

Hastings and Vicinity

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Rev. J. W. Skillington Observes Half-Century, Methodist Ministry

Rev. J. Walter Skillington, pastor of the Hastings Methodist Church, this month is observing his 50th year in the ministry. He is looking forward to "quite a few more years" before retiring. Actually, Rev. Skillington "retired" two years ago.

It was short-lived, however, for within a matter of weeks he accepted the post vacated in Hastings by Rev. Vance Clark, now an Army chaplain.

Rev. Skillington and well liked both as minister and resident of the Hastings community. Rev. Skillington will mark another anniversary this month—his 74th birthday on March 25.

"But, I don't feel old at all," he hastens to assure you.

"I have always been active, my health is good and I enjoy doing things that younger folks enjoy. I have lots of trouble thinking of myself as old."

Hastings residents can attest to the pastor's active nature. The pastor has a love for active sports.

Miss Gladys Baker Married Saturday To Harry Ferrance

A beautiful wedding took place on Saturday morning at 8:30 in the immaculate Conception Church, Barnesboro, when Miss Gladys Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Baker of Hastings, became the bride of Harry Ferrance, son of Mrs. Eva Ferrance of Barnesboro. Rev. Father Vladimir Kowal officiated at the double-ring ceremony and sang the Nuptial High Mass.

Attendants were Miss Kathryn Ledenberger of Hastings and Metro Ferrance, nephew of the bridegroom.

Given in marriage by her brother, Eugene, the bride was beautiful in a lace-trimmed gown of slipper satin with a sweeping train. Her lace edged veil of nylon illusion was secured by a seed pearl tiara and she carried a bride's mien topped by white gardenias and dainty ribbon cascade. Miss Ledenberger was attended in a bouffant gown of silk green net over taffeta. As a bridesmaid, she wore a wreath of tiny flowers and she carried a bouquet of yellow baby mums.

Following the ceremony a breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents. A wedding dinner was served at the Decker Hotel, Carrolltown.

The newlyweds later departed for Cleveland, Ohio, where they will reside. Mrs. Ferrance is a 1948 graduate of Hastings High School and has been employed in Cleveland for several years. Mr. Ferrance is also employed there.

Us Bowlers

Us Jerries shure wuz outunterned last week. Only two on our team. About wuz our Capt. who went to a wedding; Aggie, who wuz home mit an injured back accordin' to reports, an' Betty, who wuz in the hospital. Only Gallo an' Gerie, to hold the fort.

An' those Essies were present, five of them scoring 128 an' Rodee merely hittin' the jackpot wot jure totals piced up fer them. It seems Gerie had given Rodee sum sage advice which wuz minutely followed, resultin' in a beautiful 142. An' her 110 wuz en't to be sneezed at, neither.

Speakin' of completin, when Powerhouse an' Slim are matched (mother an' darter) the pins really fly. Us Jerries just don't have a chance to ketch up this season. Not when those Essies continue with the zipp an' zoom they've been showin'. Scores were:

ESSIES Won-3					
Gerie	128	126	83		
Aggie	128	97	102		
Norma	122	120	96		
Rodee	120	142	118		
Total	488	577	378		
JERRIES Won-2					
Aggie	50	50	50		
Gerie	50	50	50		
Betty	50	50	50		
Gerie	50	50	50		
Total	218	218	244		

THANKS!

The Hastings Volunteer Fire Company wishes to convey appreciation to the public in general for the cooperative response to the envelope drive conducted for the new fire truck benefit. People of the vicinity are to be commended for good-will and cooperation.

IMPORTANT MEETING

A meeting of the members of St. Bernard's Rosary Society will be held Sunday, March 21, at 2 p. m. in the basement community room of St. Bernard's Church. Members present will be considered a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the society.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mackey and Mrs. Annie Buck of Portage; Fred Buck of Carrolltown; Mr. and Mrs. Olen Roserford of Edinburg; and Mrs. Alma McGowan and Miss Stella Rosensteel of Johnstown were recent guests at the Guss home on Spangler Street.

Bob Routh of Berea, Ohio, was at his home here a few days last week.

Miss Barbara Wisner of Ridgeway was a week end guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Routh.

L. Camille Hoack, U. S. N. of Newport, R. I., is spending the week at her home on Fourth Avenue before reporting Monday to Blainville, Md., for a new tour of duty.

Mrs. Margaret E. Scott was last week admitted to Miners Hospital, Spangler, for tests and observation.

