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WORLD SERVICE PROGRAM LAID BEFORE METHODISTS

Central Pennsylvania Conference Hears Outline of Plan.—1924 Conference to Be Held in Williamsport.

The world service program of the Methodist Episcopal Church was outlined by the Rev. R. E. Diffenderfer, of Chicago, of the Department of Education of the Committee on Conservation and Advance, at a session of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal Church Conference, held in Harrisburg.

Dr. Diffenderfer said the world service program of the church shows an approximate need of \$28,000,000 for legislative needs for benevolent purposes, and \$18,500,000 will be apportioned to the churches which last year raised \$13,885,172 for the same purpose. Under the church's centenary benevolent program, to be carried on for the next four years, the contributions have averaged \$15,000,000 a year for benevolent purposes.

"The funds regularly apportioned," he said, "will be divided as follows: Board of Foreign Missions, \$6,800,000; Board of Home Missions, \$6,800,000; Board of Education, \$1,500,000; Board of Education for Negroes, \$760,000; Board of Sunday Schools, \$600,000; Epworth League, \$175,000; American Bible Society, \$200,000; Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, \$250,000; Board of Deaconesses, \$80,000; Board of Hospitals and Homes, \$175,000; Board of Conference Chairmen, \$150,000, and other causes, \$1,000,000."

The invitation for the 1924 conference to be held in the Pine Street, Williamsport, Methodist church, was unanimously accepted.

Highest Taxes Paid by Farmers.

Farmers are now paying more in taxes and getting less for their products than ever before in the history of the United States. It is indicated in figures recently compiled by the Department of Agriculture. Heavy taxation, low prices or agricultural commodities, and high rates of interest on loans are the combination that is bankrupting American farmers.

Taxes on agricultural lands have more than doubled in most of the States since 1914. The average amount of State, county and local taxes paid by farmers has grown from 31.4 to 79.9 cents per acre in the last eight years. In some instances the increase has been as much as 169 per cent.

Noted Speakers.

Many speakers of national and international prominence will appear on The Pennsylvania State College campus this summer during the regular summer session, according to an announcement recently issued by the college. Among the noted lecturers will be Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, one of the best known publicists in the east; Dr. Richard Burton, former president of the Drama League of America; Anna Botzford Comstock, editor of the Nature Study Review; the Honorable Simon D. Pess, U. S. Senator from Ohio; Colonel Raymond Robins, of the American Red Cross Mission in Russia; Dr. John T. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education, and Dr. Thomas E. Finegan, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

From Distillery to Orphanage.

Shades of John Barleycorn! Miss Helen Frick, daughter of the late Henry Clay Frick, is about to transform old Abe Overholt's distillery at West Overton, Pa. into a model orphanage for dependent children in the Connelville coke region as a memorial to her father. The product of that old distillery has been charged with making many an orphan in the days now gone by forever.

New Jersey "Drys" Win.

The New Jersey senate killed a house resolution calling for submission of the question of a more liberal interpretation of prohibition laws to permit the use of beers and light wines.

Threshermen Meet.

Centre County Threshermen and Farmers' Protective Association will meet in the Grand Jury room in the Court House, on Saturday, March 24, at 10 A. M.

This meeting is called especially to protest to the legislature now in session against vicious legislation now pending.—Isaac Underwood, Sec.

Easter Bazaar.

The sewing circle of the Sprucecreek M. E. church will hold an Easter Bazaar—aprons, dusting caps, night-gowns, fancy articles, etc.—and food sale of home-made candies, cakes and doughnuts on Saturday, March 31st, afternoon and evening, in the school house at Potters Mills.

HIGH SCHOOLS DIVIDE HONORS.

Milhelm and Centre Hall High Schools Clash in Literary Contests.

In Grange Arcadia, on March 29th, the Milhelm and Centre Hall High Schools opposed each other in debating and spelling contests. Apparently each school entered firmly resolving to come out the victor, for the honor of their school was at stake.

The question of debate was, "Resolved that Great Britain should give complete freedom to Ireland." Milhelm had the affirmative side; their speakers were: Franklin Stover, Pauline Kessler and Mayeva Fetteroff. Centre Hall had the negative side; the members of their team were: Ellen Burkholder, Vianna Zettle and Agnes Geary. When the debaters took their places on the platform they were greeted by the audience with a hearty applause.

