

METHODIST EPISCOPAL MINISTERS RECEIVE THEIR APPOINTMENTS FOR COMING YEAR

Rev. John F. Black Returns to Reynoldsville for Another Year of Work.

DUBOIS GETS THE NEXT CONFERENCE

Rev. John F. Black has been returned to the pastorate of the Reynoldsville Methodist Episcopal church for another year.

At the Erie annual conference of the church, which came to a close in Franklin yesterday, the following appointments of ministers were made for towns in this section of the state:

- District Superintendent, J. Bell Neff.
- Brookwayville, J. E. Iams.
- DuBois, First, D. A. Platt; Second, J. A. Galbraith; Mt. Zion, H. H. Barr.
- Ridgway, H. A. Ellis.
- Johnsonburg, G. W. Corry.
- Reynoldsville, J. F. Black.
- New Bethlehem, J. W. Blaisdell.
- Punxsutawney, Horace McKinney.
- Rimesburg, W. H. Fenton.
- Sykesville, L. H. Shindlerdecker.
- Summersville, J. A. Eines.
- Sligo, W. H. Robinson.
- Hazen, T. P. Palmer.
- Falls Creek, F. M. Redding.
- Beechtree, R. F. Howe.
- Big Run, C. J. Zetler.
- Clarion, S. S. Melgh.
- Brookville, Rev. J. I. Cornwell.

Of the former ministers in this district, Rev. W. E. Frampton, of Sykesville, goes to a charge in the northern part of the conference, Rev. C. W. Minor, of Punxsutawney, goes to Sharon, Rev. J. S. McDonald, of DuBois, becomes district superintendent of the Jamestown district.

Rev. J. H. Jelbart, who was at Brookwayville last year, has been appointed to the Chicono, Pa., charge.

The 1911 Erie conference will be held in the M. E. church at DuBois. This was decided at a session of the body Monday morning.

The re-appointment of Rev. J. F. Black to the Reynoldsville charge will meet with the approval of practically every member of the congregation. He is doing a great work here and his efforts are appreciated by the people.

The Epworth League will have charge of a reception to be tendered Rev. J. F. Black on Friday evening of this week, commencing at 8.15 o'clock. A program, as given below, will be rendered, after which light lunch will be served in the lecture room.

- Hymn..... Congregation
- Prayer.....
- Address of Welcome..... Rev. R. A. McKinley
- Response..... Pastor
- Music..... Choir
- Address..... Representative of Board of Stewards
- Address..... Representative of Board of Trustees
- Address..... Representative of Sunday School
- Music..... Choir
- Address..... Representative of Men's Bible Class
- Address..... Representative of Helping Hand Society
- Address..... Representative of Epworth League

A special invitation to all friends of Rev. Black, irrespective of church membership, to attend is extended by the League.

PROGRESS OF WEST SIDE SCHOOLS

The West Reynoldsville schools opened Tuesday morning of last week with an enrollment of about 150 students. The new principal, Prof. Frank Glenn, is giving excellent satisfaction, having shown himself in the first week of the term an organizer of ability and has systematized the work of the west side schools better than it has been done for several terms. The schools, while not over crowded, are full almost to capacity.

The Glory Program.

The Glory Program at the Old Baptist Church in Prescottville at 2.30 p. m. Sept. 18th, will be as follows: Song service, led by Prof. Smith; Bible reading by the Sunday school; "He's just the Same Jesus," sung by Prof. Smith; Bible talk by Dr. A. J. Meek; "Glory to His Name," beautiful scene—Calvary, come and see; solo by Prof. Smith. Everybody welcome. Bilp Opossum pins for boys and girls.

Burkhouse Reunion.

The fourth annual Burkhouse reunion will be held in the Brookville fair grounds on Saturday, September 24, 1910, to which all relatives and friends of the Burkhouse's are invited to be present and have a good old time basket picnic and also a good talk with all your friends.

COMMITTEE.
The Sharpless Tubular Separator is sold on easy payments. See the Reynolds Hardware Company.

