

# OBITUARY

### MRS. MYRTLE G. CRAIG

Mrs. Myrtle G. Craig, wife of James B. Craig, of near Julian, died at the family home there at 9:30 p. m. Thursday, September 14, 1944, after a five months' illness. She was a daughter of Joseph F. and Mary Kirk Metzler and was born in Hollidaysburg on November 29, 1879, making her age at time of death 64 years, 9 months and 15 days. Surviving are her husband; two sons, Filmore Craig, at home, and Earl, in the U. S. Army; and two brothers, James Metzler, of Unionville, and William Metzler, of Hollidaysburg. Deceased was a member of the United Brethren church of John. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the church, with the Rev. Harry J. Daniels of Port Matilda, officiating. Interment was made in the Julian cemetery.

A several years' illness. He had been residing with his sister for more than a year. Mr. Noll was a son of Emanuel and Tacie Eisenhauer Noll and was born at Milesburg on November 18, 1919, making his age at time of death 24 years, 9 months and 28 days. Surviving brothers and sisters are: Mrs. James Shuey and Fred Noll, both of Milesburg; Mrs. Walsh, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Harold Shaw, of Baltimore, Md.; Willard Noll, of Mogadore, Ohio; Miss May Noll Labb, of McKeesport, and Miss Carolyn Noll Margo, of Clinton, O. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noll, in Milesburg, with Rev. Howard E. Oakwood of Milesburg, officiating. Interment was made in the Traylor cemetery.

### MRS. ANNA ELIZABETH HEVERLY

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Heverly, former resident of Mt. Eagle, died suddenly at 7:30 a. m. Thursday, September 14, 1944, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Bryan, on South Spring street, Bellefonte. where she had made her home for the past four years. Mrs. Heverly had been in failing health for a year. A daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Fetzer, she was born at Runville on December 6, 1863, making her age at time of death 75 years, 9 months and 8 days. Her husband, Ellisworth Heverly, preceded her in death. Surviving are three children: M. T. Heverly, of Mt. Eagle; and Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Ray Dietz, both of Bellefonte; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Comley, of State College; two step-children, Stanley Heverly, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. George Miller, of Tyrone; eighteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Mt. Eagle Church of Christ. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Bryan home, with Rev. Harry C. Stenger, Jr., of the local Methodist church, officiating. Interment was made in the Advent cemetery.

### MRS. MARY JANE KANE

Funeral services were held at the Widdowson funeral home in Bellefonte last Tuesday for Mrs. Mary Jane Kane, wife of James Kane, of Blanchard street, Bellefonte, who died at the County Home here at 9:30 p. m. September 9, 1944. Mrs. Kane suffered a stroke on Labor Day and was admitted to the home the following day. A daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Hill Wian, she was born at Pleasant Gap on May 3, 1878. Surviving are her second husband, James Kane, and these children of a previous marriage: James McCulley, address unknown; John McCulley, Bellefonte; Edward, of Altoona, and Mary, at home. Also surviving are 29 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. C. E. Arnold, pastor of the Bellefonte Lutheran church, and interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

### WAYNE NOLL

Wayne Noll, of Milesburg, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Walsh at Pittsburgh, at 6:30 a. m. Saturday, September 16, 1944, after

### MARTHA

The farmers are all very busy sowing wheat. Some are all done. The rains we received last week came in time to give it a good start. Thelma Willis is employed at the Nittany Lion at State College. A. L. Mauger is on the sick list. We hope for his recovery soon. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Spackman are

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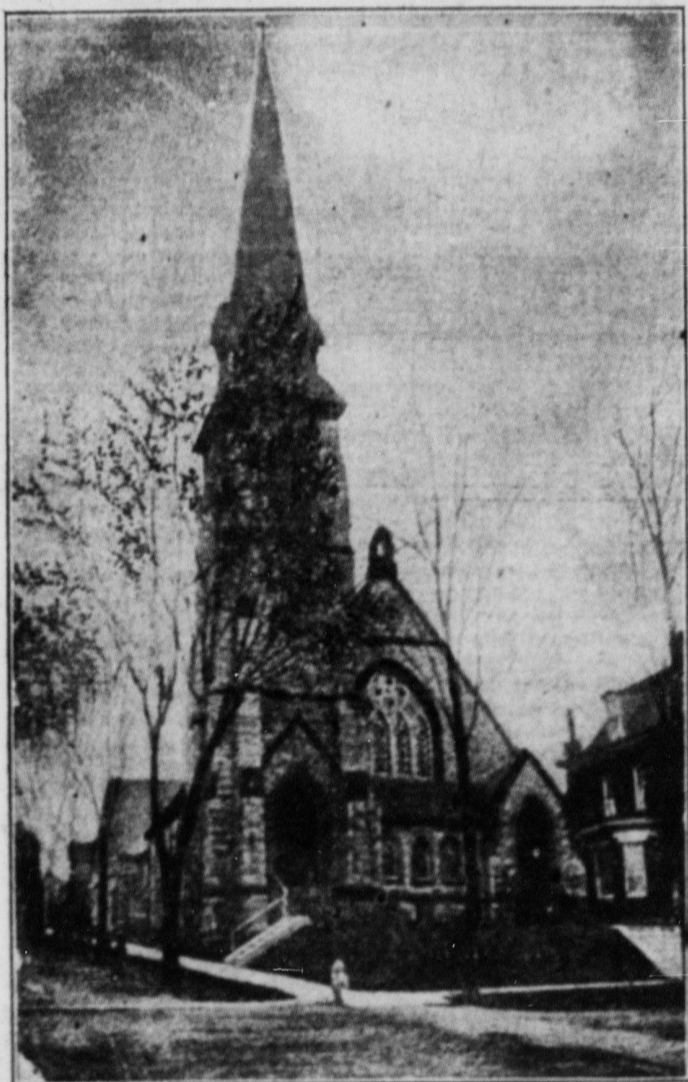
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## Reformed Church Here Is Over 100 Years Old

