

D. H. S. GRADUATE MAKING RECORD

Dean Of Engineering Of Purdue Pays Compliment To Christian Macy

Walter J. Krick, principal of Decatur high school, has received a letter from A. A. Potter, dean of engineering at Purdue University, in which Mr. Krick and the local high school in general is complimented on the excellent scholarship record being made at Purdue by Christian D. Macy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Macy, of this city, and a graduate of Decatur high school. Mr. Macy, who is a senior in the school of engineering this year, has made a record far above the average. Dean Potter's letter is as follows:

"Dear Sir:—It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you upon the excellent scholarship record made by Christian D. Macy, a senior in the School of Mechanical Engineering who is a graduate of your school. Mr. Macy has won 29 A's, 17 B's, 3 C's thus far in his course.

"This splendid record is a high compliment to you and your associates who so ably prepared this young man for his successful career at Purdue University. Investigation has demonstrated that the outstanding student has a far greater chance for conspicuous success in the engineering profession that has the average.

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Church Celebrates 80th Anniversary

CHURCH HAS A MODERN SCHOOL

St. Peter's Congregation Maintains Parochial School In Root Twp.

The St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church supports a modern school in Root township. Professor Paul W. Dorn has been the principal of the school for seventeen years and has met with great success in teaching the several subjects in the curriculum. Fifty-five pupils are enrolled in the school this year. The Rev. A. Moeller, pastor of the congregation, also assists in teaching in the school and, in explaining why the congregation maintained a parish school, stated in an interview this morning:

"With the other congregations of our synod St. Peter's has from the beginning maintained a parochial school. In the pioneer days the pastors had charge of the school. Later on as the congregation increased in numbers teachers were called, who had received their training at one of our teachers colleges. To carry on a parochial school we must not only bear the expense of our own school, but also aid the other congregations in maintaining schools for the education of our teachers. In the interest of Christian education of our children we gladly bring these sacrifices.

While we know that "knowledge is power," we must not forget that it may be a power for evil as well as for good. It depends entirely upon how knowledge is used. It is not enough to be equipped with mere learning. There must also be a clear understanding of right and wrong, and an earnest desire to do that which is right and to shun that which is wrong. To train not only the body and the mind but also the soul is the aim of the Christian education of our parochial schools. The soul must be brought into intimate communion with God through Christ. It must be led to know and to love God. And it must be persuaded to utilize the God-given powers of the entire man for the services of God and mankind. This is the Christian ideal of education. It is the ideal that has caused our Lutheran church to invest so heavily in a church school."

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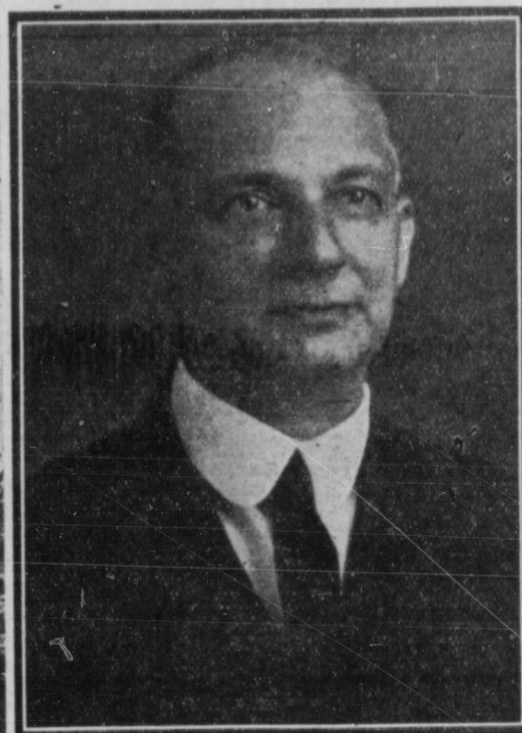
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St. Peter's Church And The Untiring Pastor



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church was erected in Root township, in 1879, and was remodeled recently to take care of the growing needs of the congregation. The congregation was first formed in 1838 with a dozen families and has grown to be one of the largest and best rural churches in the state. This church is the scene of many devout gatherings throughout the year. The Rev. A. Moeller, pictured above, is pastor of the church at present. He was appointed pastor in 1921, and has given untiring service since then.



