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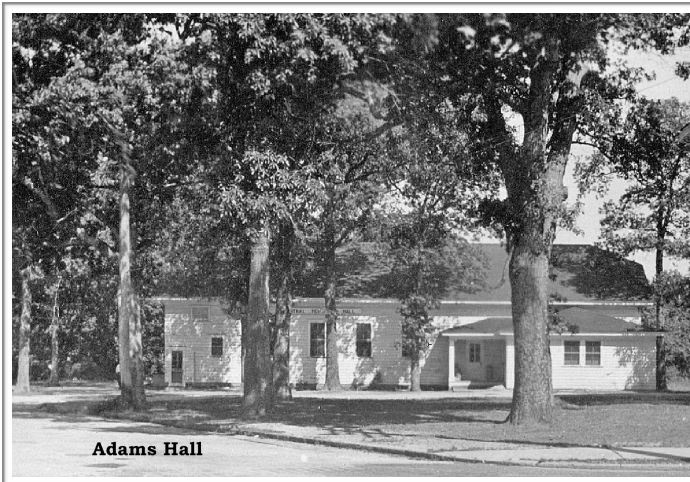
Linwood Historical Society Newsletter

Central Methodist Church Historic Event

Old-Time Country Fair in Linwood Draws Huge Crowd



From 1926 to 1963 the annual country fair of the Central Methodist Church was probably the most popular event of the year in the Linwood/Northfield area. Folks who went every year will still tell you how much they loved it and never missed it. Funds raised by the event were used to maintain the Adams Hall built from donations to the church by Mabel Adams. Mabel was the daughter of Israel G. Adams, a sea captain whose historic home on Shore Road across the street from the Post Office still remains.



Adams Hall

Some of the people who worked on the event of the 25th fair in 1951 included Mrs. Iver Dixon, chairman of the kitchen services along with Russ Turnure, Leonard Eichorst, Emerson VanSant, Richard Stone and Harley Barnes who did the hall directions. According to Mrs. Steen, general chairman of that fair, "One could not estimate the hours of manpower spent in making this year's fair the success it was." Some of the menus included fried oysters, potato salad, peas, sliced tomatoes, pepper hash, bread & butter, coffee and topped off with fresh fruit cobbler. "Ham was served for those who desire it instead of oysters ... " according to a 1954 news article. This

issue is dedicated to one of Linwood's biggest activity in the history of the mid 20th century. Thanks to Central Methodist Church for the donation of these documents. Donations of photos and other items of the history of this historic church are very welcome.



CANDY BOOTH lovers are, left to right, Charles Bowen, Mary Ann Bowen, David Blood and Barry Dilks. Clerk is Marion Da Grossa. (Press-Union Photos)

Central Methodist Church
LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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MY COUNTRY FAIR CONTRIBUTION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

