

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Reports of Services Held in Various Churches in Penns Valley.

A number of Christmas services were rendered in the various churches in Penns Valley. A few reports of services were forwarded for publication, as appear below:

METHODIST-SPRING MILLS.

The title of a Christmas service rendered by the Sabbath-school of the Methodist Episcopal church, Spring Mills, was "The Christmas Message."

To say that the Message was conveyed promptly, uninterruptedly and in a highly pleasing manner, is only modestly expressing a whole truth.

The opening number was promptly started at 7:30 p. m. The rhythmic strains of an instrumental rendition of the "Star of the East" reverberated through the room and caught the listening ears of the audience as perfectly rendered by C. C. Bartsch, G. C. Gentzel and C. E. Zeigler.

The program was rendered in fine style, Mrs. J. Max Lantz, who is an accomplished musician, presided at the organ, accompanied with several orchestral instruments and a choir of well trained voices under the direction of G. Cleve Gentzel.

REFORMED-SPRING MILLS.

On Sunday evening, December 23rd, the Reformed Sunday School had their usual Christmas entertainment, and it proved a very delightful occasion.

LUTHERAN-SPRING MILLS.

A large audience attentively listened to the Christmas service rendered

in the Lutheran church on Christmas eve. The children were given the larger part of the program, and they acted, recited and sang very well.

At the time the last issue of the Reporter in the old year was leaving the Centre Hall postoffice, John W. Stuart, well known in all parts of Centre county passed away. In giving an account of his death, the State College Times says:

DEATHS.

John W. Stuart, one of the foremost business men of State College died suddenly at 7:30 yesterday morning at his residence on East College avenue.

Mr. Stuart was seen on the street early Wednesday evening and when he called for his mail just before closing time at the postoffice appeared to be in good health.

When Dr. Glenn arrived Mr. Stuart was able to tell him where certain necessary articles could be found. It was apparent, however, to the physician that the attack was a serious one, and his two daughters, Mrs. Harold B. Shattuck and Mrs. Ray D. Gilliland were hurriedly summoned, but before they were able to reach his bedside he had passed away, although he was breathing when Mrs. Shattuck arrived.

The deceased was president of the First National bank and the State College Water company. He was also closely identified with other local business interests.

The Stuart family has always been prominently connected with Centre county history, his grandparents being among the early settlers of what is now known as Harris township.

Mr. Stuart was born August 23, 1844 at the old homestead. After attending the public schools for several years he entered Pine Grove academy, which for years was a famous seat of learning in this section of Pennsylvania.

At the close of the war he returned to Centre county and took up agriculture, which he followed for ten years. He then removed to State College and engaged in the hotel business and later became a general merchant which he followed for a period of eight years, afterwards engaging in the sale of coal and wood.

He was married to Miss Margaret Ellen Musser, of Boalsburg, December 23, 1869, and to their union five children were born, three of whom are living: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shattuck, William A., and Mrs. Margaret J. Gilliland.

Mr. Stuart served as postmaster of State College for sixteen years, receiving his first appointment under Garfield-Arthur administration. He was a member of Foster post 197, Lemont, Union Veteran Legion of Bellefonte, and a leading member of the State College Presbyterian church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning after Christmas at 10 o'clock, at his late residence. Interment was made at the Branch cemetery.

H. Calvin Vonada died at his home near Zion of cerebral meningitis, after two days illness. He had worked very hard of late and two days before his death apparently went to sleep. As hours passed and he did not waken his wife and friends became alarmed and finally sent for a physician.

David W. Shivery, one of the prominent citizens of Benner township for many years, died in Buffalo Run Valley on the old homestead farm, where he was born in 1838. He is survived by a widow and five children.

The undersigned has just received a car load of Supreme Dairy Food, Lintseed Meal, Buffalo Gluten, Cotton Seed Meal.

The feeds that make milk and butter fat. Prices reasonable. All goods sold under guarantee.

W. M. ALLESON, Spring Mills.

Farmer's Week.

The fifth Farmer's Week at Pennsylvania State College was more largely attended than ever heretofore. The larger part of the "students" were farmers from counties distant from the College, the Centre county farmers, much to their discredit, not giving the institution much attention.

The Tiffin (Ohio) Daily Tribune of December 21st, contained this item, referring to young people known to many of the Reporter readers: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles J. Barger, at East Perry street, was the scene of a pretty home wedding, last evening, when their son, Clayton A., and Miss Mae Zettle, of Spring Mills, were united in marriage.

Another evil result of dividing a community into little religious groups is that none of these churches have the enthusiasm, the interest, the life, the efficiency, and consequently, the success of numbers. The church is too weak to undertake many things that in larger organizations have been found most effective in building up Christian character and the Kingdom.

Agnew Elmer Lambert, of Brush Valley, and Loeda A. Mark, of Penn Hall, were happily married by Rev. J. Max Lantz at 8:45 o'clock on Christmas eve. Mr. Lambert is a young farmer with bright prospects for the future and possessed of a kind, courteous and hustling disposition.

At the Lutheran parsonage, in Rebersburg, on Sunday evening, Christmas eve, Rev. N. A. Whitman united in marriage Elmer E. Hubler, of Rebersburg, and Miss Elsie A. Miller, of Tyleraville.

