

HEBREWS PREPARING FOR PASSOVER FEAST

Festival Is One of Most Historical in Jewish Church; Is Widely Observed

Hebrews throughout the world are making preparations for the observance of the Feast of the Passover, which begins March 29, at the evening service and closes on April 4.

Special services and sermons, and abstinence from leavened bread, mark the observance of the orthodox Jew.

In this city Rabbi Charles J. Freund will open the services in Ohev Shalom, Monday evening, March 29, at 6 o'clock.

Rabbi Freund will deliver an address on "Next Year in Jerusalem." The festival is begun with family services.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis has completed the following announcement in regard to the observance of the Feast of the Passover.

Seven Days' Festival "Passover (Pesach) is the seven days' festival observed by the Jew in the early Spring in commemoration of the Exodus from Egypt.

In ancient times it was the first of the three Pilgrim festivals, upon which every male Jew was required to present himself in person at the central sanctuary in Jerusalem.

Although the Passover has certain features in common with the universal Spring festival, it is its historical significance which gives it lasting vitality.

It is the great Independence Day of the Jew; the first event in his national history, an event which became fundamental in all his thinking.

As evidenced by the frequent reference to the great deliverance, "The festival is ushered in by a family service, called the Seder, at which certain symbolic ceremonials are observed.

Each participant—and he is privileged to sit at the table that night—is required to drink our cups of wine, in memory of the promises made by the Eternal to redeem Israel from bondage.

"In the fast, the unleavened bread (matzot), the shibboleth of a lamb (roasted on the coals), commemorative of the Paschal sacrifice, a roasting egg, a mixture of apples and nuts (Charoseth), the symbol of the mortar with which the Egyptians made bitter the lives" of the fathers, and bitter herbs (Maror), reminiscent of the unhappy days in Egypt.

"In song and story, that tale of the oppression and the deliverance is rehearsed. Psalms of thanksgiving (Hallel), strike the key-note of the happy occasion. The services, interrupted for the family dinner, closes with a number of merry folk-songs, expressive of the character of the celebration.

"During the week of the festival, unleavened bread is eaten instead of the usual leaven. In orthodox homes, great care is taken that all traces of leaven be removed before the beginning of the festival. Scents of dishes, otherwise unused, are provided.

"Services are held in the synagogues and sermons preached in keeping with the thoughts of the festival. Excerpts from, or in some cases, the whole of the book of The Song of Songs are read."

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WOMAN 75 YEARS OLD WILL BE BAPTIZED AT EIGHTY-FIFTH CELEBRATION

The eighty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the First Baptist Church will be observed by the congregation at services to-morrow morning and evening.

The pastor, the Rev. W. S. Booth, will give a complete history of the church at the morning service. In the evening he will speak on "Baptists and What They Believe."

At this service a woman 75 years old, will be baptized. The First Baptist was founded March 22, 1830, by eight members who met in Grace Methodist Church, then located on the present post office site.

In August, 1830, the members began holding services in North Front street, where the present Olmsted residence is located. The location at Second and Pine streets, where the church now stands, was not secured until 1849. The new church was completed in 1854.

Used as Hospital During the War the church was used as a hospital for wounded soldiers and prisoners. In 1859 Tabernacle Mission, now Tabernacle Church was started by the congregation of First Baptist in 1861 a Baptist mission was started in Steelton, and in 1898 the Market street mission was begun. Since then the Market Street Baptist Church has been organized.

The Rev. D. A. Nichols was the first pastor. The Rev. John T. Judd, had charge from 1878 to 1885. Following are the pastors from 1884 to the present year: The Revs. Isaac W. Bagley, A. Fleman Anderson, D. E. Lewis and W. S. Booth.

At present the membership of the church is more than 150, not including the members who were active in starting the three missions which were later organized as churches.

Smucker Will Conduct Holy Week Mission
Next Sunday, Dr. Clayton Albert Smucker, in the Stevens Memorial church, will begin his second annual course of Holy Week addresses. The Holy Week Mission Calendar follows:

Palm Sunday—The Day of Triumph, 10:30 and 7:30.
Monday—The Day of Authority.
Tuesday—The Day of Controversy.
Wednesday—The Day of Retirement.

