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Noxen

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mc Govern, Newtown, spent the week end with Edgar Engelman.
 Warren Montross, who has been a patient in the Bronx Hospital, N. Y. came home Friday. He will not return to the hospital until December.
 Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bean and son Mike spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kerns, Newtown.
 Mrs. Elvin Bean left Tuesday to spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellman, Olean, N. Y.
 Mr. and Mrs. Vane Race and son Roger, Wallingford, Conn., spent the weekend in this vicinity.
 Oscar Fish returned home Saturday after a three week stay in General Hospital.
 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Willis and Miss Helen, Powell were recent visitors at the Howard Engelmans.
 Mrs. Dorothy French has received word that her son-in-law, William Macintosh of Avenel, N. J., is in the hospital there due to a heart condition.
 Classmates of the Methodist Church will hold a mother-daughter meeting at the home of Mrs. Jacob Miner on Friday, May 17th.
 Bill May and Freddie Harding spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harding, Pittsburgh.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schenck returned Tuesday from several weeks visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. Myers and family at Sarasota, Fla. and Mrs. Warren Hanstine and family, Port Orange, Fla.
 Oscar Fish wishes to thank all those who remembered him with cards. While a patient in the General Hospital.
 Ralston Tiffany, Kingsley, was a dinner guest at the home of Elida Beahm, on Friday.
 Alan Keiper is sick with measles.
 Mrs. Carlton Cahill and family, W. Pittston, spent Thursday with the Fred Schencks.
 Mr. and Mrs. George Doble and children, W. Pittston, spent Sunday

Fernbrook

Sincere sympathy is extended to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tweedle, Jr., Fernbrook Corners, on the passing of Mr. Tweedle's father, Joseph Tweedle, Sr. of Wilkes-Barre; Mrs. Leona Wandell, Roushey Street on the death of her sister, Mrs. Bessie Shaw of Town Line; and to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Holmgren, Hemlock Street on the passing of Mrs. Holmgren's mother, Mrs. Rowe who resided with them but was visiting in New Jersey.
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shields and children, Joseph, Jr., 3, and Cindy Lee, 6, have arrived home after spending three years in Japan. They were airborne for 33 hours. After spending a thirty day furlough they will drive to North Dakota where Joe will continue his career in the Air Force.
 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Grey, Bayonne, New Jersey; Mrs. Nile Clark and daughter, Vivian, Beaumont and Mrs. Grace Shields were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Randall, Roushey Plot, on Saturday.
 Ron Moss, Ken and Ruth Higgins, George Wood, and Billy Martin, all of Fernbrook, and John Layaou, Ernie Culp and Bob Schooley, Dallas, all attended the Youth Retreat at Pinebrook, near Stroudsburg over the weekend, sponsored by Child Evangelism.
 Mary Ann Miller, Brooklyn and Mrs. Marion Lasecki, Naticoko, were Sunday guests.
 Dianne Blizzard spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Granda, Wilkes Barre.
 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patton, Allentown, spent the weekend with his parents, the Franklin Pattons.
 Wheeler Hess Sr. is slowly improving, following a heart attack. He is still a patient in the General Hospital.
 Mrs. Ross Williams and children, Shavertown and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bruce, Center Moreland, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hess, Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hopfer celebrated their thirty first wedding anniversary Sunday May 5th with a family dinner held at their home.
 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fish had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ray of Sunbury and Mr. and Mrs. Vane Race of Wallingford, Conn.
 Mrs. Harold Bennett attended the State Tournament of the Crown Imperial Bowling League, at Allentown, last weekend.
 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Engelman spent Sunday with Mrs. George Engelman, Williamsport.
 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ruff spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shilanski and family, Trenton, N. J.
 Mrs. Arlie Harvey spent the weekend in Harrisburg.
 Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Territo visited Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Territo, West Wyoming, Sunday.

