

Methodist Moments August 2021

The Women's Society of Christian Services of the Methodist Church has long been active in raising money for various causes. The Sisters group is continuing this important ministry. The recent rummage sale brought in over \$2,500 which will help fund their many worthy projects.

In 1959 The Women's Society held an auction to raise money for the building fund for a new church. Offered were household and outdoor services. Mrs. Luella (John) Jackson and Mrs. (Harry) Russell, Jr were co-chairwomen with Mrs. W. A. Downing in charge of publicity. And publicity there was! The Clyde Enterprise and the Toledo Blade both covered the event.

This was the Blade's account of the fund raiser:

Muscle (four hours of free service) was sold by Bud Klickman, a local insurance agent, to Charles Russell. Mr. Russell needed "a little cleaning and painting job down on the farm."

"Mrs. B.V. Mitchell (Martha) **Note use of husband's names. No women's first names.** Figured she had a bargain of three hours of babysitting for the price of \$2.00 until she remembered that she didn't have a baby.

Mrs. William Metz offered three hours of free transportation in the area. Carl Smart won the bid but admitted he couldn't think of any place to go.. "I'll give it some thought." he added.

H.C.Terbush made one of the highest bids of the evening when he offered \$10.00 for two lemon pies. "I'm not particularly fond of lemon pie, " he said, "but my wife is and she's sitting right behind me."

Even the minister at the time, Reverend Paul Olinger couldn't pass up a bargain. He won three hours of painting for \$1.00

Lawn mower sharpening during January and baked goods, washing cars and trimming shrubbery went like wildfire.

Mrs. R.F. Hildwein won the bid for sidewalk shoveling for two snows provided by 14 year old Jan Smith.

The auction of services, kitchen utensils and artwork drew wholehearted response from the bidders. So much so in fact that the gamut of bids from 25 cents-\$10.00 netted a total of \$375.

Art Duffett, auctioneer, donated his professional services for the occasion.

So enthusiastic was the bidding that a Blade photographer bought a painting when he raised his hand to put a new flash bulb in his camera.

While the amount received was small by today's standards, the enthusiasm and spirit of the parishioners toward a common goal-a new church- was heartfelt. Raising money CAN be fun!