

THEIR GALA DAY

The Evangelical Church Services on Sunday, Were Something Unusual

On Christmas evening the United Evangelical Sunday School entertained one of the largest congregations in the history of the School, it being the annual Xmas service. Long before the time for opening people came from all directions and on all available space was taken while many were turned away. The children did all in their power to make it the best service in the history of the school and we believe they were successful. Much credit is due the various committees for the interest taken in trying to make the service a success. The decorations were beautiful. There was a distribution of gifts in which each member of the school was interested. The Pastor was presented with a purse containing a snug sum of money. The Organist was also remembered as well as the Superintendent. Many thanks kind friends for the collection which was taken for the missionary cause and was the largest in the history of the school. The following program was rendered:

- Singing.
Scripture Reading.
Prayer.
Opening Address by Frankie Funk.
Exercise, Babe of Bethlehem.
Singing.
Recitation, Children's Telegram, by Anna Myers.
Solo, Mary Funk.
Dialogue, How China Greeted the Christmas Star.
Singing.
Recitation, Christmas Eve, Mary Eshleman.
Duet, Rev. A. R. King and wife, Exercise, Little Joy Bringers, by a Class of Children.
Singing.
Solo, What I Want Santa to Bring, Agnew Markley.
Exercise, The Shepherds Drill, by Class.
Singing.
Dialogue, Old Miser Crispy.
Offering and Announcement.
Gifts.
Benediction.

Mt. Joy's Postmaster

From the Philadelphia Sunday Press.

The thriving borough of Mt. Joy is in a fever of excitement over the matter of finding a successor to the late Postmaster Frank G. Pennell. Mr. Pennell's daughter, who was his deputy, is now looking after the Government's interests there, but a permanent successor must be found. A number of candidates are seeking the office, but chances seem to favor Addison S. Flowers, one of town's political leaders, who for many years was a Councilman. He is a firm friend of Congressman Cassel, which is a favorable sign.

Harry H. Nissly is the Grand Army choice as the only soldier candidate. J. Fred Fenstermacher, County Committeeman and mercantile appraiser, also thinks he has a chance. Harvey Greenawalt, another candidate for the office, has been county committeeman, and would like to be considered. Another man out with a petition is Amos B. Root, once a school director.

A Merry Christmas.

Christmas is over! The day long looked for, and for which more preparations are made than for all the other holidays of the year combined. Nothing now remains of it but a memory but to most persons it is most pleasant, full of happy recollections. The day was a gloomy, cheerless one, so far as the weather went, with more or less rain throughout the day. But it could not suppress the joys of the day as was apparent by the happy faces of everybody. Christmas eve was celebrated in the usual way and crowds of "belsnickles" were on the streets in every imaginable costume, representing all sorts of characters.

Thrown From a Wagon.

Christian Charles a farmer living near the Bainbridge road, about two miles northwest of Maytown, was thrown from his wagon on Saturday afternoon and badly cut and bruised. The accident occurred when Mr. Charles was about half way from Maytown to his home, and was caused by the horse swerving suddenly to one side of the road. Mr. Charles was picked up and brought to the office of Dr. G. A. Harter, Maytown, where his injuries were given the proper attention. He was later taken to his home by Michael Hoffman.

First Skating Accidents.

John Shires was skating on Snyder's dam on Sunday and broke through the ice at "First Rock." He narrowly escaped drowning.

On Monday afternoon Geo. Ebersole broke in at Big Sandy and would have...

A Disastrous Error.

The dwelling house of John G. Engle who resides just west of Marietta, narrowly escaped being destroyed by fire at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning. At the hour named Samuel G., a son, entered a frame summer kitchen adjoining the house to fill his stable lantern. The latter was lighted and Samuel picked up what he supposed to be the coal oil can, but instead he had the gasoline can. The flame ignited the vapor and an explosion followed. In an instant the interior of the room was a mass of fire and the heat caused the coal oil can to explode which added new fuel to the flames. Samuel called for help to which the balance of the family responded. They had a hard fight before them but they succeeded in extinguishing the flames. The damage resulting from the fire will not exceed \$100. The members of the family had their hands and faces scorched and hair singed while fighting the flames.

"Kindness"—We Guess Not.

From the Star and News.
"The Postmaster Pennell picture which appeared in the Herald and Bulletin, last week, was furnished through the kindness of the Star and News."

Mr. Pennell died on Monday night and next morning the editor of the Star went to the late home of the deceased and gobbled up both cuts, presumably to choke off the Bulletin as well as the Herald, but this gag didn't work. We asked Frank Pennell jr. for the cut and he brought it to this office, so it was through this young man's kindness that we used that cut. After we were through with it the Herald made inquiry and through our "kindness" they used the cut. Now the truth of the matter is the Star would not have gotten the cut at all had it not been given them through the "kindness" of the Herald.

Conference to Meet at Elizabethtown.

The twenty-eighth annual Sunday School convention of the Lancaster Conference of the Lutheran Church was held in Christ church, Elizabethtown, on Tuesday. There were exercises in the morning, afternoon and evening. The conference comprises all the Lutheran churches in the Lutheran, Ministerium in Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin counties, and has an enrollment of over 11,000 scholars.

