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RURAL CIRCUITS SHOULD MERGE, MINISTER SAYS

Central Pennsylvania Methodists Hear Addresses at Carlisle.

The demise of the circuit-riding country preacher was forecast at the sixty-third annual conference of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal church, held in Carlisle last week. The Rev. Dr. M. E. Swartz, Sunbury, advocated consolidation of rural circuits into modern church centers comparable with those of urban communities. Dr. Swartz declared the independent country church had outlived its day. With improved roads and automobiles on every farm, he said, merging the country units would work no hardship on any. Dr. Swartz is superintendent of the Sunbury district, which includes many country churches.

The Rev. Dr. A. Lawrence Miller, superintendent of the Williamsport district, in his report declared evangelism "safe and sensible" and an outstanding need of Methodism. Dr. Deets Pickett, Washington, research secretary of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and the Rev. A. C. Goddard, New York, executive secretary of the World Peace Commission, were prominent among the speakers. Dr. Pickett asked renewed zeal among ministers for temperance, and continued support for the Eighteenth Amendment. Dr. Goddard spoke in behalf of world peace movements.

Six members were admitted into full membership of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are: C. A. L. Bickell, Montandon; W. A. Faus, Osceola Mills; R. E. Fleck, East Waterford; V. B. Hann, Martinsburg, and H. A. Pruy, Penna Valley.

The coaching conference, an innovation this year, opened with Dr. J. M. Gray, of Detroit, lecturing on "The Substance of Preaching," and Prof. S. L. Hamilton, of New York University, on "Adult Education in Religion." Dr. A. C. Goddard, of New York city, spoke on creating the atmosphere for world peace.

A pilgrimage was made by the conference to the home for children at Mechanicsburg on Thursday afternoon. Delegates elected to the quadrennial conference to be held next May in Atlantic City, are: Rev. J. Edgar Skillington, superintendent of the Altoona district; Dr. Horace L. Jacobs, Bellefonte; Rev. Dr. Morris E. Swartz, superintendent of the Sunbury district; Rev. E. R. Heckman, pastor of the host church in Carlisle, and the Rev. A. S. Williams, Williamsport.

Conference deferred a year final action on the proposal to merge the Sunbury district with the Harrisburg, Williamsport and Altoona districts.

After arguments for and against the merger were heard, the conference voted to have a commission of the superintendent, a layman, and minister of each district investigate and report the proposal to the 1932 session.

Retention of the Sunbury district made necessary election of a superintendent to succeed the Rev. Dr. J. Howard Ake, Harrisburg, whose term has expired. The Rev. Dr. Dorsey N. Miller, Fifth Street Church, Harrisburg was mentioned among leaders of the conference as a possible successor.

The Rev. E. B. Davidson, Huntingdon, moved for the Sunbury merger. He argued economic conditions made for curtailment of expenses by consolidation. The opposition was led by Dr. Heckman, who said the size of the proposed districts would make them unwieldy.

Delegates visited the Methodist Home for Children at Shiremanstown.

Diplomas for the study course were given the Rev. S. Harry Colas, Elysburg; J. A. Cox, Shiremansburg; E. A. Henry, Nesquehock; L. E. Lewis, Alexandria; G. R. McCahan, Mt. Holly Springs; Mr. Faus, O. R. Williams, Breezewood; L. D. Welby, Thompsonstown; Dennis Smith, Woodland; J. G. Rigby, Manor Hill; F. A. Norris, Newton Hamilton, and F. J. Moore, Burnham.

A group headed by I. F. Vannan, of Derryville, and Ida F. Kast, Mechanicsburg, will study ways to make communion available more often to rural churches which do not have ordained ministers and prepare a memorial for the next Legislature, asking reduction of taxes on church charitable institutions.

Lulu Brady, Elysburg; Jennie Neff, Tyrone; Mrs. O. S. Gregory, Huntingdon Mills; Mrs. J. VanHorn, Town Hill; and Ida Wrigley, Mahaffey, were named to deal with women's work in the association.

One hundred changes in the pastoral charges were made. The changes in this section are noted, the minister named being the pastor appointed: Mill Hall—J. B. McKelvey; Port Matilda—Zaccheus Weston. Snow Shoe and Karthaus—H. H. Sherman. Philipsburg—George S. Womer. Pine Grove Mills—S. W. Russell. Sandy Ridge—A. E. Fleck. Tyrone—First, E. C. Interfritz. Conference voted to meet at Williamsport next year.

The Methodist Home for the Aged at Tyrone received a bequest of \$1000.00 from the estate of Sallie M. Reeder, of Williamsport. The institution will also receive an additional one-tenth of the residuary estate. Almost the entire estate of the lady, representing about \$20,000, was given to the Methodist church and affiliated organizations.

