



50th Anniversary of Lutheran Church, Centre Hall, to Be Fittingly Celebrated, June 21

The fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the Lutheran church, Centre Hall, will be fittingly observed on Sunday, next, at which time the five living former pastors and the present pastor are expected to be in attendance and participate in the ceremonies. The program, a very brief history of the congregation, periods of ministrations served, and the dates of dedication of the three church edifices, are noted.

St. Luke's congregation was organized at the home of Frederick Stover, with 23 members, in 1854. The first pastor was Rev. F. Rauthraffer. Services were held in the Reformed church edifice, then located on the plot of the present Lutheran-Reformed cemetery.

The congregation when first organized belonged to the Bellefonte charge but during the first year severed its connection with that charge to become a part of the present Penns Valley charge, the pastor of which then was Rev. J. F. Williams.

From 1856 to 1862, Rev. P. P. Lane was the pastor and was probably the first resident pastor at Centre Hall. Almost immediately after the acceptance of Rev. W. S. Poir as pastor, who succeeded Rev. Lane, the cornerstone of the first Lutheran church was laid. The time was July, 1862. This edifice, a two-story brick structure, located on Church street on the lot now occupied by a residence on the west side of the Booser home, was dedicated February 21st, 1863.

Rev. G. M. Settemoyer became the pastor in 1867. During the same year Rev. J. K. Miller became pastor. During an interim of seven months the congregation was served by Rev. J. H. Hackenberg, of the Bellefonte charge. Rev. Miller continued his pastorate until 1875. During the latter portion of Rev. Miller's pastorate, measures were taken to raise the church building and rebuild it on the opposite side of the street. The structure, also a two-story brick, was completed and dedicated in November, 1875.

Rev. W. E. Fischer, fresh from Gettysburg Seminary, assumed his pastorate, Sept., 1875. To be exact, the date of dedication was Sunday morning, Nov. 14, 1875. The services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Wolf, a member of the faculty of Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary, and Rev. Lilly, then pastor of the Lutheran church, Bellefonte. On dedication day, \$1,200 was subscribed toward the remaining indebtedness. The cost of the edifice was estimated at \$6,000, exclusive of the furniture.

The charge then was comprised of appointments other than Centre Hall at Tusseyville, Georges Valley, Union or Farmers Mills. (The Spring Mills congregation was organized at a later date by Dr. Fischer, and the present church built during the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Reareick.)

It is no reflection on former pastors to note that at this time the congregation began to grow numerically as well as in influence. Its church plans new and modern in its day, had a wholesome effect.

In October, 1884, the structure and several other buildings were destroyed by fire. The cornerstone of the third, the present church edifice, was laid in July, 1885, and on June 20th of the following year the dedication took place.

The ceremony incident to the laying of the cornerstone on Sunday, July 26, 1885, covered three sessions. On Saturday evening previous, Rev. S. G. Finkle preached a sermon, and on Sunday morning he again delivered a masterful sermon from Eph. 11:20. The burden of the message was to stress that the worship of God should be in temples befitting His character.

Following the sermon, Rev. W. H. Divin, of Salona, made a modest appeal for funds, and obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$260. The old custom of members and others dropping money into the cornerstone was also adhered to.

Dr. Conrad, of Philadelphia, delivered the dedicatory sermon on Sunday morning, at one of the series of meetings which began Friday evening previous. He had large experience in conducting dedications and was successful in awakening members to their obligation in contributing funds. On this occasion, although the entire membership had been previously closely canvassed, he succeeded in procuring contributions to the amount of almost \$3000 against a debt of \$4000. The remainder was vouchered for and the dedication proceeded.

