

## *Old Papers Recently Discovered Tell History of Buffalo Church*

**Ancient Document Recalls Days When the Pastor's Salary Was Paid in Grain, Bacon and Other Produce and Was Reckoned in Pounds, Shillings and Pence.**

1910

Buffalo, Oct. 24.—At the close of the services yesterday morning the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, pastor of the Buffalo Presbyterian church called the attention of the congregation to a number of old documents which have recently been unearthed and which go back to the earliest years of the history of the Buffalo church.

The first of these records were stipends or subscriptions to the salary of the Rev. Joseph Smith in the year 1782, and ten years following. This document was received by the Rev. Mr. Shrodes, who was pastor at Mt. Prospect several years ago. This old document was found in an old cupboard which he purchased from a descendant of the second treasurer of the Buffalo church who in later years moved to the Mt. Prospect region. All the accounts are in pounds, shillings and pence. A number of the persons paid their subscriptions in wheat, rye, etc. One man subscribed and paid seven pounds of ginseng, valued at one pound and one shilling. Another gave fifteen pounds of bacon and a peck of flaxseed; an-

other 12 yards of "linnon." In the year 1776 a pound of bacon was valued at 37 cents; flaxseed, 31 cents; oats, 50 cents a bushel; rye, 75; wheat, 90 cents; corn, 65 cents, and whiskey, 75 cents a gallon. A dollar at that time was worth about four present-day dollars, said the Rev. Mr. Hamilton.

Another document was the original agreement between Alexander Allison of the one part and William Smiley and John McClean of the second part, whereby Allison agreed to go as a hand on the flatboat to New Orleans, he to receive seven dollars per month and privilege of four hundred-weight on board the boat. This was the famous trip taken in 1793 by "Father" Smiley to New Orleans to sell a cargo of wheat given by the people of the congregation to pay the pastor's back salary. He was absent for nine months, sold his grain and walked back 2,000 miles, bringing with him the money. This famous old document which is valued so highly, was found among the papers of the late Anderson Caldwell.

# Death Calls W. W. Hunter, of Buffalo, One of the Best Known Men in the County

Native of County and Long  
Active in Public Affairs—  
Many Years an Ardent Tem-  
perance Advocate and Trustee  
of Plummer Temperance Fund

SERVED DURING CIVIL WAR  
—1920

Buffalo, Oct. 21.—William W. Hunter, aged 83 years, one of the most widely known and highly esteemed residents of Washington county died at his home here this morning at 11:30 o'clock. He had been in failing health for some time and his death was not unexpected. Funeral services will be held in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian church, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. G. W. Snodgrass, pastor, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. E. Slemmons, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Washington. The interment will be in the Upper Buffalo cemetery. Mr. Hunter, who was familiarly known here and throughout the county as Work Hunter, was a man of force and character and always a power for good in the community. Although incapacitated by the loss of an arm from active service as a soldier in the Civil war, he served for two years as an army teamster without pay, and was an honorary member of the G. A. R. He always took an active interest in political affairs, but steadfastly refused to accept public office. He was for years an ardent temperance advocate, and one of the joys of his life was to live to see the prohibition amendment written into the National Constitution. When the Jerome Plummer temperance fund was established in this county, Mr. Hunter was named as one of the original trustees, and served continuously until his death.

Mr. Hunter was born in Hopewell township, March 4, 1837 and was a son of William and Mariah J. Chambers Hunter. The Hunter family originally came from Ireland, where the grandparents, John and Jane Hunter were born, brought up and married. In 1800 they came to Washington county and settled on a farm near Buffalo Village. Shortly after their arrival here their son William, the father of W. W. Hunter, was born.

W. W. Hunter attended the public schools until he was 20 years of age, after which he taught school for four years. He assisted on the farm until he met with an accident in operating a threshing machine by which he lost his right arm in 1859. He then made preparations to study law in Washington but when the War of the Rebellion broke out and his friends were enlisting Mr. Hunter desired to be of service to his country, and entered the

ranks. While practically debarred from the service as the result of his losing his arm he succeeded in being accepted in the transportation department and entered as a teamster enduring much hardship and exposure. He remained in the army until March 12, 1863, when he returned to the farm. He served with the Ringgold Battalion and received no compensation. Two brothers, Joseph C. and Joshua J., served in the Ringgold and both died in the service.

On December 15, 1864, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth T. Smiley daughter of Caldwell and Nancy Tweed Smiley. They celebrated their golden wedding on December 15, 1914. Mrs. Hunter is a granddaughter of William Smiley who was killed while raising a barn on the Anderson farm now owned by Alexander Hamilton. The family was of Scotch Irish descent. William Smiley, the great grandfather of Mrs. Hunter was one of the pioneer settlers in Hopewell township. In 1800 the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian church of which he was a member found itself in financial straits and unable to pay its pastor. Mr. Smiley, then aged 60 years, volunteered to go south with a load of grain and raise the money. He floated down the Ohio to New Orleans and after an absence of nine months he returned with sufficient money to clear the church of debt. He walked the entire distance back and carried the gold in his belt. His people had given him up for dead as it was impossible for him to avoid the Indians upon such a perilous journey.

Since early manhood Mr. Hunter had shown considerable literary ability and had written largely for a number of papers and journals. In essay contests he won many prizes. In one contest he won with 75 contestants, representing 24 states. He won another contest, the prize being offered by the Clydesdale association the competition being open to the world. Mr. Hunter was the first breeder of

Clydesdale horses in this section of the country.

Mr. Hunter engaged in Sunday school missionary work and for some time was stationed at Fairmont, W. Va. While there he traveled over 15,000 miles, and visited 5,000 families. In 1897 he was licensed as a local evangelist by the Parkersburg Presbytery. He then engaged in evangelistic work in West Virginia, during which time he organized the First and Second Presbyterian churches in Wetzel county, W. Va. Owing to the illness of his wife he returned to this county and in 1901 purchased property in Buffalo Village, where he had since resided.

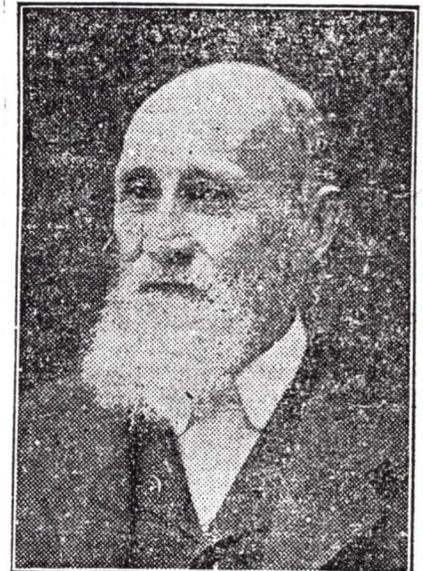
In the year 1870 Mr. Hunter was chosen elder in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian church. In 1891 he was commissioned to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States at Detroit and there induced the assembly to adopt a measure of economy in handling the financial affairs of the church.

Mr. Hunter had long been identified with many branches of philanthropic work but was most widely known as an apostle of temperance. Public confidence was reposed in Mr. Hunter, and he was often appointed as executor of wills and administrator of estates.

Besides his wife Mr. Hunter is survived by four sons, Dr. Joseph W. Hunter, a successful physician of Charleroi; John S. Hunter now located on the old home farm, two miles west of Buffalo; Clarence M. Hunter, of Monongahela City, and Howard T. Hunter, teller of the Washington Trust company.

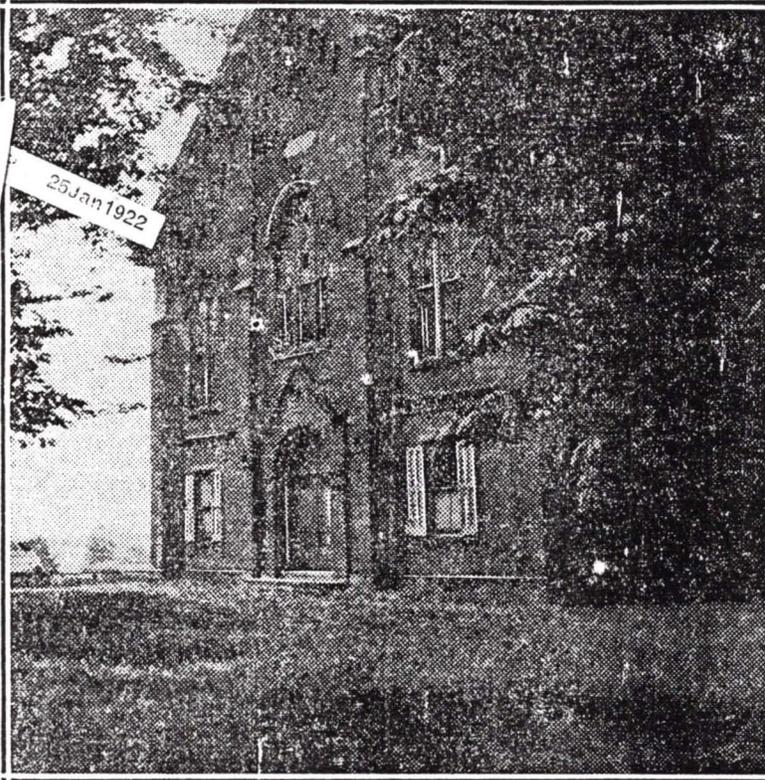
While Mr. Hunter had been in the public eye more or less all his life and had often been importuned to enter the political arena he always refused. However, he had held nearly every office in his township government. Twenty-five years ago he was urged to become a candidate for county commissioner and was assured

of the nomination but refused. When agriculture was made a department and the secretary made a cabinet office in 1889 Mr. Hunter wrote to Jerry Rusk asking that his department establish a medium of communication through which the department might learn the wants of the farmer and they learn more about the department. Mr. Rusk in his reply stated that he did not know how the department would be organized but he was sure no such department as spoken of by Mr. Hunter would be established. Mr. Hunter, not wishing to be connected in any way with the department that did not communicate with the people made no further reply. Things have changed, however, in that department.



W. W. HUNTER.

# Raccoon Presbyterian Church



The Raccoon Presbyterian church, Candor, was erected in 1872, one year after Rev. G. M. Kerr, D. D., who yesterday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his installation, assumed charge as pastor. It is the fourth building to be occupied by the congregation and supplanted the one erected in 1830. The building, which cost \$16,000, is a substantial brick structure and was dedicated free from debt on Thanksgiving Day, 1873. The church manse was erected in 1888.

## RACCOON CHURCH HONORS PASTOR'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congregation and Presbytery of  
Pittsburg Join in Celebrating  
Completion of Half Century of  
Service by Dr. G. M. Kerr.

IMMENSE CROWD IS  
PRESENT AT SERVICES

Interesting Addresses Feature  
Program As Church History is  
Recalled—Pastor Lauded for  
Long and Faithful Service.

RESIGNATION IS REFUSED

—1921

Candor, June 14.—On June 14, 1871, Greer McIlvaine Kerr, who had just been graduated from the Western Theological seminary, Pittsburg, was solemnly ordained as minister of the gospel, and formally installed as pastor of the Raccoon Presbyterian church, this place, by Pittsburg presbytery, at a meeting held in the church for that purpose. Today, June 14, 1921, fifty years to the day, the fiftieth anniversary of that event was jointly celebrated by the Pittsburg presbytery and the Raccoon congregation. The exercises, held in the church and on the church lawn, were attended by a large concourse of people, including practically the entire membership of the presbytery and congregation, and many former members of the church and friends of the pastor from all sections of the county.

An interesting program, prepared for the occasion by a committee of presbytery, consisting of Rev. J. V. Stevenson, chairman, Dr. G. M. Kerr, Rev. B. B. Harrison and Elders D. M. Russell and G. S. Campbell, was car-

ried out with one exception. Dr. Kerr had expected to terminate his active ministry with the completion of fifty years' service as pastor and accordingly presented his resignation as pastor at the services on Sunday to take effect today. The congregation refused to accede in his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relationship and accordingly that matter was not presented to the presbytery at its session today for its sanction. He will continue to serve the congregation as pastor for some time to come at least.

### Presbytery Joins in Celebration.

Pittsburg presbytery met here today in regular session at 10 o'clock. After an hour's business session, the anniversary exercises were taken up, Rev. Dr. Percy H. Gordon, of Braddock, acting moderator, presiding. The invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Samuel B. McCormick, chancellor emeritus of the University of Pittsburg.

Dr. C. S. McClelland, stated clerk of the presbytery, read the minutes of the meetings of presbytery which had to do with the calling, ordination and installation of Dr. Kerr as pastor at Raccoon. The call from the congregation for his services as pastor was presented and acted on at a meeting of the presbytery held in the Third church, Pittsburg, April 25, 1871. At an adjourned meeting held at Oakdale, June 13, 1871, the call was presented to Mr. Kerr, and by him accepted. The next day, at Raccoon, he was ordained and installed as pastor.

Rev. Dr. S. J. Wilson was moderator. Rev. John Gillespie preached the sermon. Rev. W. N. McKinney delivered the charge to the new pastor, and Rev. S. M. Henderson the charge to the people. The formal ordination of the young minister was by prayer and the laying on of hands by the members of the presbytery.

### Early Presbytery Recalled.

Rev. Dr. S. J. Fisher, president of the Board of Missions to the Freedmen, who was a member of the presbytery at that time, and was present at the ordination services, gave an most interesting sketch of the presbytery as constituted then. In brief graphic paragraphs he set before his audience intimate and accurate pictures of Dr. Samuel J. Wilson, moderator of the presbytery; Dr. W. T. Beatty, the clerk; Dr. Samuel M. Henderson, Prof. M. W. Jacobus, of Western Theological seminary; Dr. J. J. Beacom, Dr. Sylvester S. Scoville, afterwards president of Wooster University; Dr. A. A. Hodge, Dr. E. R. Donehoo, Dr. F. R. Wotring and others who, fifty years ago, were leading figures in the Presbyterian church of Western Pennsylvania.

Following a solo by Miss Mabel Mokes, a teacher in the Institute of Practical Arts, Old Concord, Dr. W. D. Irons, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, of McDonald, who last year completed the fortieth anniversary of his pastorate, and who for that time has been a close friend and associate of Dr. Kerr, paid a warm tribute to the worth and services of Dr. Kerr to the community during his half century as pastor at Raccoon. His address was witty and much enjoyed.

### Sumptuous Dinner Served.

The program was closed by a duet sung by Miss Hope Cassidy and C. V. Melvin, after which the big audience was seated on the church lawn and an old-fashioned country picnic dinner was served to all present. It was such a dinner as Washington county farm folk know how to prepare and serve, and the memory of it will not be one of the least pleasant recollections of the day.