Fifty Years Ago

Prof. Henry Stull sold his residence on Spangler Street Tuesday to W. S. Streams, proprietor of the 5 & 10 Cent Store for \$750. Mr. Stull has been offered the position at Patton, and we understand he will move to that place shortly. Mr. Streams will live his family here from Indiana as soon as he can get possession of the house.

Harry McCoy is opening his new restaurant on Beaver Street in the building he recently purchased from A. W. Ganser.

A sufficient number of our workmen to make it go have organized what will be known as the Hastings Dancin' Club and are now negotiating for a dancing master to teach them. We hope for the organization's success.

Constable Miller was around town Tuesday night warning those who had slot machines in their places of business to remove the same or abide with the consequences. As a result the machines are either locked up or absent from the places.

Chief of Police Gill of Patton transacted business in town Saturday.

Dr. Rice was over at Patton Monday and assisted Dr. Van Wert of that place to remove a tumor from the right leg of John Cordell, the well-known hardware dealer of that town, and on late advice Dr. Rice leaves the patient in recovering rapidly.

Mrs. H. E. Williams is confined to her bed with rheumatism.

Ed Kinney of Houtzdale visited his uncle, C. M. Kinney, several days this week.

C. A. Roshon, expert watch-maker of Johnstown, has opened a first-class repair shop in the

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



McTigue, the barber next door to the furniture store.

Among those who paid their respects to this office during the week were Peter Hellrick, P. M. Kinney, E. J. Williams, David Walker, Harry Delozier, Herb and Walter Kibler, Madaya Yeager, Paul and Louis Hellrick, Joseph Easley, Ed Rhue Jr. and D. J. Houck.

H. J. Easley has taken an option on the Paul Fry property.

Perrell, the Patton photographer, has a new ad in this issue.

Herb Kibler and Amandaus Holz drove to Chest Springs and Altoona Sunday.

The Fifth Regimental N.G.P. Band, composed of 30 pieces, will play a concert at the Opera House March 17.

John Platt has moved his family to Barnesboro where he has quite a number of building contracts.

The babies in and around Hastings are working very poor at present and the indications are not at all flattering.

A. W. Ganser, our up-to-date dentist, moved into his new stand this week. He will be found several doors from his old place on Beaver Street.

This week R. B. Spangler is having his household goods moved to his new residence at Spangler and will shortly take up his abode in that town.

We are sorry to learn that Anthony Kline is not improving but is still in dangerous condition.

James Cominos and Sons have planted their ad in The News for a year. A good move in the right direction. Look it up.

Chicago Resident Says Work Is Slow

Wishing to subscribe for the Patton Union Press-Courier in order to receive Hastings News, we are in receipt of an interesting letter from a former Hastings resident now living in Chicago. Miss Hilma Fors writes in part:

"I suppose Hastings is having the same kind of weather that this 'Windy City' is having and I do mean really windy. Out here we can manage to get all kinds of weather in one day. As the saying goes, 'If you don't like the Chicago weather, wait five minutes and it will change.' True words. Work at all goes on but not as much as usual. A number of factories have been laying off their workers. So far I'm still working but one never knows what will happen."

Sixty Thousand Of State's People Are Known Alcoholics

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Harrisburg—To many it may seem small—and to others it may seem large—but the fact remains that there are in Pennsylvania today about 60,000 known alcoholics.

This figure was obtained by Pennsylvania News Service from the State Department of Health, which added these qualifying words: "these figures do not include the large number who are concealed by their families and of whom we never hear."

It is not considered any mere coincidence that during the past year in Pennsylvania the total dollar sales volume of liquor in State stores mushroomed to a record high of \$239,428,468.

Highest previous year in dollar sales volume was in 1946 when it amounted to \$274,300,382.

In contrast, Pennsylvania's "alcoholics rehabilitation" program under the guidance and supervision of the Department of Health has been allocated \$500,000 for the current biennium—or \$250,000 a year.

In the department's own words this is the program for getting the alcoholics rehabilitation program under way in Pennsylvania:

- Educate the public, especially young people, to accept the fact that alcoholism is a disease. This phase of the program is scheduled to be carried out through school talks, clubs, churches, professional and civic groups; radio and television; releases to the press and the general dissemination of literature.
- Hold educational institutes in different sections of the state to a fuller knowledge of the factors involved and to interest more of them in treating alcoholics with "proper techniques."
- Make available hospital beds in communities throughout Pennsylvania where alcoholics may receive short in-patient care for diagnosis and evaluation.
- Establish out-patient clinics where alcoholic cases may be diagnosed and rehabilitation planned. (Commented a department spokesman: "This approach will aid materially in determining just how much of the patient's problem lies in alcoholism, and how much in deeper emotional disorders and how restoration to normal, productive, happy living may be made a reality.")
- Meanwhile lets glance again at some statistics regarding liquor sales in Pennsylvania during the past year.

