

Disbanding Bethel Church Closes Pioneer Chapter

The disbanding May 31 of the Bethel church in the Appleton community brought to a close another chapter in the pioneer history of the valley. Built in 1909, the church has been a landmark on the highway near Appleton until it was destroyed by fire Dec. 9, 1946. The church was organized originally in 1885, when a union Sunday school was organized in the Loback school house. At the time of disbanding the church, 64 resident members were on the church role.