The debate was a fight from start to finish. Each speaker performed his or her part satisfactorily; the subject was thoroughly discussed and points well arranged. The remark has been made that this debate was the best ever held between the two competitive schools.

After the chiefs had given the rebuttals the fate of the teams was in the hands of the judges, who were: Prof. W. C. Kaufman, principal of Boalsburg High school; Rev. C. F. Catherman, and Prof. Roscoe Treaster, principal of Pleasant Gap High school. The work of the debaters was weighed in the balance and eventually the work of the negative side was found wanting, for the affirmative side won by the decision of 2 to 1. It was a hard-earned victory and an honorable defeat. Almost simultaneously with the reading of the votes by the president a cheer arose from the Milhelm students. They were privileged to reap the spoils of victory.

Special credit is due Mr. Stover, chief of the Milhelm team. He is a forceful speaker, with a bit of wit, and of whom Milhelm can be justly proud. A quartet entitled "Grandmother's Garden" was sung by four girls, namely: Ruth Bingham, Frances Brooks, Mildred Bitts and Grace Stump. They were attired in pleasing costumes.

Centre Hall had another chance to redeem itself in the spelling contest. Members of their team were: Helen Neff, Lilae Brooks, Catharine Gault, Zella Ripka, Sara Snyder, Mary Weber, Stanley Brooks, and Paul Smith. Milhelm was represented by Pauline Kessler, Hildred Kessler, Gladys Stover, Nina Auman, Margaret Cunningham, Miss Musser, and Franklin Stover.

There were three different methods of spelling: written test, spelling on sides, and spelling down. The latter two resembled the typical "spelling bee" of the "days of grandpa and grandma." Each method was to count one point toward the final score. The words were taken from a list of one thousand common words which are commonly misspelled. Prof. Kaufman pronounced the words. There were 50 words given in the written test, in which Milhelm misspelled 88 and Centre Hall 10. Spelling on sides, Milhelm misspelled 6 words and Centre Hall, 3. Spelling on sides and spelling down were limited to ten minutes. At the end of ten minutes seven of Centre Hall's eight spellers stood their ground against one of Milhelm's spellers. The total score was 3 to 0, in favor of Centre Hall.

In all there were only five different words misspelled by Centre Hall students. Milhelm acknowledged defeat at the hands of a well-trained and proficient spelling team.

After Centre Hall pupils expressed their appreciation to the successful team by a cheer, the "School News" was read by Paul Smith, and was the source of many laughs because of the humorous episodes related that occur in the High school.

Ellen Meeker presided during the entire proceedings.

An excellent school spirit was manifested by students of both schools. They proved themselves true sportsmen in every sense of the word by accepting defeat or victory in a manner that was commendable.

The Grange hall was taxed to its full seating capacity. Milhelm was well represented. The public seemed to take a keen interest in the evening's happenings and gave them their sincere support. It speaks well of any community when the citizens are back of the schools in their various activities.

[Note:—The above is a response to an offer of a small cash prize for the best newspaper article written by any of the senior class in the Centre Hall High school, giving an account of the proceedings of the literary exercises in Grange Arcadia. Four articles were prepared, either one of which are fit to print; the one above, however, is considered the most meritorious. As the author of the above is not known, all articles having been forwarded without identification marks, he or she is requested to call for the reward.

The reader is invited to note the fair and unbiased trend of this article. It is characteristic of the school mood.—Editor.]

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BUILDING MATERIAL MUCH HIGHER.

High Cost of Building Due to Tariff, Not to Labor.

Although there has been no general advance in wages paid to workmen in the building trades since November, 1921, there has been a considerable increase in the cost of building. This rise, amounting to about 15 per cent, has been recorded principally since last July. Much of this increase in building costs is ascribable to the Fordney-McCumber profiteers' tariff.

The Republican Congress put a heavy tax on practically everything useful in the building of a home. Builders' hardware was subjected to duties running as high as 250 per cent. A tariff almost as exorbitant was levied on nails and screws, bricks and tiles, bath tubs and bowls, sanitary pottery, metal sinks and tubs, structural steel and lumber. There was no necessity for any of these prohibitive duties, since this country is actually exporting large quantities of building materials, metal products, including hardware, and the like. But the special interests demanded and received the privilege of taxing the American people under pretence of "protecting" them from foreign competition.

