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100 YEARS OF METHODISM IN POTTERS MILLS TO BE CELEBRATED

Sprucetown M. E. Church Organized First Society in 1830, With Meetings Held on Sankey Farm.—First Church Erected in 1840.

One hundred years of Methodism in Potters Mills will be fittingly observed with a week's program in which a number of former pastors, as well as the present one, will participate. In conjunction with the centennial celebration of Methodism will be celebrated the nineteenth hundredth anniversary of Pentecost.

The Sprucetown congregation was organized in 1830 and held meetings on the Sankey farm. The church was erected in 1840, the building committee being George Michael, Daniel Livingstone, John Tower, James Sankey. The Rev. Mr. Haugawont presided at the dedication. In 1872 the old church was razed and the present structure was built.

This church was an offshoot of the Pennington Methodist church. The home of Rebecca Pennington, who was married to James Sankey, was the first preaching station in Potters Mills.

Following is the Centennial program:

- Sunday, June 1.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. Marshall Piper (Pastor 1838-1839) (Millsburg, Pa.)
- Monday, June 2.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. H. W. Newman, Millsville, Pa. (Pastor 1828-1830)
- Tuesday, June 3.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. G. W. McInay, Mifflintown, Pa. (Pastor 1803)
- Wednesday, June 4.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. W. R. Picken, Centre Hall. (Retired Pastor)
- Thursday, June 5.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. C. F. Catherman, Muncy, Pa. (Pastor 1919-1924)
- Friday, June 6.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. C. E. Hazen, Lock Haven, Pa. (Pastor 1925-1928)
- Saturday, June 7.**
7:30 P. M. Sermon, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Centre Hall, Pa. (Presbyterian Church)
- Sunday, June 8.**
10:00 A. M. Sunday School—Henry E. Faust, Supt.
11:00 A. M. Final Pentecostal Message—
Reverend Dr. Morris E. Swartz,
District Superintendent, Sunbury District

Pastors of Church from 1860 to Present Time.

A record of pastors serving the church from the year 1860 up to the present time has been preserved, and is appended:

- Rev. George Warren—1860-63
- Rev. David Castleman—1863-1869
- Rev. J. W. Houghawont—1869-72
- Rev. J. W. Hicks—1872-75
- Rev. G. W. Bouse—1875-78
- Rev. Walter R. Whitney—1878-80
- Rev. J. Benson Akers—1880-82
- Rev. Furman Adams—1882-84
- Rev. G. P. Sarvis—1884-85
- Rev. Isaac Heckman—1885-88
- Rev. Marshall C. Piper—1889-89
- Rev. Owen Hicks—1891-91
- Rev. Elisha Shoemaker—1891-92
- Rev. H. N. Minnigh—1892-94
- Rev. R. W. Illingworth—1894-96
- Rev. T. S. Faus—1896-99
- Rev. E. M. Chubb—1899-01
- Rev. T. M. Haven—1901-03
- Rev. G. W. McInay—1903-07
- Rev. J. Max Lantz—1908-13
- Rev. George J. Colledge—1913-19
- Rev. Walter H. Williams—1914-19
- Rev. Charles F. Catherman—1919-24
- Rev. H. H. Sherman—1924-25
- Rev. C. E. Hazen—1925-28
- Rev. Harry W. Newman—1928-30
- Rev. Harold A. Pruyn—1930-

The official board of the church consists of George McCormick, J. G. Boal, P. F. Palmer, F. W. Decker, Henry E. Faust, M. N. Miller, John Burkholder, Mrs. George McCormick, Clarence Miller.

The Rev. Wm. Fraser McDowell, D. D., LL. D., is the resident bishop; the Rev. Morris E. Swartz, D. D., is the district superintendent, and the Rev. Harold A. Pruyn is the pastor.

Supt. of the church school is Henry E. Faust, and president of the Ladies' Aid Society is Mrs. George McCormick.