MCGAW'S FIGHT TO EXPOSE FRAUD IS APPRECIATED

Court Decision Vindicated His Course and May Lead to Another Term in Office.

The recent decision of the Jefferson county court, granting a non-suit in the case of a Punxsutawney contractor against the county, the contractor asking payment for material not found in a bridge he constructed at Punxsutawney, may have far reaching political importance. It was a victory for the county commissioners and especially for the minority member of that board, E. T. McGaw, of Reynoldsville. It was McGaw who made the first strenuous protest against the payment of the bill in question and insisted on the investigation which disclosed errors in the contractor's claims.

Since the decision of the court, Mr. McGaw has been receiving commendation from many who before openly questioned the wisdom of his stand. It is now recognized that the presence on the board of commissioners of a man who subjects all matters involving the county financially to the most rigid scrutiny is valuable to the taxpayers of the county and there is a strong undercurrent noticeable in favor of breaking a bad precedent and retaining McGaw for a third term as county commissioner. Mr. McGaw has never stated his intention of again contesting for the Democratic nomination and the fact that he is voluntarily mentioned for the honor is a high compliment to the service he has rendered the county.

PENNSYLVANIA MAY CHANGE TRACKS

It is said that the Pennsylvania Railroad will shortly make a change in its tracks past the station in Reynoldsville. A piece of new main track will be built from the tannery to the station, and the main track in front of the freight and passenger stations will be placed on the opposite side of the road from the buildings. This will necessitate travelers on passenger trains crossing three other tracks in front of the station to reach the coaches, but it will be much more convenient for the trainmen. At present switching in the yard is practically stopped when the passenger train comes on the block. After the change is made it may proceed without interruption.

Eight Inch Peaches.

Charles Berkhouse, one of the prosperous Washington township farmers residing near Reynoldsville, brought to THE STAR office Friday three peaches grown on his farm which were of remarkable proportions. All were of about equal size and the one measured was fully eight inches in circumference. And we can bear witness to the fact that in flavor and quality they were equal to any peaches brought in from supposedly more favored regions. These peaches were the Alberta freestone and grew on very young trees. The success which has attended Mr. Berkhouse and others in their efforts to establish fine orchards should encourage all to pay more attention to fruit growing in Jefferson county.

Two Barns Burned.

A small barn belonging to Lena Dinger, near Main street bridge, burned to the ground last night at midnight, and a small building along side, recently built by an Italian merchant, was also destroyed. It is supposed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Won Scholarship Check.

Miss Mildred Sutter, of this place, was the fortunate winner of a scholarship contest conducted by a Bristol, West Virginia, college. The college offered scholarships to girls writing the best essays on certain much discussed phases of woman's rights in the modern political and business world and the essay of Miss Sutter was adjudged one of the best submitted. Miss Sutter has received a check for One Hundred dollars, which may be used as payment or partial payment of a scholarship in the college.

Enjoyable Surprise Party.

September 2nd a surprise party was given to Mrs. Orton F. Smith at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Stokes, that was extremely pleasant for the recipient of the party and all present. It was the 70th birthday of Mrs. Smith and the affair was planned as a complete surprise for her. A fine dinner was served to about thirty guests and the afternoon and evening was passed with games and amusements of various kinds and with music. The guests departed wishing Mrs. Smith a score more happy returns of her natal day.

A SHAMEFUL REVELATION OF CRIME AND LUST IN LOCAL JUSTICE'S COURT.

A shameful tale of desertion and crime was unfolded in Squire P. B. Love's court last week. A few months ago Henry F. Greenwalt, of West Reynoldsville, and Mrs. Bert Brown, of Wishaw, disappeared together. A detective was placed on their trail and located them in Indiana county. They were arrested on a warrant sworn out by Greenwalt's wife and brought back to Reynoldsville for a hearing. It was given before Squire P. B. Love last week and both Greenwalt and Mrs. Brown were bound over to court and taken to Brookville jail. Monday they were brought back to Reynoldsville for another hearing, and before it was concluded a compromise was arrived at whereby Greenwalt is allowed his freedom on condition of returning to live with his family and reforming his general conduct. The charges against Mrs. Brown were also withdrawn and she is now at her home in Wishaw.