Thursday—The Day of Fellowship, the Holy Communion will be administered.
Friday—The Day of Suffering, Easter Sunday—The Day of Resurrection, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Experts to Lecture at Telephone Convention
Announcement was made this morning by O. K. Kines, auditor of the Cumberland Valley Telephone Company, that among the speakers who will address the annual convention of the Independent Telephone Association of Eastern Pennsylvania in this city April 1 and 2 will be the following:

E. D. Schade, general manager of the Johnstown Telephone Company; W. H. Hay, service engineer of the Harrisburg and Allegheny Telephone Company; W. H. Wilson, Erie, general manager of the Erie Telephone Company; and E. E. Fisher, president of the Independent Telephone Association of America, with offices in Chicago.

"Ginger-up" Man Will Address Bible Class
H. L. Carl, known throughout religious circles in this city as the "Ginger-up Man" will begin a series of talks to members of the Men's Bible class of Derry Street United Brethren Church, Fifteenth and Derry streets, to-morrow afternoon.

Mr. Carl is one of the leading lay workers in the United Brethren Church, and he is in demand as a speaker throughout the city and neighboring towns. His efforts are being made by the membership committee of the church to have 350 men present to-morrow afternoon to greet him.

Catholics Will Pray For Peace on Passion Sunday
"Passion Sunday" tomorrow will be observed in all Catholic churches of the city by the offering of a special prayer prepared for the occasion by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV.

This prayer will be offered at the same hour in all Catholic churches of the city. At the service, the children of the parish will sing the Litany of the Saints, followed by song and benediction.

WILL SPEAK TO MEN ON LANCASTER VICE CRUSADE
The Men's Club of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be addressed Monday night by the Rev. C. G. Twombly, of Lancaster on "The Vice Crusade at Lancaster." The confirmation class will hold a session Tuesday night, and the Rev. H. B. Pulsifer will have charge of the services Wednesday night.

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

GOVERNOR USES THE VETO AGAIN

Three Bills Were Killed and Two Approved by the Executive Late Last Evening

USES TERSE LANGUAGE

Two Allegheny County Court Bills Among Those Which Receive the Approval

Governor Brumbaugh last night showed that he could veto bills as well as prune deficiencies, appropriation bills. He took his pen in hand and put three bills in the discarded list, approving three and a resolution for investigation of charges about charitable institutions. The latter was started because of attacks on institutions in Allegheny county.

One of the bills vetoed was the House bill providing that vessels entering the port of Philadelphia from American possessions in or on the Pacific should be required to employ pilots. The Governor holds "The statutes of the United States forbid the States from enacting any law authorizing the levying of pilot charges on licensed or enrolled coastwise seagoing vessels. This bill is in violation of these statutes."

Other vetoes were: House bill requiring county commissioners to provide quarters in county building for the official county association of physicians and surgeons on which the Governor says: "This bill, which is evidently intended solely for Allegheny county, is a usurpation of the rights of taxpayers of that county. It is mandatory and not permissive in its nature. * * *

This association has no official standing as far as the law of Pennsylvania is concerned. It is strictly a private association. Such a bill, in my judgment, is clearly in contravention of the Declaration of Rights and is a departure from Anglo-Saxon traditions of many generations. It gives the people no opportunity to decide whether they wish this done or not."

Senate bill requiring purchase money mortgages to be recorded within ten days in order to have priority of lien. On this the Governor after referring to the act of 1820 as having worked satisfactorily, says: "I do not deem it wise to make so radical a change unless there is some special beneficial reason therefor."

The bills signed are all Senate bills. Two of them give the Allegheny county court exclusive jurisdiction in juvenile cases and authorize information in desertion and non-support cases to be made directly to the court. The other validates deeds, mortgages and other instruments, respectively acknowledged by husband and wife prior to January 4, 1915.

TO SING CANTATA
The sacred cantata, "It is finished," will be sung tomorrow morning by the twenty voice choir of the St. Mark's Lutheran church of West Fairview. The soloists who will sing are Miss Mary E. Morgan, soprano; Miss Lillian Boughter, alto; Bernard Gladfeiter, tenor, and Harold E. Malsh, basso.

HILL MEN CANCEL SERVICE TO ATTEND MASS MEETING
The Allison Hill Men's Christian Association has cancelled its regular Sunday afternoon services tomorrow, in order to permit members to attend a local option rally to be held at Fourth and Reformed churches, Sixteenth and Market streets, at 3:30 P. M. Services will be resumed March 28.

