



Though the food was contributed by the families who attended the event, it was a planned dinner and on the serving table were plates filled with fried chicken. Judy Marrs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marrs, is shown above enjoying some of her share.



Children always have the most fun of all at such gatherings, and while putting in time before food was served a number of those who attended played games on the church lawn. Shown above is a group as they paused for the photographer while playing ring-around-the-rosy.

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Pastor, Family Honored

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Once each month members of the Phoenix Presbyterian church meet with their families and friends at the church rooms when a potluck dinner is served.

On Friday, July 1 at one of these regular fellowship events they honored their new pastor, Mr. Ernest R. Volkman, Mrs. Volkman, and their two sons, Billy and John. The Volkmans recently arrived from San Francisco and Mr. Volkman will be ordained and installed at the church Thursday, August 18. He recently completed studies at the San Francisco seminary.

The Phoenix Presbyterian church was established in 1875 when it was formed by "Father" Williams of Jacksonville. The site then was among the pine trees near the Phoenix cemetery.

The present church was erected and dedicated in April, 1928.

(Brainerd photos)



Chicken drumsticks seem to be made especially for the younger set. Young Arthur Griggs Jr., pictured above, was one of the many children at the dinner who were lucky enough to get one. Another treat for the children was a large freezer full of home made ice cream.



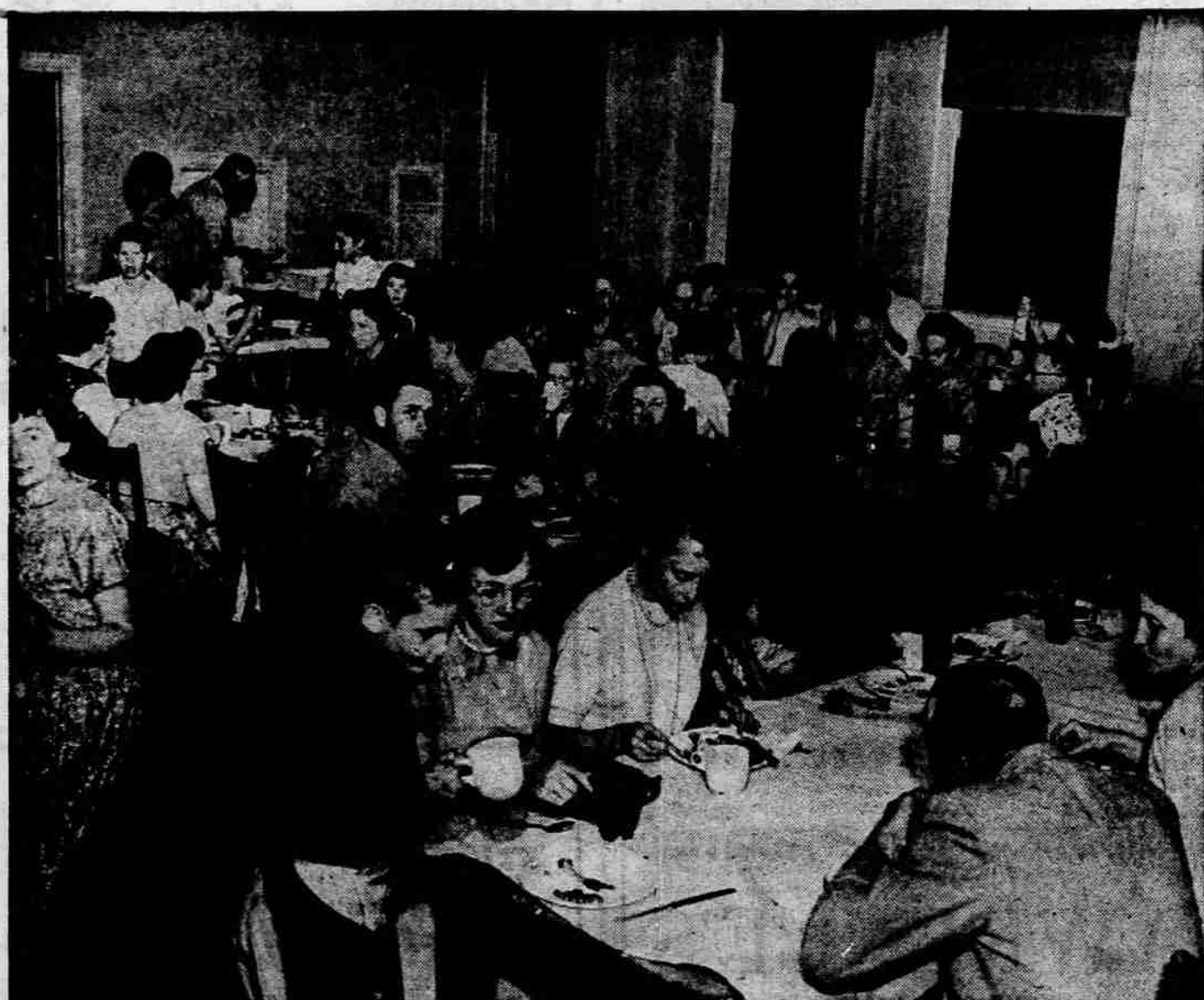
Though the fellowship events are attended by all of the church who wish to, the Women's association members are in charge. Shown here are Mrs. Roscoe Owens, (left) president of the association, and Mrs. Al Morin, first vice-president, who were on the serving committee. They are shown in the church kitchen as they prepared some of the desserts.



Mrs. E. R. Clafin has been a member of the church since the early 1920s. For the past 10 years she has been press correspondent. Mr. and Mrs. Clafin are pictured as they ate dinner. He also is a member of the church. Mrs. Clafin's mother, Mrs. Enid Caster, was at the dinner but not pictured. She has been active in the organization since joining in 1916.



As much as everyone enjoys such affairs, much work is involved, and not a small part of it is cleaning up afterward. On the July cleanup committee were Mrs. Rex Nicodemus, (left) treasurer of the Women's association, and Mrs. Walter Bolz, vice-president. Though some of those who attended furnished table service, many used church dishes which had to be washed and put away.



Shown above is a part of the group as they enjoyed the meal. Though identification of so many is difficult, in the group is Mrs. Floyd Schmelzer, who is superintendent of the Sunday school. The social room shown is a part of the main church and can be opened to become a part of the sanctuary when needed. The first minister recorded on church books as pastor of the present edifice after it was dedicated in 1928 was the Rev. Roy Nelson.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Volkman and their sons, Billy, (left) and John, were the honored guests at the dinner. They were photographed in the fireplace room of the church where small informal gatherings are held. Mr. Volkman has studied at Wheaton college and Northwestern university in Illinois and both he and his wife are from that state. During his seminary training he served in the First Presbyterian church at Berkeley, Calif.