On Friday evening previous, Rev. J. A. Earnest of Millburg, preached. On Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon, the pastor conducted services; and Sunday afternoon, Rev. Felton spoke to the children, and in the evening Dr. Conrad brought the event to a close.

to the destruction of the church in 1884, Rev. Fischer had several calls to other fields, and one to Lock Haven had been tentatively accepted. After the catastrophe he withdrew his offer and pledged his services to his congregation here that he would remain here until a new house of worship was provided. He not only fulfilled his obligation, but remained until all the indebtedness on the present church was cancelled. He severed his connection here, after a pastorate of nineteen years, on Sept. 9, 1893, at which time he located in Shamokin.

Successive pastors were Rev. J. M. Reareick, Oct. 1894, to May, 1907. Rev. B. F. Bieber, 1907 to 1911. Rev. W. F. Barry, 1911 to 1914. Rev. D. S. Kurtz, 1914 to 1919. Rev. M. C. Drumm, 1919 to 1924. Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, 1924 to 1935. Rev. L. Arthur Wagner became the pastor in October, 1935. He graduated from Gettysburg Seminary the same year.

Program.
Sunday, June 21, 1936
10:30 o'clock

Prelude
Morning Service,
Hymn, No. 177
Scripture
Prayer
Hymn, No. 278
Offertory
Anthem
Addresses:
Rev. W. E. Fischer, D. D.
Rev. J. M. Reareick
Rev. B. F. Bieber, D. D.
Announcements
Hymn, No. 146
Benediction
Postlude
Sunday Evening, 7:30 o'clock
Regular opening and closing service
Addresses:
Rev. F. W. Barry, B. D.
Rev. M. C. Drumm, B. D.
Rev. L. A. Wagner.

"The Turn of a Dial," a pageant of church history, will be presented in St. Luke's Lutheran church, Monday evening, at 7:30. This entertainment has been specially arranged to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Luke's Lutheran church, by Harvey W. Flink, poet, and member of the congregation. The pageant is divided into two parts. The first part consists of a dramatization of Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms; the second part consists of scenes from the history of the congregation. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to come and enjoy an evening of colorful drama and music.

CELEBRATE 71ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. John Holopeter celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary recently in the home in which they have always lived, at Rockton, Clearfield county. The husband is 88 and the wife 85. The head of the family served in the Civil war and now receives a pension of \$100 a month. Their youngest son is 83, and lives with his parents.

FEDERAL GOV. SPENDING LIGHT COMPARED TO BENEFITS

Borrowing by the government and the resultant spending is responsible for the business recovery we have had, said Chairman Marriner S. Eccles of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in a recent address in Cincinnati, and considering the results accomplished by this spending, the amount spent is insignificant in contrast to the wealth it has created. It is responsible for an increase in the Federal revenue of nearly two billions. It is responsible for an increase in national income from the 1932 low point of less than 40 billions to the present annual income of more than 60 billions.

At the time of the banking holiday, March, 1933, the Federal debt was 21 billion dollars. There had been a deficit of a billion in 1931 and \$2,153,000,000 in 1932. During the 20s we made our major reductions in the income tax rates. As of December 31, 1935, the gross debt was 30 billions, from which must be deducted the four billion in assets owned by the RFC. The Treasury cash balance was \$2,200,000,000, exclusive of the stabilization fund, which is not in the money system. The net increase in debt, then excluding the stabilization fund, for that period of time was less than six billions or less than one month of the national income for 1935. And it is worth while noting that the interest rate on the government debt has dropped from 3.41 per cent in 1932 to an average of 2.55.

The national debt represents but 38 per cent of our national income, while the total debt—city, State, county, all public bodies represents but 74 per cent, of the 1934 income.

As the result of a steel drill breaking while being operated at the American Lime and Stone Company quarries by Fred Cain, he secured bruises and lacerations on the right leg.

LIGHTNING STRIKES SYNAGOGUE CHURCH STEEPLE, GEO. VALLEY

A bolt of lightning struck the steeple on the Synagogue Evangelical church in Georges Valley, at about 5:00 o'clock Friday morning, and burned it to nearly the square, but little damage was done to the general structure on the exterior or interior of the church.