The various committees on the centennial program are as follows: Advertising—George McCormick, J. G. Boal, Clarence Miller; Invitation—F. W. Decker, P. F. Palmer, Henry E. Faust; Decoration—Mrs. Geo. McCormick and Ladies' Aid members.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Dr. George P. Bible to Deliver the Address at Centre Hall in Evening Exercises.—Citizens Urged to Take Part.

Memorial Day will be fittingly observed in Centre Hall, and honor done to the memory of those for whom the day is set apart.

The local order P. O. S. of A. has the arrangements in charge, and an effort is being made to have a creditable demonstration, with a band, parade, good speaker, and decorating of the graves. The order is making a special request that citizens take part in this patriotic duty.

Dr. George P. Bible, noted Chautauque lecturer, has been engaged to deliver the Memorial Day address. Music will be furnished by the Spring Mills band.

A special invitation is extended to organizations to meet at the Reformed church at 6:15 P. M. and join in the parade to the cemetery where the exercises will be conducted.

Memorial Services Nearby.

- Sprucetown—2:00 p. m. Speaker, Rev. Harold A. Pruyn.
- Tusseyville—9 A. M., in charge of American Legion, State College.
- Boalsburg—Evening service.
- Spring Mills community: Union, at 2:30; Georges Valley at 1:30; Heckmans at 2:30; Greer's Grove, at 2:00; Spring Mills at 6:00. Parade will form at Krape's lawn at 5:30 and leave promptly at 6 o'clock. Rev. Harold Pruyn will be the speaker at Spring Mills.
- Millsburg—2:00 p. m.
- Aaronsburg—10:30 a. m.
- Madisonburg—2:30 p. m.
- The speaker for Millsburg, Aaronsburg and Madisonburg will be Rev. J. J. Weaver, of Penbrook.
- The Branch—2:30 p. m. at the cemetery. Speaker, J. W. Strong, of State College.
- Pine Hall—6:00 p. m. Service in the cemetery. Speaker, Rev. Samuel D. Brown.
- Pine Grove Mills—2:00 o'clock. Parade will form at Odd Fellows' hall and proceed to both cemeteries.
- Services at new cemetery. Speaker, Rev. A. L. Bixler.

General King at College for Memorial Exercises.
General Edward L. King, assistant chief of staff of the United States Army and chief of staff of the 25th Division in France, will deliver the Memorial Day address at the Pennsylvania State College on Friday morning, following a parade of the college R. T. C. brigade and the Boalsburg Machine Gun Troop. The customary salute at the grave of the late President Atherton will precede exercises on the front campus where General King will speak.

PHILLIPSBURG DISTRICT HAS A FLOYD COLLINS CASE

Young Miner Smothered Under Fall of Slate and Dirt Before He Could Be Extricated—Conversed With Those Seeking His Rescue.

Shocking was the news received by Mrs. Steven Rusnak, of Hawk Run, Clearfield county, Wednesday evening of last week, that her husband had been smothered to death under a fall of between ten and fifteen tons of loose slate and dirt in the Laurel Run Coal company mine at Pinchot, near Deer Creek, across the river from Sandy Rock, owned by eight Rusnak brothers, a brother-in-law, Joseph Pollak, of Hawk Run, and Rev. J. E. Bachmak, of Winburne, while she was anxiously awaiting his arrival home for the evening meal. First reports had it that the men had been trapped in a cave-in, but it was only to keep the real truth from the young wife as long as possible. A large number of Hawk Run people motored to the scene to offer assistance, but he had already been extricated upon their arrival.

The mine is a bucket line system, the coal being carried across the river to the N. Y. C. railroad, over which it is shipped to market. Ten or twelve men are regularly employed there, the mine being a three-foot vein operation. Steve Rusnak had served 11 months and making repairs to the mine at the manway near the opening, while the others were farther back in the mine. When his plight was discovered by other workmen it was about 3 o'clock. As in the case of Floyd Collins, the buried man conversed freely with them, telling them the best way to go about releasing him. They had cleared away enough of the dirt and timbers to be able to see his hands and a part of his body, when a second fall of a few tons came and blasted their hopes. He was dead when they finally extricated him about 5:30. Dr. Heaton was called to the scene, but his efforts to revive him were fruitless. Joseph Rusnak, a brother, was caught in the second fall, but was easily released, the dirt reaching only slightly above his waist line.

