

Conesus, Livingston Co. NY

from "Conesus People Dedicate Church"

Back in 1834 a Universalist society was formed at Crockett's corners and a church building erected there in 1837. Thirty-six years later a Universalist church building was erected in Conesus on the site of the old fire-destroyed Conesus hotel, where John McVicar was born,—the same site that the present Community church building now occupies. Some fifteen years ago this Universalist church was closed, but was used for part of a season by the Methodist people after their building burned. A movement for a Community church developed, culminating in the organizing of such a society on Jan 7, 1921. Services were held regularly in the former Universalist building until it was destroyed by the fire of 1933, then they were held in the town hall.

Agitation for rebuilding resulted in the erection of the present structure on the foundation of its predecessor, and the most surprising fact of all is that the building is completely paid for. The cost was \$4,000, and the last pledge has been paid, so that the slate was clean on dedication Sunday. The building is 36x60, with attractive electric-lighted auditorium, two Sunday school rooms, and a recreation room and kitchen in the basement. Since the Community church was organized [on 7 Jan 1921], the pastors have been the Rev.'s Lynn, Halbert, Wendell, Dutton, Webster, Pardee, Klausner and Cagle.

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