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Conference Notes.

The thirty-third annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference was held in Chambersburg during the latter part of the last week in March and the former part of the first week in April. This Conference is one of the largest in Methodism, and is composed of five districts, Altoona, Juniata, Danville, Williamsport, and Harrisburg, with a membership of about 300 ministers.

In the government of the M. E. church, the General Conference, which meets every four years—last year in Chicago—is the highest legislative and judicial body. This is composed of the bishops and of representatives from the annual conferences. The bishops is the highest rank of officers, and they are elected for life by the representatives at the General Conference. The bishops hold semi-annual sessions and the work for the ensuing six months is allotted. Among other duties of the bishops is that of appointing presiding elders, who are practically deputy-bishops—who superintend the work of a district. For example, the church at McConnellsburg, at Knobsville, and at Fort Littleton belongs to the Harrisburg district; and Burnt Cabins and Wells Valley, to the Juniata.

The presiding elder of the Harrisburg district is Rev. Ezra H. Yocum.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss presided at Chambersburg.

A young man desiring to enter the ministry of the M. E. church applies to the Annual Conference with a recommendation from the quarterly conference of the church of which he is a member. If accepted, he is received as a probationer, assigned work, and given a course of study. At the end of two years, if he passes the examination, and is elected by the conference, he becomes a member of the Conference. He now takes a second two years' course of study, and at the end of that time, if he passes the examination is made an "elder."

It is at Conference that changes are made in the location of ministers, if such change is thought desirable, either on the part of the minister or the bishop.

The whereabouts of the ministers best known to Fulton county people are as follows:

William Moses goes back to Thirteenth Street, Harrisburg; W. A. Carver goes from Stewartstown to Airville, York county; Bruce Hughes returns to Bethel and Trinity, York county; William H. Stevens, from Altoona to Duncannon; Nathan H. Schenck from Colorado to McConnellsburg; Henry M. Ash from McConnellsburg to Shrewsbury, York county; Henry F. Cares, from Rouzersville to York Springs; George M. Shimer from McKee's Gap, Blair co., to Center, Clearfield co.; John Vrooman returns to Glen Hope, Clearfield co.; John B. Durkee goes to Karthaus, Clearfield co.; A. L. Frank, from Hustontown, to McKee's Gap—takes George Shimer's place; George W. McClain, from Burnt Cabins to Munson, Clearfield co.; E. E. A. Deavor returns to Patton, Cambria co.; W. W. Reese goes back to Ramey, Clearfield co.; Joseph D. W. Deaver returns to Tyrone; E. M. Aller from Hopewell to Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon co.; R. H. Gilbert returns to Berwick, Columbia co.; Jacob H. Diebel returns to Bloomington, Luzerne co.; Alex. Lamberson goes back to Burnham, Mifflin co.; H. White Seifert goes from Harrisonville to Burnt Cabins; Harry K. Ash, from New Bloomfield to Ennisville, Huntingdon co.; L. D. Ott returns to Manor Hill, Huntingdon county; Charles H. Campbell returns to Rays Hill; P. F. Eyer from Harrisburg to Saxton; G. P. Sarvis returns to Thompsonstown; W. J. Sheaffer, back to Three Springs; Oliver S. Metzler returns to Emporium, Cameron county; Amos S. Baldwin returns to Lock Haven; Harry W. Newman from South Williamsport to Medix, Elk

county; "Bro." Hicks returns to Montandon and E. H. Wallace, back to Montoursville, Lycoming county. John L. Leilick was made superintendent of the Utah Mission.

Extracts from Dr. Yocum's reports of the Harrisburg District: One hundred and sixty-nine members died during the past year. An increase of 400 full members in the last twelve months. There has been enrolled 1000 probationers this year in the district. The amount of increase for missions is \$300. For church extension \$50. For Freedmen's Aid \$50. \$10,000 has been expended in improvements on churches and parsonages.

Needmore.

An old fashioned Easter storm paid us a visit last week. The snow remained on the mountains for a few days, while in the valleys it was all gone. With the sun shining brightly, an appearance of the snow capped mountains of volcanic origin was produced.

