Mt. Zion

On Saturday Dottie was invited to be the speaker at the Youth session at Conference. From there she went to West Pittston to take part in a program at the Ministers'

Rev. William Reid's Last Sunday Early in the Conference session some of us knew that we were to lose our pastor. It was the sort of thing to be expected, for Pastor Reissicame to this charge in March 1957 ten years ago. There have been only three pastors in thirty one years. I was the first one to stay longer than five years. You get to think a lot of a pastor in ten years, and a pastor gets to think

lovingly of a people in ten years. Last Sunday I attended church at Carverton at the eleven o'clock service. There were only two or three seats left vacant, chairs were placed along the back. I overheard someone telling Pastor Reid that there were 176 attending! Such attendance was a tribute to the type of ministry our pastor performed. There were some there who probably are not there every Sunday. Mr. Reid's ministry was never confined to the regular attendants at church. His ministry has extended again and again to people who needed him, whether or not they were regular at church. On this last Sunday of his stay with us everybody wanted to see and hear him again and give him a warm handclasp at the door. I was waiting back of the line and saw the real friendship that was felt for him and by him.

Every one wishes him and his family God's blessing in his ministry in NSckes-Barre. He is not looking for an "easy" church to serve, he never had one!

P nald J. Schalk New Pastor The Rev. Donald J. Schalk, who has been pastor at Gouldsboro Methodist Church for the past 3 years, has been appointed to the Carverton, Orange, Mt. Zion charge. I met Rev. Chalk one day at Conference and he remembered me as the resource person at a Sky Lake Retreat. He remembers that I told the young people to call me "Uncle Charlie"! So that's who I am. He is a fine looking young man, with 3 young children. He should find this charge a good place to work.

One time when I was a greener preacher than any preacher I know I was appointed to a church which had been served by a very popular and sophisticated preacher who later rose rapidly in the Conference. The first call I made was on one of the prominent people, the organist in fact, and she said, "We liked Rev. F. very much and are sorry to see him go; but we will work with you just the same." They did! And that little speech of hers put heart into me at the very beginning of my pastorate there.

We will all work with the Rev. wish them well as they come among

Surprise Birthday Party A group of friends on Saturday night April 29 surprised Doris Sweitzer by giving her a birthday party at her house. Those attending besides Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Sweitzer, were: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Swan Audrey Earl from Carverton, Jack Powell from Luzerne, and Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald.

A week ago Sunday Dorothy and Mark Tompson from Sommerville N.J., and children Eileen and 'Little Mark" were up this way to visit Dorothy's father Dana Cook (who is now home from the hospital), and also visited Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald. These two news items were given me by Betty McDonald. Betty told me the Mt. Zion church wa just about full up last Sunday.



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