Sales in gallons in 1953 amounted to 20,000,000—an increase of 3.1 per cent over 1952.

Real Estate Men Are Optimistic

(By Pennsylvania News Service)

Harrisburg—Pennsylvania real estate men are taking an optimistic view of economic conditions and their outlook for the future.

A spokesman for the Pennsylvania Realtors Association told Pennsylvania News Service this week that the continued demand for homes in Pennsylvania will help thwart any recession trends in the state during the current year.

"Real estate and construction in all of its ramifications constitute the largest single industry in our entire economy, and it affects the well being of more persons than any other," he said.

The realtor's spokesman estimated that it was through building and real estate activity that the national economy overcame the depression, beginning back in the late thirties.

"We built our way out," the association declared, saying that "history shows that when a nation's building industry ceases to produce at a high rate as happened for example in France, its entire national economy withers."

The contention was made that demand for home ownership in Pennsylvania continues at "near peak levels," with the prospects for home financing more favorable now than they have been in more than a year. This is due in part, the association said, to the vast program to eliminate slums and urban blight.

"Freedom is important when you don't have it, it should be just as important when you do."

"A guest room is a place that is used up as attractively that visiting relatives stay too long."

"Kind words and kind deeds always return to the giver."

Looking ahead to his golden jubilee year, Rev. Skillington last April began a personal drive to obtain 50 new members—one for each year of his religious career—with the deadline this month.

"I'm pretty sure we're going to make it," he said. "We have 45 now."

When retirement does come, Rev. Skillington and his wife may decide to remain in Hastings although they have a home in Altoona.

"I love my people here," he said, "and we may just decide to stay."

The Hastings pastor was born March 23, 1880, in Breesewood, a son of Robert M. and Loretta (McLaughlin) Skillington. His father was a lay minister.

In 1904, at the age of 24, he took over his first charge, six churches in the Williamsport area.

A graduate of Williamsport Seminary and Dickenson College, he was taken into the Methodist Conference in 1908.

Two years later he was ordained a deacon and in 1912 was ordained as an elder.

In 1908 he married Lois Mickey of Oakville. Two children were born to the union—Robert M., an employe of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture in Westgrove and Margaret Lois, deceased.

Rev. Skillington's wife died in 1940. Some time later he married Mrs. Elizabeth Baird, formerly of Everett.

In 1932, following three years of service in Duncanville, Rev. Skillington retired—only to answer the Hastings call almost immediately.

The pastor will be feted by the Methodist Men at a dinner at 6 p. m. in this Thursday in the church. Principal speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Rutter, pastor of Grosvenor Avenue Methodist Church, Moxham, Johnstown.

Among guests will be Rev.

Hastings Native Elected Unit Head At Massachusetts

Featured in two recent issues of Shop News of Gardner, Mass., is a former Hastings resident, Michael Toth, Shop News is published monthly for its employes by the Heywood-Wakefield Co. One item follows.

"At a special meeting held recently officers were elected to lead the Foremen's Assn. in 1954. Michael Toth, foreman in the Car Boat Pressroom, succeeds George Wengria as president of the organization. After the meeting was adjourned the foremen were served a buffet lunch by the Kendall Catering Co."

Another item states: "The Foremen's Assn. is planning several meetings in the coming months that should prove of great interest to the membership. President Toth announced at the January meeting that a calendar

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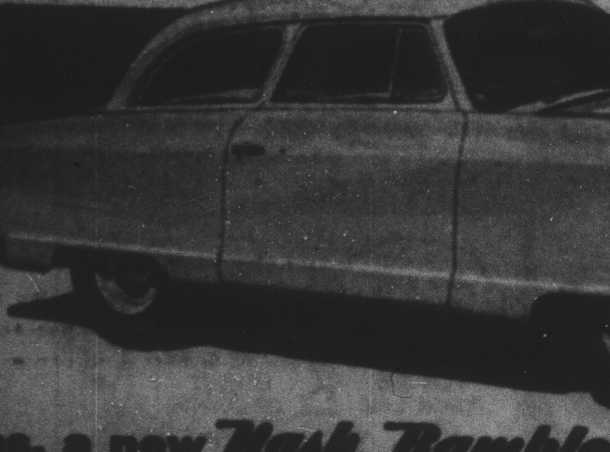
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