Four students were recommended for the examination in Belfast on Saturday, namely, Miss Anna Deshong, Unger Mellett, McCauley Peck and Howard Truax.

Mr. Luther Pittman, wife and little daughter, of Dayton, Ohio, visited Mr. Peter Culler's last week.

Master Ralph Truax took dinner with Mr. Emanuel Sharp on Sunday.

Miss Rhoda Lake of Thompson is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. Levi P. Morton was the guest of B. N. Palmer Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Garland's were visiting the family of Mr. Oliver Plesinger Sunday.

Uncle John Shafer is still sick. He improves very slowly.

Our genial merchant W. F. Hart has been quite ill.

Mr. David Evans has been adding to the conveniences of his property by getting a well drilled at his barn. Messrs. Strait and Martin, the contractors, drilled forty-five feet in one day.

Prof. B. N. Palmer is having a well drilled at the P. O. S. of A. hall for the convenience of his school this summer. Rumor says school will begin about the 29th.

Mr. J. C. Mellott lost a fine short horn cow last week. She became entangled in the chain while tied in the stable and broke her neck.

Our blacksmith, Mr. T. P. Garland, is going to embark in the mercantile business. He has bought the stock of Mr. A. Runyan and will move the goods to his residence on "Puffinberger Row." We have been informed that there will be another member in the firm.

Mr. Wesley McKee our bachelor friend decided to take advantage of the new bill introduced in the legislature, and take unto himself a wife. On Sunday last he invited quite a number of his friends, and he and Miss Susan Shives were united in marriage by Elder C. L. Funk in the Baptist church here. They have the best wishes of their many friends; your scribe, especially, extends congratulations.

It is reported that Mr. Milton Hill will move here from Clearfield.

Fulton County Boy Honored.

Hon. Harvey C. Carbaugh, a native of Ayr township, this county, was on March 26th appointed a Judge Advocate with the rank of Major. Judge Carbaugh accompanied his parents to the West when a young man and entered a competitive examination for the West Point cadetship. He won and graduated from the celebrated institution. Cadet Carbaugh also studied law and the honor recently bestowed upon him is a recognition of the indomitable will of a young American.

M. A. Reed was in town Tuesday.

Twenty-sixth Anniversary.

Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shoemaker, of Iowa Falls, Iowa, spent from Saturday until Tuesday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheets of this place. They came east at this time that they might be present at the Annual Conference held at Chambersburg; and, of course, to call on their many relatives in this section of the State.

Rev. Shoemaker is a son of the late David Shoemaker who for many years was a resident of McConnellsburg; and Mrs. Shoemaker was Miss Blanche Baldwin, a niece of Hon. George A. Smith. Both she and Mr. Shoemaker taught in the public schools of this county during the early seventies. Mrs. Shoemaker taught her first school at Saluvia; as some of the folks out there, perhaps, remember.

Mr. Shoemaker preached in the M. E. church in this place on Sunday evening. In his remarks of greeting to the congregation, he observed that, "Just twenty-six years ago, this evening, at about this hour—8 o'clock—Mrs. Shoemaker and I stood at this altar, and heard the minister say to us, 'I now pronounce you husband and wife.'"

"The romance of the occasion," said Mr. Shoemaker, "is still sufficiently interesting to us to make us both feel that it would be a great privilege to spend the twenty-sixth anniversary of that blessed occasion here, and to mingle our voices with those of our friends of a quarter of a century ago in praising God, and thanking Him for having dealt so graciously with us."

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker went from here to Altoona; and after spending a few days with relatives there, they will return home by way of Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

Whips Cove.

Many of our farmers have not begun their spring plowing owing to the wet weather.

Two good Sunday schools were put into operation in the Cove last Sunday—the lower one with six classes and upwards of forty scholars, and more to come. F. M. Diehl is the superintendent, and an excellent one he is too.

Rev. Troutman preached at the Upper church last Sunday evening. His next appointment is for the first Sunday evening in May.

The sick people in the Cove are all getting better.

Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Diehl, while suffering from a sudden attack of dizziness a few days ago, fell against the stove, receiving an ugly cut of two inches in length in her scalp. It bled profusely, and the family was much alarmed.

