

METHODIST CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. Williams Goes to Benton, and is Followed by Rev. C. E. Catherman.

At the close of the fifty-first annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, late Monday night, appointments were made for another year.

The appointments in which Reporter readers are concerned are as follows: Penns Valley, C. E. Catherman. Benton, W. H. Williams.

Killed by Falling Tree.

The Reporter's Pine Grove Mills correspondent says that while John Strunk was lumbering, a tree fell and crushed him to death in an instant.

Fred Stover Lands on American Shores.

A telegram received by Mrs. Sara Stover, on Friday, from her son, Fred Stover, announced his arrival in New York City with the 2nd Transportation Corps, from France.

Another Letter from John Garis.

Bozorg, France Feb. 3, 1919

Dear old Dad and all at home: I am going to write you a letter telling you a few things I have experienced since leaving home.

Starting with July 14, 1917, when I left home, I was sent to Camp Hancock on the 11th of September, arriving there on the 15th.

On the 17th of May we embarked for France and next day left New York harbor. We were on the water until June 1st, when we landed in Liverpool, England, and went to Camp Knotty Ash.

On the 4th of June we were transferred to South Hampton and on the 9th went across the English channel to Le Havre, France.

There I stayed in one of the finest chateaus in that country and served as a cook for the officers.

I visited Laval, one of the large cities, the other day. I had myself weighed and tipped the beam at 171 pounds, stripped, and I am getting heavier all the time.

JOHN GARIS.

The Centre Reporter, \$1.50 a year.

Movings.

Movings in the borough: Mrs. M. L. Smith moves to Johnstown and the home will be occupied by E. H. Grove, who purchased same; Dr. A. G. Lieb moved from his farm to his property in Centre Hall.

Box Social Nets \$72.62.

The box social held Saturday evening by the Spring Mills Grange netted its treasury \$72.62, the gross receipts having been \$92.52.

Pastor Ties Knot from Sick Bed.

When Miss Anna B. Shaffer, of Spring Mills, and Joseph B. Barner, of Liverpool, applied at the parsonage of Rev. J. M. Walters, pastor of the Second United Evangelical Church in Sunbury, on Saturday, to be married, they were told that the pastor was sick.

"Penn State" Planning for Commencement.

From all indications Penn State's first post-war commencement will have a greater number of attractive features and will be better in every way than any ever held at this college.

The program for the coming commencement week is to be very similar to the one followed in 1916. This will be the first time since that year that a regular formal commencement has been held.

Railroads Ordered to Put Daylight Law in Effect.

To make effective the daylight law, Director General Hines last Saturday instructed railroads to turn their clocks ahead one hour at 2 a. m. Sunday, March 30.

Extra Session By May 12th.

The return of President Wilson to the United States before May 15 and an extra session of Congress on May 12 or sooner is the outlook in view of the latest press and private advices received from Paris.

It is confidently believed in administrative circles that the peace treaty will be signed and ready to be returned to Paris between May 1 and May 10.

"IS THERE A NEED OF CHURCH FEDERATION IN PENNSYLVANIA?"

[By REV. G. F. SNYDER, of Altoona, Pa.]

In the palmy days of denominationalism a few years ago churches were multiplied in many communities with a recklessness that is startling.

Some light will be thrown on these statements and upon the question which forms the title of this leaflet by a study of a typical rural community in Centre County, with Spring Mills as a centre.

Spring Mills is located in a prosperous farming community a few miles southeast of Bellefonte. It is a hamlet with a total population of 456, having six churches with organized congregations