Rev. A. Moeller

Principal Of St. Peter's School

Professor Paul Dorn is principal of the St. Peter's Lutheran school in Root township. He has been highly successful in directing the school for the last several years.

Prof. Dorn is director of the St. Peter's choir, also. He has been principal of the school and director of the choir for the last seventeen years.



after, they erected a log church on this property. The first trustee was Fr. Christianer. The next missionary was Rev. Knappe, who resided in Preble township. In the mean time school was taught in the log church by the Messrs. Schlattermund, G. H. Jaebker, and Rennieke. Two of those who attended the first school in the log cabin are still with us, namely, Mrs. Elise Gerke and Mrs. Sophie Horeck.

"In October 1845, St. Peter's, although organized several years before, was assigned to a definite pastorate, that of Rev. F. W. Husemann. Before that time the itinerant pastors had served the Lutheran settlers as best they could. During the next few years not only the number of Rev. Husemann's preaching stations increased, but also the congregations served by him grew rapidly.

"In December 1848, the Rev. J. A. Fritze was called as assistant to Rev. Husemann, and took charge of St. Peter's and St. John's congregations for a short time. Soon after he was called as the first regular pastor of St. Peter's. Here he labored faithfully and diligently for twenty-eight years. He died March 28, 1877, at the age of sixty years, and is buried in our cemetery. During his pastorate the

congregation allowed the first property to revert to the original owners and in 1850 purchased their present site from G. H. Franz for forty dollars.

"In 1851 a frame church, the second church of the congregation, was built and dedicated to the service of the Lord.

"Rev. Fritze's successor, Rev. Theo. Hahn, was installed Feb. 14, 1878, by Rev. W. S. Stubatzki. During these years the congregation had grown to such an extent that the members decided to erect a new and larger house of worship. On January 11, 1880, our present church was dedicated to the service of the Lord. The edifice cost the members \$5,973.00. Although Rev. Hahn served the congregation only a few years, resigning in July 1881, he succeeded in having erected one of the most beautiful churches of this region.

"Rev. F. Berg was the next pastor to serve our congregation. His first charge was among the negroes of Little Rock, Ark. On November 20, 1881, he was installed by Rev. H. Meyer. He devoted much time and energy for the improvement of our school. He was so successful in his labors that he could rightfully claim that all common school branches were taught. Together with St. Peter's 379 members, he also served the 24 members of the small church in Decatur. In 1889 he was relieved of the school work and J. G. Estel was called as teacher. When in 1891 Rev. Berg received a call from a congregation in Beardstown, Ill., and asked for a peaceful dismissal, our congregation reluctantly consented. For a number of years he has been serving as professor at one of our negro colleges. May the Lord bless the declining years of this venerable servant.

"In the spring of 1892 the congregation finally was successful in obtaining the services of Rev. J. H. Heinze. Teacher Estel, having accepted a position as instructor in Detroit, Rev. Heinze, for a short time was obliged to teach school. Then the students Schachtschneider and Liepke relieved him of his school work. Thereupon the services of teacher Rost were secured by the congregation.

When in 1879, he resigned, the vacancy

was filled by teacher L. Lehman. After serving this congregation faithfully for ten years, Laess forced Rev. Heinze to resign. At present he resides in Elkhart, Ind.

"The next pastor to serve was Rev. L. W. Dornseif. For several years he took charge of the school outside of his many other duties, until in 1905 Mr. Hohnhaus relieved him of the work in school. Mr. Hohnhaus served from December 1905 to October 1907. On April 26, 1908 our present teacher Mr. Paul W. Dorn, was installed. Mr. Dorn has served faithfully and efficiently these many years. During the pastorate of Rev. Dornseif the congregation not only purchased a new pipe organ, but also erected our present school building at a cost of \$3,774.00. These are some of the few outstanding achievements of the long faithful efficient service rendered by Rev. Dornseif. Because of the infirmities of age, he resigned in Nov. 1921. Since that time he resides with his children in Buffalo. Though living at a distance he is with us in spirit, for three of his loved ones, his wife, a son, and a daughter are buried in our cemetery. May the Lord graciously reward his long and faithful service.