Mrs. Brown abandoned five children when she left with Greenwalt. Two of these were twins but a few months old. Shortly after she left one of the twins died. Of the remaining children, the oldest was a girl of thirteen years. Upon the return of Mrs. Brown this girl sought her and accused her father, a man of fifty or sixty years, of having committed rape upon her. Improbable as the story seemed, the girl maintained her position and this week, when Mrs. Brown was given her freedom, she at once had a warrant issued for the arrest of Brown on this charge, and he was committed to Brookville jail to await the action of the court.

STUDENTS OFF TO MANY SCHOOLS

Seven young people from this place and Rathmel went to Clarion Monday morning to enter the State Normal, as follows: Misses Ruth Johnston, Elva Beatty, Helen Meek, Agnes Shannon, May Sterley and Helena Guthrie, and John Hughes the latter from Rathmel.

Miss Florence Atwater will leave this week for DuBois to enter the DuBois College of Business.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Elliott, went to Indiana, Pa., Monday to enter the State normal school at that place.

Misses Jane Smith and Aldine Reed will leave this morning for Kingston, Pa., to enter the Wyoming Seminary as students.

Miss Hazel McCreight went to Indiana last week to enter the State Normal school at that place.

Miss Lizzie David, of Rathmel, has gone to Clarion to attend the State normal.

NOLAN PARK CELEBRATION SUCCESS DESPITE WEATHER

The annual harvest home picnic and carnival at Nolan Park on the P. S. & C. R. R., this year was greatly marred by the wet weather as Thursday, which is always the big day, came in threatening rain, and a heavy rain fell just at noon, which greatly spoiled a good time for all that were there. There was a large crowd Thursday, considering the threatening weather, and no doubt this day would have seen the largest attendance since the opening of Nolan Park had the weather been good. There was a good sized crowd there on Friday, which was an ideal day, while the usual Wednesday and Saturday crowds were in attendance. The free attractions were given each day and were enjoyed by all who saw them, though it was impossible for them to work Thursday afternoon on account of the weather. Prof. R. L. Watts, of State College, was unable to give his talk on "Farming" on Thursday on account of the rain, but he got acquainted with a good many of the farmers and others who were there to hear him and he was very well pleased with his visit and the progressiveness of the farmers.

It was through no fault of the Nolan Park Association that the usual line of carnival shows and Indian band were not present as advertised. A binding contract was made with a large carnival company, who were thought to be reliable, but who canceled their engagement at the last minute, and while the Association spared no expense in their efforts to replace them, it was impossible to do so within the time allowed, and it is hoped the public will appreciate the circumstances.

It is hoped that the weather will be more favorable next year and also that the Association will not have the disappointments to contend with that was experienced this year in the line of shows, etc.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WILL WED AT NOON TO-DAY.

At noon to-day, Wednesday, September 14th, the marriage of Percy P. Parsons and Miss Lillian Harries will be solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Hoon, on Hill street. The ceremony will be performed by the father of the groom, Rev. J. A. Parsons, former pastor of the Reynoldsville Methodist Episcopal church, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties and of a few intimate friends. It will be the beautiful ring ceremony, Anna Julia Hoon the little niece of the bride, acting as ring bearer. Miss Mary Parsons, sister of the groom, will preside at the piano. The house has been tastefully decorated with ferns and fall roses for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a wedding dinner will be spread for the assembled guests and at 1.20 the bridal pair will go to the Pennsylvania station to take the passenger train for a trip to Philadelphia, and from there to Philadelphia, where they will reside.

The bride and groom are both well known to a wide circle of Reynoldsville friends, who are familiar with the commencement of their little romance while schoolmates together in the Reynoldsville high school, and they will carry with them the best wishes of hundreds of the local people. The groom is a graduate of the Reynoldsville high school, of the Allegheny College, and is now taking a medical course in the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. It will be three years before he completes his studies in that institution.