After the dinner the program was resumed, the speaking taking place on a platform erected on the church lawn. The first address was by Dr. Joseph M. Duff, who lately resigned as pastor of the first Presbyterian church, Carnegie, after a pastorate of forty years. During that time Dr. Duff and Dr. Kerr had been closely associated and his address was in the nature of personal reminiscences of Dr. Kerr. He lauded him for his long service as pastor to the community.

Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr, pastor of the Shadyside church, Pittsburg, followed, speaking on "The Significance

of This Ministry to the Present Day Ministry." Dr. Kerr called attention to the fact that when Dr. Kerr took charge of Raccoon fifty years ago, it had a membership of 432, and was the third congregation in size in the presbytery, and one of the strongest in the entire synod of Pennsylvania. He paid tribute to Dr. Kerr's loyalty to the truth, and to his long and faithful service as a minister.

Dr. Maitland Alexander, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Pittsburg, spoke of Raccoon's contribution to the church at large in the ministers it had furnished, and the elders and members it had sent to the city churches. He spoke at length of the unseen rewards that come to Dr. Kerr for his long and faithful service in the field of his choice.

### An Impressive Incident.

An interesting and impressive incident in connection with the program was the singing of "An Ode to a Pastor," by its author, Dr. W. F. Brown, of Canonsburg. Dr. Brown was a member of presbytery fifty years ago, and was present at Dr. Kerr's ordination and installation. He is almost totally blind, but still possesses a rich voice, and sang his ode to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," the audience under his leadership, joining in the chorus. At the last verse he took Dr. Kerr by the hand, presented him to the audience, and sang the verse with much feeling and impressiveness.

Rev. W. P. Russell, of Connellsville, a son of the congregation, spoke "The Men of Raccoon Church in the Ministry." Eight young men during the pastorate of Dr. Kerr have entered the gospel ministry, and Mr. Russell said that their interest in this calling as a life work was due to the ministry of Dr. Kerr.

### Pastor Given Purse of Money.

Rev. J. V. Stevenson, chairman of the committee of arrangements, speaking for the congregation, expressed gratification at the interest shown in the anniversary celebration and paid the pastor a warm tribute, presenting him with a testimony of esteem signed by every member of the congregation and many of the former members. In addition he also presented him with a purse of money on behalf of the congregation and friends. Letters were read from a number of persons who expressed their regret at their inability to be present at the anniversary, among them being Rev. H. C. Swearingen, moderator of the general assembly.

Dr. Kerr closed the program with a brief address, expressive of his appreciation of the honor accorded him today, and paying tribute to the loyalty of the members of the congregation to him in all the years of his pastorate.

### Congregation an Old One.

Raccoon church is one of the oldest in Western Pennsylvania. Among the earliest records to be found is a note in the diary of Dr. John McMillan, founder of Jefferson college, to the effect that he preached there on the first Sunday of December, 1778. The first church building was erected in 1781, the second in 1786, the third in 1830, and the present one in 1872, one year after Dr. Kerr's installation as pastor.

The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Patterson, who was called April 21, 1789. The second, was Rev. Moses Allen, who was installed May 27, 1817. Rev. Clement V. McKaig, D. D., was the next pastor called, being installed June 17, 1841, who served until December, 1865, when ill health compelled his resignation. For several years the church was served by supplies until April, 1871, when Dr. Kerr, the fourth and present pastor, was called.

Dr. Kerr is a native of Washington county, as were his parents and grand parents. He was baptized in the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian church by Dr. James Sloan, and was graduated from Westminster college with the class of 1867, and from the Western Theological seminary, Pittsburg, in 1871. Raccoon is his first and only charge. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr are both hale and hearty, and held in high esteem by the whole community.

### Special Exercises Held by Pittsburgh Presbytery for Candor Minister.

### TO ERECT MEMORIAL

MIDWAY, PA., June 14.—The fiftieth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Grier M. Kerr of the Raccoon church at Candor, near here, was observed this morning in the Raccoon church. About 500 ministers and laymen of Pittsburgh Presbytery came here from Pittsburgh and suburbs for the event, which was made a special order of business at the meeting of Pittsburgh Presbytery at its sessions in the Raccoon church.

The presbytery opened its meeting

at 10 o'clock and an hour later the special exercises commemorating the 50 years of Dr. Kerr's pastorate—one of the longest records in the nation as a pastor in one church—were begun. The program was in charge of the Rev. J. V. Stevenson, a brother-in-law of Dr. Kerr. The principal speaker was the Rev. Dr. John A. Marquis of New York, secretary of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church.

### Dr. Kerr Congratulated.

Dr. Marquis congratulated Dr. Kerr on his long pastorate and lauded his efforts in the ministry. He also pointed out the great good accomplished by Dr. Kerr for the church and the communities in which he has served during his ministry. The speaker told of his long friendship for Dr. Kerr and commended the latter's services to the presbytery.

Seven of Dr. Kerr's children attended the special exercises and the eight members of the congregation now living who were members when Dr. Kerr was called to the Raccoon church were also present. The history of the congregation dates back to 1778, and since that time the church has had but four pastors. In this church, under the ministry of Dr. Patterson, Jefferson Academy, of Canonsburg, which later became Washington and Jefferson College, got its start.

The presbytery today, in its special exercises commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Kerr's pastorate, dissolved the relationship between the pastor and his charge, Dr. Kerr having resigned recently.

It was announced recently at a business meeting preceding the celebration that, at a meeting of the congregation of the church, it was unanimously decided not to accept the resignation of Dr. Kerr, and to "graft him into the service of God for 50 more years."

### To Erect Tablet.

The Presbytery unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by the Rev. Stanley Hunter of the North Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, directing that a committee be appointed to procure a tablet commemorating the Presbytery's visit to the Raccoon Church on the occasion of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Kerr's pastorate, and that an offering be taken toward defraying the cost of the tablet. The offering totaled \$165.

The Rev. Raymond W. Smiley, who has been pastor of the Swissvale United Presbyterian Church and a member of the Monongahela Presbytery, was received into the Pittsburgh Presbytery. His call to become pastor of the South Side Church, Pittsburgh, also was acted upon favorably.

The name of the newly-organized Slovak Presbyterian Church of Soho was added to the roll of the Presbytery.

The resignation of Dr. Joseph Duff as moderator of the Session of the Highland Church, Pittsburgh, was accepted and the committee on vacancy and supply directed to appoint a successor.

# DR. G. M. KERR, CANDOR PASTOR, PASSES AWAY

Pastorate of Almost 60 Years  
Ended Few Days After  
Preaching Final Sermon on  
87th Birthday.

## DEATH COMES SUDDENLY

Death Saturday morning, November 29, 1930, shortly after midnight, of the Rev. Greer McIlvaine Kerr, D. D., brought to a close one of the longest pastorates in the history of Washington County and Western Pennsylvania. He had been pastor of the Raccoon Presbyterian Church at Candor since his installation June 14, 1871, a period of more than 59 years. He was called to the church at Candor shortly before his graduation in 1871 from Western Theological Seminary, in Pittsburgh; was installed upon graduation, and served the church as the only pastorate of his career.

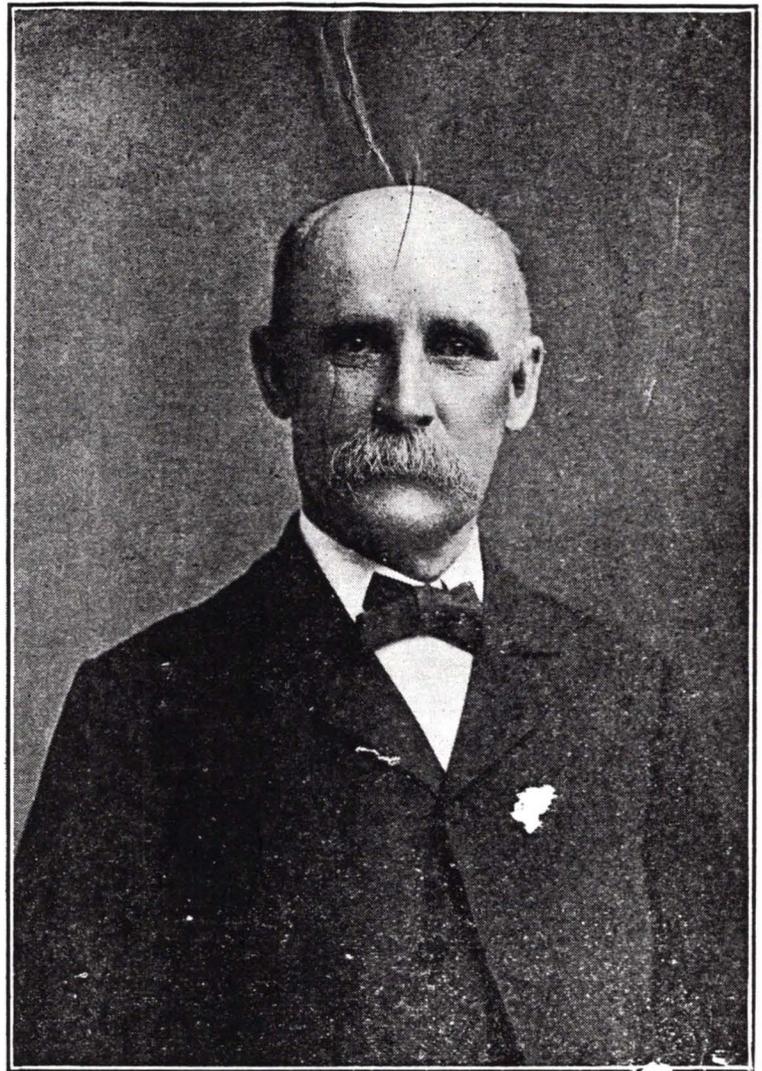
At that time the church was the only Presbyterian church in that district of Washington County, but the congregation later gave birth to the Midway and McDonald churches.

Dr. Kerr was 87 years of age. He was born November 23, 1843, in Finleyville, Washington County, of pioneer ancestry, his parents and grandparents also having been natives of the county. He was a son of John and Elizabeth McIlvaine Kerr. He was baptized in the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, by Dr. James Sloan. In 1887 he was graduated from Westminster College and in 1871 received his degree of Bachelor of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. Later he was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Westminster College.

The last Sunday before his death he celebrated his 87th birthday, preaching on the text, "Remember Now Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth." He was taken ill early Friday evening, and efforts of physicians failed to aid him, death coming at 1:40 a. m. Saturday.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr, and seven children, Attorney James S. Kerr, Greer M. Kerr, Misses Mary, Margaret and Amy Kerr, all at home; Mrs. Nesbit Ross, Carnegie, and Jean Kerr, Washington, D. C. Another son, John Kerr, was killed about a year ago in an automobile accident in Kentucky.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock, in the church of which he was pastor. Interment will be in the Candor Cemetery.



REV. GREER M. KERR, D.D.,  
Pastor of the Raccoon Church, Candor, Washington County, Pa.

*Sept - 1911*

### A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF REV. G. M. KERR, D.D.

To every servant of God there comes that time when his work on earth is done and he must lay his armor down. Thus we now write of our pastor, the Rev. G. M. Kerr, D.D., who answered the summons from on high and went to the land of pure delight November 29, 1930. He walked with God and long with us until the Heavenly Father called him home.

A ministry of nearly 60 years has a meaning which words cannot grasp and causes those to whom it means most to marvel in gratitude. When a pastor serves a field of labor with a history touching a cross-section of the community's life from great-grand-parent to great-grand-child, his going is like the uprooting of a fruit bearing tree. The vast throng gathering to pay the last tribute showed how far the influence of a faithful pastor touches the hearts of earthly generations.

CONTINUE

Tribute to the Rev. Dr. Kerr as a presbyter, neighbor, scholar and friend was duly paid when many came from near and far to manifest the ties of endearment. Let us bear further tribute from the pew where the worshipper comes face to face with the Redeeming God through the hearing of the Word. No one could attend worship conducted by Dr. Kerr without feeling a deep sense of reverence. How familiar to our ears was his invocation so often containing these words: "Now may the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord our God and Redeemer." The people were made to feel that the church was none other than the house of God, indeed the very gate of Heaven. When the world is so much with us, we little know until our years ripen into maturity of judgment what it is to cultivate the spirit of reverential awe. Long ago, God demanded the same from Moses and continues to prevail so upon us. In a busy thoughtless world where so much of the sense of sacredness has become lost, we, who have profited by the ministry of Dr. Kerr are grateful for such an honored pastor, for having led us to seek some place which is holy ground.

Further we cherish the quality of Dr. Kerr's preaching. He dealt not with the uncertain, and how else could a man of God meet the challenging restlessness of temporal things except by pointing to Him, who changeth not and whose years have no end? Every lover of truth could listen and with the application by the Holy Spirit be able to say with a deep peace, "I know whom I have believed." Such preaching is not fashioned according to the varying hours and makes him who preaches so loyal, a man to all the country dear, and his memory secure, in the tendrils of respect and devotion of the people.

Then, we also knew Dr. Kerr in our homes, where he was wont to pray and to talk about spiritual things with us. How much more fervent the sense of God's love, when there is a man of God interested in our home life! The hours of trials and sorrow found his presence a light, his hand a sustaining power, and his prayers led us to the retreat from the swelling tides of woes and the tempter's power to the blood stained Mercy-seat.

Surely when the Rev. G. M. Kerr entered the church above, the Christ whom he preached must have said; "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Let us now propose this epitaph for Dr. Kerr on the records of this church, which he so long and faithfully served, and according to God's Word: "Approved in Christ."

The above resolution was prepared, adopted and ordered to be spread on the minutes of Session and a copy thereof to be sent to the family as a token of our respect and sympathy.

D. W. RUSSELL,  
G. M. KELSO,  
ALBERT A. TAYLOR,  
E. S. SIMPSON.

## FORMER PASTOR GETS CALL TO BROOKLYN

*Mansfield Q. News*  
Rev. Dr. Raymond M. Huston  
Called to Large Presbyterian  
Church in Metropolis.