The building was saved from complete destruction by the prompt response of the Millheim fire company and pumper, water being available from a small stream nearby. A bucket brigade was formed prior to the arrival of the fire company, but the fire steadily gained headway. Rev. W. K. Hosterman holds regular services in the church, which is located in the south Georges Valley road.

Dolan Decker first saw the flames and George Fredericks and Ralph Owen were also early arrivals.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OPENED WITH 77 PUPILS

The Daily Vacation Bible School for Centre Hall and Potter township opened on Monday with a total of 77 pupils. The register will remain open until this Thursday morning after which time no scholars will be accepted. The sessions each day open at 9:00 a. m. and close at 12:00 noon. Rev. L. A. Wagner and Rev. W. K. Hosterman are the supervising principals, who with a competent corps of teachers and helpers are instructing three groups—Juniors and Intermediates, Primary, and Beginners.

Junior and Intermediates, in Grade school building—W. E. McCormick principal; helpers, Jane Campbell, Betty Ehrhart, Fred Spzyker, Woodrow Bradford, Alice Spzyker. Primary, in Lutheran church—Margaret Delaney, principal; helpers Mrs. Fred Homan, Ruth Reiber, Dorothy Blazer, Geraldine Bradford. Beginners, in Evangelical church—Helen White, principal; helpers, Mrs. Reuben Rickett, Hazel Lutz, Roberta Smith.

The school will continue for three weeks, closing on July 3rd.

G. ALFRED CRAWFORD RECEIVES FIRST OF THE BONUS BONDS

The first bonus bonds to get into the hands of a local World War veteran were those conveyed to G. Alfred Crawford, who saw overseas service in the 79th Division, Headquarters 314th Infantry, "Abe" carried a gun over No Man's Land and consequently earned every penny his Government is paying him. He received \$700 in bonds and a check for \$352.

LANCASTER GROUP FIRST IN RURAL CHORUS CONTEST

Of the twelve musical organizations throughout the State to contest for first place and honorable mention in the Schwab Auditorium, State College, on Thursday evening, the Acapella Male Chorus of East Petersburg, Lancaster county, won first place. Their selection was "On Great Lone Hills," by Sibellus. All contestants sang the required number, "Sweet and Low" by Barnby. Christ, Reformed Church Choir, York county, was second, and a Lehigh chorus, third. Other counties represented were Somerset, Clearfield, Butler, Clinton, Lebanon, Montgomery, Cambria, Columbia and Centre.

"The Centre Hall Choral Club," which won first and third places in the past two years, is comprised of: Soprano, Mrs. H. W. Potter, Mrs. George Rimmer, Mrs. R. S. Jamison, Mrs. Paul Peteroff, Mrs. Harold Durst, Misses Ruth Hartley, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Bartholomew; alto, Mrs. F. V. Goolhart, Mrs. F. P. Geary, Mrs. Harold Bradford, Mrs. John Wert, Jr., Mrs. Reuben Rickett, Miss Dorothy Lowder; tenor, F. K. Frank Arthur Thoman, Wm. McCormick, Clark Hill; bass, A. M. Riegel, E. A. Frank, R. S. Jamison, Charles Barges, Ross Lowder, W. K. Hosterman, Pianist, Rachael Shuey.

Vacancies to Fill in Marines.

The officer in charge, U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, Room 325P, O. Building, Baltimore, Md., announces that a limited number of vacancies for first enlistments in the marines will occur during June, July and August this year. For full information, write or call at above address.

"POP, A NICKEL, PLEASE."

The other day a paper was passed up to Judge Marion D. Patterson, of Blair county. The judge, who at the time was hearing an important case, hesitated a moment, and then said with a chuckle, "This is an important motion and it is granted," and dug his left hand into his trouser pocket. Curious folks wanted to know the contents of this most important petition and when it was handed down it read: "Pop, I got out at 2:30, May I have a nickel? Marion." Of course Marion, Jr., got the nickel!

