

ANNUAL MEETING OF PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD AT TYRONE

To Be Held Beginning Next Tuesday.—The New Era Movement Shows Remarkable Results in Penna.

Pennsylvania Presbyterians are focusing their attention on Tyrone, where the annual meeting of their synod is to be held in the First Presbyterian church, beginning October 25. Rev. Edward Yates Hill, D. D., present Moderator, of Philadelphia, will open the session. Detailed arrangements are being perfected by Rev. Benjamin M. Gemmill, Ph. D., of Hartsville.

Pennsylvania is the largest of the synods of the Presbyterian Church. It reports a membership this year of 335,300, a 3 per cent increase over last year. A total of 19,221 new members were received on confession. There are 20,070 Presbyterian Sunday-school members reported this year.

The New Era movement, the progress organization of the Presbyterian Church, has had remarkable results in Pennsylvania. The average annual investment of the Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania enterprises, was normally \$5,780,000, a per capita of \$17.93. In the year just closed the investment has leaped to \$9,555,000, or a per capita of \$28.49. For denominational enterprises alone the gain this year was 119 per cent, for local church work 45 per cent, and for other purposes 83 per cent.

There are 20 presbyteries within the bounds of Pennsylvania, ranging in size from Pittsburgh with 61,000 members, to Beaver with 6,000. Twelve of these report gains over normal for denominational benevolences of over 100 per cent.

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. has broken many records in its activities this past year. The total communicant membership has reached 1,722,361, the highest mark in its history, and the largest number of additions on examinations are reported. The net increase of membership is 55,256. The former serious decline in Sunday-school membership has been stopped and a decided upward tendency established. The contributions for denominational enterprises have shown an increase in the past two years larger than the preceding ten.

Each of the 20 presbyteries in Pennsylvania will be represented at the synod in Tyrone by duly elected commissioners. The Presbytery of Washington elected Dr. Matthew Rutherford, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pa., to head its list of commissioners. In doing this, the presbytery hoped he might be elected Moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania, at its meeting at Tyrone. Dr. Rutherford has ministered faithfully to his people in his present church for a quarter of a century.

Inspected Potato Fields and Orchards.

Recently J. N. Robinson, of the County Farm Bureau, conducted an inspection of potato patches and orchards. The company consisted of about fifty persons, a number of them being from State College who have been taking an interest in this kind of work. The first stop was made at the John S. Dale farm, near Lemont. Here they inspected an acre of ordinary potatoes which yielded a crop of 160 bushels. Then they inspected another acre that had been sprayed and it was found that the yield was 260 bushels, or an increase of 100 bushels, showing that spraying was a paying investment. Mr. Dale also planted a patch of Michigan selected potatoes, and from the patch he did not spray he secured 199 bushels while those he sprayed yielded 300 bushels.

On the Moyer farm, near Pine Grove Mills, they inspected an orchard of 400 trees. They found the trees that had been sprayed yielded fifty per cent more fruit than those that had not been sprayed. After taking dinner they went to the Campbell farm, near Pennsylvania Furnace, and found the same conditions in the orchard at that place. Mr. Moyer has in his orchard an old apple tree that was dying and was about to be cut down, but instead it was sprayed, with the result that it produced the finest apples in the orchard this year.

\$250,000 Hospital for Old Folks' Home

Expansion of the United Evangelical Old Folks' Home, near Lewisburg, to include a \$250,000 hospital was planned a few days ago at a banquet at the home, attended by Rotarians and prominent business men of Lewisburg, Milton, Mifflinburg and other nearby towns. With nearest hospitals at Harrisburg, Sunbury, Danville and Williamsport, the proposition of a community hospital at that central point met with hearty endorsement and a campaign for financial support will be launched very soon.

Growth of the home since it was founded five years ago has been phenomenal. From a heavily-mortgaged farm it has developed into an institution with assets of more than \$250,000. Although founded by Evangelicals, the home is non-sectarian.

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\$10,000,000 AID FOR VETERANS

Red Cross Provides Friendly Service of Many Kinds to Army of Disabled.

BULK OF WORK BY CHAPTERS

2,397 of These Are Helping Ex-Service Men Obtain Benefits U. S. Provides.

One field of Red Cross service alone, that of assisting disabled veterans of the World War, entails expenditures \$4,000,000 greater than the aggregate receipts of the Annual Roll Call of 1920, the American Red Cross announces in a statement urging a widespread increase in membership at the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 24. At the present time National Headquarters and the nation-wide chain of Chapters of the Red Cross is spending approximately \$10,000,000 annually for the relief of disabled ex-service men and their families, while the aggregate receipts from last year's Roll Call were approximately \$6,000,000.