*December 7 1919*

Mansfield friends of the Rev. Dr. Raymond M. Huston, former pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will be interested in knowing that he has been extended a call to the pastorate of the Clason avenue Presbyterian church in Brooklyn, N. Y. The call came as a surprise to



REV. RAYMOND M. HUSTON

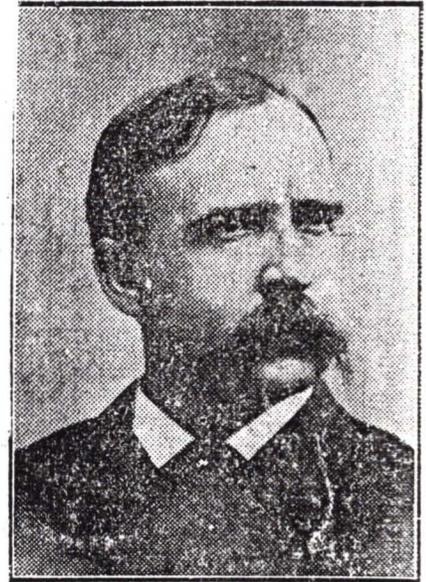
Dr. Huston, but he has accepted even though strong pressure was brought to bear upon him, by his Detroit congregation to reconsider his resignation. He will receive a salary of \$7,000 a year from the Brooklyn church.

After leaving the Mansfield church, Dr. Huston went to Bozeman, Mont., where he remained for several years. It was during this time that Mrs. Huston died. For the last six years he has been pastor of the Trumbull avenue Presbyterian church at Detroit. During his pastorate the membership grew from 900 to 1,500, and it was due to his energy that a fund of \$56,000 was raised to build a new church home. The edifice is free from indebtedness.

Dr. Huston is a graduate of Wooster college and of the McCormick Theological seminary at Chicago.

## Funeral Services of Rev. J. L. Reed

Well-Known Presbyterian Clergy-  
Man Laid to His Final Rest at  
West Alexander. 1919



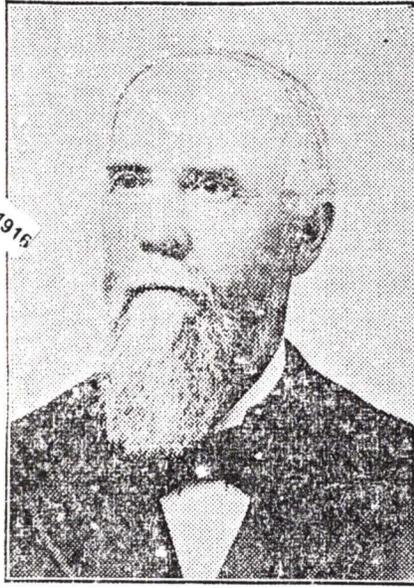
REV. J. LINN REED

West Alexander, Feb. 11—The funeral services of the Rev. James Linn Reed, which were held at the Reed home here this afternoon were largely attended by fellow clergymen, members of his former congregations and friends of the family. The ministers participating in the services highly eulogized the life and achievements of the Rev. Mr. Reed.

The services were in charge of Rev. H. M. Evans, pastor of the Presbyterian church, of West Alexander, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Slemmons, D. D., Rev. Mr. Hartzell, Rev. Henry Woods, D. D., Rev. Mr. Donahey, Rev. Mr. Holmes, Rev. Mr. Potter, Rev. Mr. McMillan, Rev. Mr. Lyenberger, Rev. Mr. Slagle, Rev. Mr. Day, Rev. Mr. Pears and Rev. Mr. Ruble. Many beautiful floral emblems and pieces were offered as tokens of sympathy and esteem from friends and former congregations.

The Rev. Mr. Reed was an active minister for 30 years and among the churches of which he had charge during that time were the Lower Buffalo Leetsdale, Barnesville, O., and Follansbee, W. Va.

# The Rev. Dr. W. A. McConnell, Aged Clergyman, Is Dead



LATE DR. W. A. M'CONNELL

Prominent Hickory Resident Succumbs To Injuries Resulting From a Fall More Than a Week Ago.

1915

Hickory, Dec. 12.—Dr. William A. McConnell died at his home here this morning at 5:15 as the result of a fall more than a week ago in which he broke a hip joint. Since the fall he had rapidly declined.

Dr. McConnell was pastor of the United Presbyterian congregation here for 45 years.

In May of this year he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 3 o'clock in the United Presbyterian church near here and will be in charge of the Rev. Charles Stunkard. The casket will be opened at 2:30 for those who may desire to view the remains. The interment will be in the Hickory cemetery.

Dr. McConnell was born January 11, 1830, near Mansfield, Ohio. He received his education in the Franklin college and the Allegheny Theological Seminary, Pittsburg. He later took his D. D. degree at Franklin. After completing his seminary course he accepted a call to a church at Coshocton, Ohio, where he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth J. Reed, who lived but a short time. To this union was born one child, now Mrs. W. A. McCalmont, of near Hickory.

He took as his second wife Miss McKitrick, of Guernsey county, Ohio, who has been his helpmate the past half century. This ceremony was performed just two months previous to his accepting the call to the Hickory U. P. church, as he came to this place July 1, 1865. He continued serving this one congregation for 45 years, and owing to his advanced age he resigned to make way for younger men in the ministry. When he resigned he gave up his work in the ministry entirely, but still took an active interest in the affairs of the church, where he so long ministered.

To Mr. and Mrs. McConnell were born two children, Mrs. Elliott, wife of Dr. A. H. Elliott, of Avalon, and William L. McConnell, an attorney of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

## Twenty Years Ago

Saturday, May 2, 1915

All Hickory as well as the country adjacent, turned out to join in celebrating the golden wedding of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McConnell, the exercises being held in the Mount Pleasant United Presbyterian church of which Dr. McConnell has for 45 years the pastor.

# MRS. AGNES M'CONNELL SUMMONED BY DEATH

Widow of Rev. W. A. McConnell,  
Long Pastor at Hickory, Succumbs to Stroke of Apoplexy.  
Funeral This Afternoon.

1915

Hickory, March 10.—Mrs. Agnes McKitrick McConnell, aged 76 years, widow of Rev. W. A. McConnell, D. D., for nearly a half century pastor of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian church, this place, died Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Elliott, in Avalon. Her death was sudden, being caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Mrs. McConnell, whose maiden name was Agnes McKitrick, was born in Londonderry, Ohio, September 2, 1843. In 1865 she was married to Rev. W. A. McConnell, who had been called to the pastorate of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church this place and had resided here until about one year ago when she went to make her home with her daughter.

Dr. McConnell served the local church for 45 years and, after retiring from the pastorate, continued to live here until his death in 1915. During all the years of her husband's service here she was a faithful helpmeet in his work in the congregation and won a place of esteem in the hearts of all the people of the community.

Mrs. McConnell is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. A. McCalmont, of near Hickory; Mrs. A. H. Elliott, of Avalon, and William L. McConnell, of Idaho Falls, Idaho. Two brothers and one sister also survive: Rev. Eben S. McKitrick, Pasadena Cal.; Marshall McKitrick, Cambridge Ohio, and Mrs. Margaret Copeland Ben Avon.

Funeral services were held tonight at the Elliott home, Avalon, and further services will be held in the Mt. Pleasant church here Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Charles Stunkard. The interment will be in the cemetery adjoining the church.

*Dr. McConnell & Elizabeth J. Reed were married in Sept. 1859  
She died on May 30, 1863  
She is probably buried in Ohio*

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# Washington Mourning <sup>20 Jan 17</sup> Loss of Its First Citizen, Dr. Moffat, Noted Educator and Minister

Business Will Be Suspended This  
Afternoon and Townspeople  
Will Attend Funeral of W. & J.  
President Emeritus.

COLLEGE, OF WHICH HE WAS  
HEAD, WILL PAY RESPECTS

For 33 Years He Guided Well  
Destinies of Local School and  
Influenced Lives of Hundreds  
of Men It Graduated.

## PROMINENT PRESBYTERIAN

The funeral of Dr. James D. Moffat, president emeritus of W. & J. college, who died here at his home in East Maiden street early Saturday morning, will take place this afternoon. Brief services will be held at 2 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church and interment will be in the Washington cemetery.

Washington is in mourning today over the loss of a man conceded to be its first citizen, and business activities will be generally suspended during the funeral ceremonies, while many of the townspeople will attend either the services at the church or in the cemetery.

Dr. W. E. Slemmons, Dr. Moffat's pastor and close friend, will have charge of the church exercises. Dr. F. W. Hinitt, Dr. Moffat's successor in the presidency of W. & J. college, and Dr. John A. Marquis, president of Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will deliver the memorial address.

### College Will Pay Respects.

The trustees of the college, together with the faculty and student body, will occupy reserved seats.

The following members of the faculty will act as pallbearers: Dr. D. J. McAdam, Dr. W. C. McClelland, Dr. Edwin Linton, Professor J. A. Schmitz, Dr. L. F. Kirchner and R. M. Murphy.

The following trustees will act as honorary pallbearers: E. F. Acheson, Dr. John L. Dickey of Wheeling, W. Va., Alvan Donnan, Judge J. Add McIlvaine, Dr. J. L. Thistle and Dr. W. K. Thompson.

The interment will probably not be private and the faculty of the college, the students and alumni are planning to march to the cemetery as part of the funeral cortege.

Indications are that many hundreds of townspeople and former students at W. & J. will attend the funeral. Many men in public life from all parts of the tri-state section, as well as alumni and personal friends of the dead president emeritus, will be here to pay their last respects to his memory.



THE LATE DR. J. D. MOFFAT

Born March 15, 1846; graduated W. & J. 1869; attended Princeton Theological seminary 1869-71; supply and pastor Second Presbyterian church of Wheeling, 1871-82; president W. & J. college 1882-1915; moderator of Presbyterian general assembly 1905-1906; assistant editor Presbyterian Banner 1893-1905; doctor of divinity 1882 by Hanover, 1883 by Princeton; doctor of laws 1897 by Western University of Pennsylvania, 1900 by University of Pennsylvania, 1906 by Missouri Valley college; thinker, teacher, preacher and executive. Died November 4, 1916.

### In Usual Health 'Til This Year.

Dr. Moffat passed away peacefully Saturday morning at 3:45 o'clock with all the members of his family at his bedside. His death was due to paralysis, by which he was stricken suddenly while at home last Monday evening. Conscious only part of the time, he never rallied and the life of the great educator and churchman slowly ebbed away.

Dr. Moffat had been in apparently his usual health until early in the present year. Some months ago his health became impaired due to high blood pressure and he spent part of the summer in Canada in the hope that a change and rest would restore him. He was somewhat improved during the late summer and fall and the paralytic strike was unexpected, although his father had died from a similar stroke and Dr. Moffat had frequently expressed a belief that his end would come in this way.

Following the paralytic attack on Monday Dr. Moffat had few periods of consciousness. His entire left side was paralyzed and he was unable to speak even during the brief spells of apparent consciousness. Thursday night his condition became critical and he sank through the night and all day Friday, his death having been momentarily expected for 24 hours preceding the end.

### Shock to Community.

While the condition of "Washington's first citizen" was known generally and it was certain that he had practically no chance to recover, his death this morning produced a shock in the community where he had lived and worked for so many years and where he was beloved by thousands. General college activity was suspended following the announcement of Dr. Moffat's death. The football game scheduled for the afternoon with Muskingum was immediately cancelled by Manager R. M. Murphy and following a meeting of the faculty later in the day all classes with the exception of chapel this morning were suspended until after the funeral this afternoon.

### College President 33 Years.

Dr. Moffat was president of W. & J. college for 33 years and during that period was known as one of the leading educators of America. During the same period he occupied a commanding position in the Presbyterian church and was recognized generally as the foremost clergyman of that denomination in the world. As a preacher he was regarded as the peer of any in the country and his services as a pulpit orator were in demand in all sections. While he had never permanently filled any pulpit since taking up his work at W. & J., he frequently supplied churches both here and elsewhere while his commencement ser-

## Remains of Former Head of W. & J. College to Be Interred Near Those of Four of His Predecessors.

The body of Dr. James D. Moffat, president emeritus of Washington and Jefferson college, whose death Saturday saddened a host of friends, will be buried this afternoon in Washington cemetery, where the remains of four other presidents of the school are interred.

Former executives of W. & J. whose bodies lie in Washington cemetery are Dr. George P. Hays, who was the immediate predecessor of Dr. Moffat; Dr. James I. Brownson, twice president pro tem of Washington and Jefferson; Dr. Matthew Brown, president of Washington college from 1806 to 1817 and of Jefferson college from 1822 to 1845; and Dr. David McConaughy, president of Washington college from 1831 to 1849.

Dr. Moffat purchased a lot in the cemetery about a year ago and removed there from Wheeling the body of a child of his which died in infancy. Dr. Moffat expressed the wish that he might be buried here.

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The Rev. J. Hunter Moore, pastor of the Grove United Presbyterian church at West Middletown, this county, died Thursday morning of spinal meningitis, aged about 30 years. He had been ill but a few days, the fatal disease following a severe attack of grip. The Rev. Mr. Moore was a native of Alabama, his father being Seldon Moore, of Harrells in that state. He received his college education at Due West, South Carolina, and graduated from the Allegheny Theological seminary of the United Presbyterian church, in 1897. He immediately received a call to the West Middletown church and had been preaching there ever since. Deceased was one of the prime movers in the establishment of a township high school and also was prominently connected with the improvement of the county's roads according to the provisions of the Flinn law. At the time of his death a brother, Dr. Lawrence Moore, of Orrville, Ala., was at his bedside. The Rev. Mr. Moore was united in marriage about a year and a half ago to Miss Iva Moore, daughter of J. G. Moore, of Venice, this county, who with an infant child survives. Besides his parents and the brother named Rev. Mr. Moore is survived by three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Bessie Brice, of near Harrells; Rosalie, Carrie and Lowery, at home. The funeral services were held Saturday. Among the ministers present were Revs. Dr. Alexander McLachlan, Claysville; Pressly Thompson, Washington; George Murray, of Thomas; C. D. Fulton and W. B. Smiley, Canonsburg; J. D. Gibson, Midway; Robert Littell, Cross Roads; S. A. Jackson, Mt. Hope; E. C. Littell, Washington; J. C. Kistler, Houston; W. W. Willis, North Buffalo; William Lorimer, Verona; W. J. Holmes, Independence; W. W. Hunter, Buffalo Village. Interment in the new cemetery at West Middletown.

## REV. E. L. EAGLESON SUMMONED BY DEATH

Pastor of West Middletown  
United Presbyterian Church  
Dies in Wheeling Hospital—  
Funeral This Afternoon.

West Middletown, June 12.—Rev. E. L. Eagleson, aged 53 years, for the past fifteen years pastor of the Grove United Presbyterian church, this place, died today in the Ohio Valley General hospital, Wheeling, W. Va., where he had recently undergone an operation.

