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Conference Returns Local Pastor for 7th Year

The ninety-second annual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical church opened its first session last Thursday evening in the First Evangelical church in Milton. One hundred and fifty ministers and lay delegates were present, representing an area lying east of Altoona, north of Lewisburg and west of Reading and Harrisburg. Of those answering the first roll call, but ten were attending the conference as delegates for the first time.

Bishop Maze called the conference to order Bishop J. F. Dundap, D. D., of Cleveland, Ohio, a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, in which he served as pastor, district superintendent and president of Albright college before his election to the episcopacy ten years ago, delivered the invocation. Communion was celebrated with the district superintendents officiating.

Permanent organization of the conference resulted in the re-election of Rev. J. H. Fleckenstein, of First church, Williamsport, as secretary, he receiving 137 of the 146 votes cast. Mr. Fleckenstein named as his assistants Rev. A. M. Jenkins of Altoona; Rev. F. E. Remaly, of Berwick, and Rev. P. A. Warner, of Baltimore.

Standing committee appointments were announced by Rev. J. F. Weaver, of the Lewisburg area, as senior district superintendent.

In his episcopal address, Bishop Maze said: "The churches of America are facing conditions unparalleled in their history. Very serious problems present themselves from many quarters and in many areas. Disaster seems imminent. In some instances denominations have been compelled to abandon large missionary and other activities. Local problems in congregations limit the efficiency of denominations which, if not changed, will bring denominational humiliation and disaster. As a denomination, we congratulate ourselves that up to the present we have not been compelled to abandon any unit of our general activities and no church has defaulted to the point of dishonor. But we have been compelled to reduce budgets and conserve resources.

Evangelical churches in the Central Pennsylvania conferences have a net membership of approximately 39,300, which represents a gain of about 249 in twelve months, on the basis of incomplete reports available at the conference session. The Sunday school enrollment in the district is approximately 47,999. The gain in church membership is divided among the districts as follows: York, 140; Williamsport, 90; Lewisburg, 110.

Further statistics, based on available estimates, are as follows: York district—Church membership, 10,958; Sunday school, 16,900; value of church property, \$1,100,000; value of parsonages and other non-religious property, \$180,000; general benevolences, \$13,000; missions, \$24,500. Williamsport district—Membership, 9,745; Sunday school, 14,903; value of church property, \$1,200,000; parsonages etc., \$175,000; general benevolences, \$10,700; missions, \$18,875. Lewisburg district—Membership, 10,489; Sunday school, 16,365; church property, \$870,000; parsonages, etc., \$147,000; benevolences, \$12,000; missions, \$19,600.

The 1932 session of the conference, scheduled to open March 9, will be held at Grace church, Lewisburg, which presented an invitation which was unanimously accepted. Rev. Samuel A. Snyder, now completing his first year at Lewisburg, is the pastor. It is 23 years since conference met at Lewisburg.

Approved for Ordination as Deacons. The following were approved for ordination as deacons: B. E. Heiser, of Bellwood; W. K. Hosterman, Mt. Holly; C. F. Gunther, Selinsgrove; W. H. Kelley, Scranton; C. C. Kriedler, of Bryanville; C. E. Keifer, Winfield; R. L. Lundy, Mt. Rock; C. R. Loos, Key-stone; K. A. Babcock, Coarages, and Vernon Miller, Baltimore.

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Outside Pastors to Aid in Passion Week Services

Rev. H. A. Pruyn, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal church, announces Passion Week services in the Centre Hall Methodist church from March 21st to 25th at 7:30 P. M.

Several out-of-town ministers have been engaged to take part in the services. The program of the services follows: Monday—"A Day of Judgment," Speaker, Rev. C. W. Rishel, of State College.

Five ministers were elected to three-year terms as members of the board of examiners for junior preachers: Rev. Frank H. Sanders, Newberry; Rev. W. J. Krocher, York; Rev. W. E. Peffley, Harrisburg; Rev. H. R. Hill, Baltimore, and Rev. C. E. Hewitt, of Mechanicsburg.

The grand total of money contributed for denominational purposes during the last twelve months by the 30,000 Evangelicals of the Central Pennsylvania conference, is \$570,083.

