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MOUNT ZION

It was last week Wednesday that at Pastor Reid's request, I took charge of the funeral of Mrs. Andrew Patrick of Carverton. Because she was born in Washington Township up where flats down near Mehoopany are called Carney Flats (and she was known to me back when I was her pastor at Russell Hill as "Sue Carney") her funeral was held in Tunkhannock. From there I went on by way to Meshoppen, Lawton etc. to Vestal. I planned to come to the Endicott Methodist Church, the seat of Wyoming Conference, by way of the new McKinley Avenue Bridge but lost my way and went to Binghamton instead.

That was all right for I had an invitation from my brother Don to be his guest during Conference. He wrote, "Thinking about your visit reminded me we used to go to the station and meet a train when any of our relatives visited us. Times have changed!" In another sense times had not changed, for he seemed as glad to meet me at his door as I was to unload there and both of us enjoyed ourselves. Truth is, I staid with him some of the time instead of taking in all the Conference sessions. But that whole section of country has been so roaded and clover-leaved and exitted, right-laned and left-laned, urban-renewaled that my old home town is a strange section to me.

CONFERENCE ACTION

By this time all will know about the removal of our District Superintendent J. Rolland Crompton to the like position in the Binghamton District. Also the coming of the Rev. Roswell Lyon from the Sarah Jane Johnson church to the superintendency of Wilkes-Barre District. Dr. Lyon is no stranger to the Back Mountain, having been at one time pastor of the Shavertown Methodist Church and also a former superintendent of this district. I will welcome him at the same time I regretfully see Dr. Crompton leave our district for Binghamton. And the last I knew our own pastor is to remain with us.

At Conference I struck up an acquaintance with John Henninger of the Dallas church — about birds! And a conversation with our friends Mr. and Mrs. Zel Goeringer whom we have known for some time — and liked! There are some resemblances between a Methodist Conference and the Back Mountain Library Auction: the people we meet are often the same. Friendly folks.

ABOUT POETRY

One Back Mountain friend had wanted to know where certain much-quoted lines of poetry came from. Mrs. Hicks referred her to me as one who might know. (That's a dangerous thing to do!) It just happened that the lines about "Speak to Him, thou, for He hears" etc. are among favorite lines from Tennyson. In order to be sure, I looked up the poem in Tennyson titled "The Higher Pantheism" to write her about. In the course of leafing through my volume I ran across one of Tennyson's "Early Sonnets" which I don't remember ever seeing before — and wished it were familiar to me. So I have underlined the part which begins— "Mine be the strength of spirit, full and free, Like some broad river rushing down alone . . . — ". Think I'll try to memorize that.

TUFFY'S BIRTHDAY

Last Sunday was our dog Tuffy's fifth birthday. Along the road on his and Catherine's walk they ran across neighbor Howard Krum who recently had his third birthday. Catherine told Howard that this was Tuffy's birthday. "Did Tuffy have a birthday cake with candles on it?" "No," said Catherine, "Birthday cakes aren't good for Tuffys, just for little boys." (That reply was not Tuffy's idea at all!) Said Howard, "When I had a birthday my momie gave me a birthday cake with candles!"

EATING OUT

We did go out for dinner — and put some meat scraps into a waxed bag for Tuffy to have after dinner. We sat next table to a nice looking couple of the retirement time of life. We didn't know them. When they rose to go the gentleman turned to apologize for bumping Cathy's chair a bit, and then turned to me with, "Are you a minister?" (Must be that long faced look of mine!) I said I was. He asked if I were Baptist and I said I was Methodist. Then he asked where my church was. I said I was retired. Said he, "You don't look old enough for that!" To which I replied, "You know how to say just the nicest things. You must be Episcopalian". Both of them admitted it. We asked if they knew Rev. Weatherly. And the lady said she used to go to Grace Church. The man said he goes to Rev. Russell's church in West Pittston. She said, "You can tell Mr. Weatherly that you saw the lady who used to show him where to get apples on Sunday!" I'll have to ask Ralph about that.

VALLEY CREST

It did my soul good to hear my pastor, Rev. William Reid, give a paper at the opening of the Thursday morning session of the recent Methodist Conference. He was speaking on the theme, "The Christian Church and the State". He said in part: "We (Methodists) sometimes seem to think that we are here, not to serve the world with all of its legitimate needs, but, rather, to serve Methodists and the middle-class clientele who may perchance be attracted to our churches. We are not here just for ourselves and for those who are like us. Christ came to serve, not just Methodists or Protestants or Christians or good people, but all men, no matter how wretched they may seem; and we, ministering in His name, can do no less. Let us consider this example: Many of you are familiar with Valley Crest, the new and beautiful Luzerne County home for the indigent infirm. With all that it has to offer, one still hears it compared rather unfavorably at times with our own homes for the aged, particularly in relation to the atmosphere of the homes . . . And if, the atmosphere is not what it should be in places such as Valley Crest (although I am not sure that I agree with this charge), the Servant Church should also seek to minister to this need."