Those who will be present at the ceremonies to-day, beside Reynoldsville relatives are: Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Parsons, and daughter, Miss Mary, of New Castle, Garfield Harries, of Johnsonburg, and Mrs. Sarah Clawson and daughter, Miss Grace, of this place.

OLD GAS WELL IS AN ARTESIAN WELL

A few years ago A. A. Stewart, of New Bethlehem, drilled for gas at a point about half a mile west of the old salt works and failing to strike a flow sufficient to warrant piping away, plugged his well and abandoned it. A curious sight may now be seen there for twelve hours each day. A large quantity of water flows into the well, and the gas escapes somewhere below the water. The result is that at intervals of ten or twenty seconds a large volume of water is thrown up out of the six inch pipe in the well, resembling a geyser. It is said that the water is forced out only during the afternoon and evening.

TEMPERANCE RALLY IN BEECHWOODS

Wednesday, September 21st, a temperance rally will be held on the grounds of the Washington Township Memorial Association, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. and the Prohibitionists of that township. It will be both rally and basket picnic. On the program for the afternoon meeting are some very distinguished speakers, among them Hon. E. W. Chaffin, Prohibition candidate for president of the United States in 1908, and Rev. D. A. Platt, superintendent of the Clarion District of the Methodist Episcopal church.

L. C. B. A. Picnic.

The L. C. B. A. held a delightful picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August Baldauf, on Bradford street, Thursday afternoon and evening of last week. In the afternoon the feature of the picnic was a corn roast with all the accompanying delicacies and in the evening the time passed quickly away with games, music, singing and merriment of various kinds. The grove alongside the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Baldauf is a capital place for such an event.

Death of a Bright Little Boy.

Earl James Hetrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lin P. Hetrick, of Washington township, died Sunday, September 11th, 1910, as a result of dysentery and Bright's disease. The funeral was held yesterday at the home of the parents and burial was made in the Moore cemetery. Earl was born in Washington township November 25th, 1908, making him 1 year, 9 months and 18 days old at time of his death. He was a very bright child and his death caused deep grief to his parents and to all who knew him.

DRILLING FOR UNDER VEIN WILL SOON COMMENCE

Churn Drilling will be Followed By Work with Diamond Drill On Land Under Option.

A few weeks ago THE STAR announced that a test of the land near Reynoldsville for the purpose of ascertaining whether the lower vein of coal was worth mining would be made. Since that time contracts have been made with drillers and it is the expectation that the actual drilling will commence within the next three or four weeks. The first holes put down will be by churn drills and if the results are satisfactory, a diamond drill will be brought into the field and a careful test made in various locations. The land on which these tests will be made is all under option at the present time and a good showing of coal will result in very prompt action thereafter in its development.

SOCIALISM SPREADING IN THE TOWN

A Socialist address was given on Main street Friday night by a traveling woman agitator. Like most Socialist speakers, she was unsparing in her denunciation of present conditions, and paid especial attention to the situation of the older political parties. A large crowd listened to her, whether out of curiosity or through sympathy with the movement is difficult to tell. The Socialist movement is unquestionably growing in volume in Winslow township. Many voters who still vote the older tickets at local elections are outspoken in their support of the Socialist national movement. A prominent merchant of Rathmel recently gave it as his opinion that a large majority of the voters in that precinct were socialistic in their views. And the speaker herself was not a Socialist.

POPULAR SYKESVILLE GIRL MARRIED

Leonard Liganfield, of Scottsdale, and Miss Cora Smeal a popular young lady of Sykesville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Monday, September 12th, by the Rev. W. E. Frampton, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Sykesville. Rev. Frampton returned from Franklin, where he was attending conference, for the purpose of solemnizing these nuptials. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties, and of the staff of the Sykesville Post-Dispatch, the bride formerly being employed as a compositor in that office. After the ceremony a fine wedding breakfast was served, after which the couple, with a number of friends came to Reynoldsville on the trolley and took the Pennsylvania passenger train for a trip to Pittsburg and other points.