HART WILL PREACH
The Rev. E. H. Hart, pastor of the Fifth Street Methodist church will return to-morrow from the Methodist conference at Shamokin, to have charge of services. In the morning he will speak on "What is Man."

MUSIC AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN
Morning—Prelude, "Adagio"; Shelleny; offertory, "Melody in A Flat"; Raff; anthem, "O Lord, Our Strength"; postlude, "Temple March"; Vincent.
Evening—Prelude, "Meditation"; Lefebvre; offertory, "Andantino"; Fletiz; anthem, "The Radiant Morn Hath Passed Away"; Woodward; postlude, "Allegro"; King.

GREEN STREET CHURCH PLANS ANNUAL PICNIC
Last Sunday the school decided to go to Hershey Park for their picnic outing. The picnic committee will make its report in a week.

The Ladies Aid Society will hold an oyster supper at the store-room at Third and Boas streets.

SOCIALIST LEAGUE
The Young People's Socialist League meets every Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at 124 1/2 North Sixth street, and all people between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited. A class of the Rand School, of New York, has been started and meets every Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

READING MINISTER HERE
Sermons at both services at Grace Methodist Church to-morrow will be preached by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Hackenberg, pastor of the Memorial Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross, Reading, owing to the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. J. H. Fox, who is at the Shamokin conference.

TO SING "HEAR MY PRAYER"
Mendelssohn's motet, "Hear My Prayer," will be sung by the choir at St. Steven's Episcopal Church at the vesper service to-morrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Next Sunday afternoon Maunder's penitential cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" will be sung.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN SERVICES
The Rev. H. W. A. Hanson, pastor of the Messiah Lutheran Church, will speak to-morrow evening on "Weighed and Found Wanting." On Palm Sunday he will speak on "Christ the King," and on Easter Sunday at the evening service on "Easter Meditations."

LADIES WILL CELEBRATE
The Ladies' Bible Class of the State Street United Brethren Church will hold anniversary services to-morrow morning with a special sermon by the pastor, the Rev. E. A. G. Bossler.

PRAYER SERVICE
Saturday evening prayer service of the Sixth Street United Brethren church will be held at the home of Rev. A. N. Ulrich, at Old Orchard near Paxtang.

TEACHERS' BILL BEFORE SENATORS

Important Retirement Measure Will Be Acted Upon by the Upper House on Monday

WILL AFFECT THIS CITY

It Is the Bill Drafted by the Teachers and Would Provide for a State System

Senator Tompkins' bill providing for the retirement of superannuated and incapacitated school teachers on a pension, is to come up in the Senate Monday night for final passage. It is certain to pass the upper branch. There may be some opposition in the House.

The proposed law creates a State board of retirement of five members, to be named by the State superintendent of public instruction. Two of the five members are to be women. One member of the board is to be a classroom teacher. Another must be a county or district superintendent and at least two members of the board shall not be school teachers.

When a man or woman has taught school for thirty years, at least twenty years of which including the last three years were spent in the schools of Pennsylvania, he or she may apply for a pension. The amount to be paid would be equal to one-sixth of the average monthly salary that the teacher received during the one hundred months taught, prior to the retirement. The minimum annual pension shall not exceed \$300. The minimum is fixed as \$256 per year.

Teachers, who become ill or permanently disabled would be eligible to receive a pension. The teacher would receive one-sixth of the average monthly salary during the last forty months preceding retirement, multiplied by the number of years the teacher has taught in the schools of the United States. The minimum compensation in such cases shall be no less than thirty per cent of the legal minimum salary nor more than \$700.

Former teachers who taught school for thirty years, can apply for a pension after June 1. They would receive one-half of the allowance to which he or she would otherwise be entitled.

Men and women are now teaching in the public schools and normal schools of the State are to contribute a portion of their monthly earnings to the fund each year until 1935. From then on the State will support the fund entirely. A teacher must reach the age of sixty years before being eligible for a pension.

During the period from 1915 to 1920, the teacher would be assessed four per cent of his or her salary in order to pay for the fund. Very few changes were made in the regulations as promulgated last year.

