This building is fire proof and complete in every detail and one can truthfully say that, for its size, it is one of the best in the valley. It contains 27 rooms, a large auditorium and a gymnasium which is a necessary addition to Shadyside and worth more than it cost as a community center.

Prior to 1921 there were less than 500 grade pupils and considerably less than 100 in the High School.

There has been a steady increase since then, so that today, 1931, we have nearly 1000 in the grades and 320 in High School.

We are proud of our girls and boys in Shadyside and now that they are properly and safely housed, and cared for by a splendid corps of teachers, we take our place in the front ranks of Ohio's Schools.

OTHER ADVANTAGES

City Park
Natural Gas
Electricity
Municipal Water Supply
Sewerage System
Garbage Disposal
Telephone Service
Postal Delivery
Volunteer Fire Department

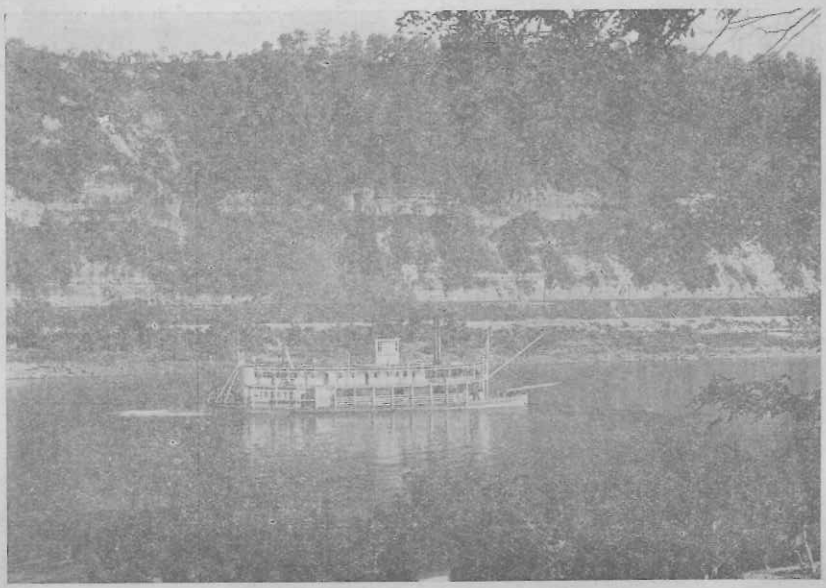
ORGANIZATIONS

Fraternal, Social, Patriotic

Jr. O. U. A. M., Chapter 259.
Degree of Pocahontas, Hauka Council No. 30
The Woman's Club, Inc.
Americus Club
Service Star Legion
American Legion Post 521, Inc.
German Beneficial Union, Dist. 597
Girl Reserves
Hi-Y
Shadyside Unit, Y. W. C. A.
Woman's Christian Temperance Union
Camp Fire Girls
Boy Scouts, Troop 61.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

Ohio River
Interurban Bus Lines
Pennsylvania Railroad
Ohio Highway No. 7



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SCENE ALONG THE OHIO RIVER NEAR SHADYSIDE