Deceased was a native of Allport, and was aged 33 years. He is survived by a wife and four small children; also by five sisters and seven brothers. Steve Rusnak had served 11 months overseas as a member of the 147th Infantry and the Eighty-Second Division in the World War.

Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon.

On Sunday evening, the Rev. D. R. Keener, of the local Reformed church, delivered an inspiring Baccalaureate sermon to the 1930 class of the Centre Hall High school, in the Lutheran church. A large audience filled both the main auditorium of the church and the Sunday school room. The one hundred students of the High school marched into the church and filled the greater part of the center section. Beautiful floral decorations were much in evidence. The men's glee club of town rendered the music.

Fortunate indeed was the class of 15 young people of the 1930 class to be permitted to hear such a masterful discourse as that prepared by the Rev. Mr. Keener.

Spiritual discernment, intellectual penetration and moral passion were the three points developed, and Rev. Keener drove home the great truths in a manner easily understood by his listeners. True, he came with an inspiring message, and the young people will do well to ponder it deeply.

Passmore Succeeds Linnhart as Head of State College Schools.

At a special meeting of the State College school board last week, Walter H. Passmore was elected High school principal to succeed Principal Linnhart who recently resigned to become assistant county superintendent of Centre county. Mr. Passmore was selected from a group of fifteen applicants for the position. He comes from the Altoona schools, where he served as principal of the High school annex, prior to the building of their new High school building. Mr. Passmore is a graduate of Mansfield State Teachers' college, Penn State, '26, and is now enrolled in the Graduate School at Penn State.

Federal Directors Honor Local Man.

The annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' Association was held at Sunbury on Friday, and was attended by F. V. Goodhart, funeral director here, and Mrs. Goodhart. The gathering was held in the auditorium of the City Hotel.

Election of officers was an important item of business, and resulted as follows: President, Dale Rankin, Milton; vice-president, F. V. Goodhart, Centre Hall; secretary, C. M. Zellers, Montgomery; treasurer, T. D. Benninger, of Catawissa.

1000 Wild Turkey Eggs Set.

More than 1000 wild turkey eggs have been set at the Game Commission's farm in Juniata county. C. A. Hillier, in charge of propagation, has stated.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

A few words of cheer from D. Earl Fleming, of New Rochelle, New York, were received by the Reporter a few days ago. Mr. Fleming is a native son who, as O. O. McIntyre would say, "Made good in the city." He is an expert accountant, and within the past few years has been abroad for much of the time in the interest of his concern. Mr. Fleming writes:

"Dear friends:
"Very glad to accommodate and bring my subscription 'above par.' I continue to derive much pleasure in reading 'home' news through out of touch with current events in the town of my birth. Hope to visit you some time in the near future."
"Sincerely,
"D. EARL FLEMING."

Mercury dropped to within a few degrees of the freezing point, Sunday night.

COURT NEWS.

(Reported by S. D. Gettig, Esq.)

Comm. vs. George J. Hocker, indicted for a statutory offense; prosecutor, H. A. Sowers, the daughter of the prosecutor being under sixteen years of age. The defendant pleaded guilty and sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$100.00 and undergo probation for a period of three years.

Comm. vs. Lester M. DeLong, indicted for burglary; prosecutor, Robert F. Martin, State Police. This defendant, together with the defendant tried on Monday, Oscar F. Krape, were indicted for breaking into the house of Wm. K. Kessinger, at Blanchard. At the close of the Commonwealth's testimony defendant changed his plea from that of not guilty to that of guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$100 and undergo imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for not less than three years nor more than six years.

Comm. vs. Martin Dunlap, indicted for perjury; prosecutor, Ray C. Carson. This case is from Taylor township and grows out of a proceeding some time ago. Verdict of guilty and motion for new trial.

Comm. vs. Martin Howard; violation of liquor laws; prosecutor, county detective. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, fine of \$300.00 and to the county jail for a period of six months. This case was from Spring township near Bellefonte.