In addition to Colonel Patterson there were present: Lieutenant Colonel C. P. Hunt, Philadelphia, and S. W. Jefferis, Pittsburgh, who is on the division staff; Majors Blaine Aiken, second brigade; E. Claude Goddard, first brigade; Carlton C. Jones, third brigade; C. D. Rhoads, fourth brigade, and W. P. Clarke, of the inspector general's department, statistician of the State forces.

Rifle Practice Work Outlined by Board
Arrangements for the small arms practice of the National Guard were made here last night at a conference of inspectors with Adjutant General Stewart. Colonel Frank K. Patterson, chief inspector, presided, and Captain Kemper, U. S. A., attached to the National Guard, was present. The season will be from May 1 to October 31 at the outdoor ranges with gallery practice in order all year. Very few changes were made in the regulations as promulgated last year.

Industrial Lines File Their Statement
A statement indicating the basis upon which rates are to be published for stations on the Monongahela Connecting and Union railroads in Allegheny county and points on or via the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and other trunk lines were made was presented to the Public Service Commission today by W. T. Linn, representing the Baltimore and Ohio; George C. Wilson and A. B. Sheppard, representing the Monongahela Connecting and C. S. Reisterling and George C. Ogden of the Union. The basis also showed on what the tariffs had been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission. The statement was made that in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission being postponed by the Interstate, the Pennsylvania commission should also postpone the matter. Intimation was also given that the railroads might desire to correct some of the statements in tariffs, which are to become effective April 14 next. Formal petitions for postponement will be presented in case it is desired. The changes referred to will not affect the rates or service, but only relations between the two companies and the trunk lines.

JANE ADDAMS' SISTER DIES
Mrs. Alice Haldeman was officer of Western Bankers' Association.
Chicago, March 20.—Mrs. Alice Haldeman, of Girard, Kan., sister of Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, and one of the few women bankers in the United States, died here yesterday. Mrs. Haldeman was president of the Senate Bank of Girard and vice-president of the Western Bankers' Association.

SAVES FATHER FROM DEATH
Sunbury, Pa., March 20.—Angered by a red bandana handkerchief he carried, a big bull owned by James Miller, a farmer, attacked and knocked him down. Miller was being seriously gored and trampled upon when his 18-year-old daughter, Mrs. George Thomas, drove the bull away with a pitchfork.

STUDENT DIES IN TRENCH
Carlisle, Pa., March 20.—Arturo Schueg, who was graduated from Conaway Hall last June, died in a Flanders trench, according to a telegram received here by Dr. W. A. Hutchison, headmaster of Conaway.
Schueg, whose home was in Cuba, was preparing to enter Dickinson College when war was declared. Although a resident of Cuba, his father was a citizen of France. The call of patriotism took the boy to his home, whence he sailed for France and volunteered.

SPECIAL SERVICES
W. G. Hoover will lead the senior Lutheran League service at Memorial Lutheran Church to-morrow evening at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Blanche Fleisher will sing a solo.

MACLAY STREET CHURCH WILL OBSERVE PASSION WEEK
The Rev. F. J. M. Thomas, pastor of the Maclay Street Church of God, will conduct special services every evening during Passion Week. Special music will be the feature of the services. Following are the subjects on which he will speak:

Sunday, "The Triumphal Entry"; Monday, "The Carriage of the Fig Tree"; Tuesday, "The Rejection"; Wednesday, "The Conspiracy"; Thursday, "The Farewell Discourses"; Friday, "The Crucifixion"; Sunday morning, April 4, "The Resurrection" evening, "The Walk of Emmaus."

SERVICES FOR FANNY CROSBY.
Ridge Avenue Methodist Church services to-morrow night will be in charge of the Epworth League in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. J. H. Dimmock, who is at the Shamokin conference. The exercises will be in memory of Fanny Crosby, the writer of hymns, who died recently.

EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS
An every-member canvass of the congregation of the Redeemer Lutheran church will be conducted Sunday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock by a committee of men of the church. Special Holy Week services will be held every night next week by the pastor.

MOORE TO SPEAK
The Rev. E. J. Moore, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon League, will preach on "The Battle of the Hour," to-morrow evening at the Sixth Street United Brethren church.

BAPTIST RALLY
The Rev. H. K. Williams of Philadelphia will speak at the First Baptist church, Second and Pine street, next Tuesday night, when the Baptist young people of the city will hold a rally.

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