Twenty-three Changes in Appointments. There were twenty-three changes among the 102 pastors in the conference. They include:

Rev. Norman L. Hummel, for six years pastor of St. Paul's, Williamsport, becomes pastor of Trinity, York. St. Paul's pulpit will be filled by Rev. W. I. Stambaugh, for eighteen years a missionary to China and for the past five years pastor at Lemoine.

Rev. A. D. Gramley is moved from York to Milton, where he will succeed the Rev. Reed O. Stealy, formerly of Bellefonte, who was pastoral here to the conference this year. Mr. Stealy goes to Lemoine charge, succeeding Mr. Shambaugh.

Lock Haven, where Rev. H. W. Hellsley, a young minister, comes from Dushore and Lopez.

Rev. G. R. Mergenthaler goes from Lock Haven to Dushore and Lopez.

Rev. J. R. Schectery, three years at Rebersburg, goes to McClure, which is taken from the Lewisburg district and added to Williamsport.

Rev. Paul A. Miller, of the Liverpool charge, which is merged with another charge, goes to Rebersburg.

Rev. W. C. Hoch, formerly of Winfield, succeeding Rev. C. F. Gunther, who has been granted a year's leave of absence to study.

Rev. C. E. Keifer, ordained as a deacon a few days ago, goes to Winfield.

Rev. Edward Fulcomer, seven years at Mifflin, is succeeded by Rev. Geo. W. Speake, of Emanuel's charge, Baltimore.

Rev. Fulcomer goes to Wallbrook, Baltimore, succeeding Rev. R. H. Dick, who goes to Glen Rock, York district.

Rev. J. S. Hower goes from Glen Rock to Nescopeck.

Rev. C. D. Pouterbaugh goes from Nescopeck to East Prospect, succeeding the late Rev. I. E. Spangler, whose death occurred during the year.

Rev. O. W. Ginter is retained at Northumberland.

Rev. N. W. Dayton, who served McClure last year, goes to Wellsville, which is transferred from the York to the Lewisburg district.

Rev. B. L. Moore goes from Wellsville to Cumberland.

Rev. E. S. Hill goes from Cumberland to Emanuel, Baltimore.

Rev. I. C. Bailey is moved from Alberton to Windsor and is succeeding at Alberton by Rev. J. H. Rosenberger, whose present charge at New Freedom is to be merged.

Rev. W. E. Smith was returned to Centre Hall for the seventh year. He was one of about a half dozen ministers in the conference who had closed the sixth year of service on their field before going to conference, Monday a week.

The conference closed finally with the Monday forenoon session.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

The Junior class in the Centre Hall High school will give their play on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week in Grange Arcadia. Admissions have been cut to meet the times and are but 25 and 15 cents. This means that the class must be well supported to give it a real profit, as none of the expenses incident to its promotion have been reduced.

The title of the play is "The Whoop-oo," and presents a story filled with humor. From leaks through "officials" at High, one is led to believe that patrons of school affairs will be well repaid if they occupy seats before the footlights Friday and Saturday nights.

If you did not mail "it" on Tuesday, you were too late.

Tuesday—"A Day of Speech."—Speaker, Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick of the Centre Hall Presbyterian church.

Wednesday—"A Day of Silence."—Speaker, Rev. A. C. Shus, Superintendent of the Sunbury District of the Methodist churches.

Thursday—"A Day of Farewells."—Speaker, Rev. W. E. Smith, pastor of Centre Hall Evangelical church.

Friday—"Good Friday."—Passion Play stereoscopic pictures. Actual scenes from the European Passion Play.

OVER INSPECTION.

But for the reason that dams are regularly inspected by an Inspector from the Department of Forests and Waters, the Citizens Water Company Dam, Cold Stream creek, and the Pennsylvania State College Dam, tributary to Slab Cabin Creek, would never be heard of throughout the State. There are 264 dams listed in the State for inspection.

All of these dams are sources of potential danger unless properly maintained, and some of them store so much water and are so located above centers of population as to cause untold loss of life and tremendous property damage in case of failure, says Charles E. Ryder, chief engineer of the Water Power Resource Board.

On a warm summer day, the truth is, so far as the Slab Cabin Creek dam is concerned, the student body at Penn State could drain it if all drank at the same time.

The Cold Stream Creek dam, located near Phillipsburg, is of more importance, perhaps.