Mr. Eagleson had been in failing health for several months and had previously had undergone two operations. On May 9 he entered the Wheeling hospital for further treatment and for a time his condition seemed to improve. Today, his sister, who had been with him went to church, and while she was there he took suddenly worse, dying about noon.

He was born in Leesburg, Mercer county, and was graduated from Westminster college with the class of 1899 and from the Allegheny theological seminary in 1904, after which he attended the Princeton theological seminary for a year, graduating with the class of 1905.

His first charge was at Uniontown, Ohio, and later he was pastor of Fairview and Sand Hill congregations in Muskingum presbytery. In 1912 he was called to the pastorate of the local church and had been here ever since. He was a strong preacher, an active pastor and was highly esteemed by the entire community. Not only was he active in his home congregation but was a valued member of Chartiers presbytery, having represented the presbytery at general assembly.

He leaves his mother, Mrs. Margaret Eagleson, of Mercer, and the following brothers and sisters: Dr. Robert Eagleson, of New Castle; Quincy, of New Wilmington; Mrs. Sankey and Miss Carrie Eagleson, of Mercer.

Funeral services will be held in the West Middletown church tomorrow, Monday, afternoon at 1:30 o'clock eastern standard time, in charge of Rev. W. P. Aikin, of Canonsburg, and Rev. Hugh Ferguson, of Washington. Further services will be held in Mercer where interment will take place.

## EAGLESON FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

Services for Late Pastor of  
West Middletown United  
Presbyterian Church Were in  
Charge of Presbytery.

West Middletown, June 13.—Funeral services for Rev. E. L. Eagleson, late pastor of the Grove United Presbyterian church here who died Sunday in a Wheeling hospital, were held in the church this afternoon. The exercises were in charge of members of Chartiers presbytery of which Mr. Eagleson had for the past 15 years been a valued member.

Addresses appreciative of his work as pastor, preacher, member of the presbytery and community were given by Rev. Dr. Huber Ferguson, pastor of the First United church, Washington, and Rev. Dr. W. P. Aikin, pastor of the Chartiers church, Canonsburg.

Others who took part in the services were Rev. C. T. Littell, of Venice; Rev. Charles Stunkard of Hickory; Rev. R. W. Nairn, of Washington; Rev. George U. Martin, of Langeloth, A. P. Duncan, of Mt. Hope; Rev. Charles W. Fulton, of Pittsburgh, and Rev. D. S. Turnbull, of Elizabeth. The last two, with Dr. Aikin, were classmates of Mr. Eagleson, in the Pittsburgh theological seminary. Special music was furnished by a quartet consisting of Mrs. James W. Murdoch, Mrs. John Manson, John and James Manson. The church was crowded for the service many of those who came to pay their tribute to the memory of a man held in the highest esteem in the community being unable to gain admission.

Following the services the body was taken to his mother's home in Mercer where further services will be held today and where interment will take place.

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### MISS MARY VANCE, A FAMOUS UNION NURSE, DEAD.

We take the following from the *Commercial Gazette* of the 17th inst. [Miss Vance died Sunday night.]

After a long life, spent as a missionary among the Indians and as a union hospital nurse during the war of the rebellion, Miss Mary Vance is dying in poverty in a court off West Main street in the West End, Pittsburg. Her history is one that is seldom equalled, and whole volumes might be written of her heroic work among the savage red men and on southern battle fields. She was the only woman who served through the entire war from 1861 to 1865.

Miss Vance was born in 1821 on the old Vance homestead about two miles from Cross Creek church, in Washington county. Her father was William Vance, a veteran of the war of 1812, and a member of the state legislature in 1816-17. He also held many other positions of trust. Her grandfather, Maj. William Vance, was a veteran of the revolutionary war and of the Indian wars before and after the struggle for independence. He was one of the first settlers in Washington county. At that time Indian troubles in this vicinity were common. To protect himself and neighbors Maj. Vance built a block house, which was known as Vance's fort. The site of the old homestead is still a familiar landmark in Washington county.

William Vance, the father of Mary Vance, died in 1856, leaving her to make her own way in the world. She had always been of deep religious convictions and was desirous of becoming a missionary. Kansas and Nevada were then in the "far west" and had scarcely been opened to civilization. Miss Vance courageously offered herself as a laborer among the Indians of those western wilds. Her offer was accepted and she went to the frontier.

She remained there until 1859. In that year an Indian uprising occurred and she, with others, were compelled to leave the field of her labors and come back east. She arrived here in the spring of 1860. The first mutterings of the struggle with the south were disturbing the north. On April 12 the storm broke with the assault upon Ft. Sumter. On April 15 came President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers. "Where there are troops there must be nurses," said Miss Vance, and she hurried to Washington, where she offered her services as a nurse. From that time until the echo of the last gun died away in the valleys of the James and Rappahannock and Rapidan in 1865 she was constantly on duty, except for a three weeks' furlough. She put in more time than any other woman in the United States service and probably more than any enlisted man in the service.

Miss Vance became an assistant to Miss Dorothea Dix, chief of the nurses of the United States government. Miss Dix became world famous. Dixmont insane asylum is named after her. Miss Vance served with Miss Dix in Baltimore and Washington. When Gen. Lee made his raid into Pennsylvania she hurried to the front with Gen. Meade, the federal leader. During those three awful days at Gettysburg in July, 1863, she had charge of six hospital wards.

From the time the terrible carnage began until the morning when the glad news spread through the camp that Lee's army had retreated during the night, she scarcely ate or slept. She was here, there, everywhere, assisting at an operation, giving medicine or water to this one or that, listening to the last words of some dying soldier to send his loved ones at home, or closing his eyelids on scenes of bivouac and battle. From Gettysburg she followed the victorious army to Fredericksburg, and then began the long campaign which ended when Lee's army stacked arms at Appomatox and the greatest war the world has ever known was ended.

During all that time Miss Vance lived in camp. She suffered the privations of a common soldier; ate hard-tack and drank black coffee as they did, and when rations were short, went hungry with the rest of them. Thousands of old veterans will remember her with kindly hearts and will feel deeply grieved to-day to know that she is dying in poverty in a West End tenement.

The war ended, but Miss Vance's work for union soldiers was not yet over. Miss Dix at once began steps for the founding of a national hospital for insane soldiers and sailors who

fought for the old flag. It was located in Washington and Miss Vance went there as one of the chief nurses. For five years she labored in that institution. The terrible strain of her life in camp had told on her, however, and her health gave way. She was compelled to retire and went to Rome, Ga., where she lived with a married sister for several years. The sister and her husband died, and in her old age Miss Vance was again thrown on the world. She had a little money left from her father's estate. Preferring to be independent she went to Knoxville, Tenn., and again went to nursing.

After being in Knoxville several years Miss Vance was attacked with a malignant cancer. That ended her career as a nurse. Her money was all gone, and she was at last compelled to accept assistance. She wanted to see the old home again before she died, and last spring came north. The Vance homestead in Washington county is now owned by her brother, John Vance. He has a daughter, Mrs. James Campbell, who lives in Gundelfinger's court, just off main street, in the West End, this city. After remaining on the old home farm until July 25 last Miss Vance came to this city and went to the home of the Campbell's. They are poor, Mr. Campbell being a laborer, and has not had steady work for about a year. Slender as their means were they made the old lady heartily welcome. She has made her home there ever since.

During the G. A. R. encampment last fall they wanted her to send her name to the encampment headquarters. "No," said the old lady, decidedly. "My work is done now. I want no notoriety. Leave that for the women who couldn't make a bowl of broth or a cup of coffee for a sick soldier. They have all forgotten me in my old age. Don't send my name in. Just let me die here quietly."

Her wish was respected. Several days ago she was stricken with paralysis. The family sent for Rev. E. R. Donehoo. He went to the house and recognized Miss Vance, as he had known her from boyhood. She told him her story of the years since the war, and it was through him that her case has been brought to the notice of the public. A call at the Campbell home last night elicited the information that the old lady was very low and could not live more than a day or two. She was in a semi-conscious condition then. "She won't like it if you say anything about her," Mrs. Campbell said to the reporter. "She is very much opposed to notoriety."

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So in that West End court a woman who at one time had a national reputation is dying. She faced death among the red men of the west, on the field of battle, and at last is about to be called home from a humble yet friendly abode. Many an old veteran will remember her when he reads this this morning, and perhaps he may succeed in making the deathbed of this woman, who has been so neglected in her old age, a little easier.

[The above story being brought to the attention of the G. A. R. a committee was sent to investigate. The committee found Miss Vance in feeble health, but not in want or distress. She was well cared for by Mrs. Campbell, and had a good bank account, some real estate and drew a pension of \$12 a month. The niece referred to is Mrs. Robert Campbell, instead of Mrs. James Campbell, and she is not conspicuously poor, but is in very comfortable circumstances, perhaps better fixed financially than the reporter who penned the above. Miss Vance's remains were brought to Burgettstown Tuesday and taken to Cross Creek for interment.]

#### TAYLOR-LEE WEDDING.

A wedding of considerable interest to Washington county people took place Thursday evening, January 30, at the home of the bride's brother, Rev. Andrew Todd Taylor, 2839 North Twelfth street, Philadelphia. The principals were Miss Mary Jane Taylor and Walter Craig Lee, of Crosscreek, this county. The bride's brother, Rev. A. T. Taylor, assisted by Rev. Marcus Brownson, D. D., performed the ceremony. The only attendant was Edward McDonald, of McDonald. The bride wore a gown of white crepe de chine over white silk and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and white hyacinths. A reception followed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Lee will reside at Redlands, California, for a time after which they will return to Western Pennsylvania.

## HENRY M. GAULT, WIDELY KNOWN, CALLED BY DEATH

Cross Creek Township Resident Succumbs at Age of 81 After Short Illness—Funeral Services Tomorrow.

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Cross Creek, Jan. 6.—Henry M. Gault, aged 82 years, well-known farmer and stock raiser of Cross Creek township, died in his late home Sunday, at 5:15 p. m., after a short illness. He was born March 16, 1848, a son of the late David and Mathilda Cook Gault.

He received his early education in the public schools and the Normal school at Edinboro. At the age of 18 he left the school and went to the farm with his father. He was married in 1874, moving shortly after to Norfolk, Va., where he made his home until 1882. Then he went to Nebraska where he was a successful farmer and stock raiser until 1903, when his father's death caused his return to the Gault homestead, built in 1856.

His wife died some time ago. Two children survive: Laura Bell, at home, and Mrs. Nellie A. Lyle, of Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Gault was an active worker in the Presbyterian church. He was ordained as ruling elder in Nebraska, and after the return to Cross Creek, filled the same office in place of his father. He is also survived by a brother, Silas, of Erie.

Funeral services will be held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with interment in the Cross Creek cemetery.

## Rev. Charles G. Williams, Of W. & J. Class of '89, Died in Denver Friday

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The Rev. Charles Gaston Williams, 66, a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College with the Class of 1889 who served for many years as pastor in County churches, died at his home in Denver, Colo., Friday, after a brief illness following a stroke.

He was born in Union Township in 1866, a son of Ralston and Sarah Gaston Williams. He attended Union Township and Monongahela schools. After graduation from W. & J. he attended Western Theological Seminary and graduated here in 1893. After serving as pastor of the Cross Creek and Dunbar Churches, he moved West.

Brad R. Williams, of Canonsburg and J. T. Williams, of Denver, are sons who survive. A brother and two sisters also survive: H. H. Williams, and Misses Jane and Belle Williams, all of Monongahela.

Funeral services will be held at Denver.

#### Follows Mate to Grave.

Just four months after the death of her husband, Rev. J. P. Anderson, pastor of the Beallsville Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Theresa Burns Anderson, died at her home here, 510 East Beau street, of pneumonia. She was born at Imperial. One son, Professor J. B. Anderson, of Washington & Jefferson College, survives.

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# CROSSCREEK PASTOR AND WIFE WILL 15 GO TO FAR OFF KOREA TO TEACH

## The Rev. H. A. Rhodes Released From Charge By Washington Presbytery — Farewell Re- ception Tendered Young Missionaries on the Eve of Their Departure. **JUNE 23 1908.**



Rev. H. A. Rhodes 1908



Mrs. H. A. Rhodes

Crosscreek, June 22.—An adjourned meeting of Washington presbytery was held here today for the purpose of releasing the Rev. H. A. Rhodes from the pastorate of the church here. The pastoral relation was dissolved. The Rev. Mr. Rhodes was recently appointed a missionary to Korea and will leave in the fall for the field of his future labors. He is at present the moderator of the presbytery and presided over the meeting today.

Communion services were held in the church yesterday conducted by the Rev. William H. Lester, pastor emeritus of West Alexander. The preparatory services on Friday and Saturday were conducted by the Rev. Alexander, of Florence. Following the old custom the Monday morning sermon following a communion service was the keynote to the opening of the meeting of presbytery. The Rev. Mr. Lester preached this morning. Following this the women of the congregation served dinner in the basement, which was in the form of a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes.

At this reception Mrs. L. E. Foster on behalf of the Ladies' Aid society, presented Mrs. Rhodes with a beautiful brooch. In behalf of the Young Men's Foreign Missionary society Donehoo presented Mrs. Rhodes with a set of solid silver

spoons. Mrs. Rhodes was also presented with a diploma by the Rev. Mr. Miller, of the Prospect church, from the Bible school training class. The regular graduating exercises of the training class will be held next

week, but as Mrs. Rhodes could not be present she was given her diploma.

A call was presented for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. C. Laughlin by the Pigeon Creek congregation. The call has been accepted by Mr. Laughlin and Tuesday, June 30, at 11 a. m. was named as the date for his installation. The Rev. J. E. Miller, of Mt. Prospect, will preside and preach the sermon. The Rev. Dr. W. H. Lester, of West Alexander, will charge the people and the Rev. Dr. W. A. Jones, of Knoxville, the pastor.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in the chapel of the First Presbyterian church, of Washington, on Thursday to receive the letter of dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Evans from the presbytery of Pittsburg. Mr. Evans has accepted a call to the Bethel congregation near Van Buren.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes will leave Crosscreek on July 1, and will sail from San Francisco on July 23 for Korea. Mr. Rhodes will preach his farewell sermon on June 28. He was appointed as a missionary to the for-

ign fields on March 2, this year by the presbyterian board of foreign missions. His work in Korea will be evangelistic and educational. Mrs. Rhodes will assist in the educational lines.

Eleven new missionaries have been appointed to Korea and at least ten more are wanted and will be sent if sufficient money can be raised to sup-

port them. The need of training in educational lines is very imperative in the Korean country at the present time and Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes will direct much attention to this.