1930 FARM CENSUS IN CENTRE COUNTY

Farm Buildings in 1930 Exceed Value of Farm Lands — Only Half as Many Horses in 1930 as in 1920.

The following statement, issued by the Director of the Census, gives some of the results of the 1930 farm census for Centre county, with comparative data for 1920 for selected items. The 1930 figures are preliminary and subject to corrections.

Farm Acreage and Values	
Number of farms	1,875
Acres of all land in farms	247,959
Average acres per farm	132.2
Value of land and buildings	\$12,094,894
Land alone	5,731,209
Buildings	6,363,685
Dwellings alone	3,964,519
Value of implements and machinery	2,389,276
Average value of land and buildings—Per farm	6,493
Per acre	48.41

Tenure of Farms	
Number operated by:	1930
Owners	1,226
Managers	24
Tenants	625

Acreage operated by:	
Owners	144,863
Managers	10,154
Tenants	92,942

Value of land and buildings of farms operated by:	
Owners	\$6,974,258
Managers	459,206
Tenants	4,661,430

Livestock	
Horses	4,793
Mules	492
Cattle	21,542
Milk cows	12,814
Hogs	10,370
Chickens	166,430

PRESBYTERIAN MANSE NEWS.

On Wednesday evening of last week a combined missionary meeting and reception for Mr. and Mrs. Russell Goodhart, married Saturday evening previous, was given by the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goodhart, at their home in town. The missionary program was presented first. Miss Grace Smith had charge of the devotions and the query. Mrs. Lingle presented an article on the West Indies; Mrs. Kirkpatrick gave a paper on the Philippines. Those present were: Mesdames N. Potter, S. C. Smith, F. V. Goodhart, C. Spyster, R. Campbell, R. Seanson, J. Odon, T. L. Smith, J. Heckman, F. Bender, C. Brunzart, J. E. Bright, C. Smith, C. Slack, Wm. Slack, J. Kirkpatrick, G. Benner, M. Bradford, W. Winegardner, G. Emerick, J. M. Evey, T. Evey, and C. Thompson and Mrs. Philip Bradford were guests from the Lemont society. Mrs. Thompson gave an invitation for the Centre Hall society to attend a picnic at Lemont on Thursday of this week.

The single ladies present were: Mesdames Boal, Jane Campbell, Emelyn, Thelma and Loraine Brunzart, G. Smith, Blanche and Margaret Evey, Mosses, Thompson, J. Heckman, J. M. Evey, T. Evey, G. Goodhart, Geo. Ge. Stover. These young people enjoyed the evening very much and were served to a cafeteria lunch which like all the Goodhart feasts was especially fine.

On the 17th of June at 4 P. M. a wedding ceremony was consummated in the Presbyterian church. The contracting parties were Miss Elizabeth Whittaker of Shiremansburg and J. Reed Bailey of Reedsville. The Presbyterian ladies had the church beautifully decorated for the occasion. The family from whence the bride came and the family of the minister who tied the knot have been friends for many years. The young couple were united according to the order of the rite ceremony. The bride was given away by Mr. Thomas, a brother-in-law of the bride. Little Miss Mary Joan Thomas was a very beautiful flower girl. Miss Edith Whittaker, sister of the bride, of Providence, Pa., was bridesmaid. Mr. Bailey McNitt of Reedsville, was best man. The ceremony was interspersed at the proper places with two beautiful selections of music, namely, "O, Promise Me," and "I Love You Truly," the soloist being Mrs. Walter Winger, of Lancaster. The pianist was Miss Elizabeth Winger, who used the Lochengrin Wedding March. Others present were: Mrs. A. J. Whittaker, mother of the bride; Mrs. Thomas, and Albertus Thomas of Shiremansburg; Mrs. Caroline Bailey, mother of the groom; Mrs. Kyle McNitt and Caroline McNitt, of Reedsville; Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Winger and Walter Winger, of Lancaster; Mrs. S. C. Smith and Mrs. Kirkpatrick, of Centre Hall. The bride was dressed in ivory satin. She has been a teacher in the schools of Tyrone for several years. The groom is a business man of Reedsville. A number of pictures were taken immediately after the wedding, and then the party departed for Shiremansburg where they were served to a banquet at the home of Mr. Thomas, brother-in-law of the bride.

Mrs. S. C. Smith attended the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. Hines, of Aaronsburg, on Saturday morning.

On account of the absence of Rev. Pruy, Rev. Kirkpatrick conducted the funeral services of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Brooks, on Saturday.