Mt. Zion

In a simple little ceremony at the close of Mr. Reid's Sunday sermon four young people were installed as president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, popularly known as the MYF. They were Susan Lamber, Tom Marcy, Nancy Alling and Malcolm Harris. Chuck Johns, youth counselor, took part in the ceremony. "Simple" and "little" I called the ceremony. But many an executive of big corporations has had the beginning of his taking of responsibility in just such unobserved induction into office. That is the way they learn. These young people are capable, they know how to get along with other young people. Some day they will be working with more mature groups. Too little credit is given the programs of small churches for the part they play in developing leaders and wholesome-minded followers. Of Mt. Zion it can be said, (and of many other small communities) "You can start from here and go anywhere in the world."
LOSSES
 Two men are about to leave their tangency to me and go into far fields of service. Why do I say, "To me"? Because my work has been conditioned and benefited by the work and counsel of both these fine men, Dr. Alfred Kraft of Valley Crest and Charles Collins of the Division of Social Services of the Wyoming Valley Council of Churches. Under their direction it has been my privilege to work. It is my personal loss that they are going away. They are men of high ideals for the work they are doing. It seems impossible for their respective institutions to keep up with them. They are men of vision and personal abilities which few other men possess. The rest of us need such men to stretch our horizons and see the many things that ought to be done. My hope is that other men can be found to take the lead where they left off.
 Guests at the Mt. Zion church last Sunday were two people especially interested in our minister. We like our minister but I am safe in saying that these two guests at church think more highly of him and for a longer time than any of us. The guests were Rev. and Mrs. William Reid Sr! They have reason to be proud of their son, and son has reason to be proud of father and mother.
 Ruth and I drove over to Lanesboro Saturday to visit Ruth's invalid sister who was hurt in an automobile accident some years ago. The trip to Lanesboro is through what we have been seeing publicized lately as Pennsylvania Endless Mountains. We went through Forest City which was one of my parishes back when mining was beginning to collapse and at the time when the bank holiday was declared and things were falling apart in general. We returned another way, by the way of Great Bend, which was also one of my former parishes. And when I landed there back then a main industry there back then a main industry which many depended

closed down, (the railroad shops at Susquehanna) . . . Now at Great Bend we got on Interstate Route 81 and smoothed down the road at the 60 mile limit until we got to Clarks Summit, slowed down, got off and turned through more Endless Mountains to Falls and home. It would be a shame to get so used to Pennsylvania scenery that one failed to be thrilled by it.
 This week of publication I am spending with my brother in Binghamton, the birthplace of both of us. The occasion is Wyoming Annual Conference, and I have not missed an annual session since I began in 1919. The last time Conference met in Binghamton I spent with my brother and we both enjoyed the chance to visit together. It is an occasion to meet old friends among the ministers many laymen from former parishes, and to rejoice in the fresh faces of newcomers to the Conference. And to hear the world-travellers our Bishop Corson and the guest bishop Middleton. And to look over the long book tables and see if among all of them there is any book I want.
 The Conference this year meets in Tabernacle church on Main Street across the street from West Presbyterian Church which in childhood was my church. In those days the Presbyterians were stiff as starch, and the Methodists shouted like mad and were noisily happy.
 One time for some strange reason we didn't go to the Presbyterian Church but to this Tabernacle Methodist across the road. I was puzzled by the goings on. They said Amen every once in awhile all through the prayer. I figured each one put an end to what of the prayer he wanted by saying Amen. But the preacher kept right on praying with all those Amens pushing him on. Until the preacher himself finally said Amen.
 Funny about those Methodists, they don't shout Amen any more.
 And the Presbyterians, they aren't stiff as starch any more.
 Well, I'll be home on Saturday and preach in the West Pittston church on conference Sunday.

Rare Bird

Mrs. Joseph Bedner, Forty-Second Street, reports a red-headed woodpecker, a rare bird in these parts. The message was relayed by Frank Jackson, recently returned to Harveys Lake after spending the winter in Vestal, N. Y.

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