The Rev. Harry A. Rhodes was born at East Brook, Pa., September 11, 1877, and is a son of Wilbur F. and Elizabeth Gault Rhodes. His father died in 1892 and his mother now resides in Grove City. He was brought up in the neighborhood of Slippery Rock and received his early education there graduating from the Slippery Rock normal school in the class of 1898. In the year 1901 he entered Grove City college and graduated in the year 1903. He entered Princeton seminary the same year and graduated there in 1906. The second year of his course was spent in the Western Theological seminary, at Allegheny. While at Princeton Mr. Rhodes took a post graduate course in the university getting the degree of A. M. in 1906.

For six years Mr. Rhodes was a teacher, having taught from 1893 to 1895 in Worth township, Butler county and from 1895 to 1896 in Edinburg, Lawrence county; from 1898 to 1900 he was principal of the Lineville schools in Crawford county, and from 1900 to 1901 professor of mathematics in the Beaver Falls high school. That year he spent the summer in charge of a mission church at Whitefield in Western Montana. The Rev. Mr. Rhodes was called to the Crosscreek Presbyterian church May 23, 1906, and took charge June 1. He was ordained and installed September 19.

Mrs. Edith Rhodes, his helpmate, and who will accompany her husband to his new field of labor, was born in Lineville October 23, 1881, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amzi Brown, who are both prominent in church work. Mr. Brown is one of the leading business men of the town. Mrs. Rhodes was educated in the Lineville schools and graduated from the class of 1900. She taught as primary teacher in the Lineville schools six years and closed her work there in the year 1906. She was married to Mr. Rhodes June 6, 1906. Mrs. Rhodes has remarkable ability in music, both instrumental and vocal, possessing a fine contralto voice. She is also an adept in the training of children. Mrs. Rhodes has always been active in church work, both in her home church and at Crosscreek. She has been a great help to her husband and is well thought of by the residents of this community.

Mrs. Rhodes will be supported in Korea by the women's foreign missionary society of the Washington presbytery.

# Death of John Abner Marquis, D.D., LL.D.

1931

Dr. John Abner Marquis, Secretary Emeritus of the Board of National Missions, died on July 5 in the Presbyterian Hospital, New York City. Dr. Marquis was taken ill in Vienna, September 1928, while en route to the conference of the World Alliance for International Friendship Among the Churches to be held in Geneva, and from that time on had been unable to fulfill the duties of his office as General Secretary of the Presbyterian Board except for a brief interval. Realizing the importance of the position he filled and his inability to give it what through years of devoted service he knew it should have, he asked the Board a year and a half ago to release him and secure another to take his place. Reluctantly the Board followed his wishes, his resignation taking effect on January 1, 1930. At that time he was made Secretary Emeritus.



John Abner Marquis, D.D., LL.D.

Dr. Marquis was born in Dinsmore, Pa., in 1861. In 1885 he was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., and in 1890 from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. From 1885 to 1887 he was professor of Greek and mathematics in Blairsville College for Women, Pennsylvania. In 1891 he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry, serving as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, for one year; as pastor of the Westminster church, Greensburg, for ten years; of the First church of Redlands, California, for three years; and of the First church of Beaver, Pennsylvania, for four years, concluding his active ministry in 1909 when he was called to the presidency of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1916 he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Marquis remained at Coe College for eleven years, leaving in 1917 to accept the general secretaryship of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, headquarters New York City. In this capacity he served until 1923 when with the consolidation of the home mission agencies of the Presbyterian Church into one organization, the Board of National Missions, he was elected its General Secretary. In accepting Dr. Marquis's resignation in 1930, Dr. Henry Coffin expressed the attitude of

the Board members and the Church as a whole in these words:

"They recognize that during the past twelve years you have done a memorable piece of work and rendered incalculable service to the Presbyterian Church and to all the churches. You have been an outstanding leader whom we have been honored to follow. We have trusted your judgment implicitly, we have been inspired by your faith and consecration, and most of all we have loved you and been willing to do anything with you for the cause of Christ."

Dr. Marquis was an associate editor of the Banner 1899-1909, and was a trustee of W. & J. College 1898-1909, and a director of the Western Theological Seminary since 1907. He was the author of two books, Learning To Teach From the Master Teacher, and the Christian Conception of Property, and was a constant contributor to The Banner and other papers.

Deeply interested in cooperative Christian effort in all its aspects, Dr.

Marquis served, as time permitted, both the Home Missions Council and Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America through membership on their executive committees. In 1925, he attended, as official delegate, the Alliance of the Reformed Churches Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System, which met at Cardiff, Wales, and the Conference on Christian Life and Work which met at Stockholm; in 1927 he was a delegate to the World Conference on Faith and Order which met at Lausanne. Throughout the church Dr. Marquis was known also as a writer and speaker of outstanding ability.

On September 1, 1896, Dr. Marquis was married to Miss Martha Miller Neilson, of Greensburg, Pa., and is survived by her, two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth, and by a son, John Neilson Marquis.

Funeral services, which were conducted by Dr. Joseph A. Vance of Detroit, Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin and the Moderator, Dr. Mudge, were held at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York City, Tuesday, July 7, at 4:30 o'clock. Interment was at Cross Creek, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday.

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### We Left Him There

We went to New York last week and attended the funeral of Dr. Marquis in the Fifth Avenue church chapel at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The family, with the exception of a daughter and sister in Europe, and a considerable number of friends and eminent ministers and laymen were present. Dr. Lewis S. Mudge, Moderator of the General Assembly, read a few sentences of Scripture and offered a brief prayer; Dr. Joseph A. Vance, president of the Board of National Missions, recited appropriate Scripture, and Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin offered a prayer. Very beautiful music by the Fifth Avenue church choir of favorite hymns of Dr. Marquis was rendered. No other words were spoken, the whole service being arranged by Mrs. Marquis. No word of eulogy needed to be said. There are times when unspoken feelings and thoughts are profounder and richer in meaning than could be any spoken words, when human speech becomes an impertinence, and majestic silence is more eloquent and impressive than any utterance. The funeral party then took the night train for Pittsburgh and next morning proceeded by automobile to Cross Creek cemetery. Here a large company of friends and ministers from the village church and surrounding neighborhood had assembled and were given an opportunity to view the face of the friend who had grown up as a boy in that church and had attained such distinction in the world. At the burial Dr. Vance recited Scripture, as did also Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, Rev. J. V. Stevenson, a boyhood and life long friend, offered prayer, and it was given to the writer to say the last words in the benediction. It was a perfect day with the splendor of summer on the landscape, and in the quiet village churchyard amidst all the surrounding scenes which had been so familiar to our friend we left him there.

### We Did Not Leave Him There

"We left him there," did we write? Yes, for that is a common way of speaking and its meaning is understood well enough. But in a truer sense we did not leave him there: we left only his body, the deserted tenement of his spirit, the outer empty shell, the casket of fading flesh that had held the precious and beautiful jewel of his soul; we left that to melt back into the stream of nature. But we did not leave him there: he was gone into the eternal world where there is no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; no more sea of change and separation but endless union with the spirits of just men made perfect and with loved ones gone before: that is where we now leave him. Dr. Marquis's own faith in immortality was unclouded. Not that he did not know all the reasonings and doubts of our modern world on this subject; he did know them and like Tennyson he frankly faced these difficulties and doubts and fought them through to unwavering faith. Immortality became a settled conviction with him and a base line of all his reasoning about God and the world. Without this hope the world became a wild riot of unreason to him, a veritable insane asylum of human souls. When many years ago he lost his little son his sky grew very dark and almost all the lights went out, but this star was never obscured and its twinkle was as a friendly assurance to him that all was well. He at times would speak of this experience and how his faith in immortality had never wavered since. The little grave beside his own opened to receive him seemed to us to extend to him a kind of glad recognition and welcome. Call this a "wish belief" if you will, the heart has some rights that cannot be denied, it is the child of immortality in us that will be heard. Of course there are confirmations of this hope and supremely the resurrection and promise of our Lord, but

deeper and more primitive and constitutional than all other reasons is this reason that is deeper than reason and will defy every attempt of philosophy or scepticism or worldliness to stifle its cry. Those of us who intimately knew Dr. Marquis cannot believe that that wonderful mind and noble heart were extinguished and vanished into nothingness like a meteor in the night when he ceased to breathe. No, we did not "leave him there," but we left him in the bosom of God where we shall meet again.

*above written by Mr. James H. Snowden in Piquette and Banner*

## Of Current Events Club

# Margaret Alexander Is Honorary Member

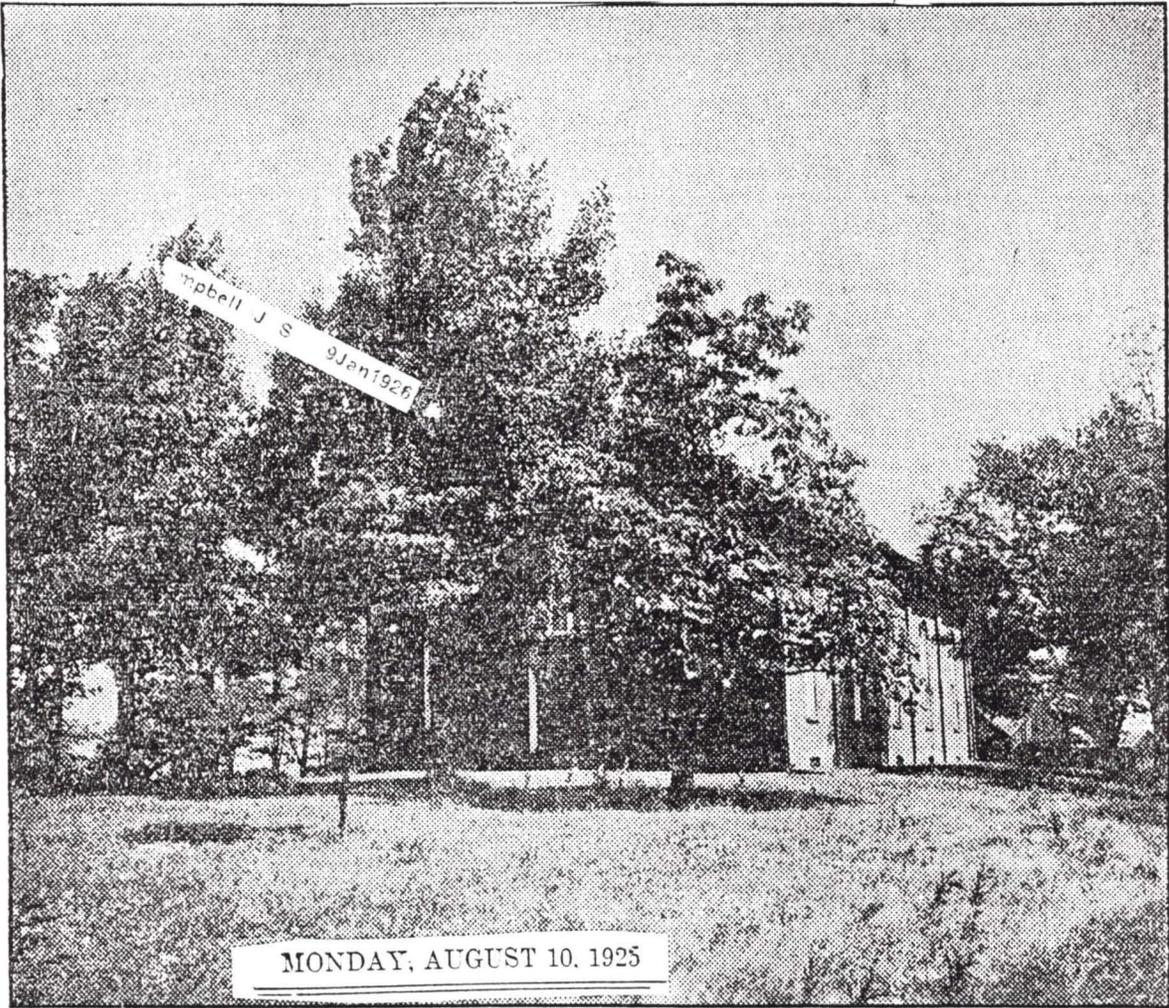
Honorary membership in Washington County, spoke on the Current Events Club and a corsage were presented to Miss Margaret Alexander at a recent meeting. Miss Alexander was elected to membership in 1909 and continues to be an interested and active member. She served as club secretary when the membership numbered 75, in comparison to the 200 present members. Anthony Luppino, director of adult services for Washington County, spoke on "Porcelain: As we know it today." He also displayed several rare pieces of porcelain. Medl Music from "Okianoma" was sung by Mrs. Robert Young and Richard Martin. Richard Zimmerman was the accompanist. Mrs. Robert L. Christman presided at the meeting. Hostesses were Mrs. Francis H. Patrono and Dr. Ellenetta B. Noble.

Chairman of the home economics department, Mrs. B.F. Skillen, announced the first meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 18, at 1:30 p.m. "Women in History, Corn Husk Craft," will be the subject of the speaker, Mrs. Marian Sweger.

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# EARLY CHURCH AND PASTORS.

## STORY OF MT. PROSPECT CHURCH IN ITS YOUNGER DAYS. 1900

Why It Was Organized and the Spirit That Pervaded Its People—Worshipped Out of Doors at the Start—Brief Sketches of the Numerous Pastorates—Papers Read at the 75th Anniversary Celebration Held Last Week.

Among the many interesting features of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, Hickory, celebrated last week, were the history of the early days of the church, by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Srodes, and of the pastorates, by John H. Miller, of the congregation. These papers follow, the early history of the church coming first:

"Seventy-five years ago Pittsburg had about 8,000 inhabitants; Cleveland, Ohio, about 600, and, on the authority of Dr. Jennings, had in it but three male Presbyterians beside himself. Chicago was known only as a military post named Fort Dearborn. The west and northwest was principally foreign mission ground, with the red man as the principal subject. Princeton Theological seminary had three professors and 95 students; Auburn, three professors and 21 students, and the United States in all reported 897 Presbyterian churches, 503 ministers, and the synod of Philadelphia 164 churches, 93 ministers, Jefferson college reported 82 students, Washington college, 100. Mt. Pleasant township reported a population of 1,254. The preaching of McMillen, Smith, Patterson and their successors had been blessed of God in showers of grace, and the growth of the churches of Cross Creek and Upper Buffalo made it possible, and in the judgment of such men as Samuel Moore, William Hughes, Charles Campbell, A. Farrar, James Miller, David Lyle, John Cowan, Sr., William Simpson, William Wallace, David McGugin, George Campbell, Hugh McConahey, John Lyle, Robert Marsnall, John White, William Walker, Simeon Haynes and Samuel Cowen, necessary to establish midway between the two points, Mt. Prospect church.