Charles Vonada, of Coburn, an employe at the Meyer Lumber Company's mill, near Coburn, suffered a fracture of the bone in his left wrist when he fell to the ground while disconnecting a pipe on the stationary engine boiler at the sawmill.

BUSINESS IN PENNSYLVANIA AND THROUGHOUT NATION MUCH BETTER THAN YR. AGO

An analytical record for the State of Pennsylvania, as compiled by "Business Week" (McGraw-Hill publication), shows substantial gains in various industrial and merchandising forms which are quoted by N. L. Lichtenwalner, State Director of the National Emergency Council, in a report to its members.

A gain of 149 per cent in the heavy construction industries for the first quarter of 1936, as compared with the previous year has been made. The value of the checks drawn is up 10 per cent, while farm income has increased 13 per cent. Electric power output is also 13 per cent, above last year.

Commercial car sales have advanced 18 per cent over last year's corresponding period and passenger cars show a gain of 5 per cent. Household refrigerators and accessories have increased by 27 per cent over the first quarter of 1935.

The weekly index for business as a whole throughout the nation as regularly reported by "Business Week," stands at 74.2, as compared with 63.9 for the same week of last year.

PHILIPSBURG NEGRO BARBER SHOT BY WHITE WOMAN

Mrs. Margaret Behmer confessed to having killed Louis Kretz, a Philipsburg colored barber, as he turned from a customer. She stood within three feet of her victim when she fired a .25 calibre Colt automatic, the ball hitting him in the back and passing through the heart. The murder occurred Tuesday evening of last week at 7:30 o'clock. Kretz was 28 years old and his assailant, 40.

COUNTY MERCANTILE LIST APPEARS IN THIS ISSUE

In this issue of the Centre Reporter appears the list of wholesale and retail merchants and vendors in Centre county.

In looking over the list, should you discover one or more names missing that should be listed as going business in Centre county, you will do a favor by reporting same to the Department of Revenue at Harrisburg, or to Harold D. Cowher, Mercantile Auditor, Bellefonte. This is the sole purpose of the advertisement, which will also appear in three subsequent issues of this paper.

SHEFFIELD MILK PRICES.

The net cash price to be paid members of the Sheffield Producers' Co-operative Ass'n for the milk delivered by them in the month of May is \$1.55 per 100 pounds for Grade B milk testing 3.5% butterfat in the 20-21g milk zone with the usual freight, grade and butterfat differentials.

This is three cents lower than the price for May, 1935, and 6 1/2c higher than the price for May, 1934. The members of the Association marketed through the Sheffield Farms company in May, 1936, 161,290,258 pounds of milk. This is the largest amount sold in any corresponding month in the history of the association. It exceeds the amount sold in May, 1935, by 12,777,343 pounds and is within 756,016 pounds of the amount produced in June, 1935, which was the highest point ever reached by the producers' Association. The production of this tremendous quantity of milk, a very large part of which had to be disposed of in surplus classes, could not fail to result in a lower blended price.

NORRIS ASSAILS LANDON AS "GREAT UNKNOWN"

Senator George W. Norris, Nebraska Republican Independent, on Sunday combined a plea for re-election of President Roosevelt with an assertion that the Republican National Convention nominated a man "whose greatest asset is that nobody knows him."

Norris, who supported Roosevelt in 1932, expressed his views in a radio address. Of the convention's selection of Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, as Republican standard bearer, he said: "These eminent gentlemen behind the smoke-screen at Cleveland nominated a man for President whose greatest asset is that nobody knows him and nobody knows what he stands for."

"I does not necessarily follow from this that the nominee is not a good man. But it does mean if he will not take orders from the undisclosed bosses who made him, then these eminent gentlemen have been deceived."

REPUBLICANS NOMINATE LANDON AND KNOX

At the National Republican Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, last week, Alf M. Landon governor, of Kansas and Col. Frank Knox, a Chicago newspaper publisher, were nominated for president and vice-president respectively.

