Mendell (Ave.) -1-

3/25/26 - Roosevelt, from Rankin to Hillcrest, changed to Mendell (4/29 list).

Merit Gas Station

1/25/34 - Police Off. Anthony Kovacs caught a man robbing Merit Gas Station at North Ave.W. & Lincoln (See Kovas card).

Cranford Board of Adjustment

(See also Cranford Township Committee Meetings)

1/25/34 - Hearings by Bd. of Adj. for Gas Station at North & Centennial (S.E. corner), also for change to business at N.E. corner of Eastman & Milln (now bakery).

Methodist Church Dedicated about 12/1/1870 (1)

12/27/93 - Christmas Entertainment, pg/1, col.4

1/10/94 - S.S. officers for year: Supt., B.F. Ham; Ass't Supt., John Mc Kinney; Secy. Wm. Cawthorne; Treas. A.E. Johnson; Librarian, Miss M. Schindler; Asst. Librarian, Ed. G. Maroney; Mission Society Pres., John McKinney; V.P., Olaf Ussing; Secy., Blanche Price; Treas., Mabel Hughes; Epworth League, Pres. Rosamond Hamm; V.P.s., Margaret Hamm, Agnes Ussing, Mathilda Schindler; Wm. B. Cawthorne

11/21/94 - Church to be heated by steam

11/28/94 - Church now lit by gas

1/16/95- See the "Arrow", for notes on church

4/20/47, Rev. Judd & M.E. church transferred to E. Orange.

1/23/00 - Rumor- a Methodist Church on the North Side of Town

2/23/00 - Methodist Church was known as Grace Methodist. Group wants to start a new one and will hold services in the Assembly Hall at 3 PM, Sunday

2/27/00- Methodist meeting in Assembly Hall revolted because of dictatorship of Ham; Mc Kinney, Robinsons, Horton, Wm. Hughes, Ussing, Engle, Kunkle, Everett, Taylor, Wakefield

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3/2/00 - Notice posted for 1st annual meeting of new Methodist Church in Assbly Hall, 3/12

3/6/00 - New Methodist Church to hold Cottage Prayer Meeting at Mrs. Balmfort's home, Lincoln Ave. opposite John Denman's.

Z4/29/99 - Methodists tomhold church meeting to purchase bldg. as it is now owned by a member (Ham) and the arrangement is held unsatisfactory.

Z5/20/99 - Methodist s elect trustees - 3 yrs. J.K. Griffin, Wm. Hughes, B.F. Ham; 2 yrs. J.C. Hummer, R.L. Robinson, and W.J. Taylor; 1 yr. Fred Hamilton, Joseph Allen, and D.J. Pierson. A resolution stated the church was to be known as Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

Z2/24/00 - New Methodist Church holds service 2/25/00 in Assembly Hall

3/13/00 - St. Paul's Meth. Church formation - Trustees are R. Robinson, J. Mc Kinney, Charles Lakey, J. Hummer, Fred Hamilton, J. Waterson, Wm. Hughes, Wm. Taylor, and Jos. Allen

5/1/00 - Rev. Oscar Joseph engaged as pastor of Grace Methodist Church
5/29/00 - Grace Methodist Church changed its name to First Methodist
10/2/00 - When Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Mendell came to Craneville in the fall of 1860, they found 3 Meth. families and no church. The first meeting, Apr. 5, 1861 in the old red school house at Union & Lincoln Aves. 6 adults and 5 children attended. The group was a mission of the Westfield Meth. Church. The first class meeting met in June 1861, started by J.R. Boswell, and it met weekly at Mendell's. In Aug. 1861, there were 45 scholars and 8 officers and teachers.
12/18/00 - St. Paul's Church buying property on Eastman St., lying east of home of Mrs. Imhorst
1/4/01 - B.F. Ham paid off the Methodist Mortgage
3/26/01 - St. Paul's buying Stevenson lot on Eastman St.
6/25/01 - St. Paul's will break ground 7/4/01 for chapel on Eastman St.
9/20/01 - St. Paul's corner stone to be laid 9/21/01
9/24/01 - " " " " laid 9/21/01
10/8/01 - " " brick veneer exterior - Description of Mc Kinley memorial window for church, pg/ 4.

3/7/02 - Dedication of St. Paul's M.E. Church to take place Sunday.

