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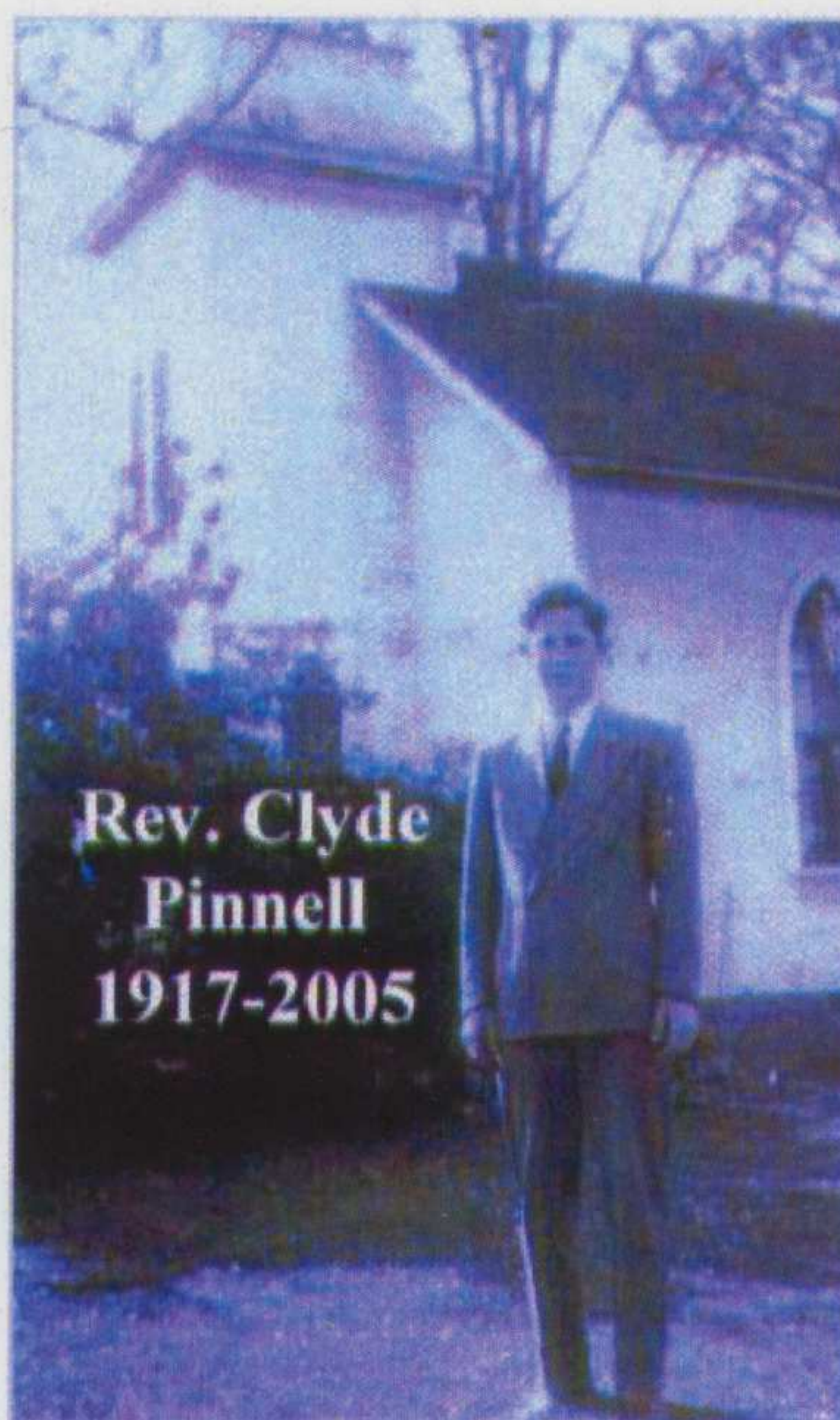
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The Boys of Summer—A Look at Linworth and OSU Baseball

When the Elmwood (Linworth) Methodist Church was built in 1887, it wasn't long until a baseball field was laid out in the adjoining lot.

To the right is a picture of the church in the 1940's.