VINTON McLELLAN WINS IN ELIMINATION CONTEST

The contest sponsored by the P. O. S. of A., of Centre Hall, on essay writing on George Washington, was won by Vinton McClellan, a local High school freshman. The prize was \$10.00. The second and third prizes were won by Misses Evelyn Colyer and Doris Moltz, respectively. The contest was held in the Presbyterian church, on Thursday evening.

FAILURE IN BUSINESS NOT A CRIME—JUDGE FLEMING

In Philadelphia this week, Judge M. Ward Fleming, of Bellefonte, directed a jury to acquit two members of a defunct firm of the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. The defendants are Wm. H. Hoffman and Frank Besch, president and agent, respectively, of the Golden Seal Fur Farms. They were arrested in 1930 on complaint of several investors. Some complainants testified they had invested from \$150 to \$200 in the purchase of "units" or muskrats at the farm in 1929. The plan was for the company to run their farm and dispose of the pelts for profit. Judge Fleming, substituting in quarter sessions Court No. 4, said the failure of business is not a crime, in Pennsylvania.

GUARANTEE OF BANK DEPOSITS IS NEEDED

Legislation Now Proposed Would Protect Depositors Adequately.

Sentiment in Congress is rapidly crystallizing in favor of the immediate enactment of legislation guaranteeing deposits in all banks coming under Federal supervision. The conviction is growing that many of the economic and financial ills from which the country is suffering may be traced directly to the large number of bank failures, which have not only shaken the faith of the people in these institutions, but have tied up approximately two billions of dollars of deposits during the past few years.

Senator Fletcher of Florida recently introduced a bill to guarantee bank deposits. The bill would require each bank in the Federal Reserve System, which includes all national banks as well as some state banks, to deposit a sum equal to 5 per cent of its capital stock with the Treasurer of the United States. This transfer would be required within 60 days after enactment of the legislation, and this combined contribution of the banks would provide the guarantee fund. In event of failure of any bank having made such a deposit with the Treasurer, depositors would receive the sum due them within 10 days after the closing of the bank. Senator Fletcher told the Senate that he was satisfied the legislation he proposes is necessary to restore a full measure of confidence in the banking structure.

The records of the Comptroller of the Currency show that during the 69 years which have intervened since the establishment of our national banking system, the total losses of these banks has aggregated only \$55,000,000, a sum which dwindles into absolute insignificance when compared to the hundreds of billions of dollars which have been handled by the national banks during all these years.

It is this fine long-time record which encourages members of Congress to believe that legislation can be enacted for guaranteeing deposits that will be entirely feasible and workable.

Between periods of sunshine there were snow squalls that were of a wickled nature, on Monday.

DR. H. R. WHITE BUYS FORMER REFORMED PARSONAGE

Dr. H. R. White closed a deal whereby he became the owner of the former Reformed parsonage in Centre Hall. The purchase was made from James Searson who bought the place from the local Reformed church congregation. The property is located on the main street, close to the center of the town. The consideration in the deal is not being given to the public. It is Dr. White's intention to remodel the place and fit up the front for a dental parlor and work room, and occupy the other parts as a residence. He expects to occupy the new quarters by the first of next month.

ALL ROADS OPEN.

The regular State highways, the Pinchot roads and township roads in Potter township, have all been opened with the exception of a short stretch in the vicinity of the home of J. E. Frohm, east of town. That section has drifts man-high. The Pinchot and township roads while open are not well suited for speeding or taking pleasure rides. Considerable man-work was done on these roads, but later a caterpillar tractor was brought into service and with that device the banks of snow were readily broken down and pushed aside. Roadmen had their first experience with drifts of any consequence for five, six or more years.

CHORAL SOCIETY TO GIVE EASTER PROGRAM, MARCH 26

The Choral Society of Centre Hall will give an Easter program on Sabbath evening, March 26, in the local M. E. church. An invitation is extended to all to attend.

Licenses Granted to Five Applicants.

Only five persons passed the driver's test at Spring and Lamb streets, Bellefonte, given by the detail of State Highway patrolmen. They are: Edmund Starzinski, State College; Charles F. Boyer, State College; Eugene Lucas, Milesburg; Thomas Maurer, of Moshannon; and Crider Clevenstone, of Bellefonte, R. D.

SHEFFIELD MILK PRICE.