"The first preaching services held regularly on these grounds were in what is spoken of by the older members as the tent. It stood just below the graveyard, east and south of the public road, and consisted of a canopy or hoodlike arrangement of boards in which the minister stood while he expounded the word. The congregation, seated upon the ground or logs, had over them the canopy of the heavens and trees. If it rained or snowed the people took the weather, or took to the woods for shelter. Now certain cynics say if storms arise the people stay in the tent, and the minister 'take to the woods.'

"The tent was pitched on the slope towards Buffalo and Miller's Run, possibly because the first bench of elders came from those churches, but when, in 1825, the first building was erected, it stood upon this knoll, shedding its showers of divine blessing toward Raccoon and Cross Creek, just as it sheds the rain from its roof one-half into Raccoon creek and one-half into Chartiers.

"Before a pastor was called, according to the history of the presbytery of Washington, the list of supplies contains the names of Revs. McClusky, Mercer, Anderson, Elisha McCurdy, Nesbitt, William Smith, John Hamilton, Vincent, Hoge, Stockton, Hervey. So we see the early members of the church had variety and excellence, according to the standards of the day in ministerial service. The name of Samuel C. Jennings does not appear in this list, but in his little book, 'Recollections of seventy years,' published in '84, speaking of the state of the church in the region of Pittsburg and at large, in 1828-1832, he says: 'At Mt. Prospect, then a new organization without a pastor, a licentiate, by invitation, preached on a Lord's day in June, the plain sermons, and then appointed a meeting for prayer and exhortation at the house of Elder Cowan. When the people were dismissed some did not leave, and after being further instructed, still remained, in tears. This so affected the venerable old elder that he arose and spoke to the inquirers with streaming eyes.' As Dr. Jennings speaks elsewhere of a visit to Dr. John Stockton, at Cross Creek, and of the work undertaken in First church, Washington, that same spring and summer it is evident he modestly refers to himself when he says 'a licentiate.'

"This reference indicates the spiritual condition of the church when the Rev. David Hervey, its first pastor, took charge in the fall of 1828. After two sermons and a prayermeeting the people were crying for more. This is not to be wondered at when we recall that William Hughes, William Wallace and Robert Marshall were probably at that service and that they, while members of other churches, had signed the religious agreement drawn up and circulated in 1782 by Judge Edgar, of Cross Creek; and that the synod of 1828 had set apart special days of fasting and prayer for the outpouring of God's spirit in reviving power upon the churches. The spirit of God was present already in answer to the purpose of God's people.

"Under Mr. Hervey's pastorate these spiritual conditions continued, and though the membership of the church doubled during his pastorate, he has left us without the name of a single one of those led to Christ during that pastorate, the only names appearing on the sessional records being names of those who were so fortunate or unfortunate as to be the subjects of sessional discipline. During the Rev. Mr. Moore's pastorate, names are given as discipline is exercised as well. The most exasperating minute on the records during his ministry, to us, is this, made

*June 10, 1838: Session met. Constituted with prayer. Members all present. John Moore, Moderator. Mr. Samuel Moore was appointed delegate to Presbytery and Hugh McConahey his alternate. Session spent some time in*

in examining and comparing old papers and collecting items from memory with reference to the origin and early history of Mt. Prospect church, endeavoring to obey the direction of our synod on this subject. Why did they not record the result thereof so we might have it today?

"At this time the 'Juvenile Foreign Missionary society' of Mt. Prospect congregation was formed. The written constitution thereof, bearing date May, 1838, has recently been discovered among some old papers of James Hughes, son of William Hughes, one of the first elders. 'Any child,' says article 2 of said instrument, 'or youth between the ages of six and sixteen years may be a member of this society.' Article 3: 'Each member shall pay annually twelve and one-half cents to aid in sending the blessed gospel to the distant heathen.' The society met once a year at the time of the spring communion, at which time the annual payment was made. The first name signed to this constitution is that of Jacob Miller, who passed away in Philadelphia one morning last fall to greet, perhaps, some of 'the distant heathen' to whom the blessed gospel by the contributions of this juvenile society, was carried; and who, glorified, were ready to greet him and those associated with him in this work in the place prepared by Jesus for those who love Him. Vincent Miller comes next. He is here to-day, or expected to be. Though able to give much more than twelve and a half cents today to carry the blessed gospel, he doubtless rejoices more in the memory of that juvenile doing than the larger and easier work of to-day. This family removed not long after this from the bounds of Mt. Prospect, but afterwards a son, our Elder John H., returned and his family all united with this church during the pastorate of Rev. T. R. Alexander. It was of these Miller boys' grandfather that Dr. James I. Brownson related that, calling one evening after dusk at his home near Washington, though he saw no light, he heard the reading of Scripture during family worship, and discovered after worship was over, and he entered the Miller home, that the head of the household was simply repeating the Scriptures from memory.

"The other names to this document, Rebecca Griffith, James Griffith, Elizabeth Hays, Jane Hays, John Hays, Samuel McNairy, David Longmond, Hervey McIlvaine, Margaret Simpson, Sarah Araminta Simpson, Elizabeth Work, Ann Work, William Work, John Work, Arch-

bald Carson, Isaac Carson, Margaret Ann Sterritt, Thomas McNairy, Robert Porter, Eliza Jane Moore, Harriet Newell Moore, Letticia Ann Moore, Alex. McGugin, Mary McGugin, David McGugin, Margaret McConahey, Mary McConahey, Susanna McConahey, Martha Jane McConahey, George Moore, Jane Moore, Mary Tuthy, Jacob White, Mary White, Nancy White, John Cowen, Elizabeth Cowen, Elizabeth Campbell, Samuel, George, Sarah, Esther and Hannah Ann Campbell, Mary Hannah Rankin, Josey M. Rankin, Mary Ann Douglass, Levina Griffith, Margaret Farrar, John Ross, Margaret Lyle, James Lyle, Elizabeth Lyle, are names written in ink and probably link up the family history of the congregation as perfectly as if the entire list of members of the congregation for the first 50 years, or indeed, for the early families of the congregation, the entire 70 years.

"Other parts of the history of the church in its different departments from this time on cover practically all the ground, unless we shall enter into a mere cataloguing of names, which at this juncture would be unprofitable and unsatisfactory. The church has gone through the various changes and experiences common to country churches, with this exception. It still retains its family names and its entirely rural character, beyond almost any of its neighboring churches. By inter-marriage and the other neighborhood changes common to such a community, our United Presbyterian neighbors draw from us, and we in turn draw from them. Our sons and daughters are given in marriage and the balance is kept about even. Since the sixties the new names added have been largely those which came to us from neighboring churches, though the German has supplanted in many places the Scotch-Irish name which was set opposite a certain farm or over a church pew. A German

name has even taken its place on the roll of ministers. However it may compare in a ministerial way, it is most certainly true and just to say that the German successors of Scotch-Irish farms and pews in this congregation are worthy people, bearing with noble generosity and hearty good will their share of the church's burdens. The only foreign missionary to the credit of Mt. Prospect today bears a German name, and Mt. Prospect may well honor the name of Rev. Fred G. Knauer, who bears in distant Africa the banner of Christ in her name.

"The rest of the world has grown small since our fathers laid and built the foundations of Mt. Prospect. Pittsburg can hear from China to-day quicker than from us; but while a great nation has grown up where there were only Indians or wilderness, Mt. Prospect has been doing her humble part in sending forth men sturdy in character, trained to know the right as it is revealed in God's word. While the population remains about the same, or probably less in the territory included in her boundaries, her membership has increased and gifts are proportionately increasing every year. The people do not have as much to give as some years ago, but they give more of it. What the future has in store no man knoweth; but our purpose and prayer is to carry on the work in the spirit and with the zeal of those who have gone before.

"The church became an incorporated body in 1856. Its first trustees were James Lee, James Campbell, William White, Henry Cochran, George Campbell, James McGugin, Samuel Campbell, Gawn McIlvaine, James Rankin, Joseph Lyle, Peter Futhy, are the names added up to 1855. In December, '55, we find a resolution to supply the pulpit all the time if funds be sufficient. During '55 the water supply was a burning question. A spring on the farm of Samuel Cowan (now Joseph Manson), being the source of that supply, was closed by Mr. Cowan, and

since that time Mt. Prospect has "gone dry," or carried its supply in buckets. Joseph Rea and N. B. Campbell, Charles Campbell, John Morgan, James Manson, T. M. Berryhill and Samuel Lyle, Samuel McNary, A. V. McGugin, J. R. Simecox, Isaac Griffith, John McIlvaine, A. E. Walker, Thomas Forsythe, Moses Lyle, John C. Reed, John M. Miller, J. E. Stewart, J. F. McDowell, J. M. Donaldson, S. P. Ewing, James Smith and James E. Rankin, W. W. Donaldson, J. P. White and A. B. Miller, Fred Rasel and John L. Scott are names recorded as trustees up to 1881 in the old trustee book. Those since that date will be published in a list to be printed. Those signing call for present pastor are Joseph Hemphill, William Rankin, John B. Lyle, H. S. Buchanan, D. M. Raab and C. C. Robinson.

The church's present officers are: Pastor, John Jay Srodes; elders, J. F. Hill, Alex. V. McGugin, J. Reed Lyle, John H. Miller, Jacob F. McDowell, John P. White; trustees, John T. Scott, president; Ephraim Vogle, Lawrence Morgan, William Work, S. Edwin Miller, A. R. White, secretary. President of congregation, E. G. Emery; vice president, J. H. Miller; secretary, W. E. Rankin; treasurer, John P. White. Membership, 246. Benevolence, 1900, \$633.50; congregational expenses, 1900, \$1,949.51; total, 1900, \$2,583.01."

The sketch of pastorates, as read by Mr. Miller, was very interesting, and follows:

"The Rev. David Hervey, whose name appears as No. 29 on the biographical register of the presbytery of Washington, was ordained and installed Mt. Prospect's first pastor December 21, 1828, and released after a pastorate of six years and four months. He was a farmer until the age of 26; then realizing the Lord's call to the ministry, entered Jefferson college and five years later was graduated a member of class of 1825. This church and Lower Buffalo, with a partial service at Wellsburg, constituted his only pastoral charges, though after his retirement in 1879 he spent two years in missionary work in Illinois. He died on his farm in peace, June 19, 1891. He lived, during his service here, in a house built for him by Hugh McConahey, in Woodrow, now occupied by James Miller. He taught the youth of the church privately in his home and as near as can be ascertained from the records, left Mt. Prospect with a membership of about 130, more than double the number found there when taking charge.

"The Rev. John Moore became the second pastor of Mt. Prospect, October 4, 1837, continuing in the pastorate until April 17, 1845, about eight years, being pastor-elect six months. Mr. Moore bought the property now occupied by Christian Knauer, and erected near to the dwelling house an academy building, still standing and in use as a granary and tool house. Here young men were given academic training, and it was while in attendance on the academy that James Allison, now senior editor of the Presbyterian Banner and doctor of divinity, united with Mt. Prospect church. Dr. Allison will probably be able to recall the characteristics of the Rev. Mr. Moore as well as any one now living. The date and place of Mr. Moore's death are to the writer unknown. Eighty accessions are

"The Rev. David R. Campbell became pastor here in the fall of '49 and though a son of the church, labored with force and acceptance for nearly six years among a people who were familiar with his childhood and youth. He lived during the early part of his ministry in the house now occupied by our president, E. G. Emery. After the death of his wife, he removed to Hickory, where he also taught a private school, thus keeping in line with his predecessors. He died at Steubenville, February 25, 1873, in his last pastorate. The second church of that place, amidst the sympathy and sorrow of a church which had learned to appreciate his decided pulpit ability, his evangelical spirit, and his uniform faithfulness.

The Rev. W. B. Keeling was "A man of very decided ability and force as a preacher, but his tendency to controversy and stricture alienated a portion of his people from him." During his pastorate, December, 1858, until fall meeting of presbytery in '63, the records show 68 accessions. During this pastorate the second church building was erected, the use of tokens ceased, and the congregation passed through the stirring times of the civil war without political divisions. Mr. Keeling died at Winona, Ill., April 29, 1878. He represented the presbytery of Washington in general assembly at Peoria, Ill., the last year of his pastorate in Mt. Prospect.

The Rev. J. C. Caldwell, ordained and installed pastor November 4, 1864, was a clear and forcible preacher. During his pastorate of nearly four years the manse was built, the use of tables in communion service dispensed with, over 60 added to the church, notwithstanding internal troubles, which resulted, through no fault of the pastor, in some loss to the membership. On the other hand many, whose

certificates had been withdrawn during previous pastorates, returned them. A story is told which illustrates a characteristic of Mr. Caldwell's preaching. The Rev. David Hervey, being here during communion season, and noting Mr. Caldwell's presentation of the terrors of the law, said to him afterward: "Caldwell, are you easily made angry?" "No, I think not." "Well, then let me advise you, preach less hell and damnation." If Father Hervey had been living now and listening to the preaching of the present day, perhaps this advice would have been in the opposite direction. Mr. Caldwell's sudden death about a year ago, while driving along the street, is fresh in the memory of all who knew him.

R. T. Price heads the list of living ministers. During his pastorate of a little over four years, December, '68, January, '73, 90 persons were admitted to membership and the second building having been destroyed by fire was replaced by the present structure. Mr. Price is at present located at Seio, Ohio, and though not present in the body is with us in spirit, and speaks through the written word.

The pastorate leaving the deepest impress upon the life of the congregation, by reason of its length and also by reason of the sterling integrity of the man, can without disparagement to any other, truly be said to be that of the Rev. T. R. Alexander, who succeeded the Rev. Mr. Price in 1873, and continued in pastoral relation almost 19 years. The labor of counting through the records makes it inconvenient to give the number of accessions; but during this pastorate the church steadily increased in membership and knowledge, young people's society work was introduced, women's mission work organized, and the foundation of the present Hickory academy was laid. Mr. Alexander is with us to-day, and we refrain, lest we offend.

The Rev. A. T. Taylor was ordained pastor August 18, 1893, and released November, 1896, to become pastor of Gaston Memorial church, Philadelphia. This pastorate, though brief, accomplished much good work and by enlisting the young people raised the benevolences of the church to a higher point than ever before.

