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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

PENN'S VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
REV. MELVIN C. DRUMM, Pastor

Services for

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 1921.

Centre Hall, 10.30 a. m.—"The Power of the Love of Christ."
Tusseyville, 2.30 p. m.—Holy Communion, Confirmation etc.
Spring Mills, 7.30 p. m.—The traveler's Guide.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. evening, 7 o'clock; Subject, The Books of Nehemiah and Esther.
Teacher Training Class at 8 p. m., Wednesday.
Luther League, Sunday evening at 6.30.
S. S.—9.30 a. m.

Presbyterian.—Rev. R. P. Miller, of Philipsburg, will preach at Centre Hall in the morning.
Reformed.—Union, morning; Spring Mills, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.

RURAL CHURCHES
IN BAD PLIGHT,
REPORTS SHOW

Many Dying in East, While Vast Regions in West Are Without Any Pastors.

EXPERTS STUDYING HOW
TO OVERCOME DANGERS

Baptist State Conventions Plan Vigorous Action—Will Try Out Community Centers to Increase Efficiency.

How to meet the problem of the rural churches is a task which is arousing the concern of the General Board of Promotion of the Northern Baptist Convention. Surveys recently made by representatives of the convention reveal that in some sections many of these churches are gradually dying. It was also shown that the outlook for others is far from promising. This is particularly true in the East. In the Western states the need is for the establishment of churches in the hundreds of new communities which are springing up.
The seriousness of the problem becomes more apparent when a glance at the United States Census report shows that in 1910 the number of persons on the farm was 49,348,883 as against 42,623,353 persons living in cities. This is further emphasized by the figures revealed in 1917—that the number of persons engaged in agricultural pursuits and in animal husbandry was 19,070,543.

"The rural churches," says the report, "have long been the fountains of our life. We cannot afford to let the springs dry up. Our churches are the residences of the Christian family . . . the schoolrooms where the Church educates its people and leads them into all the truth. . . . Our buildings ought to be an adequate reflection of the life and strength of the churches. A small church with meager resources may of necessity be compelled to do with an inadequate plant. But a church of strength and power ought to have a home that will reflect its life."

And to help the state conventions which supervise the work in their own states men are being employed to give their whole time, effort and study to help solve the problem. Other measures planned to help meet the need are increases in ministers' salaries, the establishment of community centers and the use of community churches when other means are inadvisable.

Excerpts from the plans of the state conventions show how urgent some of these bodies regard the plight of the rural church. A few of these follow:

New Hampshire—"Strengthen rural churches." Connecticut—"Work out federation or community church plans to meet the desperate country church situation." New Jersey—"Establish two or three rural parish centers as experiments for solving the rural problem and six or seven foreign community centers." Wisconsin—"Develop the rural churches, making them vital factors in community life." Ohio—"Equip two new district missionaries." Indiana—"Employ an expert on rural work."

High School Literary Prize Contest.

Following is the program of Literary Prize Contest to be given by the Seniors of the High school under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., in Grange hall on Saturday evening of this week:
Song by School—"The Future Generation."

Harold Keller—"American"
Annabel Smith—"The Missus' Vote"
Grace Fye—"The Rule of Honor for the Republic"

Piano Duet—Helen Tressler and Mary Bingman
Thomas Grove—"Service Leads to Success."

Esther Wagner—"Patriotism Needs Intelligence"
Pearl Ruble—"The Republic will Endure"

Singing—Familiar Songs
Kryder Miller—"Immigration"
Gertrude Ruble—"A Momentous Question"

Hazel Ripka—"True Americanism"
Boys' Sextette
Russell Reish—"Patriotism"

Emily Jordan—"Let Us Make Our Victory Secure"
Beatrice Kreamer—"What the Flag Means"

Violin Solo—Harold Durst
Ruth Ripka—"The Flag on the Farm"

Elizabeth Royer—"Equality of Opportunity"
William Sweetwood—"Advantages of Athletics"

Song by School—"Smile, Smile, Smile"

Mule Sale at Centre Hall.

A carload of mules were sold at public sale at Centre Hall last Saturday afternoon, the twenty head selling for \$3510, or an average of \$175. The purchasers and prices paid per team are as follows:

Table listing mule sales with names and prices.

Total for 20 head . . . \$3510

Fifty-five Per Cent of Farms in State Have Automobiles.