The net cash price to be paid the members of the Sheffield Producers Co-operative Association, Inc., for the 3 per cent grade B milk delivered by them in the month of February is \$1.30 1/2 per hundred pounds in the 201-210 mile zone with the usual freight, grade and butterfat differentials. This is the same as \$1.50 for milk sold on a 2.5% butterfat basis. The supply of milk is increasing. The Sheffield Producers Association receipts increased in February 1932, over February 1931, by 9,181,718 pounds.

Transue Singers Coming at Later Date

The Transue Singers, who were unable to be in Centre Hall on March 6 due to the storm, will appear in the Methodist church on a later date.

Local Poultryman Member State Legislative Committee.

W. W. Kerin, owner and manager of Kerin's Grand View Poultry Farm, has recently been appointed a member of the Pennsylvania State Poultry Legislative committee.

WHY WILLIAMS WAS IN THE JAIL YARD

While nobody has openly criticized Sheriff John M. Boob for the escape of Williams, some people have wondered why he gave him the liberty of the jail yard after he had been sentenced to the penitentiary. In the two months since the Sheriff was sworn into office, says the Watchman, he has been visited twice by officials of the State Welfare Department, and was informed by them that under the law he must give all prisoners two hours outdoors recreation daily, or he would be liable to prosecution, and this was the reason why Williams was released for exercise with the other prisoners on the day he effected his escape.

Notice to I. O. O. F.

Notice to all members of Centre Hall Lodge No. 895: You and your wife are invited to attend the 57th anniversary of the Order, on Tuesday evening, March 22nd, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

The Mountain Melody orchestra will furnish the music.

Transfers of Real Estate.

John M. Boob, Sheriff, to the First National Bank of Centre Hall, tract in State College; \$5,605.

A box social will be held at the Colyer school house, Thursday, March 24, at 8:00 o'clock.

CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. Ralph C. Blaney, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Emma Smith, of Bellefonte, became a medical patient on Monday. Clyde Hockman, of Bellefonte, R. D., was discharged on Monday after undergoing medical treatment.

Mrs. Ellen Keen, of Bellefonte, a medical patient, was discharged last Monday.

Mrs. Mary C. Brouse, of Bellefonte, was discharged last Monday after receiving surgical treatment.

After undergoing medical treatment, Madeline St. Clair, of Benner township, was discharged on Tuesday.

Miss Angeline Corpeno, of Bellefonte, became a surgical patient last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Bumgardner, of Wingate, are the proud parents of a son born at the hospital on Tuesday.

Miss Evelyn Keller, of Bellefonte, R. D., was admitted last Wednesday as a surgical patient.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson, of Milesburg, are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter born at the hospital last Wednesday.

Richard Ulrich, of Bellefonte, became a surgical patient on Wednesday and was discharged on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cook, of State College, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter born at the hospital last Wednesday.

Mrs. Wm. Spicer, of Bellefonte, R. D., was discharged on Wednesday.

Edith Davidson, of State College, after undergoing surgical treatment, was discharged last Wednesday.

Perry Moran, of Bellefonte, after undergoing medical treatment for twenty-one months, died at the hospital on Thursday.

Mrs. Helen M. Ripka, of Bellefonte, a surgical patient, was discharged last Thursday.

Andrew Rowan, of Fleming, underwent surgical treatment from Friday until Sunday.

Charles H. Thompson, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Friday for surgical treatment and was discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Beveridge, of Howard, R. D., became a medical patient on Friday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lucas, of Bellefonte, on Saturday.

Miss Marian Whiteman, a student nurse at the hospital, was discharged on Friday after undergoing surgical treatment.

Miss Gladys Williams, a student nurse at the hospital, after receiving medical treatment, was discharged on Saturday.

Richard S. Bailey, of Centre Hall, was admitted as a medical patient on last Thursday.

Mrs. Amanda Caldwell, of Bellefonte, is a medical patient, having been admitted on Sunday.

Charles Smith, of Centre Hall, R. D., a medical patient, was discharged on Sunday.

Miss Genevieve Rider and Miss Sarah Brungart, student nurses at the hospital, were admitted on Sunday for treatment.

There were 35 patients in the hospital at the beginning of the week.

MILLER MOTOR CO. CHEVROLET CAR SALES

The Miller Motor Company within the recent past made the following Chevrolet sales:

Samuel Waxler, Westport, 1 1/2 ton chassis and cab.

