

Democratic Watchman

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STATE SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Planning Big Things for 1924. New State Worker Already Added.

Following right on the heels of the splendid annual State Sabbath School convention held at Williamsport a couple of weeks ago, was a most interesting and enthusiastic annual convention of the Young People's Division of the State Association, held at Reading a few days ago. This convention, under the leadership of E. H. Borsall and Miss Esther Williams, of the State Association force, held its sessions in the Holy Cross Methodist church of Reading and was represented by young people from every county. In addition to a splendid and inspirational program, both as to the addresses and music, there were reunions of the campers from the summer camps, luncheons, hikes, get-together meetings, early morning watch services.

Now, following this annual convention there will be a tour by three of the State workers during the next thirty days and covering every county in the State, where institutes will be held, these primarily intended for the leaders and teachers of young people.

A new field worker has been added to the State force, in the person of Mr. Lyman Paul Rockwell, who for several years has been a field worker for the American Sunday School Union. Mr. Rockwell resides in Erie and though a young man of twenty-seven, comes to the State Association backed by a rich experience in Sunday school work. He is well and favorably known in the northwestern counties of the State and because of his energy and enthusiasm is affectionately known as "Spark Plug."

Several new Community Training schools have been started this fall under favorable auspices. These are located at:
 Altoona—Rev. Fred R. Greninger, director.
 Lansford—Rev. W. C. Espenshade, director.
 Dormant—Prof. J. Albert Murphy, director.
 Ridgway—Rev. Luther A. Krouse, director.
 Tyrone—Prof. W. W. Eisenhart, director.

Sterling—Rev. A. L. Prynne, director; and promotion of other schools in other centers is now under way.

It is wondered as to just limits of influence of Week Day Religious Education. During the past year this work has doubled and trebled; no two communities seem to follow the same scheme. Last year over 5,000 students received instruction in six centers. This year the outstanding efforts are at Harrisburg and the North boroughs at Pittsburgh.

Harrisburg is operating under the denominational group plan. It is too early to report success but the project is sound and gives promise of making a real contribution towards citizenship, for by this plan every denomination is responsible for the religious life of its own children.

The program of reading for Sunday school teachers has already been mapped out for the coming year. It is somewhat comprehensive but within the reach of all and those who follow it must receive splendid benefit, both by vision of the task and "the how" of the program. For November it calls for "Organization and Administration of Religious Education," by Stout; December's books are "The Human Elements in the Making of a Christian," by Conde, or Trumbull's "Taking Men Alive."

Then in January, Athearn's "Religious Education and American Democracy," February, "Seven Laws of Teaching," by Gregory, followed in March by "How to Conduct a Church Vacation School," by Gage, and Earhart's "Training Children to Study," for April reading. For May, "The Week-Day Church School," by Squires; June, "Brent's Leadership," and in July "A Study of Child Nature," by Harrison; August, "Making the Old School New," by Miller, and "The Making of a Teacher," by Brumbaugh, for September reading.

Certainly a real selection for those interested in the work of the Sabbath school.

Places His \$60,000,000 in Trust to Support School for Orphans.

Harrisburg.—It became known recently that M. S. Hershey, head of the Hershey Chocolate company and founder of the town bearing his name, placed his entire fortune in trust five years ago for the Hershey Industrial school at Hershey. He is the principal owner of the chocolate company and its 15 subsidiaries and the stock together with the plants operated as growing concerns, are estimated to be worth \$60,000,000.

The placing of this huge amount in trust for the school makes it the second to Girard College as the richest orphanage in the country. Hershey, according to J. E. Snyder, his chief legal adviser, who confirmed the story, dreamed years ago of establishing a huge orphanage on the site of the old Hershey homestead, where he was born. In the last 20 years, while the Hershey Chocolate company has developed from a small beginning to the largest of its kind in the world, Hershey has gradually shaped his plans. He began acquiring land around the old homestead and in 1909 the school opened to pupils.

It has now 120 boys enrolled, learning useful trades. The dormitories, mechanical buildings, gymnasium and play ground cover what once was the old Hershey farm. The certificate of incorporation was filed in the Dauphin county court in 1908 by Hershey and his wife, Mrs. Catharine S. Hershey, since deceased. Last summer Hershey celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the founding of his great industry. Like Ford, he adopted the plan of giving his employees bonuses and preceded the fiver king in that direction.

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PLEASANT GAP.