The schools in the cove will close on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Diehl were up the cove visiting last Sunday. Mrs. Diehl has been in poor health all winter.

After spending a year and a half in Thompson township, William Engle and family have returned to the Cove.

S. E. McKee and family spent Easter in the Cove; and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Winters, their's over at George F. Smith's. Mr. Smith and Mrs. Winters are cousins.

Clara Sharp expects to go over to her uncle "Bub's" at Needmore, as soon as Normal opens, and take music lessons.

Some more of our girls are talking of going to Clearfield.

Dr. Web McKibbin and Hiram Robinson were in the Cove last week.

Thompson.

Mr. John Hess is very ill. Elder Funk spent Sunday night with him.

Infant child of Reason and Dora Yonker died last Friday.

Luther Pittman and family left last Saturday for their home at Dayton, Ohio.

Samuel Rotz.

Another of Fulton county's oldest and best citizens has been called away from earth during the past week, in the person of Mr. Samuel Rotz, of Tod township.

Mr. Rotz was born near Mongul, Franklin county, January 19, 1816, and died April 3, 1901; hence his age was 85 years, 2 months and 14 days.

September 8, 1840, he was married to Miss Rebecca Hamsher of Franklin county, and the two were permitted to tread life's pathway together for more than sixty years, his wife surviving him.

In 1853 Mr. Rotz purchased the farm owned by the late John Booth of Tod township, and with his family moved thereto, remaining there until a few years ago, when he bought and moved to the home where he died.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rotz were born twelve children all of whom are living; and they all were at the funeral except John; and his family was represented by his son Harry.

The children are Jacob, David, Samuel, Nathaniel, Susan wife of O. B. Dunlap; Ida wife of David Hershey—all living in Tod township; Rebecca, wife of Henry W. Scott, of McConnellsburg; Kate, wife of John Etter, of Marjion; Ella, wife of Jacob Bricker, Chambersburg; Emma, wife of Abram G. Anderson, of Wells Valley, and John, of Harristown Ill.—one son having died in infancy.

Besides children he had 61 grand-children, 57 of whom are living and 17 great-grand-children 16 of whom are living.

For many years Mr. Rotz was a member of the United Brethren church, and lived a quiet Christian life. He was a most excellent neighbor and citizen, and was faithful and regular in attendance at church as long as health permitted. In his long life, he never was but once sick enough to need a doctor until his last illness; and then the doctor said he had no disease—but was simply worn out. After the funeral, the children returned to the old home, and at the supper table, the aged mother was permitted to sit in company with her ten sons and daughters.

Saluvia.

James Minick, is suffering from a dangerous attack of pneumonia. His condition is extremely critical at this writing.

The sale of the personal property of the late G. Frank Daniels deceased, Friday broke the record for attendance, and prices realized. The top price paid for the horses was \$101.50.

Harry Spangler, the popular merchant, and postmaster of Wells Tannery, bought a valuable work horse at the sale Friday.

David Sharpe, sold his driving horse, Friday.

George H. Hann, sold a horse on Friday.

James Horton, who is employed in Wells Valley, is spending a few days with his family at this place.

Ex-Sheriff Jere Mason of Hancock attended the Daniels' sale Friday.

Mrs. H. J. Mellott, disposed of their personal property, at public sale Saturday. She and children will leave this Thursday, for Ohio, where Mr. Mellott, is located. We wish them health and wealth in their new home.

Miss Edie Mellott closed a very successful term of school at this place Thursday.

Adam Vallance of Ohio, is visiting his brother W. A. Vallance. He will spend the summer in this vicinity.

Rev. Pittinger, did not arrive in time to fulfill his appointment on the Harrisonville circuit Sunday.

George W. Mellott, continues dangerously ill of kidney trouble.

Eli Hann, Sr., continues seriously ill.

W. R. Speer, is attending the meeting of the Presbytery at Shippensburg, this week.

From John H. Winters.

[We take the liberty of publishing the following from our old-time friend "Jack" Winters, a former well known resident of Whips Cove.—EDITOR.]