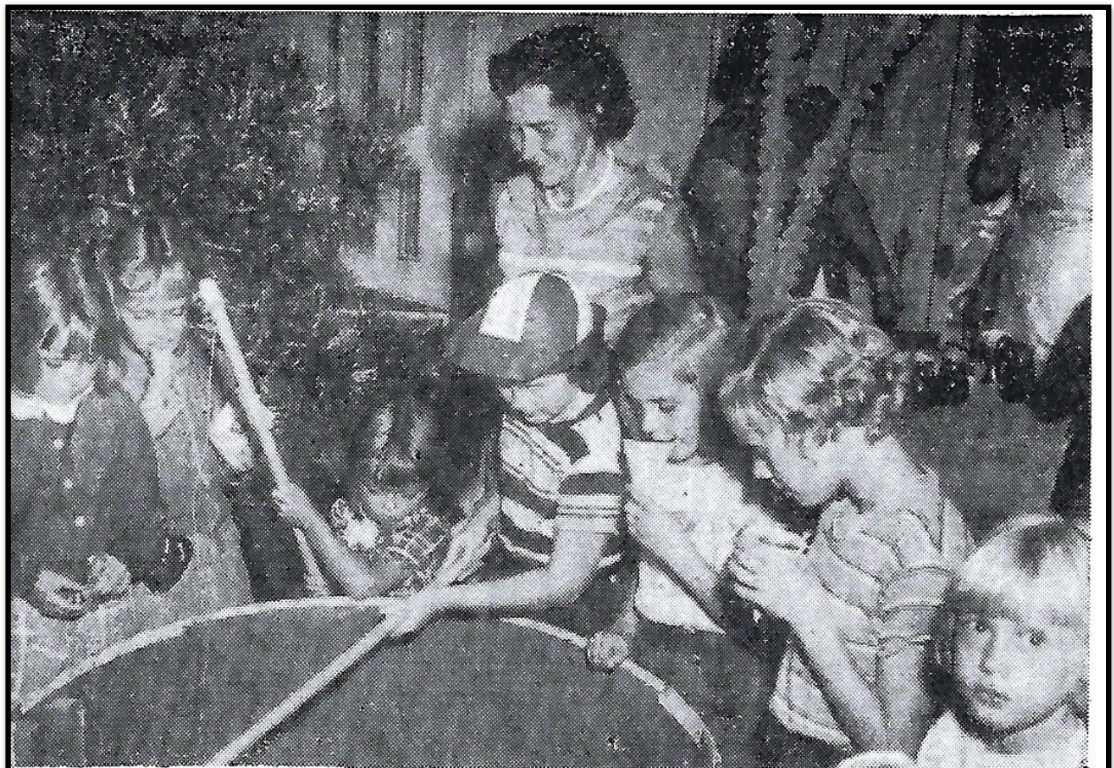
Card from the 1926 Country Fair

Deposit this Stub in Box at the Door	No 258	Free! Free!! Free!!! Prizes will be given away nights at The Old Country Fair Friday and Saturday, September 17 - 18 CENTRAL HALL, Linwood Keep this ticket for lucky number Winner must be at Fair when number is called	No 258

Atlantic City Press
September 15, 1951

We are looking for photos and other materials of this very popular part of Linwood's history for the museum collection.

Please contact us at any of the addresses shown at the bottom of the page.



FISH POND ENTHUSIASTS at Linwood's Old-Time Country Fair last night in Central Memorial Hall were, left to right, Carol Elbertson, Alice Dufield, Gerrie Duberson, Mrs. Charles Duberson, Bonnie Murtagh, Joan Sanger, Betty Sanger and Peggy Dilks.

Report of the 1954 Country Fair

COUNTRY FAIR, SEPTEMBER 10th and 11th, 1954

Mrs. Iver C. Dixon, Chairman

Mr. R. C. Kip, Treasurer

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>
<u>Kitchen-Dining Room</u>	\$ 783.58	\$377.38	\$406.20
Mrs. I. C. Dixon			
Mr. and Mrs. E. Breunig			
<u>Cakes and Pies</u>	138.15		138.15
Mrs. W. Van Sant			
Mrs. Ralph Bates			
<u>Country Store</u>	151.57		151.57
Mrs. Evans Hufsey			
<u>Ice Cream</u>			
Mr. Anson Powell	59.40	27.30	32.10
<u>Candy Booth (Inside)</u>	87.65	2.75	84.90
Mrs. E. Van Sant			
<u>Candy Booth (Outside)</u>	16.44	10.00	6.44
Youth Fellowship			
<u>Hotdogs-Cokes</u>	59.09	33.31	25.78
Mr. and Mrs. R. Stone			
Mr. and Mrs. S. Gandy			
<u>The Well</u>	12.85	11.00	1.85
Mr. and Mrs. N. Carey			
<u>Snowballs</u>	17.75	5.00	12.75
Mr. and Mrs. H. Dennis			
<u>Pop Corn</u>	17.35	14.00	3.35
Mr. A. Bozarth			
<u>FOOD AND DRINK BOOTHS (total)</u>	<u>\$1,343.83</u>	<u>\$480.74</u>	<u>\$863.09</u>
<u>Fancy Work</u>	\$111.75		\$111.75
Jr. Mothers' League			
<u>Toy Booth</u>	101.25		101.25
Mrs. Amelia Corson			
<u>Hand-Me-Downs</u>	44.45		44.45
Mrs. Sheppard Joslin			
<u>Flower Booth</u>	133.35	61.48	71.87
Mr. and Mrs. J. Maxim			
<u>Kitchen Booth</u>	75.17		75.17
Rainbow Class			
<u>Parcel Post</u>	46.25	6.00	40.25
Mrs. Wm. Waters			
<u>Xmas Booth</u>	173.34		173.34
Fidelity Class			
<u>String Surprise</u>	18.60	11.00	7.60
Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brackett			
<u>Children's White Elephant</u>	33.85	9.30	24.55
Mrs. Andrew Bozarth			
<u>Fish Pond</u>	37.80	14.45	23.35
Mr. and Mrs. L. Hassan			
<u>OTHER BOOTHS (total)</u>	<u>\$772.81</u>	<u>\$102.23</u>	<u>\$673.58</u>