George Wise and family, of Tyrone, were visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Melroy are visiting in Philadelphia and Harrisburg this week.

Mrs. Samuel Cole, of Dayton, Ohio, was a visitor among friends and relatives here last week.

Don't forget the lecture in Noll's hall Sunday afternoon; "Millions Now Living will Never Die."

Albert Kepler and wife, of Pittsburgh, were visitors with the former's mother, Mrs. Sarah Kepler, this week.

Mrs. William Rossman, who was taken to the Bellefonte hospital last week, is somewhat improved at this writing.

William A. Hoover and wife entertained the members of Mr. Hoover's Sunday school class last Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Stitzer are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, at their home, last Thursday.

Kenneth Brooks, of Perryopolis, near Pittsburgh, was a dinner guest of J. T. Noll and family on Saturday.

He has been visiting his father and sister for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Showers entertained eleven friends on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Will Kuhn, of Williamsport, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, L. H. Wian, wife and family, of Bellefonte.

On Wednesday evening, the 14th, Mrs. Grace Bilger entertained a number of friends, at her home. Three tables of five hundred were in play. The guests were, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sumner Miller and daughter Elizabeth, of State College; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irvin, Mrs. Jack Noll, Prof. Roscoe Treaster, Mrs. Henry T. Noll and Mrs. R. S. Melroy. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, after which all sang some good-night songs and departed, thanking the host and hostess for the enjoyable evening spent with them.

Mrs. Harry Bilger was hostess at a party given at her home on Friday night, the 16th. Five tables of five hundred were in play. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Garbrick, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smeltzer, of Bellefonte; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Noll and son, Mrs. Gough, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kerstetter, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Noll, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Noll, Mrs.

Henry T. Noll, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crumlish, Prof. Roscoe Treaster and Mrs. Elmer Gheen. Cards and music with some "solo" dancing was the order of the evening. Mrs. Hugh Crumlish was awarded first prize.

CENTRE HALL.

Received too late for last week.

Mrs. James Stahl is visiting in Altoona.

C. M. Smith and son Paul were seen in town on Sunday evening.

Miss Mary Kennedy closed her house and went to Altoona on Friday, where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Miss Margaret Emery returned from the east on Tuesday evening. While away she visited in New York, New Jersey and the eastern part of Pennsylvania.

Two cars collided in front of the postoffice on Sunday. They were both Chevrolets; the B. D. Brisbin coupe and the Ripka sedan, of State College. Both cars were somewhat damaged but no one was hurt.

Word has reached here of the arrival of a baby girl, on November

4th, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sylvester Fox, of Ingram. Mrs. Fox will be remembered as Miss Helen Sandoe, formerly of this place.