6/17/02 - Children's Day at 1st Meth. Church

8/5/02 - 5-yr. old son of Rev. Thompson, St. Paul's minister, was saved by flagman Geo. Staples at Union Ave. RR crossing. Every day the boy rode his bike from his home on Washington Pl., to the P.O. and since he paid no attention to the gates which were down, Staples grabbed him out of the train's path.

10/2/03 - St. Paul's to buy Alden Bigelow's pipe organ.

2/2/04 - Motor bought to use in operating St. Paul's Church organ

Z4/14/04 - Old Littell house at Grove & Cherry, being repaired for the new Methodist minister, Rev. Hough

1/10/07 - S.S. Supt. Randolph - Off. & Teachers 14. Scholars 88,
Home Dept. 12
St.Paul's Supt. Geo. Teller,Off.& Teachers 20, " 65
Home Dept. 26

5/30/07 - First Methodist Parsonage - 115 Walnut Ave.

7/4/07 - Rev. Wm. Judd, former pastor of 1st Meth. Church, died 6/27/07 at Alliance Ohio where he taught at Alliance College.

Z9/4/07 - Mrs. Adele Johnson, 81, of So. Union Ave., died 9/2/07. Her husband Peter donated the ground on Lincoln Ave. for the original Meth. Chapel. (See Johnson Card.)

10/24/07 - State Food Convention to be at St. Paul's Church 12/3/07
11/21/07 - Food Convention Notes
11/28/07 - Food Convention Program, Pg. 4
4/20/08 - Excavation begun for new parsonage of First M.E. Church.
9/3/08 - New dwelling erected by Benj. F. Ham on lot adjoining the Meth. Church on Walnut Ave., occupied by Rev. Pearce and family, offered to the church for $1,000.
11/5/08 - St. Paul's to build parsonnage on church property.
5/6/09 - New St. Paul's parsonage at 108 Eastman St.
5/20/09 - Men's Club (Meth. Church?) Field Day held at grounds, Lincoln Ave. & High St.
2/17/10 - Memorial Service for M.G. Isenmann to be in Meth.Church,2/20
3/31/10 - Rev. Rhinesmith to come to First Methodist Church.
5/5/10 - St. Baul's will have Mother's Day service Sunday, 5/8/10. (Mother's Day established by Congress May 8, 1914.) (Started by Ann Jarvis in Phila. 1908).
6/9/10 - Benj. F. Ham obit - He bought the Methodist Church at a foreclosure in the 1880's and later gave the mortgage to the church.
8/11/10 - Boy Scouts organized at St. Paul's Meth. 8/14.See Boy Scouts.

9/22/10 - Both St. Paul's and First Meth. have Boys Brigade sections under Harold Teller and F.W. Lange respectively.

9/29/10 - (St. Paul's) - See Boy Scouts.

10/6/10 - Two patrols of B.S.A. - St. Paul's drilled Mon. night and 2 patrols at Presby. Church drilled on Wed. night.

11/10/10 - Methodist Fair - write-up gives columns of names.

5/4/11 - Mother's Day 5/14/11, at St. Paul's (2nd annual).

Z5/9/12 - Mothers Day 5/12/12. Begun in Phila. some 4 yrs. ago when it was discovered that Anna Jarvis wore a white carnation each year on anniversary of her mother's death.

6/20/12 - Methodist men had trolley ride to Boynton Beach.

1/23/13 - Rev. Rhinesmith asked to be transferred out of 1st Meth. Church

7/10/13 - A.M.E. Church (St. Marks) in existence at this time. (See A.M.E.)

8/21/13 - 1st Meth. Ch. raising funds to install electric lights in Ch.

Z1/15/14 - Geo. G. Ely, 64, member of St. Paul's M.E. Church died 1/10. See Ely card.

9/24/14 - The "Liberty Bell" a paper devoted to religious affairs, started in Cfd. by Rev. Peck of 1st Meth. Church

11/25/15 - Delegates tto Charity Society org. mtg., St. Paul's Men, E.J. Karr; St. Paul's Ladies, Mrs. L.L. Loveland & Mrs. C.C. Lewis; First Meth. Ch. Men, Fred Denning.

1/27/16 - St. Paul's organizes B.S.A. troop under E.J. Karr.

7/1/16 - (20 yrs ago 1916) - Epworth League celebrated anniversary. Organized in the U.S. May 1889 (7 yrs. ago)

10/19/16 - Union Bible Class starts 10/22 at St. Paul's Church, 4 PM.