Reformed Charge Picnic.

The annual picnic of the local Reformed church will be held on Grange Park, Saturday of this week. It will partake of the basket order, and the opening hour is set at 10 o'clock. The committee extends a cordial invitation to all, whether affiliated with the Reformed church or not, to join.

Still Raided at Lamar.

Privates Eshelman and Spotts of the Lock Haven, detail, State Police, and Deputy David L. Probst, of Lock Haven, Thursday morning at 2:15, made a raid at the farm of Eugene E. Heckman, at Lamar, where they found a 250-gallon still in operation.

The still and a quantity of alleged liquor and paraphernalia for its manufacture were seized. Heckman and John R. Mayes, who was occupying the property, were arrested and taken to Lock Haven.

CONFIDENCE NOT SHAKEN

Confidence in the stability of the First National Bank here is evidenced by the fact that but one account was withdrawn since the closing of the Penns Valley Bank on Monday morning a week ago, and that was returned a few days later. There was not the slightest excitement on the part of depositors, consequently there was no need of persuasion to leave bank balances undisturbed. At this time a majority of the directors of the closed bank have opened accounts in the First National.

The First National, on Friday previous to the closing of the Penns Valley, underwent the usual inspection by a National Bank inspector, who not only passed favorably on all items of credit, but offered no criticisms.

TOWNSHIP ROAD ACT SIGNED.

Governor Pinchot, on Monday, signed the township roaded bill, adding 2,205 miles of rural roads to the State Highway System. Approximately 6,000 miles of the roads will be taken over by the State are now classed as improved.

The total township road mileage in the State is approximately 89,000. Between 25 and 27 per cent, of the township road mileage in each county except Philadelphia is added to the State system under the new act. Before August 15 next the Highway Department is required to take over the rural roads.

Sheffield Milk Prices.

The net cash price to be paid the members of the Sheffield Producers Co-operative Assn., Inc. for the milk sold by them in the month of May, 1931, is \$1.47 1/2 per hundred pounds for 3 per cent, grade B milk in the 201-210 mile zone with the usual freight, grade and butterfat differentials. This is equivalent to \$1.67 1/2 per hundred lbs. of milk sold on a 3.5% butterfat basis.

The production by the Sheffield patrons for May exceeded the production for any previous May by approximately 11,000,000 pounds. It exceeded the production for April, 1931, by more than 22,000,000 pounds.

The supply of milk for May will doubtless be exceeded considerably in June. Low prices must be expected until the supply of milk decreases, as it doubtless soon will, and until steady warm weather brings about the usual seasonal increase in consumption. It must be remembered that the surplus milk, which now is in much larger volume than the milk which can be used for fluid purposes, is what brings down the blended price. This surplus has to be disposed of at the lowest prices in many years.

Eligible to Parole, Sentence Half Served

Many prisoners in the penitentiaries will be eligible for parole as soon as Governor Pinchot signs a bill now before him, Attorney General Win. A. Schnader said at a session of the Board of Pardons.

The bill provides eligibility for parole for all prisoners who have served more than half their maximum sentence and who were sentenced prior to adoption of the Ludlow act. This act provides that the minimum sentence be half the maximum sentence, making the prisoner eligible to parole at the expiration of the minimum term.

Wool Prices Lower than in 50 Years.

The Centre County Sheep and Wool Growers' Association roared their 1931 clip last week for shipment to J. H. Benedict & Co., Philadelphia, buyer of the wool. All told the clip amounted to approximately 15,000 pounds, a large portion of which was grade A. But at that it will not mean big money in the pockets of the sheep men, as the price obtained, 16 1/2 cents a pound for grade A and 12 cents for no grade, is the lowest received in twenty-four years. If the entire pool were to pass as grade A the seven tons and a half would bring only \$2475.00.

"Prohibition" Officer Forced to Leave Town Suddenly.

Lee Eaton, who had been staying at various places in town since last spring, represented himself to be a "prohibition" officer, overreached his desire to show authority and displayed a vicious looking "bull dog." The latter part of last week he was charged with carrying concealed weapons and was taken to the county jail. Saturday the charge, it is said, was withdrawn, costs paid, and Eaton permitted to leave the jail on condition that he does not hover about here in the future. It is said he did not have prohibition officer credentials, but since he was the type known about here as filling such position, he was taken more or less seriously. Saturday evening he left Bellefonte without designating destination.