The effect of this increase in building costs can be illustrated by a concrete case. A worker in one of the building crafts planned a 6-room frame house and got bids on it in November, 1921. The contractor's figure was \$5,250. He didn't build his home, and probably regrets it. The same house would now cost \$7,187. A 6-room brick house that would have cost \$7,200 before the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill was passed would now cost \$8,280.

The farmer and the wage-worker have to bear these higher costs without getting any offset in the way of higher prices for their labor or products. They can not add the tariff to their daily wage or to their wheat or corn or cotton or potatoes, as the manufacturer adds it to his costs.

Supervisors Fined \$50.

Suit was brought by Frank Royer, of Potters Mills, for criminal negligence against the board of road supervisors in Potter township, the personnel of the board being William A. Currey, Christ Keller, and W. A. Jordan. The suit was brought before Justice Kechline and was heard the latter part of last week. The particular thing complained of was that large stones had been hauled onto the Georges Valley road, east of Potters Mills, and that no effort had been made to break or level them so that they would not interfere with traffic. Mr. Royer, it appears, struck one of the piles of stones while driving a team of horses hitched to a sled, resulting in injury to one of his horses and breaking his sled. The suit, however, did not include damages. A number of witnesses were heard, who appeared to substantiate the charges in the suit.

Justice Kechline fined Mr. Currey, the supervisor who had charge of that particular piece of road, \$50.00.

Pay Insurance.

The following article appeared in the Weekly Bulletin, published at Dillsburg, York county, and is of local interest:

The Moorhead Knitting company delivered to Mrs. Sara Phillips, of Colyer, mother of Miss Ella Phillips, who recently died while employed by the company in their local mill, a check for \$700.00 in full settlement of the life insurance carried on her.

This life insurance is paid under a form of policy known as group insurance, which is carried by the company on the lives of all employees absolutely without cost to the employee. Six months after an employee is hired his or her life is automatically insured under this group policy for \$500.00. As a reward for continued service with the company this insurance is increased each year to the extent of \$100. This continues until the employee is insured for \$2,000, which amount is maintained and carried by the company so long as the person remains in the company's employment. The employees are permitted to name their own beneficiaries.

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PUPILS STUDY AGRICULTURE.

Make Good Grades in Short Course Vocational Agriculture.

Students of rural high schools in Centre county have completed a ten weeks course in poultry. All phases of poultry on the farm were studied. This included proper housing, feeding or egg production, flock improvement, selecting and culling stock.

Short courses in practical Vocational Agriculture are being studied by 200 students. The High schools are in a keen competition to secure the best grades and thus obtain the highest school average. Standing of the High schools is reported by J. B. Payne, Vocational teacher for the county, showing grades received in the completed short course in poultry as follows:

Milhelm, 85.6; Boalsburg, 84.2; Port Matilda, 82.5; Hubersburg, 82.3; Aaronsburg, 80.8; Centre Hall, 80.1.

The ten highest individual grades were attained as follows: Randall Throssel, Milhelm, 95.4; Kenneth Ross, Port Matilda, 94.8; Ruth Bingham, Centre Hall, 94; Mahlon Fly, Hubersburg, 93.5; Kenneth Haines, Milhelm, 93; Anna Houser, Boalsburg, 91.3; James Brooks, Centre Hall, 90.5; Franklin Stover, Milhelm, 90.4; James Ard, Aaronsburg, 89.4; Roy Morrison, Port Matilda, 88.5; Milford Herma, Hubersburg, 88.5.

Dog Finds "Specks."

A dog belonging to Steve Matis, south of Old Port, a short time ago, stood before his master and called attention by a playful bark to an object at his feet. Mr. Matis first failed to comprehend the dog's message, but when the object was picked up and laid down repeatedly by the dog, an investigation was made and it was found that the dog had found a spectacle case in which were a pair of glasses belonging to Samuel Gingerich. The glasses were lost when Mr. Gingerich was helping to operate a snow plow on the highway.

Mr. Matis relates that the dog a few days before had been carrying around a copy of the Reporter, and he presumes he scanned the lost and found column in which the glasses, for which Mr. Gingerich had paid \$6.00 for, were advertised.

Birthday Party.

