

Church repairs all relative

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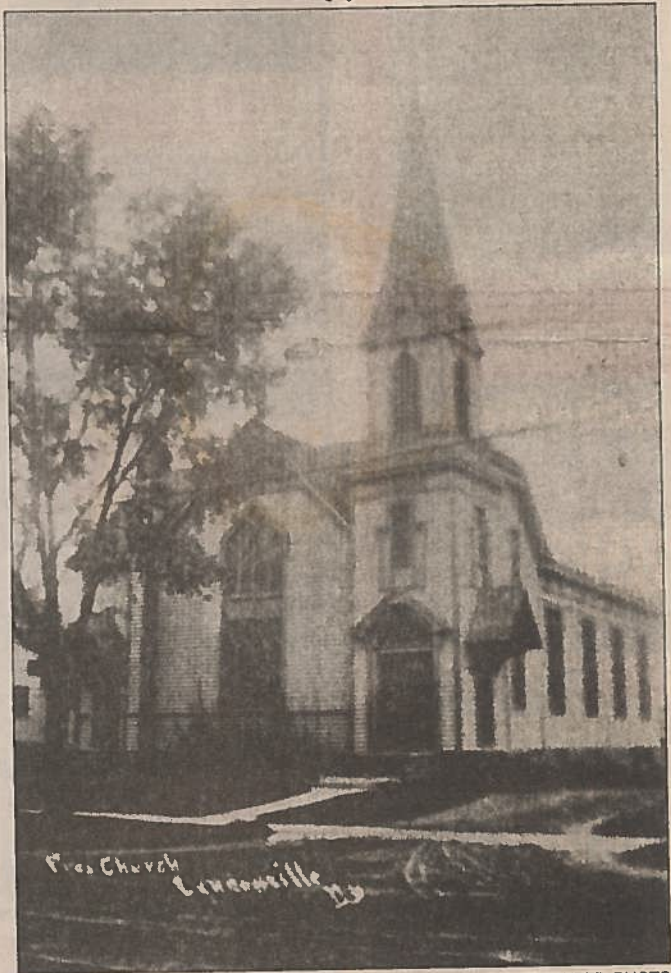
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In a news clipping from July 1961, we find an interesting article written by Leona Fraser. This concerns expenses undertaken by the Presbyterian Church in Lyonville. A picture of the church is shown here at about the time these costs were incurred.

The article is as follows:
"Back in the 'horse-and-buggy days,' 1898-99, the local Presbyterian Church had been engaged in the work of repairing the sheds back of the church where horses were sheltered while their owners were attending worship services. At the end of the year in 1899, the church treasurer, W.A. Tuttle, reported on the financial condition.

"The repairs to the sheds had cost as total of \$99.76, and all but \$8 of that had been paid. A Mr. McDonald had received \$20.50 for 10 1/4 days work as a mason. Richard Allen was paid \$16.55 for labor; nails from L.I. Bunce cost \$2.56; lime was bought from Spaulding and Conde for \$10.55; James French charged \$2.60 for labor; and the lumber from William Gray cost \$39. Still owing was \$3 to William Gray and to Morrell Dates \$5 for raising the sheds.

"There was also a debt of \$2.50 outstanding for moulding for the parsonage. In the print at the bottom of Mr. Tuttle's published report was this footnote: 'Since making above report all debts have been canceled, leaving the books entirely clear; the most encouraging report I have been able to make since being treasurer.



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Please compare with 1898.' (They finished the year 1898 with a balance of 73 cents in the treasury and a debt of more than \$170).

"The entire church budget for 1899 was \$999.78, of which the pastor received \$600. Other disbursements were \$174.33 on 1898 debt;

\$60 to the janitor; \$1.50 for two cords of wood and a total of \$19.20 for coal to Spaulding & Conde; and to Barry & Son \$5.70 for 1897 coal. The organist received \$20 per year (and played for morning and evening worship services.)

"Other expenses included \$4.51 to George Stokes for lamp fixtures, and \$11.79 for oil and matches; \$3.75 for printing reports, etc."