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Little Fruit Damage From Warm Weather

Belief that most fruit buds remained relatively dormant during the exceptionally warm weather of late January and that little or no damage resulted, was expressed by the State Department of Agriculture following Federal-State surveys of crop conditions the first of this month.

Temperatures averaged 10 degrees above normal for January, the report said. Freezing and thawing was moderate and ground was frost-free on most days. Frequent rains added greatly to soil moisture and reserves generally are now ample. Precipitation totaled about 4.40 inches or 1.25 above normal. The light snowfall during January melted quickly and provided little protection for winter grains and grasses.

Open weather favored outdoor work but soils often were too soft to permit spreading of lime or fertilizers. Plowing for spring crops is well advanced in some localities. Mild weather encouraged growth of vegetation. Fields of winter grain are unusually green for this time of year and some clover has started growth. Late planted wheat and barley have developed satisfactorily since fall but earlier stands tend to be too advanced for best results, the Department said.

Scouts Gather Waste Paper

Boy Scout Troop, 281 of Dallas has been holding a successful paper drive for the last month. Purpose of the drive is to get enough funds to send a representative, a deserving boy from the troop, to the National Encampment, which will be held at Valley Forge during the first few days of July.

The Scouts will make another collection Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Let's help them reach their goal.

Babson Discusses Insurance Stocks

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—should direct attention to the advantage of insurance company stocks. The cost of labor for the insurance industry is around 10% of the volume of business. This compares with a labor cost of from 40% to 50% in most industries. This gives a great advantage to fire insurance companies.

Any increased labor costs go into the expenses and are taken into consideration in the fixing of rates as well as in the payment of taxes. If drastic labor trouble should occur, this type of company, having a small investment in plant, can be moved to a new locality. But the percentage of labor cost is so small this is seldom necessary.

Selecting a Stock

I use the Home as an illustration because it is the largest in the United States in total admitted assets and in premiums written, although only the fourth in policyholders surplus. I happen to be a director and have great confidence in its President, Harold V. Smith. Also, there are other good companies such as Great American, American of Newark, Firemen's of Newark, Aetna, National Fire, Continental, Fidelity-Phenix, Insurance Company of North America, Springfield Fire & Marine.

If you are ultra-conservative, buy some stock in all ten companies. Then you should have the best possible combination of safety and income. Another suggestion is that you look at your insurance policies. If you find one of the above ten, then buy some stock in that company. If it is good enough for you to insure in, it should be good enough for you to invest in. The business of an insurance company is probably the most Christian of all businesses. It is based 100% on the principle that those who escape fire, accident and other troubles, all unite to help the one who has an unfortunate loss.

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DALLAS CHURCH NOTES

Fourteen members of our Youth Fellowship spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, Spring street, following the evening youth worship service at the church Sunday. Refreshments were served by the hostess and games were played. Plans for several major social activities are being planned by the group. David Kunkle is recreational chairman and Mrs. William MacQuilkin is recreational counselor. Those present were Jene DeRemer, Russell DeRemer, William Dettmore, David Evans, Beverly Hill, David Kunkle, Jerry Machell, Marilyn Moore, Elizabeth McQuilkin, Thomas Peirce, Frances Siley, Robert Stair, Virginia Wilson, Linda Hetrick, Mrs. William McQuilkin, Mr. and Mrs. David Evans.

Quarterly Conferences

The Fourth Quarterly Church Conference which was held in the church parlors on Tuesday evening was very well attended. The committee arranged for an unusually fine covered dish supper. Encouraging reports were made by L. W. LeGrand, superintendent of the Church School, R. L. Kuhnert, chairman of the Board of Education, Mrs. William Baker, Sr., president of the Women's Society, Charles James, Lay Leader, Mrs. William McQuilkin, M.Y.F. counselor, Sheldon Mosier, secretary of the Board of Trustees, Lawrence Updyke treasurer of current expense, Floyd Bogert, treasurer of benevolence, and by the minister. Reports showed a substantial balance in the treasury. Thirty-six adults have been received into the church with others to unite with the church on Palm Sunday. A total of \$2,935 has been raised on the Wyoming Conference Advance. Average attendance at church school has increased to 209. Special emphasis was made on the five year period closing with this conference year which marks the pastorate of the present pastor. During this time World Service giving has increased almost 100% and salaries have increased slightly over fifty per cent. Major improvements noted were installation of Bogan amplifying system and organ chimes, new lighting system for the sanctuary, new church roof, painting of parsonage and church exterior, painting of church sanctuary, installation of eighteen new windows, new pulpit, lecturn, bronze cross, altar vases, pulpit Bible and memorial picture. The Reverend Roswell W. Lyon, superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre District, presided.

The Reverend Robert T. Webster, Trucksville, was the guest preacher at the first in a series of midweek Lenten services on Wednesday night. The service was conducted

and sponsored by the Brace Bible Class.

Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer for Churches of the Back Mountain will be held in our Church on Friday (today) afternoon at two o'clock. This service is sponsored by the officers of the Women's Societies of this area. Ministers of Back Mountain churches will participate in the service. Every one is invited and urged to attend.

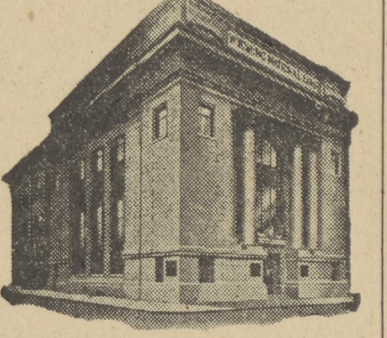
Members of the youth radio group will meet at the traffic circle at eight thirty Saturday morning and then go to station WBRE to make final preparation for their participation in the Youth Forum of the Air on the following Saturday.