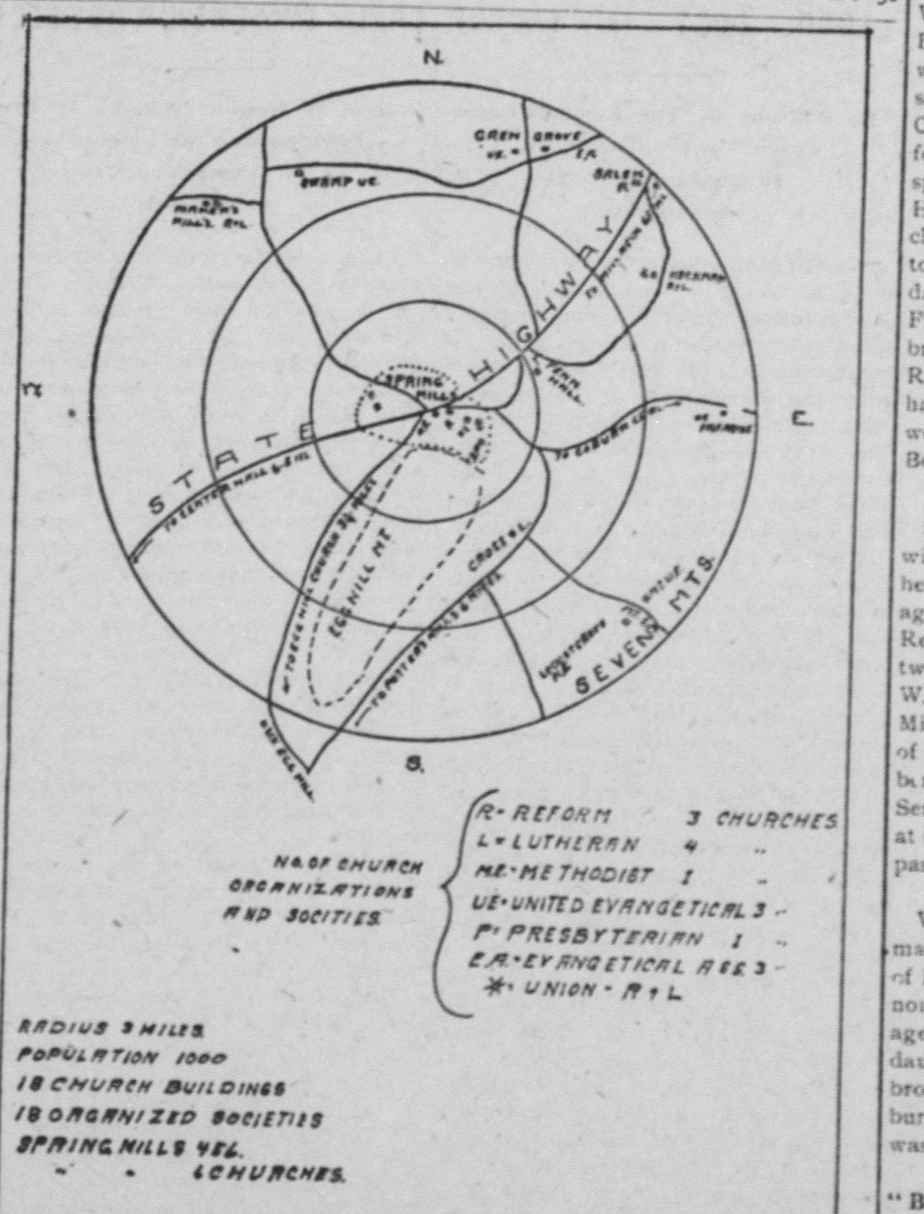
traveling over the same roads in the same directions according to a system about as wisely planned as the deer paths and crossings in the neighboring mountains.

Fortunately two of the churches, the United Evangelical and the Evangelical Association, have united recently, and the Presbyterian church has discontinued holding services, and their members are attending the other churches.

Similar conditions obtain in a larger extent of territory.

WITH SPRING MILLS AS A CENTRE within a radius of three miles there are eighteen churches for a population of approximately 1000 people, or one church for every 55.5 persons.

WITH CENTRE HALL AS A CENTRE within a radius of six miles there are 32



and two resident pastors. Each of these churches belongs to a different denomination and each belongs to a charge having two to six churches in it.

It requires six ministers to serve the 456 people in Spring Mills, and each of the six ministers is required to drive an average of 16.2-3 miles, making a total of 80 miles, every Sunday.

Each of these ministers must render pastoral service during the week-days to the members of each of his widely separated churches. Thus they are required to spend much valuable time in

churches for a population of about 3500, or one church for every 100 people. Taking the entire rural population of Centre County, there is an average of one church for every 185.7 of the population.

METHODISTS MAY SECURE SOBER FARM FOR HOME.

The C. K. Sober chestnut farm, in Irish Valley, Northumberland county, near Shamokin, is to be purchased by the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church as a home for aged communicant members of the conference.