Seven out of every hundred farmers in Pennsylvania purchased automobiles during 1920, while at the present time, fifty-five out of every hundred farmers in the State own automobiles, not including farm trucks. These figures are shown in a table prepared by Statistician L. H. Wible, of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

The table shows that 104,850 farmers in the State own automobiles, many of these owning two and three machines, while there are 14,325 farms in the State upon which motor trucks are in use. Lancaster county easily leads in the number of automobiles on the farm, this county having 7,914 cars on its farms on January 1, 1921, while Berks county is second with 3,835. Cameron county with 90 automobiles has the fewest number of any county in the State.

Centre county farms show 1,400 automobiles and 65 motor trucks, January 1st, 1921.

TUSSEYVILLE.

Edgar Miller, of York, was called home on account of the illness of his father, Charles Miller.

Miss Ruth Rockey at present is assisting the nurse in taking care of the aged lady, Mrs. Boal, mother of Major Theodore Boal, of Boalsburg.

Miss Verna Dunichay went to State College last Wednesday where she will be employed for some time.

Emery Flory, son of Frank Flory, is very ill with pneumonia.

Miss Reed and Miss Pennypacker, of Milroy, spent several days at the home of John Horner.

Seven churches and community buildings for the new Americans." Illinois—"Develop rural work." West Virginia—"Strengthen the missionary work at many points and enter new fields." Minnesota—"Develop two or three rural centers." North Dakota—"Raise standards of salaries of missionary pastors." Montana—"Appoint two pastors at large, a general evangelist and several rural experts, Sunday school director and association missionaries." Idaho—"Open several stations in the new irrigation tract." Utah—"Employ two new missionaries." Eastern Washington—"Increase missionary staff 33 per cent, increase salaries and occupy many destitute fields." Oregon—"Inaugurate at once new work in many fields now opening up. Great districts with hundreds of people have no church nor missionary. Employ several general missionaries and a superintendent of evangelism."

Great Britain is using American Baptist missionaries in promoting education in Burma, missionaries conducting 856 schools under government direction.

Women in Burma are being educated to an extent not rivaled anywhere in the Orient, women's schools being conducted by American Baptists at Moulmein, Rangoon and Mandalay.

Based on the 1910 census, there is one doctor for every 600 persons in continental United States. In Burma there are four American Baptist missionary physicians, who give medical attention to more than 10,000.



Lady Azgapatian who will speak on Near East Wednesday Night of this Week

On Wednesday evening of this week, in the Court House, Bellefonte, Lady Ann Azgapatian will speak on conditions in Armenia and Near East.

Lady Ann Azgapatian is the wife of General Azgapatian of the Russian army, and for a number of months worked with the Red Cross in Bolshevik Russia and then in stricken Armenia. She is in great demand as a speaker and

Township Schools in the Red Cross.

Potters Mills Primary, Mildred Brown teacher; Jean Sankey, Chester Wagner, Robert McCormick, William McCormick, Kenneth Slack, Clarence Carson, Evelyn Bradford.

Pine Stump, Hugh Ralston, teacher; Frances Whiteman, Dorothy Garbrick, James Mowery, Wilbur Whiteman, Vernon Garbrick, Russell Walker.

Farm Calendar.

Timely Reminders from The Pennsylvania State College

DAIRY CALVES should be allowed as much freedom as possible on the mild winter days. The calf barn should have a dry yard adjoining where the calves may be allowed to run.

SHEEP—An open winter may lead sheep men to allow their flocks to depend too much upon poor pasturage for maintenance. Do not overlook the fact that the ewes will soon be lambing and should be sufficiently nourished to insure a proper milk flow. Supplement pasture with grain feed of corn, oats and bran. In the northern tier counties two parts buckwheat, three parts oats and one part bran or oil meal may be substituted.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING—Just as much care should be given the electric lighting system in the farm home as the automobile or tractor. On the gas engine, the carbon should be cleaned from time to time, the valves ground, the bearings looked after and the proper lubricant used.

FARM SANITATION—Thousands of dollars worth of damage could be done against the dairy business of the state should a serious outbreak of typhoid fever occur and be traced to the milk supply. It is of vital interest to all milk producers to see that there is proper disposal of sewage about the dairy. A simple form of septic tank can easily be constructed and in most cases give satisfaction under various requirements which can be worked out on the ground by the farm mechanics extension man from State College. He works through your county agent.

Advertisement for W.S.S. featuring a portrait and the text: "You are worth what you have saved BUY W.S.S."

School Report, Fourth Month.