The history of the present pastorate, Rev. J. J. Srodes, can best be written after its close. It began April 3, 1897, and is to-day going on with hope of brighter and better days. We reap where others have sown, and only after the sowing of the present comes to harvest, will it be safe to sum up results.

Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Miller 1908

Word was received in Pittsburg Monday that Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Miller, aged 74, a brother of W. S. Miller and Vincent Miller of that city, had died at the home of his son, Samuel W. Miller, Jr., in Spokane, Wash. Dr. Miller was born near McDonald, was graduated from Jefferson college in 1860, and later from the Western Theological seminary. He served pastorates in Presbyterian churches at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Wooster and Mansfield, Ohio, and Saltsburg, Pa. He left Saltsburg about eight years ago, owing to ill health, and moved to Pasadena, Cal. Recently he went to visit his son in Spokane and died while there. The deceased is survived by his widow, two sons, Robert in Pasadena and S. W., Jr., at Spokane; and six brothers, Vincent, W. S. and R. W. Miller, Pittsburg; John H. of Hickory, Pa.; and Dr. J. M. of Beaver Falls, Pa.

# Death Due to Appendicitis

Son of Rev. James E. Miller Dies in Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburg. Sept 14, 1911.

Following a few days illness of appendicitis, Malcolm Miller, the 8-year old son of the Rev. J. E. Miller, former pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, died at the Presbyterian hospital, Pittsburg, Thursday night at 12 o'clock. Funeral services will be held Sunday from the Miller home in Gibsonia. The body will be brought to Hickory on Monday and the interment will be in the Mt. Prospect cemetery some time during Monday afternoon. The hour is not known.

The boy became ill only a few days ago of appendicitis and his condition was alarming from the first attack. He was rushed to the hospital, but he rapidly grew worse until death came Thursday night.

The Rev. Mr. Miller is well known in Washington county, having filled the pulpit at Mt. Prospect for a number of years. After leaving there he went to Bentleyville and from there to his present charge at Gibsonia. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have the sympathy of their former congregations in their sad bereavement.

Feb. Mrs. John Miller 1906

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Miller, aged 68 years, wife of John H. Miller, one of the most prominent farmers of Mt. Pleasant township, died at her home yesterday morning at about 3 o'clock. Mrs. Miller had not been in good health for some time but her illness was not considered dangerous, until yesterday. Mrs. Miller is survived besides her husband, by the following children: Prof. James Miller, of Washington & Jefferson college; Edwin, Olive and Katherine, at home, and Mrs. Mary White, of Mt. Pleasant township. The funeral services will be held from the United Presbyterian church of Hickory, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The interment will be in the Hickory cemetery.

Miss Alice Miller. 1906

Hickory, March 14.—Miss Alice Miller, a daughter of John H. Miller, of Mount Pleasant township, died at her home last night at 10 o'clock, after an illness of several months. Miss Miller was one of the most prominent young women of this section and for several years had been a mission teacher in the Mary Allen seminary in the South. During the time Miss Miller was teaching in the South she became ill and about three years ago returned home and for the past few months had been ill of liver trouble. Mrs. Miller, the mother, died just 15 days ago after a short illness. The deceased, besides her father, is survived by two brothers and two sisters: Prof. Miller, of W. & J. college; Edwin Miller, at home; Mrs. John White, of Mount Pleasant township, and Catherine Miller, at home. Funeral services will be held from the Miller home on Friday at 1:30 o'clock.

## W. & J. COLLEGE PROFESSOR DIES

James McC. Miller, Mathematics Instructor, Succumbs to Illness.

[SPECIAL TO THE POST.] 1912

WASHINGTON, Pa., Sep. 2.—James McCalmont Miller, 41 years old, professor of mathematics in Washington and Jefferson college, died last night in his summer home near Clinton, Allegheny county. He had been ill for years. He was born in Greggs, Allegheny county, in 1871 and was graduated from Washington and Jefferson college in 1897. He received a diploma from the law school of the University of Pittsburgh in 1900 after which he began to practice law in Allegheny county.

In 1905 Mr. Miller accepted the chair of mathematics in Washington and Jefferson college, which he held until his death. He was an elder in the Second Presbyterian Church of Washington and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. His father, John H. Miller, died a few weeks ago. He leaves his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Miller, his widow, who was Miss Emily Connell, of Clinton, Allegheny county, and three children.

# PROMINENT FARMER AND CHURCHMAN DEAD

John H. Miller Passes Away at His Home in Mt. Pleasant Township at the Age of Seventy-Four Years. 1912

Hickory, July 23.—John Haynes Miller, a prominent farmer, church worker and well-known citizen of Mount Pleasant township, died suddenly this morning early at his home near Hickory. Apoplexy was the cause of his death. He was stricken while yet in bed.

Mr. Miller had not been ill and had retired last evening in his usual health. He became ill shortly after 5 o'clock, called to his son, S. Edwin Miller, who lives with him, but death came before anything could be done for his relief.

Mr. Miller was born April 13, 1838, in Hickory, but lived from the time he was four years old, until about 40 years ago, near McDonald. Two score years ago he removed to the farm on which he still lived at the time of his death. He received his education in the common schools of his younger days. When a young man he became a member of the Miller's Run Presbyterian church and later became identified with the Mount Prospect Presbyterian church, Mount Pleasant township. He was elected an elder of the latter congregation on November 6, 1875, and had held the office of elder since that time. He was a very active worker in the church. He was a lay commissioner to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church held at Louisville, Ky., last May.

Mr. Miller had held many township offices, such as school director and supervisor, and was always interested in the welfare of his community. He was married on May 18, 1865, to Elizabeth Jane McCalmont. The wedding occurred at the old McCalmont homestead, near Candor, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Kennedy, then pastor of the Center Presbyterian church. Six children blessed the union, four of whom are living. They are as follows: Mrs. John P. White, of Woodrow; Mrs. Frank Dinsmore, of Hickory; Professor J. M. Miller, of Washington and Jefferson college; S. Edwin Miller, at home.

Mr. Miller was one of a family of nine boys, and these brothers survive: Vincent Miller, William Miller and James Miller, of East End, Pittsburg; Robert Miller, of Allegheny, and George Miller, of East Liverpool, O. His father was the late Samuel Miller, and his mother, Mary Ann Cockins Miller. The family resided in the McDonald section.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in the Hickory Presbyterian church. The interment will be in the cemetery at Hickory.

# RECEPTION IN HONOR OF CHURCH REDEDICATION

Mount Prospect Presbyterian  
Congregation at Hickory For-  
mally Reopens Its Renovated  
House of Worship.

1915

Hickory, July 21.—A reception in honor of the rededication of the Mount Prospect Presbyterian church was held last evening, the church having recently been repaired and done over. The reception was for the 107 new members which were taken in at the last communion. The church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and ferns and presented a very pretty appearance.

The dedication services were in charge of J. Mc. Simpson, who was master of ceremonies. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. A. F. Alexander, pastor of the church. Greetings were given by the Rev. D. P. Smith, of the Cross Roads U. P. church, also by the Rev. A. S. Eagle-son, of the West Middletown U. P. church, Dr. W. M. Hayes, of the First Presbyterian church of Burgettstown, and the Rev. Charles Stunkard, of the Mount Pleasant church of Hickory. An address of welcome was given to the new members who recently united with the church by E. G. Emery, a member of the session.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Frank W. Muncey, of Craffton. Among the other entertainers of the evening were the Huf-nagle sisters of Hickory, violinists, as- sisted by Miss Lucy Kinemond on the piano, readings from J. Whitcomb Riley by Prof. W. J. Kay of Washing- ton and Jefferson college.

At the conclusion of the services the women of the congregation served lunch. About 350 persons were in at- tendance, among them being Evangel- ist L. K. Peacock.

## Christian Endeavor Banquet

Hickory, Jan. 5—Members of the Christian Endeavor society of Mount Prospect Presbyterian congregation held a banquet in the high school building on Wednesday evening. The banquet was given by the "Purples," they being defeated in a contest in securing new members for the so- by members of the "Gold" division. The color scheme was carried out, the two colors of the society were

in evidence. After a bountiful lunch- eon served by the losing members af- ter dinner speeches interspersed by vocal and instrumental music were in order. The Rev. U. W. MacMillan acted as toastmaster and the follow- ing responded: "Retrospect," S. E. Miller, retiring president; "Prospect" by J. Mac White, the new president; "What the Christian Endeavor Has Done for the World" by J. Mac Simp- son: "Efficiencyln Campaign" by Ralph Simpson; "What the Christian Endeavor has done for the individ- ual" was discussed generally. The contest was considered a successful one as there were 34 members when it startd two months ago and now the society has 82 members. Besid- es the increase in membership a greater interest has been stirred up. Miss Laura Pettibon read an original poem written for this occasion. It is as follows:

### For the Golds

O Golds, O Golds, we congratulate you  
Although we're the Purples we're  
not a whit blue,  
Though we have lost and you've won  
the race,  
We all have received God's blessing  
and grace.

We know by this contest our spirit's  
been stirred.

And we've all received good from  
searching 'God's word,

But now that the contest has come  
to a close

We're just fitted for work and not  
for repose.

We hope that the Spirit will anoint  
us anew.

And ever as gold we may always  
ring true;

We must not think that our work is  
all done.

For my dear Christian Worker it's  
only begun.

For we're in a work we must never  
lay down

Till life is all over and we take up  
our crowa.

Oh, may we be faithful in spirit and  
word,

And in God's cause let our voices be  
heard.

Let us all work till the summons  
shall come,

And the Angel is ready to welcome  
us home.

Then may we be found both the Pur-  
ple and Gold,

At the right of our Master with the  
sheep of his fold.

## James Reed Lyle of Mt. Pleasant Township Is Claimed by Death



LATE JAMES REED LYLE

Hickory, March 22.—James Reed Lyle, one of the oldest and most promi- nent residents of this section, died at his home near here early this morning, of general debility. Born November 20, 1833, he spent all his life on the home farm and was recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the dis- trict.

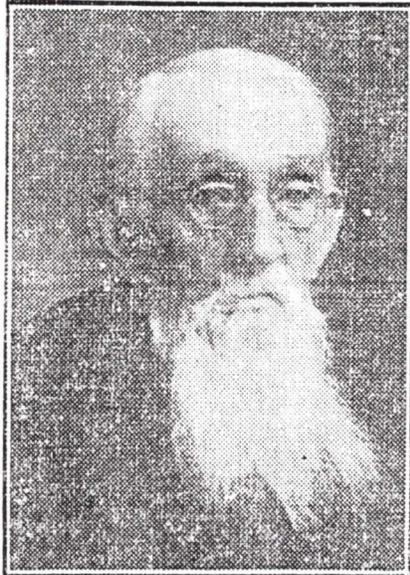
He was married June 12, 1862, to Miss Sarah Hartford, of Florence, and the couple four years ago celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. Lyle survives.

Mr. Lyle became a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church at an early age. In 1869 he was elected as an elder and served in that position until the time of his death. In politics he was a Republican and held many offices of trust in the township. He was held in high esteem by the entire community and his loss will be deeply felt.

He was the son of Joseph and Mary Reed Lyle. Of his brothers and sis- ters three survive: Joseph Lyle, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. James Lyle, of East Liverpool, O.; and Mrs. Elea- nor Manson, of near Hickory. The fol- lowing children are living: Mrs. W. G. White, of Crosscreek; Mrs. Herbert S. Buchanan, of near Hickory; Miss Margaret Lyle, at home, and J. Ed. Lyle, on the home farm.

Funeral services will be held Satur- day afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, in charge of Rev. A. S. Alexander, the pastor. The interment will be in the Mt. Prospect cemetery.

## James F. Hill of Hickory Is Dead; Aged 89



THE LATE JAMES F. HILL

Hickory, Jan. 13.—James Fife Hill, aged 89 years, one of the best known residents of this section and one of Washington county's oldest men, died at his home here last night shortly before midnight following a week's illness. Mr. Hill took a severe cold last Monday and was unable to throw it off. His condition became steadily worse until his death last night. The funeral services will be held at the late home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. A. F. Alexander, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the Mt. Prospect cemetery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill, Mr. Hill was born near Hills Station July 27, 1826. His father and mother were among the early settlers of Washington county and lived long, Thomas Hill dying at the age of 100 years and three months. In early life Mr. Hill became a maker of men's garments and worked at that occupation the greater part of his life. With the exception of three years spent at Hills Station and five years in Ohio, he spent his entire life at Hickory. For some time, during the oil and gas excitement in Mt. Pleasant township, he was proprietor of the old Keystone hotel, a noted hostelry of years ago.

Mr. Hill was united in marriage with Miss Rachel McNary, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George McNary of Mt. Pleasant township, on November 21, 1850. In 1900, Mr. and Mrs. Hill celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and in November of last year their 65th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Hill was a member of the Mt. Prospect church for many years and for more than a half-century was ruling elder. In politics Mr. Hill was an advocate of the Republican faith and took an active interest in the affairs of his party.

There survive the wife, who is 82 years old, and three children, J. Wilson Hill, of Wilkinsburg; Calvin Hill, of Boston, Mass., and Thomas Hill, of Pittsburg.

## Mrs. Rachel McNary Hill, Aged 85, Dies at Home of Her Son



LATE MRS. RACHEL HILL

Pittsburg, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Rachel McNary Hill, aged 85 years, widow of James F. Hill, who for many years was a resident of Hickory and was one of the most widely known and respected women of that section, died this evening at the home of her son, Thomas M. Hill, 430 North School street, Avalon.

Mrs. Hill was a member of the McNary family, one of the oldest in Washington county and pioneer settlers in Mt. Pleasant township. She was a daughter of Samuel McNary. The death of her husband occurred only a few months ago.

Three sons survive: Thomas M. Hill, at whose home she died; James Hill, of Pittsburg, and Calvin C. Hill, of Boston, Mass.

The funeral services will be held at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, Hickory, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in the cemetery there.

## Dr. Andrew T. Taylor, York, Pa., Pastor, Dies

Prominent Presbyterian Minister, Formerly of Washington County, Expires.

Dec 21 1919

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Todd Taylor, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, York, Pa., and a leading clergyman of the denomination in America, died Saturday in his home in York following an illness of a week.

He returned recently from London, where he was one of the representatives of the American Presbyterian Church at the Inter-Church World Movement convention. Dr. Taylor was secretary to the American branch of the International Presbyterian Brotherhood.

He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to this country when a young man. He was graduated from Grove City College, the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburg, and Princeton University, which institution later awarded him the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity. His first pastorate was at Prospect, Washington county, Pa. From there he went to the Gaston Memorial Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. The Cooke Presbyterian Church, Toronto, which pastorate he held later, is one of the largest churches in Canada.

