



Left to right: treasurer and daytime duty officer Sheila Doutrich, Janet Ebersole, secretary Deborah Smeal, Melvin Scheuing, Frank A. Splain, Sr., vice president Chuck Shattner, crew chief Jack Doutrich, operations

chief Frank A. Splain, Jr., president and duty officer Larry V. Warfel, regional coordinator of Emergency Health Services Donald L. Kissinger, and assistant operations chief Dennis Ebersole.

Absent when the photo was taken were Daniel Ebersole, Robert Lively, Netta Putnam, Samuel Forker and Paul Murphy.

Maytown Ambulance certified by Emergency Health Service

Last Wednesday evening Paul Graefer, Regional Coordinator of the Emergency Health Service, presented Larry V. Warfel, President and Duty Officer

of the Maytown Ambulance Association, with a certificate of approval of the Maytown Ambulance.

Although an ambulance is

permitted to operate without certification by the Emergency Health Service, certification is an assurance to the community served that its ambulance is:

-properly designed, -staffed by a well-trained emergency medical technician,

-supplied with all the

essential medical equipment,

backed up by other medical services, if needed,

-provided with an accurate complete record-keeping system, -equipped with comprehensive communications system.

Rev. Hoover and growth of Assembly of God

[continued from front page] one member to 200 members—that's a growth rate of 19,900 per cent, an average annual growth rate of 1,990 per cent.

Most of the growth in numbers has occurred in the past four years since the church erected its new sanctuary, from 30 to 200 members, an increase of 570 per cent.

"God is just blessing us wonderfully," says Rev. Hoover.

How did Rev. Hoover, who lives in Strasburg and who worshipped at the Assembly of God in Lancaster, happen to come to Marietta?

"God laid it on my heart. 'That's a hard place up there,' friends warned him in Lancaster, but God led me here.

"There are doctors, teachers, business executives in my congregation," says Rev. Hoover, almost incredulously, "and I feel like a little nobody." He pauses and thinks. "It's because of the ministry that God has put on me," he concludes.

"God is not just blessing us by increasing our numbers. There are miracles of healing being accomplished here. For example, this week I visited a baby in the hospital. She had pneumonia, such congestion in her little lungs. I prayed for her. Others

prayed for her. Yesterday she came home, healed. It's just a miracle of God."

Rev. Hoover goes on to explain the beliefs of his church. "Healing is in the Atonement. We believe in spiritual healing of the body. We believe in being filled with the Holy Spirit. We believe in Salvation, and we believe in Christ's soon return.

"We believe that He is coming back soon. That is our hope.

"I feel that we have a real love for people. Jesus loved us when we were in sin and far from Him and He was displeased with us. He wants us to have a love for people, and Jesus is relevant today.

"He is taking care of our physical, spiritual, and our financial needs. We reach him through prayer. We have a hope planted in us by prayer.

"We have a young couple here who used to be alcoholics. Their lives were changed. They are some of the happiest people in our congregation.

"Our people are prayer warriors. They are at the forefront of prayer. They just pray, and things happen. That is why we are experiencing this victorious and phenomenal growth.

"I was here in the church alone one day recently praying, not audibly, when He spoke to my inner spirit.

He told me to be prepared for phenomenal growth and to make plans to build.

"We have already contacted several contractors. We are adding to our building. We will build space to seat 500 additional people, built a completely new sanctuary adjoining our present structure in an L-shape. Under the new sanctuary will be Sunday School classrooms, a baptistry, and kitchen facilities. Our present sanctuary will house our Junior Church and youth programs.

"God has been really blessing us.

"When we celebrated the third anniversary of our new building in May, there were children sitting on the floor. The aisles were jammed. There were people in the foyer and overflowing the doors and standing outside. A public address system brought the service to them."

Rev. Hoover says that many people come to the Assembly of God, because they feel "rejected" in the "mainline" churches. "It is our hope," he said, "that the other churches will come to the realization that the Holy Spirit is relevant for today. Our prayer is that they will open their hearts to the charismatic movement.

"We are living in the very end. No man knows the day or the hour, but you can tell by the signs of the times

that we can expect the return of the Lord.

"The Bible predicted the founding of the state of Israel. The end shall come in the same generation. We must be ready."

Rev. Hoover was converted to Christianity when he was 21. "I gave my heart to the Lord. He called me, and He changed my life.

"I was married, had a family to support. I could not afford to attend Bible College, so I took correspondence courses with the Green Lane Bible Courses. God had spoken to me and told me I was to go into the ministry, although when I started my studies I was not then certain about what phase of the ministry I would undertake.

"Then I got the call to go to Marietta. I did not know whether the ministry here would succeed or fail. If it failed, the doors of the church here would be closed permanently. I felt it was a terrific responsibility; I made it a matter of prayer."

Until two years ago, Rev. Hoover worked full-time as a painter and paperhanger, in addition to being minister to the Marietta congregation, but with the church growing so rapidly the congregation now had both the need and the financial means to support their pastor completely. "They have been taking good care of me," says a grateful and fulfilled Rev. Hoover.

School Menu

LUNCH MENU

Monday, Oct. 1
Pizza (juice)
Green beans
Cheese stick
Fruit mix
Milk

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Ham patty with melted cheese on roll
Mixed vegetables
Applesauce
Milk

Wednesday, Oct. 3
Beefaroni
Tossed salad
Roll & butter
Fruit & peanut cluster
Milk

Thursday, Oct. 4
Turkey and gravy
Whipped potatoes
Roll & butter
Jello & topping
Milk

Friday, Oct. 5
Shifter sandwich
Buttered corn
Creamy dessert
Milk

Wildlife film available

A 30-minute film about Robert Bateman, a wildlife artist, is available free of charge to interested organizations.

The film is entitled "Images of the Wild," and

would be enjoyed by those interested in art or conservation. For information on a free screening, call Marlin S. Reed at Famous French Galleries in Paradise, PA. His phone number is (717) 687-7211.

Riverview Elementary Open House, Sept. 27

Riverview School will hold an open house on September 27th, Thursday, at 7:30 PM. Parents of Riverview kids are invited to come and meet the teachers and visit their kids' classrooms.

Each teacher will give a

short presentation, explaining to parents what educational programs will be instituted during the coming school year.

This open house was originally scheduled for Sept. 20th. Please note the change of date.