Comm. vs. Edward Robinson, violation of motor laws on a charge of hit and run. Prosecutor, C. I. Gross, State highway patrol. Defendant discharged. The case was from near Port Matilda.

Comm. vs. Sidney Crawford and Dalbert Heaton; breaking entry and larceny; prosecutor, Willis E. Wion. These are the young men who were charged with breaking into Mr. Wion's garage, but at the close of Commonwealth's testimony the Commonwealth moved the discharge of Dalbert Heaton and the case was tried against Mr. Crawford and resulted in a verdict of not guilty.

Comm. vs. H. W. Lambert; violation of liquor laws; prosecutor, Leo Boden. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and ten days in the county jail.

Comm. vs. Sidney Silverman; indicted on four counts for fraud and perjury; prosecutor, James R. Hughes, of the Bellefonte Academy; being for uttering a Certificate from the Bellefonte Academy. Verdict on Friday morning of guilty. Motion for new trial.

Samuel Silverman, a member of the Allegheny County Bar, was present in Court last week.

Comm. vs. George McCullough and Fred Puhell, overseers of the Poor of the township; indicted for neglect of official duty; prosecutor, H. H. Fye, for George F. Fye, a poor person in said Poor District. Verdict of guilty.

Comm. vs. Mayras Schreffler; indicted for entering a check without funds in bank; prosecutor, Ambrose S. Smeade. Verdict of guilty. Sentenced to pay costs of prosecution, make restitution and probation for period of one year.

Portion of Kerr Farm Sold.

A portion of the Wm. A. Kerr farm was sold by John W. Decker to J. Calvin Vonada, of the Mill district. Mr. Vonada secured the portion of the farm, about 48 acres, lying along Sinking creek, and on which are located the buildings. He expects to utilize the land for pasture purposes.

Mr. Decker retained the remainder of the tract and will cultivate it with the farm he owns, which adjoins it.

Millheim Business Notice.

The stores in Millheim advertised to be closed on Thursday afternoon during this season, will be open (Thursday) afternoon, May 28th, and closed on Friday afternoon. The change is due to Memorial Day falling on Friday.

LOCAL DAIRYMEN ARE RECOGNIZED BY P. D. A.

Blue Ribbons Given Four Centre County Dairymen—Two Come to Centre Hall District.

A number of Centre county dairymen have been recognized by the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association for outstanding accomplishments during a year 1929. This association presents ribbons to all dairymen in the State who have outstanding averages in cow testing association work. In addition to the awards by the Penna. Dairymen's association, these same men are recognized by the National Dairy Association, and are awarded a diploma by the National association. The names of those receiving honor roll and are placed on the National honor roll and is an honor which every dairyman in Centre county should try to obtain. In order to be placed on the National honor roll the herd must average over 300 pounds of butterfat. The diplomas are marked with various seals indicating the number of years a particular individual has accomplished this feat.

Following is a list of dairymen in the county showing the awards they received:

Purple ribbon (averaging over 400 lbs. of fat)—Allen Harter, Bellefonte.

Blue ribbon (averaging between 350 to 400 lbs. of fat)—Hartle Brothers, Bellefonte; J. Fred Slack, Centre Hall; W. F. Hishel, Centre Hall; Samuel I. Cori, State College.

Red ribbon (averaging between 300 to 350 lbs. of fat)—Peck Bros., Nittany; Hugh L. Wilson, Warriors Mark; Ely White, Bellefonte; Peters Bros., Port Matilda; John T. Dunkle, Mingo; Western Penitentiary, Bellefonte; R. D. George H. Wilson, Bellefonte; J. V. Brungart, Robinson; Fred Davidson, Warriors Mark; John W. Blair, Bellefonte; Boone Brothers, Bellefonte; Fern T. Dunkle, Boalsburg; E. E. Way, Port Matilda; A. J. Burrell, Millheim.

(These verses are dedicated to the Seventh Grade of the Centre Hall Public Schools, who have been reading the tales of Edgar Allen Poe.—H. W. F.)