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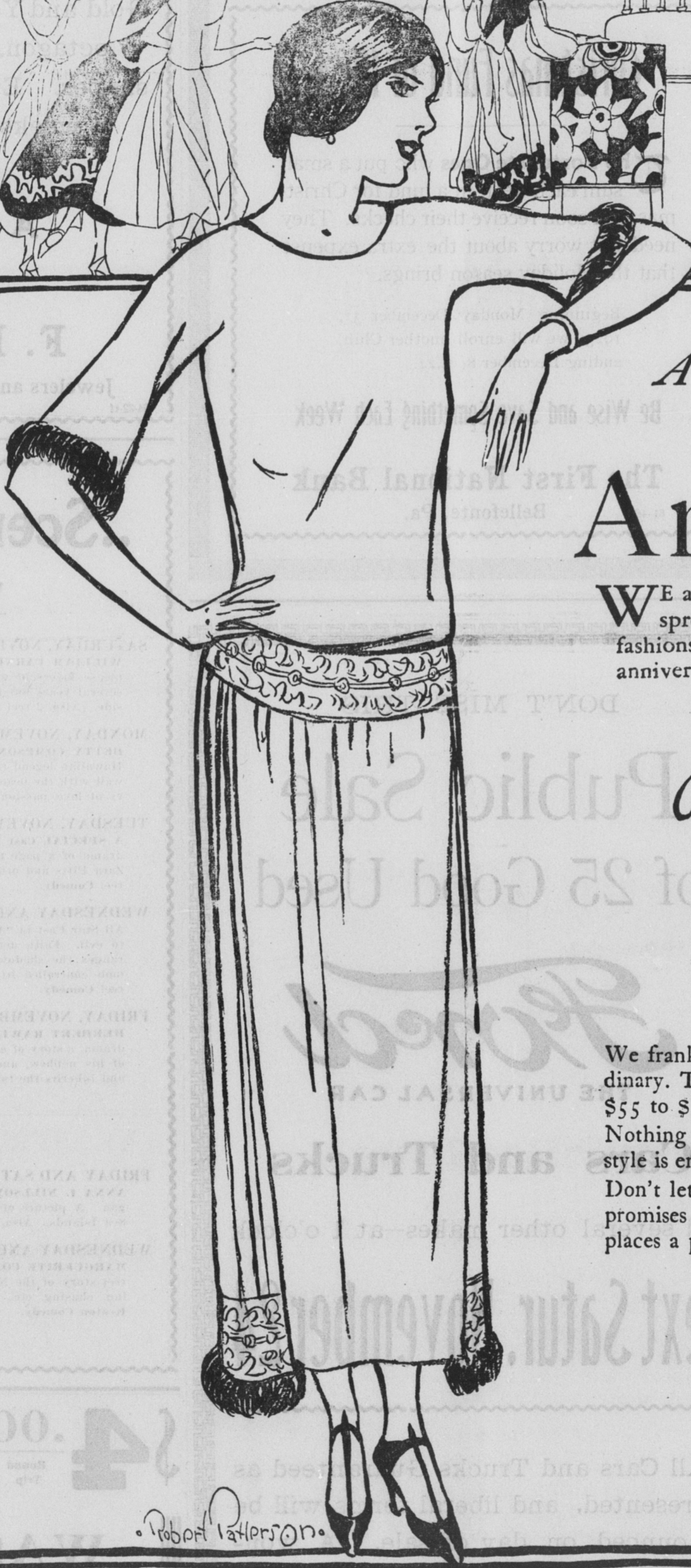
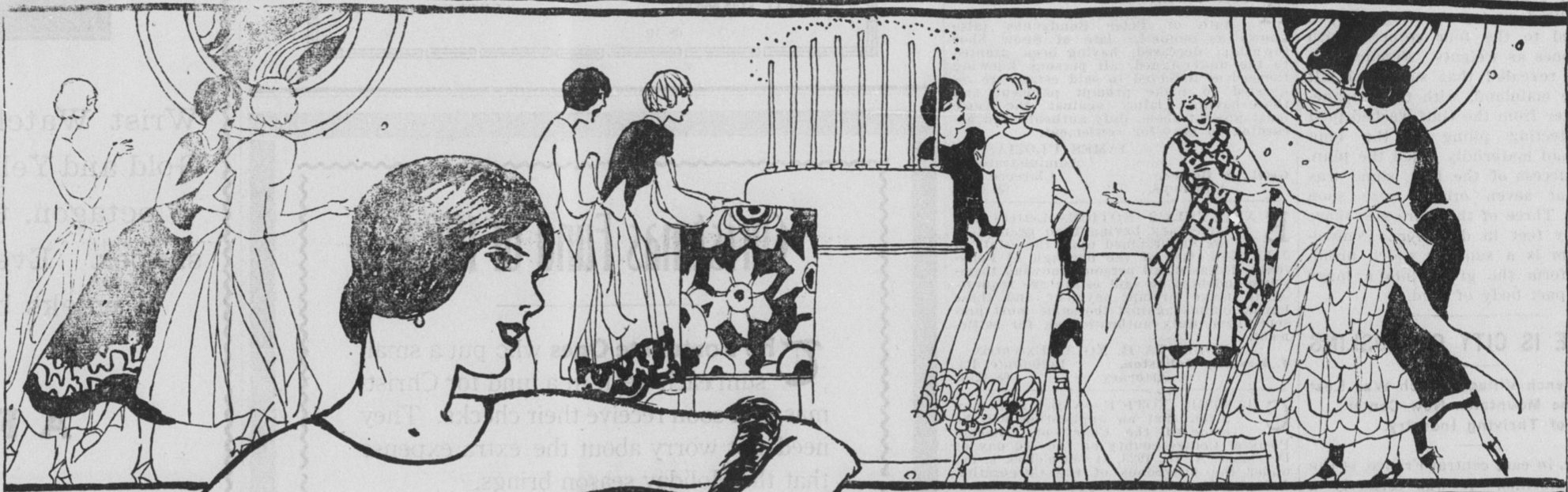
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