200 Acres Near Shamokin Will Likely Be Purchased By Conference As Home For Aged Communicants.

The license fee in Centre county for a full year is as follows: Tavern license—\$200 in boroughs and \$100 in townships. Wholesale—\$250 in boroughs and \$125 in townships. Brewers—\$1,000.

As yet the conference holds only an option on the property, but it seems to be the prevailing belief that final action to be taken in the conference, will result in the purchase.

A half hour after they had eaten roots which they thought were artichokes, George Derr, aged five years and James Derr, aged four years, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Derr, of Plum Creek, near Sunbury, died early Friday.

THE DEATH RECORD.

FRANK.—Mrs. Catharine Frank, wife of Philip C. Frank, passed peacefully into the beyond at her home, a mile north of Potters Mills, on Friday morning at five o'clock.

Deceased was born at Madisonburg sixty-nine years ago. She was a daughter of John and Sara Haugh. She belonged to the United Evangelical church, being a faithful member all her life.

Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, by Rev. J. A. Shultz, and burial was made in the cemetery connected with the U. Ev. church near Tusseyville.

PATTERSON.—Following an illness of four months as the result of an injury William Patterson died at his home in Boalsburg on Tuesday morning of last week. He was a son of Robert and Susan Patterson and was born at State College 1865.

SCHRACK.—Mrs. Jane Miller Schrack, wife of D. H. Schrack, passed away at her home in Loganton on Saturday, aged sixty-six years.

WIRTH.—George A. Wirth, who was married to Miss Flora Corman, formerly of Rebersburg, died in Cedarville, Illinois, on the 20th inst., of pneumonia, aged fifty years.

"Boal Troop" Has Orders to Sail May First.

Word was received on Thursday from Capt. Wilbur F. Leitzel to the effect that Company A, 107th Machine Battalion (Boal Troop) had orders to prepare to sail for home on May 1st.

Threshermen to Meet.

A special meeting of Centre County Threshermen and Farmers' Protective Association will be held in the Court house in Bellefonte on Saturday, March 29th, at 10 a. m.

"The Making of Larry".

"The Making of Larry", a Boy Scout play in two scenes, will be rendered by the Centre Hall Boy Scouts on Friday evening, April 4th, in Grange Arcadia.

Feeding Steers.

Approximately five per cent, of the farmers of this State are feeding steers for spring market. This is two per cent, less than last year.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Don't forget to set your clock an hour ahead before you retire on Saturday night.

The Boy Scouts of Centre Hall will give a play in the Grange hall on April 4th.

The public sale season is drawing to a close. It has set a new record for high prices.

W. E. Tobias is an applicant for the position of postmaster of Clearfield which position became vacant on Wednesday through the resignation of John C. Barclay.

There are 23,000 \$1,000 bills in the United States. And I've never been within seeing or speaking distance of one of them.

Reuben Welby, tenant on the Wagner farm, four miles west of Bellefonte, who made public sale of his farm stock on Wednesday of last week, realized extraordinary prices for his articles.

Lieut. John A. Hardenberg, who returned from overseas duty in January and has been stationed at Camp Lee, Va., most of the time since, arrived at his home in Millheim recently to enjoy a ten-day furlough.

The Swannee River Quartette, the company of colored singers who entertained lecture course patrons at Boalsburg, Centre Hall and Millheim during the past week, tarried in Boalsburg over Sunday and delighted a large audience in the Lutheran church with a fine religious program.

Governor William C. Sproul will deliver the address of welcome to Bucknell's new President, Dr. Emory William Hunt, at the coming Commencement in June. It is announced by Dr. John H. Harris that the commencement exercises for this year will be held on June 24.

One of the officers on the steamship Maunee arriving at New York on Thursday from Brest was Lieut. E. L. Morris, of Bellefonte, twenty years old, who was attached to the First Aero Squadron. He went to France two years ago as a civilian and joined a French flying corps.

Prof. W. W. Reitz, supervisor of agriculture in the Gregg Township Vocational School at Spring Mills, attended a meeting in the interest of his school at State College, on Friday, at which the Director of the state department of Vocational Schools of the state of Massachusetts was present.

The senior class in the local High school is looking ahead to a day in May and making preparations for that crowning end of their local school career—graduation day.

It seems as though there are some sportsmen worthy of the name in Millheim, judging from their treatment of the red fox. It seems that this color of fox is fast becoming extinct; at least there are few of them in comparison with his more disreputable brother, the grey fox.