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church were held in the Court House and later in the United Brethren church. The site of the present church property was purchased on August 30, 1844, from John M. McCoy and James H. Linn, for \$334.35. The lot then was in Spring township and was described as being at the corner of Spring street and the Erie Turnpike (Linn street).

The Reformed and Lutheran congregations built a frame edifice on the tract, the building being erected about 1846 or 1847. In 1869 the congregations purchased an additional section of land to the rear of the original site and on this tract the parsonage now stands. In the front

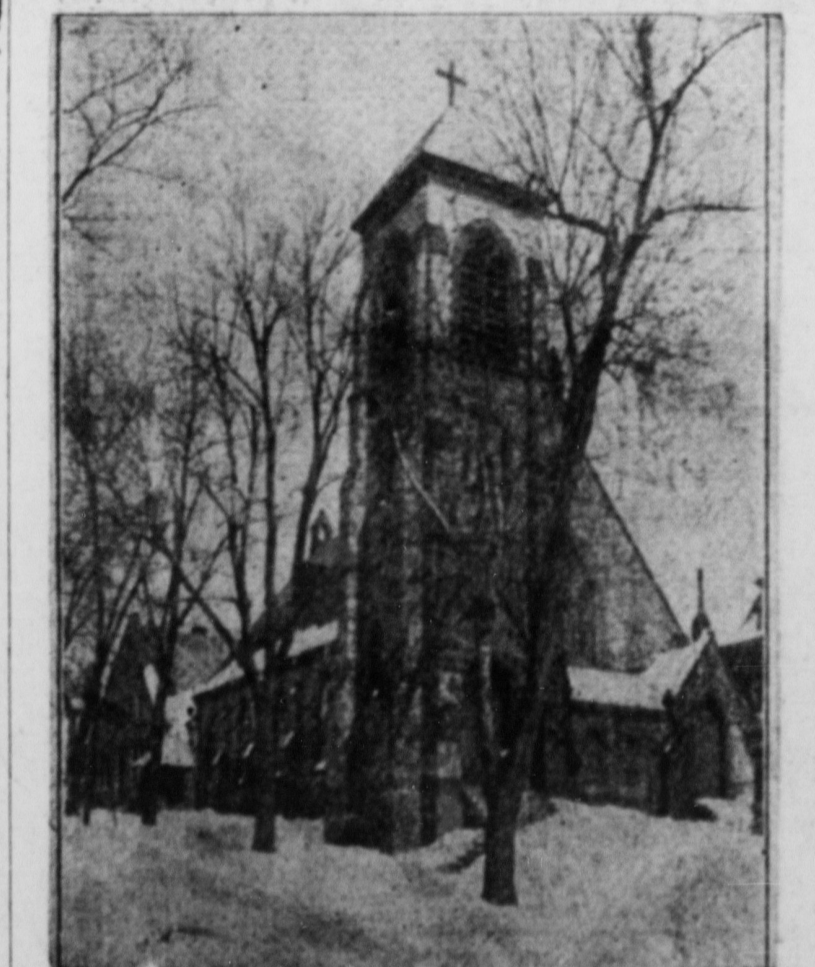


The Church Building, begun in 1880 and dedicated in 1883, as it appeared before removal of the steeple.

of the original church was a graveyard which in the course of time was removed.

The Lutherans and Reformeds worshipped in the frame building until 1869 when the Lutheran congregation made a "give or take" offer to the Reformeds, fixing the one-half price value of the property at from \$1750 to \$2200. To the surprise of the Lutherans the Reformed congregation decided to buy and the terms were accepted.

St. John's Reformed Sunday school was organized on July 11, 1869, with seven teachers and 30 scholars. John Hoffer was the first superintendent. All the other Sunday school officers



Church Edifice as it appears today with steeple removed.

scribed freely to the building fund, and a considerable number of townspeople who were not members of the church, contributed. Among the non-members, who aided were five men who gave \$200 each.

