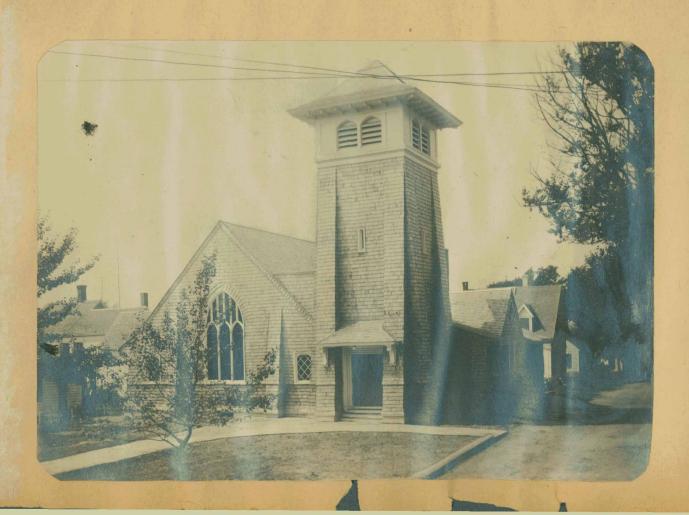


The new Church in the same spot, dedicated Nov. 7, 1909. This year (1946) this church is not in use.



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Nears 30th Birthday



CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH

## Cape-tip Church to Observe **Anniversary of Dedication**

Lend-a-Hand Club Arranges Exercises; Pastor Compiles Brief History of Parish

PROVINCETOWN, Nov. 10-The 30th anniversary of the for occupancy. dedication of the Centenary Methodist Church here will be observed Monday night with a special program in the rectory to which the general public will be invited, the Rev. William H. | group of 91 members of the Center Moseley announced today.

couples' group.

Cast of the play, "The Church in the Hills," will include Arthur Bickers, Leona Batt, Edward Rose, Josephine Leonard, Gladys Taylor, Jane Cabral and Grace Haywood. Music will be by the Misses Helen Guilfoyle, Marion Lincoln and Margaret Crawley, with readings by Miss Grace Goveia.

## History Compiled

Although the present church were in that section.

Exercises, including a brief talk Centenary parish group has been forming the new society by Mr. Moseley, a play, vocal and in existence 102 years. A brief but instrumental music, will be in comprehensive summary of the in 1866 and until March 14, 1908, charge of the Lend-a-Hand Club, church's history has been compiled the Centenary group worshiped in recently-organized young married by the present pastor, the Rev. Wil- this edifice. Then it was destroyed

matter of a second Methodist Church and the charred vestry. to be located in the western part "On that same afternoon the offiof the town for the better accommo- cial board and parish committee dation of many whose residences me, and made plans for the new

lding is only 30 years old the "Accordingly in January of 1848, dar, Nov. 7, 1909.

Freeman Atkins, Samuel Soper, and Rufus Thatcher, in behalf of the new society, purchased an edifice which had been the property and place of worship of the Universalist Society. In the following March carpenters were set to work remodeling the building and in six months time the building was ready

## Society Formed

At this time, September, 1848, a Church withdrew for the purpose of

"Arrangements for the construction of a new building were realized liam H. Moseley, from church by fire during a thunderstorm. records and information con- Lightning struck near the ball on tributed by Mrs. Mary Sparrow. | the spire and the fire slowly burned This history states in part: "In the down, despite all efforts to reach Autumn of the year 1847 some of it by water. It was a sight never the prominent members of the only to be forgotten. The church was Methodist Church in Provincetown doomed and by 5 a. m. all that were led seriously to consider the remained were the skeleton walls