TO POTTERS MILLS.

A man came down your highroad
One Summer day at dawn;
His eyes were large and liquid,
His lips were thin and wan,

His locks were brown and weblike—
They fluttered in the air—
And on his face were sculptured
The lines of gloom and care.

He saw the dark pines rising
Above your rock-strewn hills,
And heard the ceaseless droning
That comes from busy mills.

He reached your red-brick tavern
And read the faded sign;
And, entering the barroom,
He called for spring-cooled wine.

He wrote his name and address
Within the calf-bound tome,
And in a tiny bedroom
He made himself at home.

Three days the stranger tarried,
Then paid the jovial host;
And in the Seven Mountains
He vanished like a ghost.

O Potters Mills, proud village,
Some ninety years ago
Your road-dust bore the footprints
Of Edgar Allen Poe.

—Harvey W. Flink.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONVENE HERE, JUNE 6

Methodist Church Place for Gathering of Eleventh District Schools—Good Program in Preparation.

The summer convention of District No. 11, Centre County Sabbath School Association, which comprises Centre Hall borough, Potter and Gregg townships, will be held in the local Methodist church, on Friday evening of next week (June 6th). There will be only an evening session, at 7:30.

All pastors and superintendents in the district are urged to be in attendance, and delegates from schools to be on time. Following is the program:

- 7:30 Devotions, by pastor of the church.
- 7:45 Conference business.
- 8:00 Music.
- Theme: "Needs of the Sunday School"

- (a) Better Music—Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick.
- (b) Greater Loyalty to the Church—Rev. E. C. Arnold.
- (c) Trained Teachers—Rev. D. R. Keener.
- (d) Another Pentecost—Can It Be Repeated—Rev. C. R. Simen.

Special music—duets, solos.

Former Local High School Teacher Found in Dazed Condition.

Advice received here last week were to the effect that Prof. I. P. Meyers, a teacher in the Centre Hall High school a few years ago, was found wandering about in Hazelton in a dazed condition and an effort was being made to locate his relatives, which was finally done at Easton, where he taught in the High school before coming to Centre Hall. His identity and the fact he lived at 639 E. Third Street, Williamsport, were determined by the discovery of a piece of paper in his pocket bearing his name and address.

P. O. S. of A. Memorial Day.

Memorial Day exercises for the local order P. O. S. of A. will be held Sunday, June 1. The program calls for meeting at the hall at 6:00 p. m., thence to the cemetery and thence to services in the Lutheran church, conducted by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe. Members are urged to show their appreciation to deceased brothers by attending with their camp.

No More Compulsory Chapel at Penn State College.

Seventy-one and one-half years of College compulsory chapel ended with the service held in Schwab auditorium Sunday morning at which Prof. John P. Frizzell, acting College chaplain, addressed Penn State students on "Are You Getting It?"

State C. E. Convention at Hershey

Centre county will be well represented at the biennial State Christian Endeavor convention to be held June 30, July 1, 2 and 4. Full information on the convention was made available last week when the general secretary of the State union visited this county.

Hershey Park, Hershey, will belong to Christian Endeavorers for five days this summer. The State officers and committee in charge are counting on some real lasting results from the program set up for this convention. Beginning with the opening worship service of the first day and lasting throughout the convention, there is a spirit of reverence along with the educational and inspiring features of the convention program.

To the Voters of Centre County:

I desire to publicly express my sincere appreciation for your splendid support in my behalf at the primary election held on May 28. With best wishes and regards to all, I remain,
Very truly yours,
JIM HUGG.

Stores Open Today (Thursday), Closed Memorial Day.

Owing to the fact that Friday is Memorial Day, all stores in Centre Hall will be closed all day, but will be open today (Thursday) and evening. Of course, next week, and throughout the summer, the Thursday afternoon and evening closing rule will again be effective.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

The teachers' institute in Centre county for the 1930-31 school term will be held week of October 29th.

The annual Elks' Kiddies picnic will be held on Thursday, June 12th, at Hestia Park, according to an announcement made by Hoy W. Royer, Exalted Ruler, of Bellefonte Lodge No. 1094, B. P. O. E.