Harrison Johnson, Bellefonte, R. D., coach.

Lesley Shaw, Bellefonte, Highway patrolman, coupe.

W. C. T. U. Institute.

The Centre County W. C. T. U. will hold a two-session institute at Julian, Saturday, March 19th, opening in the morning and closing with an afternoon session. Mrs. Broyles, of State College, and other speakers will be present. Each Union is urged to send delegates, and take with them a lunch. The host Union will serve coffee.

Easter Play.

The Trinity Reformed church school will present an Easter play, entitled, "For He Had Great Possessions," on Sunday, Easter evening, March 27th, at 7:30 o'clock.

The experiences of the rich young ruler, Zaccheus the tax gatherer, and Bar Timaeus, the blind man, are woven into the fabric of the play.

State College is considering the adoption of daylight saving time.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Byers Ripka, on the first of next month, will take over the restaurant in Millheim heretofore conducted by G. C. Boob.

Frank McClellan, a State College garageman, purchased a lot on East Beaver Avenue, that own, and expects to erect a double dwelling house on it in the near future.

For the good old reliable and dependable Garden Seeds that grow fine vegetables, see that they are W. Atlee Burpees. Sold by H. P. Schaeffer's Hardware, Bellefonte, Pa.; phone No. 14M. o12

Mrs. Charles (Cummings) Wolfe, of Aaronsburg, who left this state about the middle of December to spend several months with her children, returned home. She visited in Alaquippa, Akron, Ohio; Chicago, Ill., and Pittsburgh.

Lewisburg is depending on the Federal Penitentiary to furnish enough postal business to advance the post office there from a second- to a first-class office. This means that the office must sell more than \$40,000 worth of stamps and postal supplies annually.

Miss Ruth Wetzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Wetzel, of Milesburg, is recovering nicely in a Philadelphia hospital from an operation for a sinus infection. Miss Wetzel is a patient in the same hospital from which she was graduated as a nurse some time ago.

Edward Sommers, the Pleasant Gap electrician, contemplates the erection of two dwelling houses in Pleasant Gap. He completed two dwellings in that town a few months ago. Mr. Sommers gives two Centre Hall men—Frank Smith and Harold Durst—almost continuous employment wiring houses, installing electrical devices, etc.

The concrete road built two years ago from the west side of the river at Sunbury through Winfield and Lewisburg, and as far north along the Susquehanna river as the Evangelical Home, will be extended seven and one-tenth miles farther next summer. This will bring the road to a point south of Allenwood, on the west side of the Susquehanna.

Bond L. Bible, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bible, of near Aaronsburg, a senior at Penn State, appears to be continuing the scholastic excellence with which he distinguished himself in high school. Bond was one of forty-seven students who won membership in the fraternity of Phi Kappa Pi by their excellence in their college studies, and which is considered a very high honor.

John R. Collins, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, announced that John L. Shields has entered upon his duties as director of publicity. The new director is a newspaper man of long experience and a Democrat who has never deviated from the principles of the party. During the campaign of 1930 he was associated with the State Committee and rendered valiant service.

The will of the late Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, filed for probate, disposes of an estate of \$12,500. Of this amount \$500 is specified as personal property and \$12,000 real estate. After a bequest of \$200 to the Pine Grove Mills Cemetery Association for the care of the Fry lots the estate is to be divided share and share alike among his nine children. G. B. McC. Fry and Charles M. Dale are the executors of the estate.

The Jodon horse sale, postponed from March 7th to the 10th, owing to weather conditions at the Pleasant Gap sales stables, resulted in nearly all of the horses being sold. One team brought \$400. While bidding was not as brisk as in years gone by, the prices obtained were considered very fair. The horses were of a type that appealed to the buyers who attend these sales regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Rozel, of Detroit, Mich., on returning from an auto trip through the South, stopped at the Arney home recently and took with them Miss Pearl Arney, who will be their guest for some time. Mr. Rozel is engaged in the insurance business and was taking a six weeks vacation trip. Mrs. Rozel is a grandniece of J. J. Arney, being a granddaughter of Henry and Sarah Arney Dasher, both deceased, and a daughter of Mrs. Ira Dasher Krome, also of Detroit.