John Wetzel, contractor and builder, was a member of the congregation. He was held in high esteem and when bids were sought for the job everyone hoped he would submit an estimate. When Mr. Wetzel put in a bid the building committee accepted it, paying little attention to any others for they knew Mr. Wetzel and trusted him.

The building work began in the fall, with masons from Philadelphia being brought here to do the stone work. Cold weather set in and everything froze up so tight that work finally had to be given up. Labor and material prices increased the following spring and it was evident that the contractor was going to lose money. The building committee, knowing Mr. Wetzel could be trusted implicitly, proposed that he send all bills to the committee treasurer and he would pay them without regard to the contract. This was done and Rev. DeLong is quoted as having said that he had no doubt that if all the facts were known Mr. Wetzel was one of the heartiest contributors to the new church. The pastor said he was sure the contractor

never accepted anything for his own time and labor during the two years the building was under construction, and suspected that more than one bill was paid by Mr. Wetzel out of his own pocket, without mentioning the fact to the committee.

Rev. Stamm adds his own tribute to the builder of the church, as follows: "At this date, 1944, no greater or more durable monument exists to the integrity of the builder than this magnificent, straight and sturdy St. John's church." The building cost \$15,000, including frescoing, pews, pulpit, altar, windows, furnace, etc. The church was dedicated in the fall of 1883 by the Rev. Dr. Samuel O. Wagner of Allentown, preaching the sermon.

Two years later the parsonage was remodeled and when Rev. DeLong resigned in 1886 he left the congregation in a condition that compared favorably with any of the congregations in town.

In April, 1903, the consistory accepted an offer of Andrew Carnegie to provide the last \$750 toward a \$1500 pipe organ, and the church immediately set about to provide its portion of the fund. The new organ was dedicated in October of that year.

In 1905 Robert Cole, local architect, was commissioned to prepare plans for a chapel and the edifice



Center view of Present Sanctuary looking toward the altar.

was constructed at a cost of about \$6,500. Many members provided art windows and other equipment as memorials to loved ones. The organ and chapel were obtained during the pastorate of Rev. Ambrose Schmidt.

During the pastorate of Rev. Stamm, the congregation completed another addition to the church property, in the form of an assembly room, kitchen and social room in the basement of the church building. It was a large undertaking and the excavating and other back-breaking toll was done mostly by volunteers from members and friends of the congregation, working in their spare time. The cost of this project and other repairs made at the time was \$6,335.10.

Only two former ministers of the congregation are living at this time. They are: Rev. Robert Thoma, of York, and Rev. Ernest W. Moyer, chaplain in the U. S. Army.

### WINGATE

Mr. and Mrs. William Robb spent Sunday with the home folks after attending the sabbath school near Howard.

Mr. George Snyder spent the weekend with his family and returned to his work at Chambersburg. His aunt Mrs. Belle Kepler returned with Mrs. Snyder from Osceola Mills on Friday of last week after a visit with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes.

Dr. and Mrs. Carrier and son, and Mrs. Dorothy Ditty, of Rockview, made a pleasant call on Mrs. Maude Robb and her brother, Mr. John E. Brickley, on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Wilmer spent part of last week at Runville with her daughter and husband's family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kauffman, and also attended the third quarterly conference at the Evangelical church in Bellefonte on Thursday evening, and spent the time with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poorman, returning home Friday.

An anniversary dinner was held in honor of Mr. Irvin Lucas' 60th birthday at his home, and he was the recipient of many useful and beautiful gifts. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alexander and children, Janet, Don, Marty and Dick, Mrs. Philip Auman and children, Joan and Phil Lee, all of Bellefonte, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Swann and children Agnes and Bobby, of Pleasant Gap, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Shope, of State College; Mrs. Fred Summers and Ethel Hendershot, of Milesburg; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Lucas and daughter, Evelyn, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lucas and sons, James and John, and Sarah Ardale Ebers, all of Fairview; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McLaughlin, Oscar Summers, Mrs. Reuben Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Zack Summers and daughter, Mae, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Lucas, Mrs. Charles Baughman, all of Wingate. All returned home wishing Mr. Lucas many happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Strouse, of State College, visited at the McLaughlin home on Wednesday of last week.

### Finger Nails

Allow soap to accumulate under the finger nails, let it dry and then remove it. This prevents dirt from accumulating. Finger nails can be hardened by rubbing them with vaseline.

### HOLTS HOLLOW

Some of our willing workers turned out on Saturday and completed the cellar drain at the church and were entertained at dinner at the Orvig Watson home.

Donald Catherman, Leroy Kelley, of State College, attended church at this place on Sunday and were dinner guests at the Keeling home.

Mrs. George Magargel and daughter, of Pleasant Gap, and Mrs. Emma Watson were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Sholl and family in Moose Run.

Kenneth Watson who has been flying planes in Texas for the U. S. A., spent a few days with home folks at Milesburg, and attended church and greeted many friends at this place.

Jon Rhoads was a caller at the Orvig Watson home on Saturday.

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