Report of the High school for the fourth month, ending January 12: Number of pupils in attendance, girls 36, boys 21, total 47. Percentage of attendance, girls 98.5, boys 95.5, average 97. Those present every day during month: Luella Bloom, Lilae Brooks, Gladys Garbrick, Ellen Meeker, Sarah Snyder, Mabelle Sharer, Leora Mowery, Vianna Zettle, Martha Yearick, Mary Bingman, Beatrice Kreamer, Hazel Ripka, Gertrude Ruble, Elizabeth Royer, Helen Tressler, Harold Keller, Kryder Miller, John Reish, Daniel Smith, Stanley Brooks, Harold Durst, Howard Emery, Albert Emery, Paul Fetterolf, James Royer, Albert Smith, Miles Snyder. Thirty-three pupils were not tardy during the month.

Intermediate School—Per cent attendance for the month, male 93, female 93, total 93. Per cent for the term, male 96, female 96. Pupils present every day during term: Elwood Smith, Frank Rine, Alverta Weaver, Gladys Emery, Romie Smith, Mae Smith, Bertha Sharer, Sara Runkle, Beulah Bingman, Eth McClenahan, Frances Weaver, Genevieve Ruble. The following pupils made 100 per cent in arithmetic tests: Eugene Colyer, Sara Runkle, Dorothy Emerick. Spelling: Bond Bible, Sara Runkle. Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

Grammar School.—Percentage of attendance, girls 97, boys 97. Those neither absent nor tardy for the month: Emelyn Brungart, Ruth Grove, Eliza

beth Gross, Agnes Geary, Charlotte Keller, Helen Runkle, Ruth Runkle, Louise Smith, Mary Weaver, Florence Zettle, Theodore Breen, Frank Gross, Byers Ripka, Joseph Ruble, Wilbur Stoner, Paul Smith.—Mary A. Hess, teacher.

AARONSBURG.

Miss Lizzie Yarger, from Harrisburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Stover. Miss Yarger and her niece, Miss Marion Stover, will take a pleasure trip on the 25th of this month to Florida, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Breen, formerly of this town.

Merchant J. F. Krape will take his six-year-old daughter, Catherine, to the Sunbury hospital, where she will be operated on for the removal of her tonsils and also adenoids.

Mr. and Mrs. John Krape are the happy parents of a bright little boy, Harry Leroy Krape. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

On Sunday afternoon Miss Effie Weaver was very agreeably surprised when Ed Boob and wife autoed to her home from Swengle. They were accompanied by the former lady's mother, Mrs. Emma Beaver, of Millheim.

Vogel's Minstrels, the big fun show and minstrel, will be at the Garman opera house, Bellefonte, to-night (Thursday). There is something entirely new in minstrel as presented by Vogel, this year, and the show will prove even better than those of former years. Prices 50 cents to \$1.00.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

—OF—

THE FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF CENTRE COUNTY, PENNA.

January 10, 1921.

In compliance with the provisions of their charter the sixty-fourth annual statement of the Company is hereby presented.

Table showing Balance in treasury, Cash premium received, Cash on Assessment, Borrowed money, and total amounts.

EXPENDITURES

Table showing FIRE LOSSES, Small losses, Directors' pay, Secretary's salary, Treasurer's salary, Cash paid on premiums withheld, Writing policies, Postage, printing and stationery, Interest paid, Sundry expenses, and Cash balance in treasury.

RECAPITULATION

Table showing Due for borrowed money, Outstanding premiums in course of collection, Cash balance in treasury, Sale and typewriter in office, Net indebtedness, Total cash premium paid, Premium notes taken past year, Premium notes in force today, Insurance taken past year, Risks in force today.

At an election held on the same day the following were elected as directors for the ensuing year: Col. W. Fred Reynolds, George Mitchell, J. R. Brungart, Frank McFarlane, E. M. Hupets, John H. Beck, G. P. Gentzel, E. H. Reed, J. M. Campbell, James E. Harter, J. S. Weaver and Frank M. Fisher.

The Board organized by electing Col. W. Fred Reynolds, Pres.; George Mitchell, Vice Pres.; Frank M. Fisher, Sec'y, and J. R. Brungart, Treasurer.

Attest: FRANK M. FISHER, Sec'y

COL. W. FRED REYNOLDS, President.

SHARP PRICE REDUCTIONS

ON THE



WITH PHILCO RETAINERS

WITHOUT PHILCO RETAINERS

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GUARANTEED 18 MONTHS

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Offering a genuine opportunity for car owners to secure this high-grade Battery at far less expenditure than has been possible at any time during the past four years

CLYDE A. SMITH, Centre Hall