Rev. Clyde Pinnell
1917-2005

When Rev. Clyde Pinnell arrived in Linworth in the summer of 1944, he said the first thing he saw was "a baseball game being played behind the church." As Pastor Pinnell neared the game he heard the coach excitedly urging the team to victory using words that were far from Sunday School words. Pastor Pinnell later said that he forgave the coach for his choice of words and the coach was one of his staunchest church boosters.

In 2003 Jim Thompson talked with Rev. Pinnell. Here's what he said: "Phyllis and I have so many fond memories of the four years we served at Linworth. You know, Linworth was on the circuit with Bethel Methodist Church when I was there. For a while I was attending Ohio State University, playing baseball, running track, and serving two churches at the same time. I was a busy young man."

Rev. Pinnell served as pastor at Linworth UMC from 1944 through 1947. He also played baseball for OSU.

To the right is a picture of the varsity field where Clyde "the preacher" Pinnell played. The varsity field was southwest of the football stadium.



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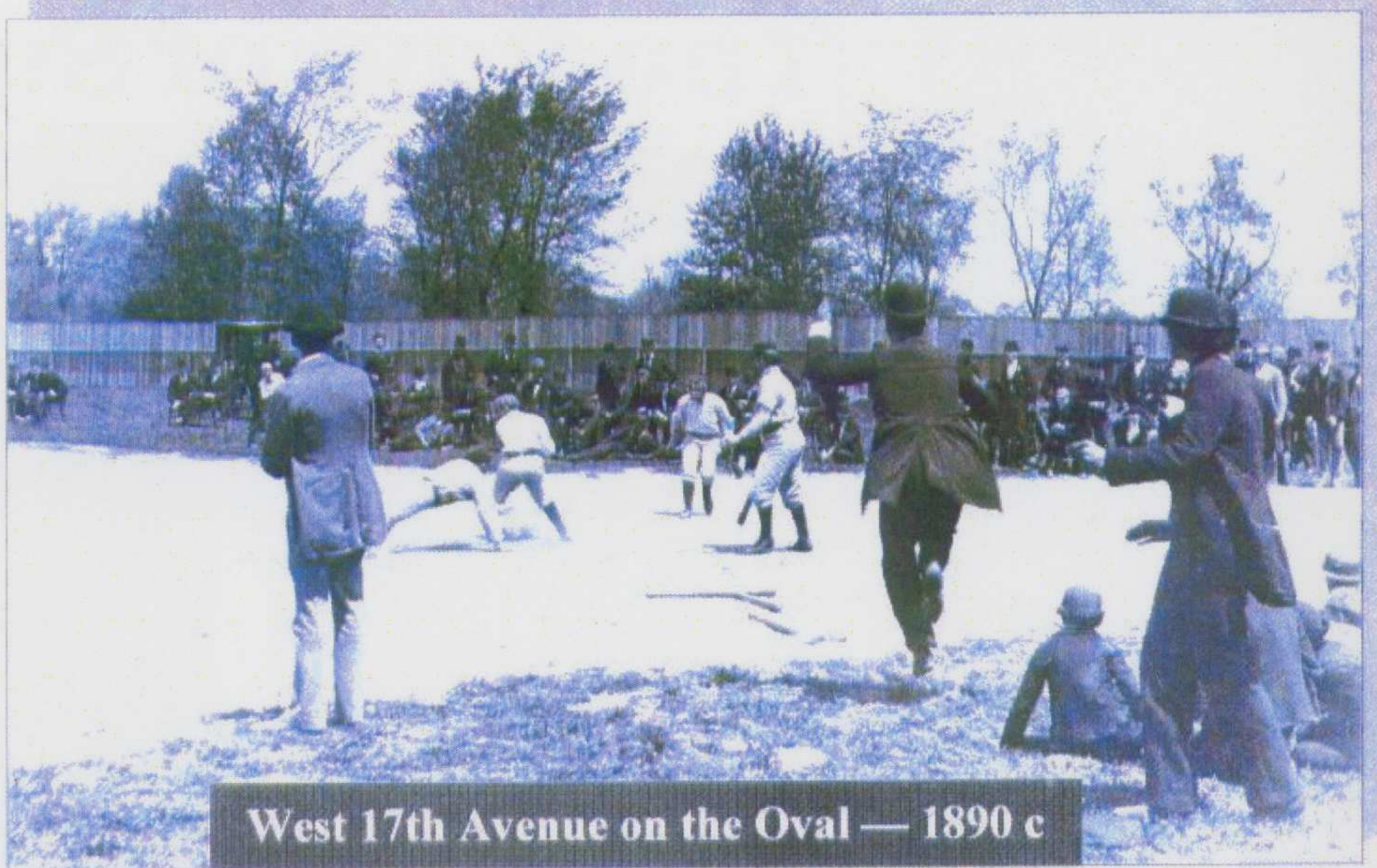
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Creating Community
Growing in Christ
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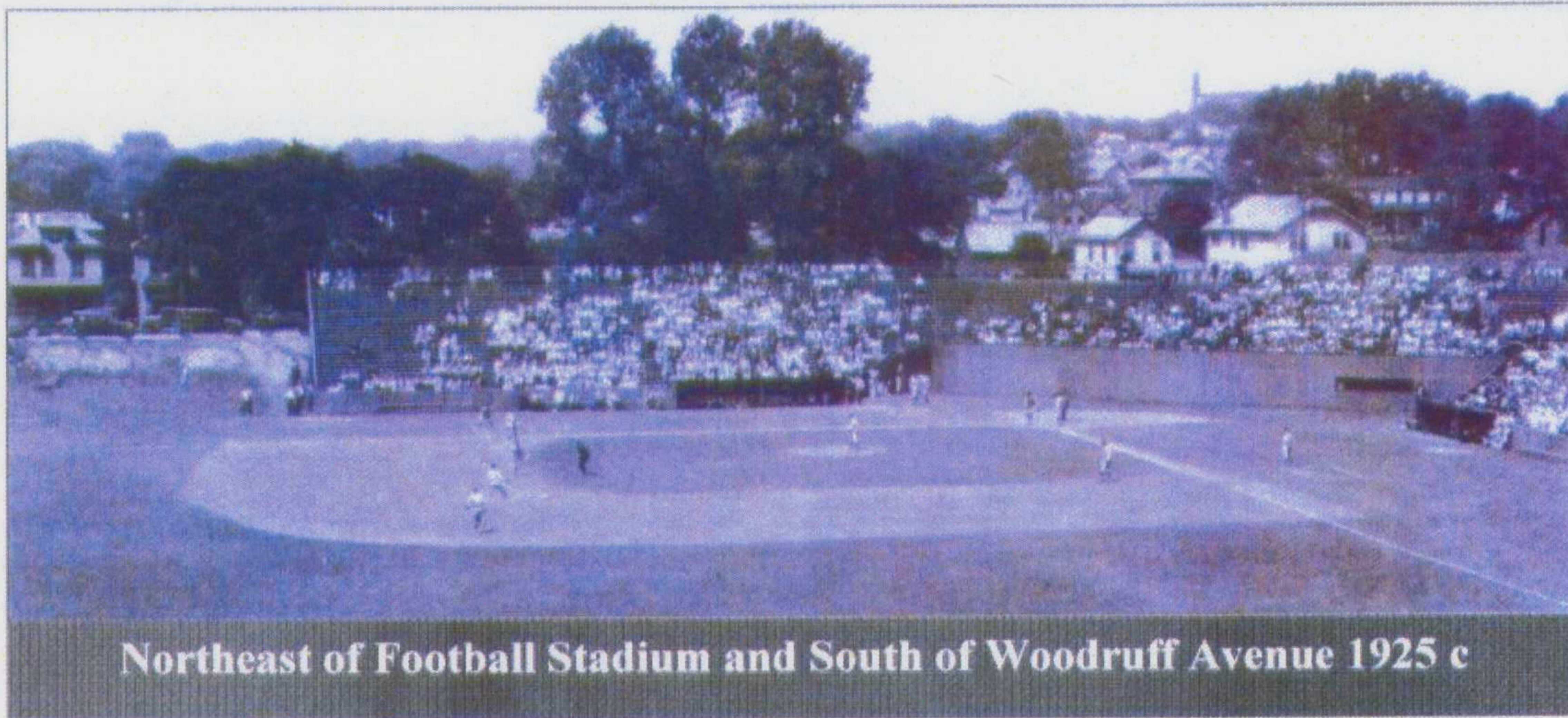
Since 1881 OSU baseball teams have played at nine different locations around campus.