The following invited guests participated in a surprise birthday party in honor of the 67th anniversary of Mrs. T. F. Royer, of Potters Mills, one evening last week. Mr. Royer was successful in carrying out his plans to take his wife by complete surprise. It goes without saying that all present had a most delightful time, and that the refreshments served were both elegant and plentiful:

John Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Russell Reich, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce W. Ripka, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McCormick, Mrs. Edward Sweetwood, Edw. Foust, Merrill Copenhagen, George Beaver, Miss Rhoda Royer, Clarence, Eleanor and Miriam Zettle, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Royer, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Neff, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hettlinger, Reuben Colyer, Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Dashem, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Auman, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hennigh and son Spurgeon, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Foust, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dashem and three children, John Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foust and daughter Alice, Miss Lizzie Slack, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. John Blauer, James Reish, Ralph Smetzer, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Burkholder, Maynard Barger.

Entertained Companions.

Miss Kathryn Gleixner entertained a number of her friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gleixner, one night recently, the following being present:

Elizabeth Bradford, Wilbur McClellan, Esther Martz, Bruce Knarr, Kathryn Goodhart, Ruth Grove, Russell Slack, Florence Zettle, Harold Durst, Vianna Zettle, Russell Goodhart, Kathryn Martz, Mary Weber. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Killed Ten Grey Foxes.

One of the most successful fox hunters of the south side of Centre county is Ira Shultz, at Spring Bank, between Milhelm and Rebersburg. He has so far captured ten, and as proof of it took the pets to H. J. Wingard, the game protector, in Milhelm, so that he will receive the usual bounty.

Food Sale.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Evangelical church will hold a food sale Saturday afternoon and ev'g, March 31, in the Sunday-school room of the church. The sale will consist of candies, colored eggs, cakes, pies, etc.

"Not Guilty."

John Burkholder's dog was proven "not guilty" of chasing deer, in the court held by Justice Woodring, in Bellefonte, Thursday of last week. The description of the dog that chased the fawn to where it fell dead, near Potters Mills, did not tally with that of the dog owned by Mr. Burkholder.

There was considerable adverse testimony given relating to a conversation between two game officials and Mr. Burkholder at the time the latter was induced to sign a statement in which he acknowledged ownership of the deer-chasing dog. Mr. Burkholder's statements were so thoroughly supported that it made the officials wince, and it also had much to do with the decision of the justice.

Grange to Build Dormitory.

A new dormitory for girls, to cost approximately \$250,000, will be erected on Holmes Field by the Pennsylvania State Grange as a part of the Penn State college emergency building fund campaign program.

This announcement was made following a meeting of a special Grange committee held at State College, and authorized to take the step which was recommended by the State Grange convention held last fall at Williamsport.

It is planned to ask each of the 975 Subordinate Granges of Pennsylvania to pledge funds at the rate of two dollars per member, making payments due in equal instalments next September and April of 1924 in order that construction may be started in the spring of 1924.

I. O. O. F. Plan Great Event.

April 26 is the natal day of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, a fraternal organization which comprises about 220,000 members in Pennsylvania alone. It is the intention of the Allegheny Region Anniversary association, which is composed of Odd Fellows from all branches of the order in eight contiguous counties of this section of the state, to hold a rousing demonstration in Altoona on Friday, April 27, in honor of the anniversary. The program contemplates the attendance of the grand officers of the four branches of the order; special sessions of the grand bodies, so far as possible; a parade, the size of which will be regulated by the patronage of the A. R. A.; exemplification of the degrees in all branches of the order and a grand ball in Danceland in the evening. The morning session will begin at 9:30. It will consist of nominations and election of officers for the ensuing year and short addresses by the visiting grand officers.

Held St. Patrick's Day Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Luse held a Saint Patrick's Day party in honor of their daughter, Miss Margaret. The room was decorated in green and white crepe paper. The invited guests played games, ran races and held contests, prizes being awarded the winners. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, pickles, ice cream, cake and candy, were served. The following were present: E. W. Crawford, Mrs. W. Frank Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. W. Slack, Mr. and Mrs. J. William Bradford were chaperons; Algie Emeery, Beulah Bingham, Elizabeth Bradford, Elizabeth Gross, Esther Martz, Mary Weber, Ruth Grove, Alfred Grove, Bruce Knarr, Joseph Ruble, Ralph Martz, Russell Slack.

BOROUGH SCHOOL REPORT.

Intermediate—Percentage of attendance for month: male 88, female 88. The following were present every day during the month: Catherine Martz, Maud Reeg, Myla Spiker, Margaret Delaney, Mary Reiber, Helen Olenkirk, Genevieve Ruble, Evelyn Colyer, Helen Rines, Marian Smith, Russel Goodhart, Clifford Meyer, Harold Bradford, Paul Martz, Frank Rine, Clarence Meyer, Myrath Coldron, John Ritter, Geo. Ritter, Fred Luse, Philip McClellan, James Lutz, Bruce Smith, Richard Bailey, William Weaver, James Weaver, William Spiker.