It is in the 2,280 of the 3,000 Red Cross Chapters which still are helping solve the veteran's problem of adjusting himself to a normal civilian status that the greater part of the cost of this service is borne. Of the total sum spent for veterans' relief last year, National Headquarters expended a total of more than \$2,600,000, while the remaining disbursement of approximately \$7,000,000 represents the contribution of Chapters in this country-wide effort to assist the Government in providing the aid sorely needed by these men and their families.

An Ever Expanding Problem

That the problem of the disabled service man is ever-expanding and probably will not reach the peak before 1925, is the assertion of well-informed Government officials and that 2,397 Red Cross Chapters regard it as their most important work is evidence that the expansion is in nowise confined to a particular section but is, on the contrary, nationwide. At the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1921, there were 23,900 disabled service men in the 1,802 United States Public Health Service, Contract and Government Hospitals and Soldiers Homes, and that number is increasing at a rate of 1,000 a month.

Thousands of these men receiving medical treatment, compensation and vocational training from the Government today, started their efforts to obtain them through the Red Cross Chapter. The Chapter, acting as the Government's agent in claims against the Government, informs the man as to the procedure necessary to gain for him that which is provided him by Federal statute. His applications for compensation, medical treatment and training are properly filed with the aid of the Red Cross Chapter.

Many Forms of Assistance

If there is delay before the man's claim is acted upon, the Red Cross Chapter lends the man money to meet the imperative needs of himself and his dependents.

Most vital to the man's gaining full benefit from the Government's care is keeping his mind free from worry about his home. Keeping the veteran's family from hardship of every kind and informing him of its welfare is another province of the Chapter. Free from fear on this score, the man's recovery and advancement usually is rapid.

Every month during the last year, the American Red Cross has given service of one kind or another to an average of 129,215 former service men and their families. An indication of the extent of the faith reposed in the Red Cross Chapter is to be found in the fact that there were 356,544 requests for friendly aid in the solution of personal problems.

448 Workers in Hospitals

While the man prior to entering Government care deals largely with the Chapter, afterward he comes into contact with the service provided by National Headquarters. There are 448 Red Cross workers in the United States Public Health Service and contract hospitals and other institutions in which these men are being cared for, whose duty is to provide for his recreation, help him with his compensation claims, keep him in touch with his family; in short, meeting his every need outside of that provided by the Government. While these are a few of the responsibilities of the National Organization, they are by no means all. Among other Red Cross accomplishments for the year are:

It handled 70,732 allotment and allowance claims.

It delivered through its Chapter organization 63,655 allotment checks to veterans who had moved from the ad-

ANNUAL COMMUNITY DAY EVENTS AT SPRING MILLS.

Vocational School Plans Big Program of Interesting Features for Everyone.—To-morrow's the Day.

Tomorrow (Friday) the people of Spring Mills and environs will depart from their daily routine of work and come out en masse, to attend the annual community day events, where they will touch elbows with their neighbors, observe exhibits of interest, demonstrations of value, and listen to the program that will be both educational and entertaining. The day's events will open at ten o'clock a. m. and continue until 10:30 p. m.

ORDER OF EVENTS.

10 a. m.—Exhibits open. Exhibits will include stock, poultry, grain, vegetables, fruit and school work. Demonstrations will include farm and household machinery, health and vocational work.

The program will consist of music and health plays.

An address by Lieut. Governor Biedleman, and by L. H. Dennis, state supervisor of vocational education, and other representatives of the state department of education.

Athletic activities will also prove an interesting feature in the day's events.

Games and contests under competent management will be conducted for all those who desire to participate.

Dinner and supper will be served at the school building by the Homemaking department of the Vocational school. Dinner will be served from 11:30 to 1:30; supper, 5:30 to 7.

The evening, from 7:30 to 10:30 will be given over to a social get together at the school building, with music, fun and a free movie.

Prizes will be awarded for the Gregg township school exhibits securing first place.

All farmers in the community are invited to exhibit farm products. No entry fee will be charged. Ribbons will be awarded for first place.

Firms dealing in household and farm machinery may exhibit and demonstrate same without payment of entry fee.

For particulars regarding exhibits call phone No. 36 E. R. Gehr, Spring Mills. Provision for the comfortable housing of stock will be made in case of bad weather.

Methodist Church Renovated.

Extensive repairs are being made in the Methodist church of this place. The ceiling has been made very attractive by the addition of a steel ceiling painted gray. The walls were also painted and decorated in a very artistic manner. The pulpit platform was built large enough to extend across the northern end of the room, allowing plenty of room on one side of the platform for the choir. A new carpet of very pleasing design has been laid, covering the entire floor.

A handsome new Lester piano has been set in on trial.

New pews are to be installed, as well as several other pieces of furniture.

The windows are to be shaded by inside blinds and vitropane, instead of the outside shutters.

The approach to the church has been widened and is made of concrete. The outside woodwork is being dressed in a new coat of pure white. In the cellar, which had to be excavated, has been placed a large pipeless furnace.