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Country Fair, 1954, Continued.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Profit</u>
<u>Hay Rides</u>	\$ 41.00	\$15.00	\$ 26.00
Mr. C. Kresge			
Mr. Wm. Eichelberger			
<u>Ring Toss</u>	29.17		29.17
Jr. Mothers' League			
<u>Basket Ball</u>	12.06		12.06
Mr. Jack Bartlett			
<u>Shoot-A-Pill</u>	16.20	4.00	12.20
Mr. L. Eichorst			
<u>Miniature Golf</u>	14.95		14.95
Bob Steelman			
<u>Knock-Down-Bottles</u>	17.67		17.67
Jack Bartlett			
Robert Caven			
<u>Water Pistol Shoot</u>	36.66	12.90	23.76
Mr. and Mrs. C. Haley			
<u>Movies</u>	23.70		23.70
Mr. W. Caven			
<u>Fun House</u>	13.74		13.74
Mrs. F. Wike			
Mrs. J. Bingenheimer			
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GAMES AND RIDES (total)	\$205.15	\$31.90	\$173.25
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<u>Summary of Totals</u>			
Food and Drinks	\$1,348.83	\$480.74	\$863.09
Sales Booths	775.81	102.23	673.58
Games and Rides	205.15	31.90	173.25
Donations and General Expenses	72.00	46.50	25.50
	\$2,401.79	\$661.37	\$1,740.42
Misc. Receipts	13.75		13.75
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,415.54	\$661.37	\$1,754.17

Note: The full length of the 2008 video of the 100th anniversary of Belhaven School is now on "YouTube." The original ad for the video is still there but now the full 30-minute program produced by the Linwood Historical Society is also there. Access to it can be found on our website at linwoodnj.org.

Photogravure: Linwood's Popular Annual Event



Don't Miss the
**26th Annual Old-Time
COUNTRY
FAIR**

September 12-13, 1952

(BENEFIT)
CENTRAL HALL
SHORE ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE
LINWOOD, N. J.

**Supper Served Each Night
from 5-7 P.M.**

BOOTHS

Home Made Pies and Cakes		Ceramics
Home Made Candies	Toy Shop	Thrift Shop
Flower Mart	Fancy Goods	Novelty Shop
Home Products	Handkerchiefs	Hot Dogs
Kitchen Booth	Ice Cream	Soft Drinks

ATTRACTIONS

Miniature Golf	Movies	Parcel Post
Straw Rides	Knocking Down Bottles	
Kiddies Karnival	Rebecca at the Well	
Lolly Pop Lane	Skill Ball	
Fortune Telling	Pony Rides	

Fair Opens: Fri. from 5 to 11 P. M. Sat. from 2 to 11 P. M.

Plenty of Parking Space

— DON'T MISS THE —
**34th ANNUAL OLD-TIME
COUNTRY FAIR**

SEPTEMBER 16th & 17th, 1960

➔ **BENEFIT OF
CENTRAL METHODIST HALL** ➔
SHORE ROAD AND CENTRAL AVENUE
LINWOOD, N. J.

SUPPER SERVED EACH NIGHT 5 to 7 P. M.
Friday...Fried Oysters (or Ham) Saturday...Baked Ham
TICKET, Adult \$1.75 Children, \$1.00

BOOTHS

Home-made Pies and Cakes White Elephant Booth
Home-made Candies Flower Mart Toy Shop
Fancy Goods Home Products Soft Drinks
Barbecue Pit Ice Cream

ATTRACTIONS

Miniature Golf Straw Rides Parcel Post
Playland Knocking Down Bottles Skill Ball
Water Pistol (Candle) Horse Shoe Pitching
Ring Toss Pony Rides Fish Pond
Snow Balls Basket Ball Balloon and Dart Games

— FAIR OPENS —

FRIDAY FROM 4 TO 11 P. M.—SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 11 P. M.
PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE

FENWICK—PRINTER—1622 TILTON ROAD—NORTHFIELD