

March 12, 1911 free of debt. The services were conducted by Rev. George L. Shively of Lewiston, Ill. Rev. John Wood was the pastor and served this church from 1898 to 1912.

Two preachers have gone out from this church, Rev. B. D. Gillispie and Rev. Nelson Browning. The present church enrollment is 447 resident members. The Sunday School enrollment is 602 exclusive of the cradle roll. Rev. J. L. Shoemaker served this church from October, 1939 to October, 1956. Rev. Lyle L. Brassfield is the present pastor.

In 1946 the members of the church realized most of the Sunday School classes had outgrown their rooms and purchased a building lot from Fred Krueger, realtor, for \$1,250. This lot adjoined the church building to the north. One Sunday morning in 1951 Mrs. Guymon Hatcher's Sunday School class of first year Junior boys and girls gave \$5.52 to begin a fund for a new building. Shortly after, a building committee was appointed and on September 14, 1954 the first shovel of dirt was turned. On that date there was little money available for construction of the new Educational Building. But generous donations came in and by Nov. 20, 1955 when the building was dedicated, only \$10,000 was needed to be borrowed. For the first three months of 1957 the average Sunday School attendance was 314, a substantial gain over the preceding year.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, Shelbina

Following a five weeks meeting in the West Park in Shelbina in 1934 it was decided to organize an Assembly of God Church. This was done with 26 charter members. A small

frame building was purchased from A. W. G. Miller for \$500 on West Birch street. Trustees were I. P. Dunsworth, John H. Stultz, Ed F. Frazier and Leslie Starkey.

This building was sold in 1944 and construction started on a new church under the pastorate of Rev. L. H. Buck. The church was nearly completed when it was destroyed by fire, but a start on rebuilding began immediately and the church was completed in 1945 and dedicated in 1946 by Rev. Glen Rennick of Hannibal.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

The Second Baptist Church was organized in 1871 with Rev. J. B. Hawkins as pastor. He served the church 30 years. Oldest member of the church now (1957) is Mrs. Jennie Pickett, 87. Rev. L. O. Gyce is the pastor.

A.M.E. CHURCH

The African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in 1889. Its first two pastors were Rev. Bolden and Rev. Leach. At one time it had a large membership but the church disbanded in the 1940s and today (1957) only one former member, Mrs. Geraldine Webster, remains in Shelbina.

NORTHERN METHODISTS

The Northern Methodists built a church in Shelbina in 1889 on the northwest corner of Maple and 4th streets. The congregation, for the most part, united with the M. E. Church, South, in 1905.

Brothers Of The Brush



Brothers of The Brush—Top row, James Kidwell, Ervin Gibson, Tom Hackward, Ronald Bagley, John Wester, Darrell Purdy and C. E. Johns; middle row, Herbert Woodward; John Jurado, Bill Rash and Trav Rash. Front row, Ed Landy, George Adams and Lyman Schaub.