COUNCIL DEBATES MANY MATTERS

The town council meeting last Tuesday was uneventful. All members present but one. Tax Collector Copping reported receipts of \$37.80 during August. S. M. McCreight, in behalf of the Reynoldsville Light & Power Company, asked the council to take action towards renewing the contracts for street lighting. McCreight submitted interesting data concerning the wisdom of adopting the new Tungsten light, and stated that a Tungsten was now used on the electric light at corner of Jackson and Fourth streets. The matter was referred to the light committee, with orders to report at the next meeting. The clerk of council was instructed to notify the bondsmen of William Copping that all 1906 taxes must be paid within thirty days, or the collector would be authorized to bring suit without further delay. All current bills were ordered paid.

OPENER AT ADELPHI PLEASED PEOPLE

The regular theatrical season in the Adelphi Theatre was opened Wednesday evening last with a production of "Is Marriage a Failure," which pleased the large audience and was voted worthy of being the opening number. The cast of the company was excellent, and while their scenery, through error, went astray, its lack did not interfere materially with the success of the production.

J. Van Reed's condition is much improved this morning. His sons, Fred, of Boston, and Henry A. Reed, of Los Angeles, are now in Reynoldsville.

NEW GRADING FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

County Superintendent Jones Issues Explanatory Letter to Teachers and Patrons.

MEET IN REYNOLDSVILLE SATURDAY

I am glad to be able to announce that the Department of Public Instruction has prepared a course of study and manual of instruction for the elementary schools of the state. This will materially assist us in our school work. One of the great sources of waste in the past has been the fact that teachers have been at a loss to know what subject matter to use in the various grades. This new course of study makes this matter plain, and also gives much valuable instruction in methods and management. Districts now having a district course of study will continue to use same or adopt the state course, as the principal and school board may decide. In all other schools it is understood that the new course goes into effect at once, and it is the duty of the teacher to secure a copy of the same in the manner hereinafter named and use the same intelligently. All diploma examinations will be based on this course, and teachers will be examined to ascertain their knowledge of the matter and method presented in this manual. I will closely observe the use made of this course of study, and failure to properly grade the school and teach the matter set forth for the different grades will be considered a serious neglect of duty.

I have received notice from the Department that a copy of this course for each teacher has been shipped to me. I am very desirous of meeting the teachers to discuss the new course and its application and other pressing school problems; I am therefore calling two teachers' meetings, and will at this time give each teacher a copy of the course of study; several instructors will be procured for these occasions. Every teacher is expected to co-operate by being present at one of these meetings. One will be held at Reynoldsville Saturday, September 17th, and one at Brookville Saturday, September 24th; both meetings will begin promptly at 9.30 a. m. Teaching is the main business of teachers and you should not let something else keep you from attending one of these meetings.

The course of study must be wisely used: in order that we may intelligently discuss its use at our meetings, I am going to make a few preliminary suggestions.

Grading: The school must be intelligently graded; if they are not in the proper grade, they must tactfully be placed in the grade to which they belong.

Alternations: In a one-room school it is impossible to maintain separate classes for each grade in all the branches. In the past several grades have been combined in most branches. This is really what is done in alternation, but the combining is done with such system that the pupil passing through the school is given all the work of all the grades by grade; we have the regular union of two grades of pupils, both grades doing the work of one grade in one year, while the other year's work is entirely omitted for that year. The next year the work of the grade omitted the previous year is taken up and that done the previous year is omitted. It often happens that the classes in country schools are small; this makes it difficult to maintain interest; alternation will make the classes larger and more interesting. The following plan of alternation for the ungraded schools of this county is given: Seventh and eighth years' work, alternated in everything; fifth and sixth alternated in everything; third and fourth alternated in everything; first and second in part of the language and all of the hygiene. In each case the more advanced of the two grades that are to alternate is to be taken up this year and all even numbered years, then the other of the two alternating year's work is to be taught in the odd numbered years. Thus the work of the eighth grade will be taught to both seventh and eighth grade pupils this year, and next year both the eighth and seventh grade pupils will be given the work outlined, for the seventh grade. This matter will be fully threshed over at the teachers' meeting. I trust all teachers will be present to help with the threshing. I am,

Respectfully,
L. MAYNE JONES,
County Sup't.