Laymen's Sunday will be observed on Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. This service is in charge of Charles A. James, lay leader of our church. Raymond L. Kuhnert will conduct the worship service. Mr. James will bring the message. The pastoral prayer will be given by C. S. Hildebrand. This observance of laymen's Sunday, with laymen in charge of the entire service, is nation wide and is fast growing in popularity in the church generally.

Following the combined Worship Service of young people on Sunday evening, members of the Junior Fellowship will hold a social hour at the home of Sally Kear, Lake street. Members of the Church Membership Class are invited to this social hour. This is the last Sunday for admissions to this class.

The Franklin Bible Class will hold a covered dish luncheon at the parsonage on Wednesday noon. A fellowship hour and business session will follow. Mrs. James Franklin is president.

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News Of The Churches

Bible Cameos, a regular weekly broadcast sponsored by the Council of Churches, is heard over station WILK at 8:05 Thursday mornings. The minister is in charge of these broadcasts.

The Church Board of Missions will meet at the parsonage on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Mrs. John Roberts is chairman. Other members include, Mrs. J. C. Fleming, Mrs. Z. E. Garinger, Mrs. J. Wesley Himmler, Mrs. Edward Stair, Mrs. Raymond Kuhnert, Mrs. William 'Baker, and Mrs. Daniel A. Waters.

Prince Of Peace Auxiliary Meets

Ladies' Auxiliary of Prince of Peace Church met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. C. A. Woodruff of Pioneer avenue, Shavertown.

Mrs. Woodruff was assisted by Mesdames Frank Nelms, Marcus Ludt, and Calvin Hall.

Mrs. Stanley Frederick, Auxiliary president, presided. Mrs. Sheldon T. Evans, treasurer, reported.

Mrs. Calvin Hall was appointed chairman of the planning committee, and will appoint committee members later.

Mrs. H. Robert Weaver was named chairman of a committee on constitution and by-laws. Assisting Mrs. Weaver will be Mrs. Paul Goddard, Mrs. Donald C. Clark, Mrs. John Vernon, Mrs. Benjamin Edwards and Mrs. Alfred Gibbs.

Plans were made for a church supper at Shavertown Fire Hall Tuesday evening, March 7. Mrs. Donald C. Clark will be chairman. Later in March, a bake sale will be held under supervision of Mrs. John Sheehan.

The next regular meeting of the group will be held at the home of Mrs. Charles W. Lee, Country Club Road, Tuesday evening, March 21st. Hostesses will be, in addition to Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Alfred Gibbs, Mrs. Milford Shaver, Misses June Colwell and Louise Miller.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Alfred S. James, Betty Ransom, Calvin Hall, C. A. Woodruff, Stanley Frederick, Fred C. Schmitt, Lawrence Thompson, Edward Meneely, Donald J. Evans, Paul Goddard, Harold Flack, Frank Nelms, Floyd Chamberlain, Marcus F. Ludt, Charles W. Lee, Milford

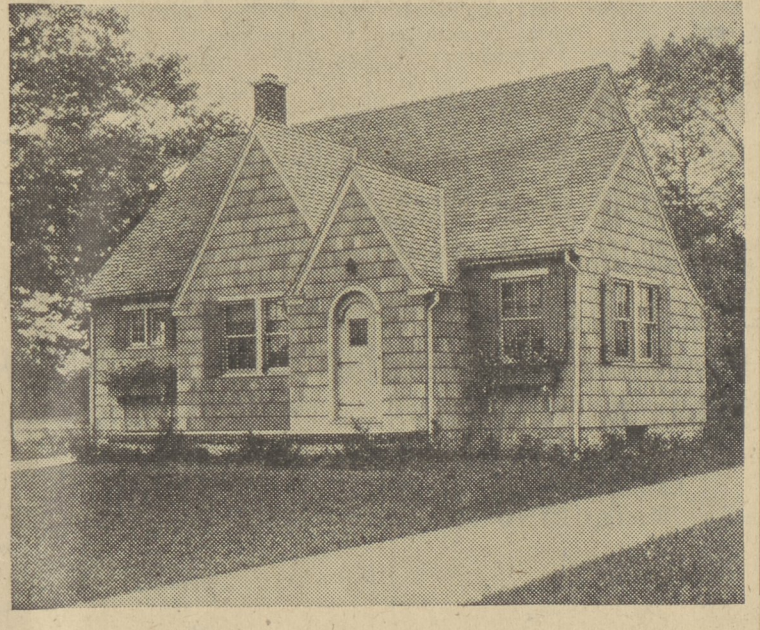
Lenten Speaker

B. Everett Lord, head of the department of Science at Wyoming Seminary, and interim pastor of our church in 1944-45, will be the guest preacher at the Midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday evening at seven thirty o'clock. This service is sponsored by the Durbin Sunday School Class. Mrs. Raymond Kuhnert will be in charge. Others participating in the Service: Mrs. Laverne Race, Mrs. James Huston, and Mrs. Harold Payne.

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Loyalville Church Supper

Ladies Aid of Loyalville Church will serve a ham supper and Lenten menu Wednesday evening, March 8 at Loyalville Church Hall. Serving will start at 5:30.

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