John D. Bower et al to W. H. Phillips, September 29, 1911, tract of land in Aaronsburg, \$1 00

W. L. Foster et al to George W. Campbell, October 17, 1910, tract of land in State College, \$450.

Martha M. Johnston's heirs to J. K. Johnston, November 2, 1911, tract of land in Howard twp, \$2300.

W. E. Hurley, Sheriff, to Robert E. Keck, December 13, 1911, tract of land in Snow Shoe, \$400.

Centre Brick Co. to A. Y. Young, November 1911, tract of land in Howard twp, \$1050.

Edwin Strunk et ux to Harriet Pennington, November 22, 1911, tract of land in State College, \$375.

W. E. Hurley, Sheriff, to William Tressler, December 13, 1911, tract of land in Spring twp, \$715.

William Martin to J. A. Meyers, April 1, 1910, tract of land in Spring twp, \$850.

Joseph Hisey et ux to John Houser, September 1, 1883, tract of land in Benner twp, \$500.

Fergus Potter to Lena Calahan, April 1, 1898, tract of land in Benner twp, \$50.

W. F. Reynolds et ux to T. J. Tressler, August 29, 1911, tract of land in Benner twp, \$80.

Charles D. Moore to T. D. Boal, November 24, 1911, tract of land in Harris twp, \$3000.

Since Robert M. LaFollette, the Republican senator from Wisconsin, has announced himself as an aspirant to the presidency, he has made several speeches in the native state of President Taft.

Last week's issue of the Clearfield Republican contained five large columns devoted to the collection of the chief events which occurred during the year 1911.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The Reporter wishes you all the good things in 1912 that you desire. William Schrader, twice convicted of murder, will be hanged in Milfilin county, January 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carter went to Altoona for a few days last week where they were the guests of relatives and friends.

After several weeks' visit to Harrisburgh, Philadelphia and New York, Miss Roxanna Brislin returned to her home, just before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Bible, of Altoona, came to Penns Valley, and for a few days at Christmas time again enjoyed the homes of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Emerick, of Altoona, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver, of Powelton, were entertained by the mother of the ladies during Christmas time.

The large doll, the prizes in the bean guessing contest conducted by Merchant E. Zery, was won by C. D. Bartholomew, who guessed the number within six beans.

As a result of a visit to Nebraska, George Casper, of Pine Grove Mills, has decided to make sale in the spring and locate in that state on a large farm, rented during his brief visit there.

The farm stock, implements, etc., sold by George B. Lee, on the John R. Lee farm, at Colyer, summed up to \$1123.75. Mr. Lee is now blacksmithing at Tusseyville, succeeding Sheriff A. B. Lee in that business.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Black, of Derry, were at State College during Farmers Week. The former attended all the lectures he could crowd in, and on his return was able to talk on many farm topics in a more intelligent manner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nearhood are very much pleased with their work at State College, and find it a pleasure to take care of the fraternity house in which they are located. They were at their old home in Centre Hall for several days last week.

Harry E. Burkholder returned to Loganton, Indiana, after a short visit to his brothers and sister near Centre Hall. Mr. Burkholder, since graduating from Pennsylvania State College, has been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the signal department.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Ocker, of Lewisburg, were guests of friends in Centre Hall, where ten years ago Mr. Ocker was in business. They are of the opinion that Centre Hall is growing more beautiful as each year passes by, and they apparently enjoyed every minute of their stay here.

Prof. and Mrs. C. F. Shaw, of State College, for several days during Christmas week, were guests of Dr. G. W. Hoesterman in Centre Hall. Mr. Shaw did not enjoy the Christmas season quite as much as he might have done had it not been for a carbuncle that was doing strenuous business on his lower jaw.

Wednesday of last week Mrs. Rebecca Schell and her granddaughter, Rebecca Kreamer, went to Lemont, where they visited David Wagner, and from there they went to Bellefonte and were entertained by Mrs. Harrison Kline. In a few days Mrs. Schell will go to Altoona, and for some weeks will be at the home of her son, John O. Schell.

Sunday night a week fifty leghorn hens were captured in a poultry house on the Stoner farm, near Tusseyville, and since then John H. Horner is wondering who the cuss was that stole the hens. Mr. Horner just began farming a short time ago, and he is awfully anxious to form an intimate acquaintance with the man who visited the roost while he was asleep.

Before the holiday season a number of civil engineers were at work in the vicinity of Milfilinburg, surveying under the direction of the state road department. They were working in the direction of Centre county, and it was thought they would continue until they reached the Old Fort. Whether or not they have again resumed their labors since the beginning of the new year the Reporter does not know.

J. S. Meyer, the Penn township poultry man, had a long desire fulfilled when he attended the Madison Square Garden poultry show in New York, week before Christmas. Mr. Meyer also paid a visit to his son, Dr. J. Frank Meyer, at Bloomfield, New Jersey, as well as to two of his daughters, one of whom is in Philadelphia and the other a student in West Chester Normal. The hustle and bustle of New York City was just a bit too strenuous for the poultry man, who prefers the quiet life about his well appointed home just below Penn Hall.

W. HENRY SCHUYLER.

Ten thousand dollars is the price paid by Abe Markie, of State College, for the Samuel Gardner farm, near that place. The farm contains one hundred acres.