Our church organist, Tom Cook, shares some recollections of his father, Charles, who played OSU baseball under Coach Lynn St. John around 1918. "My father said that St. John would get very angry if a baseball player would take a called third strike. If that happened to you, you would want to go back to the dugout and sit at the opposite end of the bench."

Charles Cook was a close friend of Woody Hayes. When Charles passed away in 1976, Woody drove from Columbus to Lima in a blizzard to give the eulogy at the Cook memorial service.



West 17th Avenue on the Oval — 1890 c

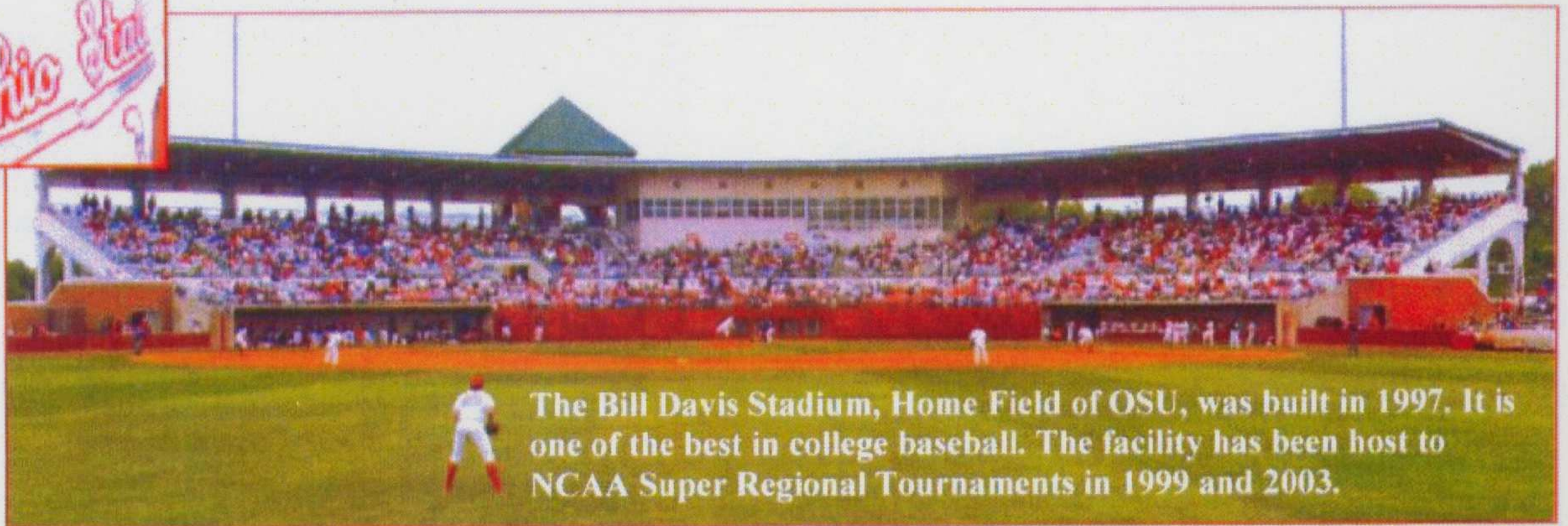


Northeast of Football Stadium and South of Woodruff Avenue 1925 c



The picture to the left is of OSU Baseball Coach, Bob Todd. In 2007 Coach Todd will have completed his 20th year as head coach of the Buckeyes. His teams have won seven Big Ten Championships and seven Conference Championships. He has the most wins of any coach in 123 years of Ohio State Baseball.

Bob and his wife, Glenda, live in Worthington and attend Linworth United Methodist Church



The Bill Davis Stadium, Home Field of OSU, was built in 1997. It is one of the best in college baseball. The facility has been host to NCAA Super Regional Tournaments in 1999 and 2003.