LONG WAIT BEFORE DEMOCRATIC HELP COMES

Our comedian genius Will Rogers hits off a fine point or two in his June 1 production. He says: "President Hoover made a mighty fine and very sincere speech Saturday at Valley Forge; he found somebody that was worse off than we are, but he had to go back 150 years in history to do it. "He claims that George Washington was in just about as bad shape with his army then as Mellon is with his deficit now. But George had only to worry about getting through the winter, through the summer, then the winter, through another summer before the Democrats can possibly do anything for us."

C. C. BASEBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

Thursday, June 18.

Pleasant Gap, 1; Lamar, 1.
Centre Hall, 14; Rebersburg, 0.
Coburn, 1; Bellefonte, 0.

Saturday, June 20.

Coburn, 9; Rebersburg, 6.
Centre Hall, 13; Lamar, 2.
Pleasant Gap, 2; Bellefonte, 0.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	Won	Lost	Pc.
Centre Hall	7	2	.777
Coburn	6	2	.750
Bellefonte	5	4	.555
Pleasant Gap	3	6	.333
Lamar	3	6	.333
Rebersburg	2	6	.250

LOCALS TAKE TWO.

The Centre Hall baseball club fatted batting averages during the past week at the expense of the Rebersburg and Lamar clubs. On last Thursday, at Rebersburg, they swamped the Brush Valley lads by a 14-0 score, Paul Martz allowing only four hits, while Centre Hall collected 19 off Bierly.

On Saturday, at home, Centre Hall engaged in a similar batting spree with Lamar, base hits totaling 18 for Centre Hall, while the enemy collected only 7 off Gross. The score was 14-2.

As a result of these victories, the local club holds undisputed first-place position in the league, while the Coburn-Millheim club is only a half game behind the leaders. The Coburn team scored three shutouts in the last four games, and is the club the locals must defeat to win the flag.

Thursday's game:

Centre Hall	R	H	O	A	E
Goodhart, cf	3	4	0	0	0
Slover, c	3	3	0	0	0
R Martz, ss	2	2	3	2	0
Crawford, 3b	1	4	0	0	1
Durst, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Bradford, 2b	0	1	4	2	0
Emery, rf	0	1	0	0	0
Frank, p	1	1	0	2	1
Frank, 1b	4	2	6	0	1
Totals	14	19	27	7	3

Rebersburg

Rebersburg	R	H	O	A	E
Bierly, S. C. 1b	0	1	10	1	1
Haines, 2b	0	0	1	2	1
Brunzard, 3b	0	0	1	4	0
Tyson, c	0	1	6	0	0
Wolf, e	0	4	0	0	0
Ziegler, P. if	0	4	0	0	0
Kidder, P. C. p	0	1	0	2	1
Bierly, ss	0	0	0	1	0
Boone, rf	0	1	0	1	1
Totals	0	4	27	11	4

Saturday's game:

Centre Hall	R	H	O	A	E
Goodhart, rf	3	2	1	0	0
Durst, rf	0	2	0	0	0
Rimmer, cf	1	2	1	0	0
R Martz, ss	3	3	2	5	0
Crawford, 3b	2	3	1	0	0
Gross, p	1	3	1	1	1
Bradford, 2b	0	2	4	1	0
Emery, cf	1	2	1	0	1
Frank, 3b	1	1	15	0	0
Reiser, if	2	3	0	0	0
Totals	14	18	27	11	3

Lamar

Lamar	R	H	O	A	E
Harris, lf	0	5	0	0	0
F Grieb, rf	0	1	0	0	0
Dolien, ss	1	0	8	2	1
Herman, 3b	0	1	0	3	0
Barner, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Krape, 2b	1	3	6	2	0
Kline, c	0	2	1	0	1
D Grieb, 1b	0	0	8	0	0
Hines, p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	7	24	7	2

SCHEDULE OF GAMES IN CENTRE COUNTY B. B. LEAGUE

The following games are scheduled for this week and next in the Centre County Baseball League:

June 25—Bellefonte at Centre Hall; Coburn at Pleasant Gap; Lamar at Rebersburg.

June 27—Centre Hall at Coburn; Rebersburg at Pleasant Gap; Lamar at Bellefonte.

July 2—Coburn at Bellefonte; Lamar at Centre Hall; Pleasant Gap at Rebersburg.

A bill recently passed by the Wisconsin legislature provides for license fees ranging from \$50.00 to \$1,000.00 annually from persons making, selling, or publicly serving a substitute for butter. The boarding house must pay a fee of \$50.00, the hotel or restaurant \$100.00, the retail dealer \$300.00, and the wholesale dealer or manufacturer \$1,000.00.

PENN STATE STARTS GRANTING ADMISSIONS TO FRESHMAN CLASS

Boys and girls who were graduated from the High schools of Pennsylvania this month are being admitted to the freshman class of the Pennsylvania State College now. Registrar Wm. S. Hoffman has announced. The requirements for admission are similar to those maintained by other leading colleges and universities of the country. Admissions will continue during July and August until the quota of 1250 is reached.