Mt. Joy Township's Primary.

The Republican Primary election of Mount Joy township will be held on January 16, 1904, between the hours of 3 and 7 p. m. One judge, inspector, reg. assessor, 2 supervisors, 2 school directors, 3 auditors, 2 justices of the peace and town clerk will be nominated. Persons desirous of being candidates should hand their names to either J. H. Meckley, Aaron Gible or E. F. Heiner not later than Jan. 8, 1904.

Two More Weddings.

Last Wednesday evening Rev. H. M. Miller united in marriage at the parsonage in Florin, Miss Bertha Nauman of that place and Harry Stelly of town. The newly wedded couple will reside in Florin.

At the home of the bride at Baertown, on Thursday at high noon, Rev. Miller of Florin, married Marie M. Whittaker of Baertown and Nelson P. Clark of Strasburg.

A Rare Treat.

All those that were to the Christmas entertainment in the Methodist church in Florin on Sunday evening were more than pleased with the excellent program which was so ably rendered. Messrs. Benjamin Haverstick, Wesley W. Wintemeyer and Max Nentwig furnished instrumental music. The choir consisted of about twenty-five voices and ably rendered the vocal end of the program.

District Teachers' Institute.

The teachers of Mount Joy township will hold their Institute on Saturday, January 2, 1904. The following program will be rendered: Discussion of Primary Reading. Mr. Manning, Miss Kuhns. Recitation, Miss Brandt. Busy work in a School. Miss Hoffman, Eshleman. Address, Harry Myers.

Heavier Railroad Cars.

The heavier railroad cars made are now being built for the P. & M. The weight of standard rail is...

HERE AND THERE.

Brief Items of All Sorts From This Section.

A marriage license was issued to Edward Hane and Daisy Stroh both of Rapho.

The Farmers' Creamery Company of Manheim has declared a 5 percent dividend.

Manheim hasn't an unimproved acre within its limits now, and the ones are unneeded.

A fox chase will be held at the Donegal Inn, Maytown, on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock.

C. M. Good, a Mt. Joy boy, has quit the stationery business at Ida Grove, Iowa, because of poor health.

Watchnight services will be held in the U. B. church at Elizabethtown by Rev. H. M. Miller, Thursday night.

W. L. Heisey has sold to the Rheems Canning company, a square of land along the pike for \$500, on which to build the canning factory.

Henry Shelly, of near Mount Joy when a lad of ten years, received a pocket knife as a reward for pulling some weeds. He has carried it ever since—a period of forty years.

Redmond Conyngham Esq., of Lancaster, has been appointed by Judge McPherson, of the U. S. Eastern District Court as referee in bankruptcy vice B. Frank Eshleman, deceased.

Last Sunday night thieves visited the premises of J. W. Heisey and Phares M. Charleston at Rheems. A number of turkeys were stolen at the former and a dozen chickens at the latter place.

Rev. J. C. Dengler, will be retired from the ministry on January 1. He has been in charge of a congregation in Philadelphia for many years past, and will in the future reside in Maytown.

Last Friday while Will L. of Rheems, was husking corn on a machine, he had his left arm and fingers badly lacerated and fractured. Dr. H. K. Blough was summoned and dressed the injuries.

Noah H. Martin of Washington, D. C., died Dec. 18. Mr. Martin was a native of this vicinity and left Millersville S. N. S. in 1861 as a soldier. After the war he secured a position in the war department which he held for a period of about 38 years.

Hermit Castle No. 60, K. G. E. of this place Monday night elected the following officers:

- N. C.—H. C. Schock.
V. C.—W. R. Heilig.
S. H.—R. Fellenbaum.
V. H.—J. H. Stoll.
H. P.—Dr. J. J. Newpher.
K. of Ex.—M. C. Bowman.
C. of Ex.—M. M. Brubaker.
M. of R.—C. H. Zeller.
Representative to Grand Castle—E. F. Heiner.
Trustee—H. L. Stager.

Representatives to Hall Association.—H. C. Schock, Jno. H. Stoll, and M. M. Leib.

During the last six months this Castle has not paid any sick benefits and during the year only \$20.

Next Monday night a candidate will be initiated, and a full attendance is requested.

Church of God Notes.
Rev. Chas. F. Reitzel baptized Harry Ressler at the 5 o'clock service Christmas morning. There were between 60 and 70 persons present.

The service Christmas evening was greeted by a crowded house. The usual treat was given to the Sunday School. Rev. Reitzel, the pastor, received from his large class now numbering 58, a nice gift in gold.

A missionary service will be held next Sunday evening to be addressed by Miss Lydia Forney, of Harrisburg.

Rev. Reitzel will address the Y. M. C. A. at Middletown next Sunday afternoon.

The Evangelists.
Messrs. Johnson and Hemminger, the evangelists, left Manheim Tuesday for Keyser, and will spend Christmas with their parents. Mr. Johnson is a member of the church at Keyser, and will open a school there on January 4, to open...