Fact is, we at Valley Crest both staff and guests make the atmosphere of the Home. We are together a cross-section of our county population. Some people inside and outside of the Home can swear like everything. Others who like a more refined atmosphere rebuke their fellows. Sometimes by saying, "Here comes the chaplain!"

While on the subject of Valley Crest I understand that our head painter, Gerald Broadt, ran for the nomination on the Republican ticket for Congressman — and won. I have liked "Jerry" not only for his superb painting skill in his work for the County but also for his interest in the patients. He spoke to me especially about one of the patients whom he knows and suggested something of her character and needs with which I could help. I appreciated that.

Valley Crest is worthy of the best skills available whether in painting or doctoring or floor cleaning or cooking or superintending. I am happy to be a part of the outfit.

LOCAL ITEMS

Report has it that Ann Bell is in the hospital. Also that Mrs. Ben Daniels was in. And that there are mumps around. And that Dick Lewis has sold out his cows and gone to Ohio. And that a pair of robins after raising a family of speckled children in the fir tree in front of our house have built a new nest (they or some other pair) on top of our porch post right near where Cathy comes and goes to her end-of-the-porch greenhouse. The robins get scared off all too easily.

And that our Tuffy was so glad to see me return from Conference last Saturday morning that if his vertebrae had not been well tied together he would have waggled all the bones loose! He waggled from his medula to his tail tip.

Sweet Valley

Bake Sale

Sweet Valley Ladies Auxiliary will hold a home made baked goods stand on Memorial Day at the school grounds. The stand will feature pie, cake, bread, rolls, candy, anything in the baked goods line. If you haven't been contacted and would like to donate goods, please bring them to the parade ground, the morning of the parade .

David Bronson, son of Mrs. Leroy Hess, Benton, and former resident of this area, will graduate from the Benton High School in June. David is son of the late George Bronson.

Mr. and Mrs. William George and Marsha spent a day last week in Johnson City visiting the former's sister and brothe-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pointek.

Mrs. Wilbur Shaw, Joleen and Gail spent the weekend at Snowshoe. Mr. Shaw is employed there.

Wins Vacation

Joleen Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Shaw, won a one week vacation at Melody Park, Dallas. Joleen is a member of the Good News Club and at a recent rally she brought the most guests. The rally was held at the Christian Church.

Mrs. Luther Hunter remains a patient at General Hospital.

Mrs. Vivian Woodling, Lake Silkworth, has been a patient at Nesbitt Hospital.

Weekend callers of Bess Klinetab were: Naomi Fenstimacher, Ida and Olwen Rosser, Kingston, and Mrs. Letha Spaulding, Shavertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Engleman, Pam and Cindy, Waverly, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Britt and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Britt on Sunday.

Sympathy of the community is extended to the family of the late Sarah Bonham who passed away on Saturday.

Baby Baptized

Russell Anthony Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Johnson, Jr., Washington, D.C., was baptized on Mother's Day evening at Shavertown Methodist Church by Rev. Robert DeWitt Yost.

Godparents were his great grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Moreck and his grandmother, Mrs. Russell Johnson, Sr., the latter also of Washington.

Trucksville

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rowley, Bethlehem, will arrive today to spend several days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Carle, Harris Hill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Husted, Hilton ,N. Y., will arrive Sunday to spend two weeks with her parents, Mr .and Mrs. Allen Grey, Carverton Road.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Kester and Mr. and Mrs. Nile Frenpter, Mehoopany, spent a recent weekend with Mrs. Neual Kester, Carverton Road. Mrs. Frenpter and Mrs. Kester are sisters.

Walter Phillips, Laurel Lane, attended a sales conference of his company, The Associated Springs Corporation, in Washington, D. C., over the weekend.

Constance Bailey

Constance Jean Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bailey, Post Road, was christened in St. Therese's Church, Shavertown on Sunday, May 15. A family party was held at the home following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bankes and family, Bunker Hiill, spent the weekend in Rochester, N. Y., where they were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bankes.

Wed Sixteen Years

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson, Edgewood Heights, celebrated their sixteenth wedding anniversary on Friday, May 13. Mrs. Thompson is the former Alice Shaver, Dallas. The couple has two children. Mr. Thompson is employed by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

Philip Waltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waltz, Highland Avenue, was confined to his home last week by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wells, Elm Terrace, who spent the winter in Florida, are expected home this week.

Harry DeWitt, S. Pioneer Avenue, is spending the week with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl DeWitt and family, Wilmington, Del.