1/25/17 - Federation of Churches in Cfd. proposed by Rev. Washabaugh, St. Paul's Pastor after town's problems are discussed by Rev. Paul Dennis, 1st Meth. Pastor, at Men's Union Bible Class in Presby. Church.

6/21/17 - Children's Day exercises at Methodist Church.

10/11/17 - Steel flagpole in front of First Meth. Church. Flag raising on 10/12.

10/25/17 - Flag raising at 1st M.E. Church 10/21. Chas. Fowler, speaker

3/21/18 - Meth. Churches to unite per agreement at a meeting 3/8, with Dist. Supt. Hubach. Plans to be worked out at Conference.

4/18/18 - Rev. Victor Wood, new Meth. minister to preach AM at Eastman St. and evenings at Walnut Ave.

8/22/18 - Men's Club of Meth.Ch. had outing to Seidler's Beach 8/10/18.
1/23/19 - Methodist Church suspends all services for 2 wks. to join the Presby. Church with Gypsie (Gypsy) Smith.
Z4/17/19 - Conference says only 1 Methodist Church is to be in Cfd., and that one on the South side.
4/17/19 - Rev. Fretz assigned to the Methodist Churches.
6/5/19 - Italian service held Sunday afternoons at 3:30 in the Methodist Church, Walnut Ave.
6/26/19 - Methodist Churches each held congregational meeting to instruct their trustees to take necessary action for combining. St. Paul's tacked on condition that their facilities be used.
8/21/19 - Methodist S.S. picnic at Osceola Farm.
10/9/19 - ~~Churches Still~~ St. Paul's announced separate meeting.
1/29/20 - Meeting to organize Italian Church 2/1/20. (See Italian Church)
2/5/20 - Italian Meth. Church organized. (See Italian Meth. Card.)

2/12/20 - Quarterly Conf. at Meth. Church. All committees seem to be half from each church, altho meetings will still be held at both places. They voted to buy a lot at Lincoln & Walnut from the Crane estate, and when a new church is built, the old Walnut Ave. church & parsonage will be sold.

2/19/20 - Members of St. Paul's church disclaim connection with report of last week's meeting signed by Bell, Loveland, Nick, Ely, Reinhart and Lewis.

11/3/21 - Methodist Church to purchase property at Walnut & Lincoln Ave. thru to Grove St. from Mr. Trembley, present owner. House and property was formerly home of C.A. Leveridge.

1/26/22 - Meth., Christian & Missy Alliance, & Presby. Churches co-operate in evangelistic services at Presby. Church.

4/6/22 - Nk. Meth. Conf. dedcides to send 2 ministers to Cfd., & give up ~~uniting~~ the 2 churches. Rev. Luerich sent to Walnut Ave., & Rev. Ramsey to St. Paul's.

6/22/22 - Methodist Church to have Bazaar for Bldg. Fund.

5/24/23 - Conf. for Young People to be at St. James, Eliz., 5/26/23.

3/26/25 - Rev. W.H. Ruth, sent to St. Paul's Church last year, of 108 Eastman St., died 3/22/25.

7/1/26 - Rotary gave Troop 1 BSA of Meth. Church, a new flag.

3/10/27 - St. Paul's M.E. Church having 25th anniversary.

11/3/27 - St. Paul's Meth. Church to form a Boy Scout Troop.

1/5/28 - Boy Scout troops to get new numbers: Methodists #75; St. Paul's # 79.

1/19/28 - Wm. Ireland, 316 High St., scoutmaster of St. Paul's troop.

6/28/28 - Meth. Girl Scouts leave for 2 wks. at Bear Mtn. Camp.

1/17/29 - Quarterly Cong. of Meth. Church says there shall be only 1 Meth. Ch. in Cfd. Both churches vote to unite Apr. 1st. All property to be transferred to new Bd. of Trustees, 4 from each church. Church services to be at Walnut Ave. & S.S., etc., at Eastman St. New trustees, L. Loveland, C. Lewis, C.O'Neill, & C. Keyser; also G.K.Warner, J.Dryden, E.Hilyard, & M.M.Thomas

2/28/29 - Methodist Churches begin united services.

4/4/29 - Troop 75 of 1st Meth. & 76 of the Episc. Church meet at the fire house. (See Boy Scouts.). 79 meets at St. Paul's M.E.

4/11/29 - Dr. Breusch now minister of combined Meth. Churches. The two churches have incorporated. Pres. Bd. of Trustees, L.L.Loveland

4/5/45(1930) - Eastman St. Chapel of Meth-Epis. Church voted to establish its meeting place in the Walnut Ave. Bldg. (This marks culmination of union of 2 churches begun 12 yrs. ago.)

