History & Folklore

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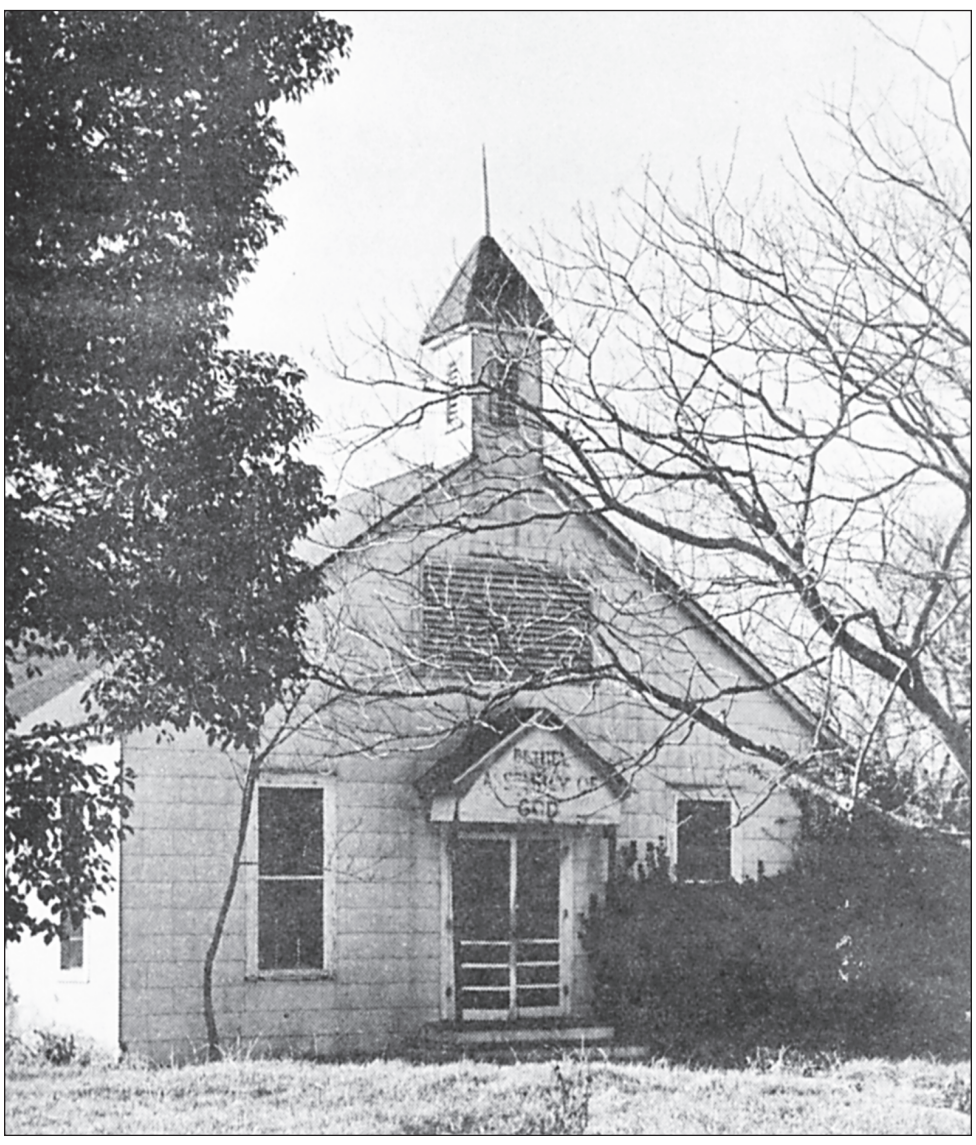
The Dayton Fire Department's Ladies' Auxiliary sells cakes about this time every year, runs in pumper races and generally works with their husbands in the DVFD. Shirley Alford is seen here in front of Peoples Cash Store in Dayton Shopping Center with her children, Lisa and Troy. Her husband, Justin, is a barber.



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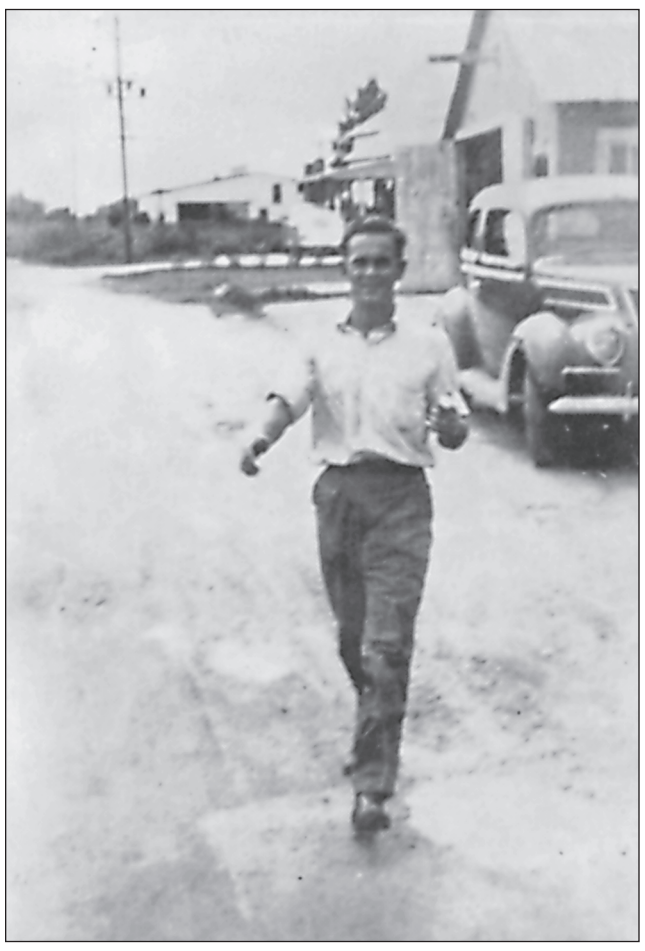
New Bethel Assembly of God Church several miles south of Liberty. Old church is shown above; new church is below.



Bruce Crumpler is striding down a rain-soaked Post Office Avenue (now Bryan Avenue) in Dayton in 1937. The buildings behind him include, front to rear, the first home of the Dayton Volunteer Fire Department, until 1938; the Sterling Cotton gin; and the electric generating plant and ice house, founded by Ross Sterling and later owned by Gulf States Utilities.

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Haskell E. Gossett (above, right), is the owner of the consolidated drug stores, Liberty (Walgreens) Drug Store and Trinity Drug. Liberty Drug is located in the North Main Center, while Trinity Drug is located on the courthouse square, but will be moved to the North Main Center also. The three ladies who have the longest service at the two stores (above, l-r) are Mrs. Ethel Desha, Mrs. Jewel Berryhill and Mrs. Theresa Bennett.

A big sale is on this week in both drug stores, but prescriptions will be filled only at the North Main Center Liberty Drug Store. Two televisions are being given away, one at each location.

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