The population of Union county since 1920 increased 1618, making its present population 17,468. Lewisburg now has 3310 residents, a gain of 106 in ten years. There are 1135 farms in the county.

Some thirty persons took part in the C. H. H. School Alumni reception to the senior class, on Friday night, in the High school building. Cards were the chief amusement and John H. Knarr captured the prize, a bridge set.

Quite inadvertently, last week, we failed to mention Mrs. Johna Marks and Mrs. William Hanna winning with others cooking ware in the cooking demonstration given by the Central Penna. Gas Company, here.

Lewisstown has had a gain of \$425 since 1920 and the population has reached 13,277, a percentage gain of 34.8. The population of Mifflin county has grown to 40,252, from 31,429, a gain of 28.03 per cent.

E. E. Meyer presented the sulphur spring and adjoining ground at Loganston. The club members had tables set on to the community club of that and benches placed, a new roof erected over the spring, and the water piped so as to be more sanitary.

Bishop Cannon evidently believes that the only great evil lies a pint on the hip. The Bishop admitted gambling in stocks but the crocodile or real tears, as the case may be, won him forgiveness by the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, in Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whorley, of Altoona, the latter part of last week, were guests of Mrs. Whorley's brother, Samuel Shoop, and family. When a girl, Mrs. Whorley spent much of her time in and about Centre Hall, and will be recalled by many of our readers at this time.

National and State organizations of Jersey, Holstein and Guernsey dairy cattle breeders will have special headquarters booths at the annual Farmers Field Day events at the Pennsylvania State College on June 17, 18 and 19. They will join in activities of a Dairy Exposition.

Prof. Gilbert Hancock, principal of the Miles township High school, has been elected principal of the Sugar Valley Vocational school at Loganston for the 1930-1931 term. Mrs. Mary Abbott has been returned to the principalship of Miles township High school after an absence of a year.

Wednesday morning of last week the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smuller east of Smullton, was completely destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. The origin of the fire is not known but a defective flue is thought to have been the cause. The home and the furniture are partly covered by insurance.

Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, is attending the sessions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church meeting in Cincinnati. He drove to the Ohio city, taking with him as far as Pittsburgh, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and son, Jack, who will remain there during the time the Assembly is in session.

While in Philadelphia last week attending the double header between the New York Yankees and Athletics, George Rimmer and Shannon Booser obtained mementos of the games. The former "salvaged" one of the baseballs while the latter persuaded the mighty Babe Ruth to pen his autograph in a note book Mr. Booser was carrying. Such is fame!

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ebricht and daughter, Miss Bettie, will have this (Thursday) morning on a two weeks' trip to Illinois. Towns and cities visited will include: Mattoon, Princeton, Walnut, Chicago Heights, etc., where relatives will be found. A family reunion is planned. The return trip will be by a southern route, touching Louisville, Kentucky.

One of the largest plantings of tomato plants in the State was completed recently at the Rockview penitentiary vegetable plot where 300,000 plants were started for the supply to the institution cannery, according to records sent of the State Department of Welfare. Rockview also reports the shipment of 1,300,000 forest tree seedlings from the penitentiary's nurseries.

Johnny Runkle, five-year-old son of Attorney and Mrs. W. G. Runkle, is much improved from injuries received when he was run down by an automobile in front of the Allegheny St. school building, Bellefonte. Johnny had been sent on an errand from the school room on the east side of Allegheny street to the school building opposite, and was returning when he was run down. He had stepped from back of a parked car and did not see the approaching car. The drive was absorbed from all blame as the accident could not have been avoided.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bradford and Mrs. C. F. Emery, of town, on Tuesday attended the commencement exercises at Shippensburg State Teachers' College, where their respective daughters, Miss Fay Bradford and Miss Aigte Emery, were among the graduates. Invitations to the exercises were limited to the parents or guardians, as the case might be, of the members of the class. While at the college these were the guests of the institution. The young people named are the only ones from this county to graduate.