OLPE, KANSAS,

April 1, 1901.
Being All Fools Day, I thought you might like to have some news from "Sunny Kansas." It is snowing—commenced this morning, and is still snowing, but not freezing. The snow would be over three feet deep, but it has been melting all the time.

Tuesday.—The falling snow made it so dark yesterday, I had to quit writing. I will try to finish it now. This morning the snow is about ten inches deep.

We have been having quite lively times in Kansas since the beginning of 1901, with saloons and joints. There have many foreigners gotten into Kansas, and nearly all the German-Catholics go in to the saloon or joint business in violation of their oath of allegiance and the laws of the State. Officers of the law violated their oath in refusing to enforce the law of the State until Carrie Nation opened the ball with her little hatchet. We are trying to clean up Olpe. It has been for the past few years a place of drunkenness, and noise of firearms on Sunday, and the better class of citizens have borne with it until forbearance ceases to be a virtue; so we are going to try a clean-up—a little at all hazards. And that is not all the trouble; through the negligence and thirst for office the Protestants have let them get control of our schools and they are giving us Catholic teachers.

We highly appreciate your paper. We like to hear from the old Keystone and especially from old Fulton and of the times in the East. Just now my mind runs back to 1866 when the editor of the News was teaching our school in Whips Cove. There have been many changes since then.

Good-bye.

J. H. W.

Sheffer—Heikes.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Meley, Harrisburg, on last Thursday, the 4th inst., by Rev. Alexander Lamberon, of Burnham, Pa., Mr. Charles Edwin Sheffer and Miss Zipporah Jessica Heikes, were united in marriage. Miss Heikes is a daughter of Mr. Albert Heikes, of Great Falls, Montana, but for many years a well known business man of this place. Pora, who has had her home at Bethlehem, Pa., for some time, has hosts of friends among our best young people. Mr. Sheffer was formerly teller of the Dillsburg National bank which position he resigned six months ago to accept the position of cashier in the National bank at Mars, Pa., in which city Mr. and Mrs. Sheffer will reside in a house now in the course of erection for them.

Alumni C. V. S. N. S.

As all those know who are at all familiar with the Normal school at Shippensburg, the reunions of the old members of the two literary societies are much looked-forward to events in every spring term. But for several years, the anniversaries have failed of their purpose, and a change was thought necessary. This year, it has been decided by the Normal Society that, instead of having, as before, a paid entertainer and charging an admission fee, there will be a program having some variety. The program is to be rendered by alumni and present members of the societies. Invitations will be sent out and admission will be secured by presenting at the door a card enclosed in the invitation.

All alumni of the school who were members of the Normal Literary Society are most cordially invited to attend the twenty-eighth anniversary, which is to be held on the twenty-sixth of this month.

Joseph C. Lake.

Joseph C. Lake died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lizzie England in Friends Cove, last Saturday April 6, 1901, aged about 41 years, and was buried on Monday.

The deceased was the second son of James L. Lake of Belfast township. About fourteen years ago he and his older brother Wetzel went to the far west. Sometime thereafter Wetzel died and Joseph obtained employment with the National Portrait Company, and traveled extensively in their interests. He had his headquarters at Minneapolis a long time; and after that, in Manitoba. About two years ago, he made his first trip home, and spent several weeks among his old time friends and relatives. He was afterwards stationed at Harrisburg, and traveled through the eastern states during the summer of 1899. About the first of January, 1900, he found his health failing, and went to his sister's, before mentioned, and soon found himself the victim of consumption, from which he never recovered.

He was a genial gentleman, with a mind well stored with interesting information gathered from his wide experience with men and observation in travel.

He is survived by his father and brother Abner in this county and by two sisters, Mrs. England and Mrs. Diehl in Friends Cove.

New Grenada.

John Mills spent a day in Mount Union last week.

Jessie B. McClain was a business visitor to Huntingdon last Friday.

Snow fell to the depth of 21 inches on Broadtop, the last snow storm. Within two miles of New Grenada men were sledding.

S. A. McClain moved from his farm in Huntingdon county to his fathers farm near here.

The Robertsdale and Woodvale miners are out on a strike again. They are wanting more tonnage for top coal. It is not thought that they will get it.