Landon was born in Venango county, this state.

SMITH-REARICK.

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Wednesday morning, 19th inst., at 11 o'clock, when Miss Florence Grace Rearick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Rearick, of Spring Mills, became the bride of Raymond Elwood Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam P. Smith, of Boalsburg. The ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. E. Sunday, of the Bethany Lutheran church at Montoursville. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Karl J. Ely, of Cogan Station. Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Smith left on a short tour through the New England States.

The bride is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College in the class of 1932. The groom attended the Williamsport Commercial College and for the past six years had been employed in the office of the Highway Department at Montoursville.

Upon their return the couple will reside at the home of the bride's parents where the groom is now employed.

COUNTY SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MET AT ZION

About fifty delegates from the different Sunday schools in the county attended the sixty-seventh convention of the Centre County Sabbath School Association held at Zion on Thursday and Friday of last week. Among the leading speakers were Dr. August Pohlman, of Philadelphia, formerly a missionary to Africa, and Miss Ione V. Sikes, director of children of the State Council of Christian Education.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Rev. Raymond L. Morris, president; Prof. J. F. Wetzel, vice-president; Miss Frances Holter, secretary; Willis Gelsinger, treasurer.

270 NON-RESIDENT EIGHTH GRADES PASS H. S. EXAMS

A total of 270 non-resident eighth grade pupils in Centre county passed the high school entrance examinations. Among the twenty pupils making the highest scores in these examinations, nine come from Mifflinburg and in this order: 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th, 14 th and 15th. The one scoring highest is Phyllis Sholl; 2nd, Anna A. Lesko, Rush township; 3rd, Wilbur Files, from the same district.

The Potter township pupils heretofore had their examination sheets passed on by the county superintendent, but this year, owing to the fact that Potter township and Centre Hall borough have formed a joint high school, supervising principal J. P. Wetzel is performing that duty, and as yet has not completed the work.

PENNSYLVANIA TO GET \$9,288,062 ROAD FUNDS

Pennsylvania will receive \$9,288,062 from the \$461,900,000 Hayden-Cartwright bill providing federal funds for road construction, Rep. Cartwright co-sponsor, announced.

Of this, \$5,348,062 is for regular federal aid highways; \$1,670,000 for farm to market roads, and \$2,270,000 for grade crossing elimination.

The state must match the funds for the first two types of work. The grade-crossing allotments will be direct grants.

FUTURE FARMERS TO MEET AT PENN STATE, JUNE 22-25

More than 1000 high school students of vocational agriculture will attend the seventh annual Future Farmers' Week at the Pennsylvania State College, June 22 to 25. State championships will be awarded in eleven contests, including judging of dairy cattle, livestock, poultry, corn and potatoes; tree and feed identification, farm mechanics, horsemanship, plant and insect control and public speaking.

NEW BLOOD ON PENN TWP. CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL FAC.

Prof. Ralph Neuman, of Snyder county, was recently appointed principal of the Penn Township Consolidated Schools at Coburn. Miss Geraldine Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ross, of Linden Hall, was also added to the staff. Miss Ross is a graduate of Lock Haven Teachers' College.

FARRINGTON ESCAPES PRISON

Charles A. Farrington, of Lamar, Clinton county, who for the fifth time was arrested on a charge of liquor violations, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and placed on probation for two years after pleading guilty to two indictments of transporting, concealing and possessing untaxed liquor in the federal court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Wednesday last. Judge Albert W. Johnson, of Lewisburg, pronounced the sentence.

All farmers who are operating farms in Centre county now have available the services of county committeemen and Asst. Agricultural Conservation Agent to assist them in preparing work sheets under the new National Agricultural Conservation Program, says the Centre County Agricultural Conservation Committee. Committeemen are now assisting in making out work sheets and are explaining to individual farmers the New Agricultural Conservation Program.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

In a 1788-mile high-gear run held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, recently, a Pontiac six averaged 25.9 miles per gallon of gas for the entire distance.