Thomas Pugh, Guest

Thomas Pugh, Meadowcrest, was feted at a party on Sunday, May 15. The occasion marked his birthday. Mr. Pugh joined the U. S. Navy on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon L. Bond and family, Hillside Street, will move to Pottstown in the near future. They will be at their new home at 190 West Eighth Street in Pottstown after June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Piazza and family, Meadowcrest, have moved to Swoyersville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tasker, Philadelphia, spent Friday with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson, Edgewood Heights.

Mrs. Frank Mathers, Sr., Carverton Road, is convalescing at her home following an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dombroski and family, Wilkes-Barre, have moved to a home at 222 Terrace Avenue.

John H. Perkins, son of Dr and Mrs. C. G. Perkins, Harris Hill Road, received his doctor of medicine degree on Monday from the University of Pennsylvania at its 210th commencement exercises.

Elsie Conyngham, who suffered a broken hip in a fall at her home, is a patient in General Hospital. Elsie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conyngham, Chase Road.

Robert Summers, Cliffside Avenue, returned home Sunday from University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia where he was a patient two weeks.

SHAVERTOWN

Ted Poad's neighbors turned out to give him a majority for State Representative in his own community at the polls last Tuesday. Ted who spent no money in the campaign against three opponents says it is almost necessary to get elected.

Frank O'Connell came in second high due to the strong support of Ted Woolbert. In Trucksville, Vern Pritchard was piling up votes for Bob Moore, who also carried the Carverton area.

Only 570 citizens turned out here to vote in the primaries, a relatively small number. One familiar face was missing this time as Mrs. James Martin had given up her service as judge of election and Lauren Dymond was in charge of tallying the count.

A greater turnout is anticipated in the regular election in the fall.

A BIT MORE TIDY

With Decoration Day just around the corner, cemeteries are being mowed and cleaned up. With the grass cut, Evergreen won't present such a dilapidated sight but there is vast room for improvement. Action on the matter hinges on Slattery's willingness to meet with the plot owners.

THE BEST SMORGASBORD

Talk about a delicious meal. I heard only Tuesday morning that the WSCS of Trucksville Methodist Church was putting on a Smorgasbord Dinner election night so with a good excuse to skip the cooking for that evening after a busy day and a busier few hours to follow, Fred and I and my brother-in-law set out for what proved to be a sumptious repast. Everything you could desire was there for the taking at a most reasonable price. Mr. and Mrs. Budd Hirleman also attended with their son and they will bear me out that we never had a better meal anywhere. So next year if the ladies put it on again be sure to be on hand.

Mrs. Beatrice Williams was also present. Our congratulations go to her for her award for municipal service received recently.

HERE AND THERE

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Ernest Bell and Mrs. Marjorie Brobst and family in their recent bereavement. Mr. Bell was a devoted father and husband and so proud of his grandchildren. He and Mrs. Bell had been to see Bobby when he was stricken on the way home. The Bells were a most happy couple.

It is hard to believe that no one stopped for over an hour to assist Mrs. Bell after her husband was stricken. Fortunately he had been able to pull off the highway and she was able to step on the brake, releasing his foot from the accelerator.

Much time elapsed before she was able to get in touch with her daughter here and it was indeed a sorry experience for anyone to undergo. People are so concerned with their own affairs today that they have little time to ease the burdens of others.

Dr. Adelaide Weston, who spends her winters in Jamestown, N. Y., is looking forward to coming home for the summer months. It will be nice to have her back.

Spec. 5, Johnson Miers is now stationed at Aberdeen, Md., after several years duty in France.

Frank Wadas Jr., will return home this week at the close of classes at Mansfield State College to spend the summer here. His brother David completed studies at Wilkes College last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce, Jr., Harvey's Lake, have moved into his father's home on Pioneer Avenue. They will be valuable members of our community. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Sr., left Monday to make their home at Lauderdale by the Sea. The Pierces are extremely thrilled these days with the advent of their first grandson and great grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn will spend the holiday weekend at Kensington, Md., where they will be the guests of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Mangan and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Samson and children were weekend guests of her mother, Mrs. Emaret Franklin. The Samsons now live in Wellingboro, N. J.

Dorothy and Barbara Curtis came in from New Jersey this weekend to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis.

The Men's Chorus at St. Paul's made another fine appearance on Sunday morning under the direction of Gordon Wolverton.

Budd Hirleman is home for a month and enjoying that time with his family as a pleasant interlude from his ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Alden Wagner will move tomorrow to Willow Street, Pa. They will be missed.

Mrs. Joseph Laux, who was a recent patient at Wills Eye Hospital spent last week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al Piccoli and family at Cinnaminson, N. J.

Well, one of the animals has left our menage. Brenda Chimp went back on Sunday to her old mistress who desired her return for companionship. She will miss her familiar surroundings for a time but I am sure will adjust to her old home where she was treated like a little child and taught various interesting habits.

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