One of our dyspeptic friends in his Easter experience informed his audience that he had eaten 32 eggs that day and that night did not sleep well. That's strange, too.

Quite a lot of suckers have been caught in the creeks this spring. One of our boys brought one to the top of the water that weighed four pounds.

Rev. W. J. Sheaffer's many friends are glad to learn that he has been returned to this charge for another year. Preaching next Sunday morning at Zion 10.30 a. m.

Laidig.

Ross King has gone to Kearney Bedford county to work during the Summer.

Eva Laidig has returned to Philadelphia where she has employment.

Samuel Strait of Harrisonville will work for J. E. Lyon this summer.

Maggie Strait of Harrisonville is employed at J. G. Lyon's.

Daisy Hoover spent a few days last week with her friend Lydia Mumma.

Fannie Brant of Hustontown is employed at C. M. Brant's.

Sunday School at Fairview began on Sunday with a fair attendance.

W. L. Stevens started for Somerset county Monday morning where he expects employment.

Thomas Heeter and daughter stopped at David Stevens Sunday on their way to Somerset county.

While hauling telegraph poles, one of C. M. Brant's horses got a wire nail in its foot which caused a great deal of pain. After the proper treatment, it is better.

James Foreman expects soon to begin a barn in Wells Valley for Joseph Bridonstine.

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hann were in town last Saturday.

John Gordon and his mother spent Monday in town.

Mr. W. M. Greer stopped in to see us while in town last Friday.

Mr. Emery Hessler was an early Monday morning caller at the News office.

Henry Truax and ex-commissioner W. L. Cunningham spent last Friday in town.

Mr. W. R. Speer of Saluvia is attending Presbytery at Shippensburg.

Mr. W. B. Stigers of Warfordsburg spent a few hours at McConnellsburg Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Foreman returned, this week, to Pennington, N. J., where she expects to spend the summer.

Miss Eloise Trout of Pittsburg came home to-day (Wednesday) to visit her mother Mrs. E. C. Trout.

Miss Belle Stouteagle returned to her home in this place last week after teaching a successful term of school in Franklin county.

Miss Ruth west of Wilson College spent a few days of her Easter vacation during the past week the guest of Miss Lois A. Caldwell.

W. H. Gunnells moved back from the Shaffner farm in Huntingdon county last week to his own in Dublin township. He was in town last Friday.

Mr. John J. Decker and son Roy were in town a few hours last Friday. Roy expected to go to Pittsburg Tuesday to spend the summer.

Mr. Jacob Clevenger after spending a few weeks visiting relatives and friends in this county, left for his home in Asheville, N. C., on Monday.

Miss Ethel Hays, who had been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hays in McConnellsburg, has again returned to Everett.

Mr. Elias Wink and daughter Miss Lizzie who had been in bad health a long time is, we are glad to note, growing stronger.

Dr. W. A. West and Elder W. S. Alexander of the Presbyterian church at this place are in attendance at the annual meeting of Carlisle Presbytery at Shippensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Covalt spent Monday night and Tuesday in McConnellsburg. Mrs. Covalt came along to see one of her girlhood chums Mrs. George Shoemaker.

Harry Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Irwin of this place, left last Friday to enter the Williams on school near Media, Pa., where he expects to complete, a course in electrical engineering.

J. G. Reisner of the firm of George W. Reiser & Co. of this place, left Monday morning for the eastern cities. A large lot of new goods may be expected to arrive at their store during the next ten days.

H. B. Trout has accepted a position with the Cascade Land Company in Montana, and will leave for great Falls on Saturday. Hal is a number one young man, and will prove a valuable acquisition to his employers.

Mrs. A. L. Erb, who has been residing in Chambersburg during the past year, has returned to this place and will again occupy her property on First Street. Her many friends here extend to her a hearty "welcome home."

Rev. Henry M. Ash and family left this place Tuesday for Mr. Ash's new field of labor at Shewsbury, York county. Their new home is in a thriving town of 3,000 people, on the Northern Central railroad; and while Mr. Ash will have four preaching points, the farthest is but four miles away, and the other three are in sight of the parsonage.