"Rev. A. Moeller, the present pastor, was installed December 11, 1921 by Rev. A. Gerke.

"It has now been eighty years since the installation of the first pastor. To commemorate this event, the congregation has remodeled and redecorated their beautiful church."

SETTLEMENT IS MANY YEARS OLD

First Log Church Erected In St. Peter's Lutheran Community In 1841

Although the congregation of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, six miles north of Decatur in Root township, is observing its eightieth anniversary, which marks the coming of the first resident pastor of the congregation, the Lutheran settlement existed there several years before that. In 1838, the Rev. Frederick Wyneken administered to the spiritual needs of the settlement, which at that time was

FORMER MEMBERS ENTER MINISTRY

Four Sons Of St. Peter's Church Become Successful Lutheran Pastors

Four sons of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church in Root township, which will observe its eightieth anniversary Sunday, have entered the ministry, three of whom are living. The Rev. Martin Fuelleing, a son of the first settler in the Lutheran settlement, is pastor of a large congregation in Chicago. The Rev. Ernst Fuelleing, who was ordained in the ministry during the early history of the congregation, died in 1886. He was a nephew of Clamor Fuelleing.

The Rev. Herman Dornseif, was ordained to the ministry when a member of the congregation and is at present residing at Fort Wayne.

The Rev. L. J. Dornseif, the fourth member to join the ministry from the St. Peter's congregation, is living in Root township. The Revs. Dornseif are sons of Rev. L. W. Dornseif, former pastor of the parish. They have retired from the ministry.

Plans are being made to have these men attend the services Sunday.

composed of 12 families. In 1841, the first log church building was erected and since that time 185 baptisms, 446 confirmations and 209 burials have taken place in the congregation.

Among those buried in the church cemetery is the first settler of the congregation, Clamor Fuelleing. He was born May 7, 1792, and died at the Fuelleing home in Root township December 6, 1854.

In 1845, the first resident pastor, the Rev. J. A. Fritze, was assigned to the parish. From that time on, the parish had a steady growth and in 1851, a frame church was erected. The congregation continued to grow and settlers came to make their future homes in a peaceful and progressive community. In 1879, the large brick church was erected and since that time it has been remodeled. Electric lights, and a steam heating plant were installed, recently. The interior of the church has also been redecorated, the organ overhauled and an electric blower installed.

The church has several excellent choirs, of which Prof. Paul Dorn is the efficient and capable director, and the special musical programs given at different times during the year are of great merit and interest to all.

A souvenir program, printed in German and containing pictures of the church and former pastors has been printed and will be distributed Sunday.

Attended Church In Old Log School House



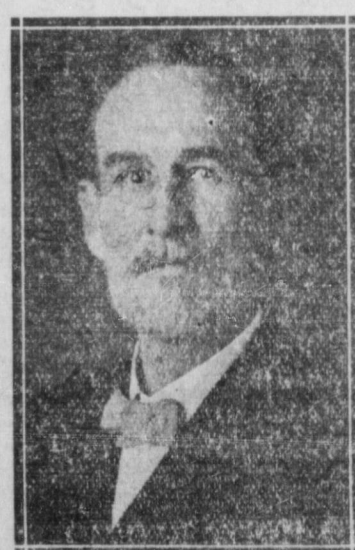
Mrs. E. Gerke.



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Two of the early settlers in the Lutheran congregation and who attended church in the old log school house.

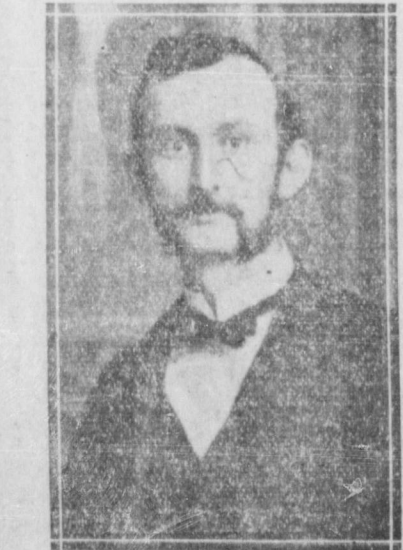
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These former pastors will attend the jubilee Sunday services and have a part in the program.