15 yrs. Ago

3/26/31 - Rev. Matchett Y. Poynter of Mendham named to Meth. Ch. Born 8/28/1892 at Plummer's Landing, Ky.

4/2/31 - Mabel Haver is organist at Meth. Church

8/20/31 - Calvary Lutheran to vote on leasing Eastman St. bldg. of the Meth. Church on 8/23. (took a long-term lease with option to buy.)

10/1/31 - According to Herodotus, Aug.6, 1891, 1st annual excursion of Presby. Meth. & Episcopal Sunday Schools left RR station at 7:50 for Ocean Grove with 9 well-filled cars.

2/18/32 - According to Herodotus, 9/13/1870 nearly 2000 present at "Harvest Home" to side new building of Meth. Church, made $500. 11/29/70, new Methodist Church dedicated.

2/25/32 - According to Herodotus, 1870 (should be 1871) There were two churches in Cfd., Presby. & Meth. Episc. Church to be started.

3/24/32 - Methodist Church already talking about a new church on cor. of Walnut & Lincoln.

3/31/32 - According to Herodotus, 4/25/1876, some stole the Bible from the pulpit of the Methodist Church.

11/17/32 - According to Herodotus, Stephen Cox came to Cfd. 1870. Was member of Methodist Ch. (See Cox card.)

11/24/32 - According to Herodotus, Wm. Yates Redfern killed 2/25/93 when he fell to the sidewalk from the roof of the Opera House Block. Was a member of the Meth. Church.

3/30/33 - Baptized at Meth. Ch., 3/26, Janet & Shirley Gove, 170 No. Lehigh Ave. & Robt. Wm. & Helen Weaver of 109 Cfd. Ave.

3/22/34 - Meth. Church sponsors Troop 75. (See Boy Scouts)

6/7/34 - Meth. Church to hold Vacation Bible School, 4 wks., 6/25-7/20.

7/5/34 - Wm. Wallace Poynter, father of Rev. Poynter died in Ky. (See Poynter card.)

1/9/36 - Lutherans will buy property on Eastman (Methodist) which they have been renting for 4 yrs.

1/16/36 - B.W.F. Randolph, 116 Walnut Ave., retired as Supt. of Meth. S.S. after 30 yrs.

11/24/38 - Rev. Chester Hoyt, retired Meth. minister, formerly of Cfd., 70 yrs. old, died 11/18. Came to Cfd. in 1933 where he lived until 1 yr. ago.

5/18/39 - Meth. Church Ladies Aid Society to have rummage sale & Tea on 6/6/39. Group organized 6/2/1870 as Ladies ~~Chur~~ Church Tea Society & re-organized as Ladies Aid Society, 1902-3.

5/23/40 - Meth. Church starts drive for Educational Bldg. Fund drive for Memorial Font just about finished. It has been ordered and specially designed, to be inscribed in memory of Randolph

9/12/40 - Merger of various women's clubs of the Methodist Church into Women's Society for Christian Service.

11/7/40 - Methodists plan an Educational Bldg. & remember the early days. The organization started with a S.S. opened in Apr. 5, 1861. They met in the little Red School House. In Apr. 1862, the school trustees said they could no longer use the school so Mendell held S.S. in an outdoor area. Philip Denman, 1 of the school trustees who favored the

11/7/40 (Cont .) - use of the school, saw this & offered his corn crib which had been a stocking factory. The 2nd Sun. in the old factory saw a celebration that featured Fanny Crosby (the blind hymn writer) there to sing her hymns. She was a friend of Mr. Leveridge. In Aug., William & John Mendell joined the Union Army & Mr. Leveridge took over the S.S. That summer a fund was started to build the original chapel. Lots were offered by Cahill, the DenmannEstate, & Peter Johnson for the bldg. Johnson offer accepted at Wstfld. Rd. (Lincoln Ave.) & cornerstone was laid in Dec. 1862. Bldg. finished & dedicated on May 20th, 1863, & was entirely paid for. In 1870, the church bought the Walnut Ave. property (Where the public library now is), & placed the chapel across the center of the lot, & built a new sanctuary in front of it .

11/28/40 - Voluntary subscriptions of $4500 at Methodist Church for the Educational Building.

1/9/41 - Methodist Church 1 of 7 to conduct comm unity survey in co-operation with Amer. Bible Society. (See Misc. card.)