Applicants who were graduated in the lower three-fifths of their High school classes will be required to take an aptitude test. Registrar Hoffman said. The test will be given at the college and in seventeen cities of the State on August 7. The cities on the list are Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Erie, Oil City, Greensburg, Smethport, DuBois, Johnstown, Altoona, Chambersburg, Williamsport, Sunbury, Harrisburg, York, Scranton, Allentown and Reading.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

One tree will make a million matches, but a litged match can destroy a million trees.

A children's day program will be rendered in the local M. E. church on Sunday evening, beginning at 7:30. —Mrs. Maurice Whitehill and two children, of State College, were over-Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. Edw. E. Bailey.

Lee Vonada, of Coburn, formerly buttermaker with the Howard Creamery Co., at Coburn, was called to accept a job as guard at the penitentiary at Rockview.

W. F. Keller, rural mail carrier on R. D. No. 1 from Centre Hall for almost thirty years, is taking a week's vacation. James Brooks is substituting for him.

The regular semi-annual dividend of 4% was declared by the directors of the Farmers National Bank and Trust Co. of Millheim. Checks will be mailed out June 30th.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Y. Moyer and daughter, Miss Helen, of Cleveland, Ohio, while on a trip through Pennsylvania, stopped in town with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kerlin, for a brief time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spayd, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Dutrow and son Albert, left on Wednesday morning for Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Canada, Detroit, Mich., and other points, by motor. W. R. Stoser, Arthur Holderman and Rueben Colyer, all of the south side of Potter township, recently drove to Philadelphia, remaining there but for a few hours. The trip was made with a day.

A thief entered the premises of J. Roy Schaeffer, at Old Fort, one night recently, and stole from a bed several hundred nice cabbage plants. Mr. Schaeffer is engaged in the business of raising garden plants.

Glenn Hargrave, James Weaver and Richard Frank, of Millheim, and Donald Wert, Charles Barner, Malvin Wance and Carl Winkloblech, Aaronsburg, attended the boys' camp at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

The many friends of Dr. Joseph H. Hummer, of State College, will be glad to hear that he is now convalescing at the home of his sister, in Ashley, Pa., after undergoing several operations in the Philadelphia hospital.

County Detective Boden and a member of the State Constabulary, interviewed several parties here concerning a Studebaker car carrying an Ohio license. Lee Eaton drove the car on his departure from Bellefonte, Saturday evening.

Miss Rebecca Derstine, housekeeper for her brother, Rev. M. S. Derstine, at Audenried, Luzerne county, who was at her home here during the absence of her brother at the Methodist conference at Carlisle, returned to Audenried on Tuesday.

Joseph Kelley and son, Arthur Kelley, of Reedsville, made a business trip through Penns Valley on Friday, and stopped in Centre Hall long enough to exchange greetings with acquaintances here. The Kelleys are lumbermen and are continuing doing business under present conditions.

Charles Shook, of Spring Mills, is hopeful that he will be benefited by the treatment he is now taking from Dr. Ingram, Ravenna, Ohio. He was examined by the specialist in rheumatism, the trip to the Ohio town having been due to the offer made by his brother, Christ Shook.

To produce a smooth, non-slippery surface on a concrete walk or feeding floor, the Bureau of Public Roads suggests sprinkling a little sharp sand over the surface before the concrete hardens. The sand should be rubbed in lightly with a wooden float operated with a circular motion.

Commissioner John S. Spearly was a visitor in town last Thursday, looking well for a man who has undergone three very serious operations within the past year. He is slowly rounding into his old-time form, which is one of vigor and activity. Mr. Spearly has concluded to become a candidate for re-nomination for county commissioner, and his formal announcement appears in this issue.

Harold H. Keller is back home for his summer vacation from Laurel, Delaware, where he completed his fifth year as a teacher in the Laurel Special District school. When the term opens next fall, Mr. Keller will again join the faculty of forty-five, but has been assigned new subjects—visual education and common law—to teach. The school will have fifteen hundred pupils when the new school year begins.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Homan, of Fullerton, California, arrived in the valley during the past week, stopping first at State College and later coming to Centre Hall. Mr. Homan called on the Reporter. Although eighty-one years of age, he is spry and alert and kept himself well informed, he said by reading this weekly paper. Speaking of politics, Mr. Homan stated he voted for Hoover, but later regretted having done so, and is of the opinion the son of California is not nearly so popular as he was two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Homan expect to remain about here until October when they will go back to their home.