A new iron roof is also to be put on the building in the near future.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 23rd, Rev. Emerson Karpis of the Methodist Home for the Aged, at Tyrone, will deliver the message. At this time a Harvest Home donation to the Home will be presented at the church. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will also be administered at this time.

New Desks for High School.

Another lot of new single desks were added to the local high school, last week, their installation having been made necessary owing to the crowded condition of the school. Since the beginning of the present term a number of double seats have been occupied by three pupils. The present high school enrollment is the highest ever recorded.

Clinic for Crippled Children.

Dr. Stull, of Harrisburg, is coming again on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 29th, for another clinic for crippled children. He will be at the Glenn Sanatorium at State College. The clinic will open at one o'clock.

Parents in Centre Hall borough and Potter township who have children suffering with various physical deformities should seize this opportunity of having corrections made. Report to Mrs. Clyde Smith, Centre Hall, and she will attend to all necessary arrangements.

Dresses furnished to the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

It provided a special fund of \$10,000 for medical assistance to men under vocational training.

It made 32,495 loans totaling \$450,000 to men taking vocational training, of which 85 per cent has been repaid.

A TRIP TO MT. RANIER.

Reporter Subscriber Tells of Skiing Tournament in Mid-Summer in Picturesque Paradise Valley.

Edmonds, Wash., Oct. 7, 1921. Editors Reporter:

I am enclosing a money order for \$1.50 to pay my subscription to the "Reporter" one year in advance. Am always glad to see the Reporter come.

I mailed you an enlargement of a view I took on Mount Ranier the 3rd of last July. The photographer says this is the best picture he has ever seen of this particular view. It is Paradise Valley in Mount Ranier National Park. Elevation of Paradise Valley is about 6000 ft., while the peak itself is 14,490 ft. The building appearing on the picture is Paradise Inn, beautifully finished on the interior in rustic, with huge fireplaces burning cordwood. The mountains in the background are the Tatoosh range; Pinnacle Peak is the highest one on the picture. Will give you a brief description of this wonderful trip. The park entrance is 90 miles from Seattle, 20 miles from entrance to Paradise Valley. We left Seattle—three friends and myself—in my reliable Ford, on the morning of July 2nd, stopping at Ohop Lake in Maplehurst grove, where we prepared and ate our lunch. We were unable to get accommodations at Paradise though we had put in our reservations a week previous. So we got in at Longmire Springs Inn, six miles inside. Both inns were crowded. We started early the morning of the 3rd for the valley, the auto road not being opened the last 1-2 miles—there being only ten feet of snow there at that time! At the snow line everyone had to walk or ride horseback over a snow trail 1-2 miles to the valley. The big attraction was skiing—imagine, in July. The Northwest Ski Club was holding its annual tournament. I never saw skiing and it is a wonderful sport, and quite dangerous, for when alighting from the jump get an awful fall, due to the great speed at which they travel. One jumper dislocated his shoulder. The record jump that day was 126 feet, and it is a new record on the mountain, too. There were 12 entries.

In the afternoon we joined a party going to Nisqually Glacier, the largest glacier on the mountain. The party was fitted with high top boots, army trousers, having paraffine seats, shirts, goggles and alpine sticks. Faces were painted with white grease paint to keep from burning, as the glare of the hot July sun on the snow is terrible. In crossing the crevasses and other dangerous places the guide, who leads the party, passes a rope to each one. When coming to a bill, instead of walking down, we would sit down and slide, the paraffine seats making good coasting material, and believe me, it was fun. The women laughing and shrieking; scarcely anyone could finish feet first.

There are many trips, including the summit trip, and all are led by experienced guides.

As soon as the snow disappears, beautiful wild flowers come up. Scotch heather grows in profusion. Snow fell on the glacier the day before we were there.

With best regards to all, I am,

Yours truly,
W. H. POTTER.

Musser-Keister.

Edwin Musser and Miss Mabel Keister, both of Spring Mills, were married at the parsonage of the Simpson Avenue M. E. Church, in Altoona, Friday evening October 7th, by the pastor, Rev. J. Max Lautz, the ring ceremony being used. Following a brief honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. Musser will take up their residence at Spring Mills.

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"Off Agin, On Agin, Gone Agin, Finaglin" placed Strickland Gillilan, many years ago, in the front rank of America's favorite humorists. Since then his continually successful platform appearances, as well as numerous published poems and magazine sketches, have kept him firmly entrenched in the hearts of American audiences.

Strickland Gillilan manufactures his own material and is constantly originating new jokes, stories and poems. Recently in one year he had twice as many poems in the Ladies' Home Journal as any other contributor. He is a regular writer for many other notable periodicals.

Not long ago Mr. Gillilan received a splendid tribute in the editorial columns of the Ohio State Journal, part

Col. Boal Entertains.

