### Housing Program Transforms Free Methodist Camp Into Modern Town

Old Timers Recall Camp Meetings of '13 When Tents Surrounded Canvas Tabernacle

When the Free Methodist folk of the Wilkes-Barre District gather this summer for camp meeting in East Dallas, a few old-timers among them will recall the days long past when the faithful from this section pitched their patched old tents on the rustic grounds of Whipp's Grove, Dallas . . . that was back in the years before the first World War,

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Man Buried At Eaton

The funeral of Charles B. Rosen-

Death came to Mr. Rosengrant

Beside his daughter, Mrs. Kocher,

Interment was in the Brick

Any Pair of

when camp meeting meant all its name implies . . . a vast settlement of tents, tiny cooking fires flaring in the dust of evening Injuries Fatal To fitfully in the dusk of evening, C. B. Rosengrant horses stamping impatiently on the long picket lines, and nightly services in a huge old canvas taber-

A far cry from those rough and ready days is the summer meeting of these days, held in the pleasant and modern encampment at B. T. Roberts' Grove in East Dallas, along grant was held from the home of the Fernbrook-Center Moreland his daughter, Mrs. Eckley Kocher, highway. There the hundred or so Main St., Shavertown, last Wednes-Free Methodists who will attend the day afternoon at 2:30, with services . to be held this summer in charge of Rev. Russell May of from July 31 to August 10 . . . will Shavertown Methodist Church. be housed in the 25 neat frame cottages which have been built in the Monday, June 30, at 5 a. m. in past three years, or perhaps pitch Wilkes-Barre General Hospital their tents on stout wooden foun- where he had been a patient since the big, modern kitchen on the when he fell out of bed. grounds and served in a spacious held in a new wooden tabernacle.

All of this has grown from the there, moving to Shavertown to good work of Rev. A. G. Miller, who live with his daughter about fifteen was Elder of the Wilkes-Barre Districk back in 1913. Before he came the Eatonville Baptist Church, and into office, the Free Methodists attended services at Shavertown Tractors Clear Way from this section had to travel to Methodist Church where he served Thompson, N. Y.—main grounds of for a time as custodian. He obthe New York Conference—every summer for camp meeting, and niversary in May. while a surprisingly large number made the annual heigira, it was an inconvenient and expensive process. So Rev. Mr. Miller, in the summer of '13, arranged to have S. R. Pembleton, Buffalo, and sons, a district meeting in Whipp's Grove Walter S. Rosengrant, Cortez, Pa.; just outside of Dallas . . and it also 24 grandchildren and 18 greatwas so successful (on the first Sungrandchildren day of the ten days' encampment more than 2,000 thronged the grounds) that the district has had its own meeting ever since. and George Rosengrant.

The present grounds were chosen in 1922, and while many of the first Church Cemetery at Eatonville. meetings there retained the hardy flavor of earlier years, permanent under Rev. A. K. Lindsley of New York, Pennsylvania, Mary- bridges, including one to be con-Trucksville, present District Elder, land and Ohio, and will be devoted structed at its origin point in Dalduring whose term of service most to classes in theology, art, music, las, and will take an estimated

Twenty-one cottages have already subjects. four more are now nearing com-ulty, which will include Prof. E. A. contract.

As Rev. Mr. Lindsley puts it, a Free Methodist minister has to be a carpenter, brick layer, plasterer and plumber besides an ecclesiast in order to serve his people in the proper manner, and he himself has probably driven more nails put on the grounds than any of the other working brethren. When a reporter from The Post went out to see him, he was hard at work on one of the new developments, along with Rev. H. D. Olver, youthful pastor of the Trucksville F. M.

Besides the cottages, the district ministers have built a large frame tabernacle, a new dining hall and kitchen, and some years ago put up a two-story home for the caretaker of the grounds. Rev. Mr. Lindsley estimates that in materials alone some \$3,000 have been invested in improvements there since he took office as Elder.

The cottages stand in two semicircular rows in the rear of the tabernacle, which fronts on the Fernbrook-Center Moreland Road, and intermingled with them are a number of tent foundations which have stood for a decade or so and are still used by perhaps half the camp population. The dining hall and caretaker's home stand to the left of the tabernacle, and the grounds are surrounded on three sides by pleasant shade trees. During weekdays of the encampment about 100 persons live on the grounds, and over the two Sundays of the meeting as many as 2,000 have participated in the activities.

For the third time since the camp was erected the annual conference of the New York Conference will be held at East Dallas this summer. Beginning on July 23, the conveniton will last four days, during which at least 200 Free Methodist clergymen and lay delegates will

be quartered on the grounds. After the conference the grounds will be prepared for the camp meeting, which will begin on the 31st. Rev. Elmer McKay of Greenville, Illinois, will be the evangelist for the meeting, in which a number of visiting clergymen will participate, together with the following ministers from the Wilkes-Barre District: The Reverends A. K. Lindsley, M. Holcomb, L. R. Guier, L. A Smith, A. P. Reining, J. D. Howard, David Callen, L. H. Seifert, Herbert Oliver, Howard Deats, H. A. Frederick, Marjorie Sweppenheiser, R. W. Sweppenheiser, and Esther How-

A Youth Camp will be held at the grounds beginning August 25, with Rev. Herbert Olver of Trucksville as chairman. This activity promFighting For A Free Europe



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## years ago. He was a member of Trees Topple As Giant

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pattern, and few developed proptures will have to be removed to L. D. Rosengrant, Scranton, and make way for the road bed . . . the home of R. B. Shaver and four cottages at Harvey's Lake along Car-Byron Kocher, Levi Fassett, Harry Bennethum. and Julius Rosengrant, and Robert

Contract price for the highway, of the buildings now situated on literature, nature study and other 78,000 square yards of concrete. Central Penn has sublet none of the

County, are now at work on the Mr. and Mrs. John Lee highway, and Mr. Butler estimates that employment will average 75 Are Married 52 Years men, all of whom have already been

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