The following pupils made 100 per cent in their monthly tests: Spelling—William Spiker, Evelyn Colyer, Jas. Weaver, Helen Rine, Myla Spiker, William Weaver, Genevieve Ruble, Richard Bailey, Frank Rine; arithmetic, Myla Spiker.

Sickness caused poor attendance.—Thos. L. Moore, teacher.

Hat Shop—Milhelm.

The Hat Shop is always noted for its great variety in styles. The prices are always the lowest and the quality the best. You are cordially invited to call and inspect this display of millinery for spring and summer.

Opening, Saturday, March 17.
MRS. BURD,
Milhelm, Pa.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Miss Anna Fortney, of Tusseyville, made a shopping trip to Bellefonte on Friday.

The road to Tusseyville, usually very good, was reported to be in very bad condition for traveling during last week.

Jacob Meyer, of Boalsburg, was in town on Saturday. He is postmaster at Boalsburg and one of its best known citizens.

Mrs. F. Kryder Frank and little son, Kenneth, spent Friday in State College with Mrs. Frank's daughter, Miss Ethel.

Treasury Saving Certificates to the amount of fifty thousand dollars were sold at the Philipsburg postoffice during Friday.

William Novel, who with his mother lived on the John T. Smith farm, above Colyer, moved back to the old home, known a long time ago as the Kerlin place.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah C. Rossman, of State College, recently located in Aaronsburg where they occupy the home formerly owned by Mrs. Caroline Malze, deceased.

Lloyd C. Lester, who will hold public sale on the Allison farm, near Potters Mills, on the last day of March, expects to move to Big Valley, Mifflin county, and continue farming.

Dr. Edith Schadt, formerly of Bellefonte, reported that she had fallen while in Pittsburgh and sustained a broken leg. She was treated in the West Penn Hospital, that city.

Paul Musser, the Milhelm professional pitcher, after spending several months at his home departed for Wichita, Kansas, where he will again play during the coming season.

Mrs. John Haugh, of State College, and Mrs. W. A. Ferree, of Oak Hill Station, were at the Presbyterian Manse the latter part of last week, having come there on account of sickness in the Kirkpatrick family.

W. E. Hurley, for some time past the highway superintendent for Centre county, tendered his resignation, effective April 1. It is reported that his successor will be some one transferred here from another county.

A gentleman from New Berlin will be the successor of E. W. Crawford at the Dewart skimming station at Centre Hall. The New Berlin man, whose name was not learned by the writer, will move to Centre Hall with his family.

A new fire hose nozzle, with a cut-off and spray arrangement, has been received by the Milhelm town council. The new nozzle will save much loss in damage by water as the water can be shut off as soon as it is seen that a fire has been controlled.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frantz entertained as guests Mrs. Lavina Downing, of Hdkkysburg, and Mrs. Eva Mearhook, of Altoona. Mrs. Downing is a niece of Mrs. Lavina Frantz, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Frantz, and Mrs. Mearhook is a daughter.

Miss Margaret Emery was one of four lucky Centre county ladies to draw a money prize at the Centre county auto, show, held recently at Bellefonte. The prizes were awarded the ladies for selling tickets to the auto show. Miss Emery, who is the daughter of Merchant and Mrs. C. F. Emery, of Centre Hall, received \$15.00 in gold.

Not in a number of years has the grass on the lawns, stubble fields and old swards looked as green and fresh after coming through the winter as it does just now. The fields have been covered continuously since early in December with snow varying in depth. This condition is also conducive to the grass and clover plants starting an early vigorous growth. Wheat fields are also looking fine since cleared of snow. There has little "freezing out" of wheat plants owing to the protection long afforded by snow.

The Children's Home Society of Pennsylvania, P. Ittsburgh, was represented in this section by Earl W. Cronkan, of Carlisle, as a solicitor of funds for the institution. The 1921-22 financial statement shows there was expended almost \$41,000. The president is Rev. Thomas S. Wilcox, D. D., of Williamsport. The home is approved by the State Board of Charities, endorsed by the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, state-wide and inter-church. The solicitor was very much pleased with the kind reception he received by the people of Centre Hall and as well with the cash received for the good work.