Lieut. Governor Edward E. Beidleman was entertained by Colonel Theodore D. Boal at the 8th division headquarters, at Boalsburg, last week, with the following party: State Senators Frank A. Baldwin and Larry T. Eyre, State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder, W. Harry Baker, secretary of the senate; T. E. Nunce and Harry A. Mackey.

You May Get Your 1922 Auto License Next Month.

Announcement was made by the state highway department that applications for automobile licenses may now be made for 1922 and that shipments of tags will begin soon after November 1.

Here from Australia.

Harry Wion, a Centre county boy who is making good as a government electrician at Melbourne, Australia, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wion and Willis Wion, in Bellefonte. He expects to be in Centre county one month and then will return to Australia, his wife and family remaining at home. Mr. Wion came to the States in June, coming here on business and pleasure.

103rd I. O. O. F. Anniversary.

Odd Fellows in central Pennsylvania are already making preparations for the celebration of the 103rd anniversary of the founding of the order.

The celebration takes place in Sunbury next April and promises to be a big affair, as the committee is planning for the biggest parade the three link men have ever had. Many lodges are planning to turn out in unique costumes.

The Anniversary Association hopes local Odd Fellows will get busy and arrange to send a big delegation and help advertise the community.

INCREASE OF 89,000 IN YEAR IN S. S. ENROLLMENT.

Flattering Reports Presented at State Sunday School Convention at Altoona Last Week.—More Than 2,000,000 Members in S. S.

The slump in Sunday-school enrollments has been checked, according to the report of the board of directors made to the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School association, which convened at Altoona last week, and last year recorded an increase of 89,000 over the previous year.

The 10,640 schools reported 2,133,446 officers, teachers, scholars, cradle roll babies and home department members. Reports showed that 57 per cent of the people of Pennsylvania have no identification with Jewish, Catholic or Protestant churches.

An increase in teacher training is shown, 8,020 new students being enrolled, making 20,000 now taking the course. A total of 2,650 were graduated. Westmoreland county leads with 225. Regarding temperance the board says the closing of many breweries and alcoholic wards in hospitals is offset by the "wholesale violations of the prohibition laws."

Among other things the board recommends a \$50,000 budget; ten per cent state wide membership increase; 50 per cent of the counties observing father and son and mother and daughter days.

Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon league, in an address declared the Keystone state is at the cross roads on law enforcement. "The lawless conditions of Pennsylvania," he said, "is not an accident, but the result of the liquor combination. The clarion call is to organize patriots for law enforcement. This country must not be ruled by the reds, who would destroy orderly government, nor by the blues who would make it entirely joyless, but the red, white and blue, the emblem of loyalty to the constitution and obedience to law."

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of which follows: "Strickland Gillilan favored the Young Men's Business Club with one of his happy addresses. He changed the serious, practical business visage of the club into a broad smile, and the indications are that the smile will keep up for days. It is a good thing to get out of the underbrush of business into the big prairie of humor, where the sun shines, the blue sky pleases and the soft, pure air fondles the soul. There is where Mr. Gillilan takes one."

If humor means only smiles you lose by going to hear Strickland Gillilan, but if humor means awakening and directing your love, your pity, your kindness, your scorn for untruth, pretention and imposture, your tenderness for the weak, the poor, the oppressed, the unhappy, then you gain by hearing this lecturer.

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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Wednesday night of last week the first frost of the season occurred. It was a real one, too.

Next week the Union county fair will be held at Lewisburg. 'Tis getting late for outdoor affairs.

Someone observes that October is the month in which to pick apples. Not hereabouts—this year.

Mrs. John G. King, of Centre Hall, and sister, Mrs. Morris Porey, are visiting relatives in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Grace McCool, of Spring Mills, visited her parental home in Centre Hall for several days last week.

John F. Foreman, of Cresson, attended the State-Lehigh football game at State College on Saturday.

Tanlac is made of roots, herbs and barks and contains no minerals or opiates. Centre Hall Pharmacy.

We failed to note, last week, the driving of a brand new Ford sedan by the Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, the local Presbyterian pastor.

Straight freezing point—32 degrees—was recorded by the government thermometer in charge of the Reporter, last Wednesday night.

Orvis Meyer sustained a fracture of one of the bones in the forearm while engaged on the state road job, near Pleasant Gap, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Weaver, of Bellefonte, met with an accident that has given her much pain. A bucket of hot lard upset and burned her left arm to the elbow.

Miss Elizabeth Sweetwood, who several weeks ago resumed the position she held during the war at Camp Dix, New Jersey, spent a short time at home the past week.

Prof. Cyril Zechman, of Boalsburg, who is teaching mathematics in the Phillipsburg high school, is coaching the soccer team of that school this year, and has a winning combination.

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