Edward Durst installed a 300-gallon capacity gas tank on a lot near his home, for private use. He operates several trucks in his paint-spraying business.

Miss Aimea Wuertner, of York was named superintendent of the Philipsburg State hospital. She was formerly employed in the State Welfare Department.

Miss Laura Runkle is having a warehouse, 17x14 feet in size, constructed to the rear of the Snook Meat Market. Harvey Mark is doing the carpenter work.

In the issue of the Centre Reporter date of Sept. 2, 1875, a six-line account of a game of baseball between the first nine of Centre Hall and a nine from Milroy resulted in a score of: Milroy, 64; Centre Hall, 25. The comment: "That's bad, boys."

The Centre County Association, in Philadelphia, will hold its thirty-third picnic on Fairmount Park, Saturday of this week. Look for the C. C. A. banner, at the rear of Belmont Mansion. The picnic is open to all Centre countyans and their friends.

On the Spicher farm, formerly the Boal farm, tenanted by Charles Miller, along the Old Fort-Boalsburg Pincho's highway, may be seen a most promising field of oats, with not a bad spot in it. Nowhere in this section will be found a large field of oats making a better showing at this time.

M. M. Bailey, of Centre Hall, who will enter the senior class at Penn State, next year, in the department of architecture, has been given employment in the offices of W. D. Shollenberger well known Williamsport architect, for the summer months.

On January 1st, 1935, in Centre county, 94.6 per cent of the farms reported there were on these farms at that time 181,550 chickens three months old and over, chickens raised in 1934 on the same farms, were 268,602, and eggs produced 1,061,053 dozens.

Paul Stover, of Rebersburg, was obliged to furnish bail for appearance following arrest on the charge of having passed a stop sign and later making a wrong turn in Lewisburg, and crashing into a parked car. Stover waived a hearing before Justice A. Paul Kline, Lewisburg.

Phillip Bradford is having his town residence, the former Weber home, repaired. The work is being done by M. T. Duck, who is using a hand brush. The structure was last painted a dark red, but the color now will be red over the brick on the first story and ivory on the second story, all wood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Spayd, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dutrow, and the latter couple's son Albert, on Thursday morning started on a motor trip to Philadelphia where they will visit friends, and on the return trip will go by the way of Bethlehem and Allentown. They returned home on Sunday.

Clyde Devoe of Port Matilda, the foreman of carpenters on the construction work of the addition to the high school building at Centre Hall, superintended the placing of the fabricated steel girders, during the latter part of last and beginning of this week. The girders have an approximate length of seventy feet.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Bitner, of Watsonstown, have received word from their son, Lieutenant Charles H. Bitner, of the Naval Medical Corps, U. S. N., that he has passed the Naval examinations for promotion to Lieutenant Commander. Lieut. Bitner's father was a former resident of Potter township and his friends will be glad to hear of his son's success.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Ehrhart and daughter, Miss Betty, on Thursday motored to Raleigh, N. C., where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mr. Fuller lived in Centre Hall during the construction of the Pottery Mills-State College concrete highway, having been employed by R. G. Lassiter Co.

R. T. Eisenbuth, of Coburn, has taken an option on the hotel and restaurant business of Andrew J. Crozier, at the Millheim Inn. Assuming the option is exercised, Mr. Crozier, who became the proprietor of the Inn in October, 1932, intends to remain with his prospective successor for several weeks, after which he plans to move to Lewisburg to stay with his son, Leonard.

One of the prettiest farm homes in all Penns Valley is that owned and occupied by Mrs. Mary Neff, located on the Old Fort-Boalsburg road, a short distance west of Old Fort. The buildings have been repaired and are in all respects in perfect repair. The spacious well-trimmed lawn, the rows of trees along the driveway leading from the highway to the buildings, all add to make the Neff home most attractive.