Upon returning to this country he became pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J., and went to the First Presbyterian Church of York, where he had since remained. He married Miss Lauretta Bronson of Washington, Pa. Besides his widow, he leaves three daughters, Miss Eleanor, Miss Mary and Miss Lauretta Taylor; a son, Irwin Taylor, and two brothers, William L. Taylor of Dithridge street and John L. Taylor of Seattle, Wash. Services will be held Tuesday evening in the family home. Interment will take place Wednesday in Philadelphia.

MARRIED.—By Rev. J. W. Cary, on April 19th, 1894, at the home of the bride, the Rev. A. F. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Florence, and Miss Martha A. Tucker.

# REV. A. F. ALEXANDER DIES AT DORMONT

Former Resident of Washington Succumbs to Pneumonia Attack After a Short Illness  
—Was Aged 80 Years.

4 April 1924

Dr. Adolphus F. Alexander, a well-known clergyman of the Presbyterian church, a former resident of Washington, and until about a year ago pastor of the Mount Prospect Presbyterian church at Hickory, died yesterday at his home in Dormont after several days illness of pneumonia. He was 80 years old. Before removing to Dormont he had lived on South College street, Washington having made his home here for several years.

Dr. Alexander was of pure Scotch descent, his genealogy being traced back to an influential family of that land, to one John Alexander, a citizen of Lanark, Scotland. Among his children was a son John who married Margaret, a daughter of Ronald Glasson, of Glasgow. John and Margaret Alexander, by reason of religious persecution then raging, fled to Ireland, and subsequently with other members of the family, came to America.

The family was prominent in the affairs of this country and during revolutionary days had a fine war record. James Alexander, great-grandfather of Dr. Alexander, was the second son of John and Margaret Glasson Alexander, and served in the Colonial army. One of his children was Robert Alexander, who lived near Stone Mountain, in the Kishacoquillas valley, this state. Among his children was Cyrus Alexander, father of Dr. Alexander, who was a native of Union township, Mifflin county, Pennsylvania. Cyrus Alexander married Mary Brown, and they spent practically all their life on the old homestead in Mifflin county. All down the line from Scotland through America the family were staunch adherents of the Presbyterian faith.

Adolphus F. Alexander was born November 7, 1844, at the home in the Kishacoquillas valley. He attended the common schools of that section and also the Kishacoquillas seminary. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted on August 21, 1861, at Lewiston, Pa., in Company C, Forty-fifth regiment, P. V. I. He took part in engagements at Cold Harbor, South Mountain, Antietam, the siege at Knoxville, the campaign around Petersburg and in minor engagements. He returned at the close of the war, having received only one slight injury, at the battle of Cold Harbor.

For the war. Dr. Alexander resumed his studies at Milroy, and soon afterwards entered Washington & Jefferson college. He also took up the study of law under Orvis & Alexander, at Bellefonte, and in 1870 was admitted to the bar at Lewiston. He practiced for a short time in Pittsburg and in 1875 entered the Western Theological seminary. He was graduated there in 1879, and was called to a church in Mercer county. He remained there until 1883, when he accepted a call to the Florence Presbyterian church, which he served for several years.

On March 11, 1886, he was married to Flora Anderson. She died in 1890. His second wife was Miss Amanda Tucker, of Florence. For about ten years, up to a year ago, Dr. Alexander had been pastor at the Mount Prospect Presbyterian church, Hickory.

There survive his wife and these children: Mrs. Stevenson, wife of Attorney Matthew H. Stevenson, of Pittsburg, a child by his first marriage; Lot Alexander, of Wilkingsburg, a graduate of Washington & Jefferson college; Archibald Hodge Alexander, of Pasadena, Cal., also a W. & J. graduate and for a time a teacher of French in the college, and Miss Margaret, at home, a former teacher in the Washington High school.

## THE DEATH ROLL.

APR 19 1925  
The Rev. John T. Price.

The Rev. Robert T. Price, aged 88, formerly of Bellevue, for 40 years an active minister in the Presbyterian Church, died Sunday at Wooster, O., according to word received here. He was graduated from old Washington College, now Washington and Jefferson, in 1861, and from the Western Theological Seminary, North Side, in 1864. He was a member of the Nu Chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity. He held pastorates at Wellsburg, W. Va.; Bellevue, Dunbar, Pa.; Shreve, O., and Crowley, La. He leaves a son, Edward K. Price of Pittsburgh; two daughters, Mrs. George O. Conaga of Scio, O., and Miss Mary Price of Wooster, O., and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Margaret Canaga  
14934 Lakewood Ave Blvd  
Lakewood T, Ohio  
sent picture of Rev. Price  
received from her in Aug 1952  
Returned 7-20-52  
Letter sent 10-13-52

## Mt. Prospect's One Hundredth Anniversary

August 8 and 9, 1925, the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Congregation, near Hickory, Pennsylvania, the Rev. Dwight Brooker Davidson, pastor, celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of its organization.

At the afternoon service, the devotionals were conducted by the Rev. F. W. Chadwick, of the Buffalo Presbyterian church. The main address of the afternoon was made by the Rev. B. F. Heany of McDonald, Pa. A history of the church was read by the pastor. Greetings from Washington Presbytery were conveyed by the Rev. James Hamilton, and brief talks were made by visiting ministers. Letters from absent friends were read by Mr. J. P. White, the senior elder, and customs of early days were recalled by the "lining-out" of a hymn by H. S. Buchanan and Walter Campbell in costume. A quartet consisting of young men resplendent in gay velvet waistcoats, broadcloth suits and black suits and black satin ties, accompanied by demure maidens in tight bodices, voluminous, hoop-skirts and velvet poke-bonnets furnished a picturesque phase of the afternoon program. Two of the oldest members, Miss Jane Rankin, 92, and Miss Rachel McDowell, 91, lighted the candles and cut the mammoth birthday cake presented by Mrs. Flora Campbell Manson. Among the historical exhibits that evoked interest were the first communion set and soap-stone token mold.

The Sabbath service was a well-attended one and after the address welcomed by the pastor, a forceful sermon was preached by one of Mt. Prospect's most-beloved pastors, the Rev. James Erskine Miller, of Pittsburgh, who served the congregation from 1905 to 1909.

The present pastorate began April 1, 1923, when the Rev. D. B. Davidson was extended a unanimous call. During his tenure, there have been sixty accessions.

# CENTENNIAL OF HICKORY CHURCH IS CELEBRATED

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian  
Congregation Observes Its  
100th Anniversary of Organ-  
ization with Fitting Program

TWO DAYS GIVEN OVER  
IN OCCASION'S HONOR  
Saturday Devoted to Historic  
Reminiscences with Interest-  
ing Program of Addresses—  
Former Pastors Take Part.

SPECIAL SERMON SUNDAY

1925  
BY WILLIAM C. MOORE

Hickory, Aug. 9.—Rejoicing in the completion of a century of Christian effort, nearly a thousand members and friends of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church gathered about the historic hill near this village yesterday. Hallowed memory and holy enthusiasm were the graces that blessed the day and made it one long to be remembered.

Shortly before noon the crowd began to gather, and when the dinner hour arrived a delicious repast was served to the hungry folk who made themselves comfortable under the great trees that shade the lawn. Women of the church formed a dinner committee under the leadership of Mrs. R. R. Hays.

### Cut Birthday Cake

A huge birthday cake, baked by Miss Martha Stunkard and presented by Mrs. Flora Manson in honor of the occasion evoked much interest. It was decorated with 100 candles, ten of which were lighted by Miss Jane Rankin, aged 92, the oldest member of the congregation. The honor of cutting the cake fell to Miss Rachel McDowell, aged 91, who has been a member of Mt. Prospect for 72 years.

### Historic Features

The historical committee presented an exhibit which included a number of tokens, and a mold for making the same, an old pewter communion set, pictures of early elders and pastors, and many books and records of a pioneer age. Costumes of 100 years ago were worn by the singers in certain musical numbers

The historical committee, which consisted of Rev. D. B. Davidson, Miss Edith Simpson, J. P. White and James A. McGugin had also prepared a history of the church which was distributed in booklet form to members and friends at the close of the afternoon.

### Program Colorful

The formal program of the afternoon began with devotionals conducted by Rev. F. W. Chadwick, pastor of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian church. Rev. D. B. Davidson, the pastor, greeted the assembly, and letters of regret from several former pastors were read by the senior elder, John P. White.

The choir, with H. S. Buchanan as leader, sang "Freedom's Banner" and led the congregation in singing favorite old hymns.

A quartet composed of Mary Belle Rankin, Margaret Campbell, Clark Rankin and Walter Campbell, dressed in the garb of 1825 sang "Home Sweet Home," and "The Old Home Town."

A solo number "Beautiful Garden of Prayer," was rendered by Miss Sara Buchanan. Miss Mary Belle Rankin sang "Coming Home" and near the conclusion of the program Miss Evelyn Hays sang a number entitled "Going Home." H. S. Buchanan and Walter Campbell, dressed in costume "lined out" the hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" in a manner that evoked amusement.

### Praised Old Standards

In the main address of the afternoon Rev. B. F. Heany, of McDonald, stressed the value of Presbyterianism. "It does not ask, 'Is it pleasant?'" said Rev. Heany, "but rather it asks, 'Is it right in the sight of the sovereign God with whom we have to do?'"

Rev. James Hamilton, of Washington, brought the greetings of the presbytery, and in a witty speech outlined the contributions of the "Emerald Isle" to the propagation of the gospel. With a vigor that struck home he bid the church Godspeed in its next century of service.

Brief words of greeting were spoken by Rev. James E. Miller, of Pittsburg, Rev. Charles Stunkard, of Hickory, and Rev. G. W. Pollock, of Washington.

### Anniversary Sermon

The anniversary sermon was delivered to a crowded house on Sunday morning by the former pastor, Rev. James E. Miller, of Pittsburg. It was a well-reasoned discussion of the church's message, and an appeal for the old and deep truths of the gospel. A crowd estimated at from 700 to 800 occupied every available inch of space in the building. Friends from several other churches were present to enjoy the service.

### A Well-Organized Centennial

Officers and members of the church, as well as Rev. M. Davidson received many compliments on the smoothness with which the whole affair was carried out. The centennial committee consisted of

Robert H. Hays, John P. White, Wil-  
lard K. Allison and Harry D. White.

In preparing and editing the church history entitled "After One Hundred Years," the historical committee performed a work characterized as very valuable. The dinner committee, in serving both dinner and supper with skill and precision, won much praise. Alvin D. White was voted an efficient head of the arrangement committee. Mrs. Mary Lyle's floral decorations were much admired. It seemed to be a labor of love on the part of the many who aided in the affair.

### Tributes Paid Deceased

Repeatedly throughout the addresses of Saturday reference was made to members now passed on, whose hallowed memories linger. Among those thus remembered was the name of William Mason Campbell, an elder for more than 50 years and that of Mr. Alexander V. McGugin, one of the organizers and first president of the Woman's Missionary society in 1877.

### Early History

In his history of the congregation Rev. D. B. Davidson said that the organization of Mt. Prospect church in 1825 was the culmination of a desire long cherished by the Scotch-Irish pioneers and their descendants to have a church within easy reach of their homes. Churches had already been established at Upper Buffalo, Cross Creek, Raccoon, and Miller's Run, but these were each distant about six miles.

Not all the names of the early families of the church can be obtained, but the following names are representative: William Hughes, John Cowen, William Simpson, Robert Marshall, Robert Wallace, Samuel Moore, Charles Campbell, David McGugin, Simeon Haynes, Archie Stewart, James Miller, William Wallace, John Lyle, William Walker, Samuel Cowen, and A. Farrar.

### Worshipped Under Sky

Meetings were first held in hour and later in a grove just south of the church, where the minister was protected by a hoodlike arrangement of boards over his head, whilst the flock had for its canopy the open sky.

A petition was submitted to Washington Presbytery for the organization of a congregation here, and April 20, 1825, permission was given to erect a house of worship on the David Lyle farm a mile west of Hickory. This date stands out in the history of the church like July 4, 1776 in the life of the nation.

### Three Church Buildings

The first building was a wooden structure erected in 1825, much of the labor and material being donated. It was never dedicated, but the people, with Scotch-Irish directness simply moved in and began to worship the Lord after the dictates of their consciences.

Under the ministrations of Rev. William B. Keeling, a new house of prayer was completed in 1861, a brick building which represented the congregation's idea of keep the church abreast of the times.

The new brick church was used for only ten years, as fire destroyed it on March 23, 1871. On that day a number of youths had gathered at the young men's prayer meeting and were hastily summoned forth Alexander McGugin who, upon arrival found the roof ablaze, strenuous efforts of the men unavailing. The structure was very soon erected at a cost of about \$10,000.

**Early Elders Forceful**

Mt. Prospect takes pride in its eldership through the 100 years of history. The first three chosen were William Simpson from the Miller's Run church, William Hughes and John Cowen from Upper Buffalo. These men had all been elders in the congregations from which they came, and were characterized as men of strong mind, determined purpose, and devoted piety. These men died between 1831 and 1848.

Under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Hervey, the first minister, Charles Campbell, Hugh McConaughey, Robert Lyle, Andrew Farrar and Samuel Moore were elected elders. The first of these to die was Andrew Farrar in 1832, and the last was Hugh McConaughey, who passed away in 1874.

William Mason Campbell, Samuel Cowen and James Lee were made elders between 1848 and 1850. In 1859 James Rankin, James F. Hill, and James McElroy were added to the session. Mr. Hill was the only one of these who survived until the present century, his death occurring at a great age in 1916. Andrew Donaldson and Alexander V. McGugin were added to the session in 1867. One of the present elders, James A. McGugin is the grandson of Mr. Donaldson and son of Mrs. McGugin.

J. Reed Lyle and A. E. Walker were elected elders in 1869. John H. Miller was added in 1875. He served for 37 years or until his death in 1912.

**Later Elders Well Known**

The late Jacob F. McDowell, whose death occurred in 1918 was chosen a member of session in 1893. John P. White, widely known in farm and dairy circles, was appointed at this time also. He is now the senior member of the session and traces his lineage to William Hughes, his great grandfather who was a member of the first board of elders. His grandfather James Hughes was elected elder in 1842. E. G. Emery, veteran of the famous 140th Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Civil war was added to the session in 1908.

The present elders, with John P. White as senior member includes James McGugin, James P. McCarrell, and Riddle S. Rankin.

**Numerous Pastors**

Rev. David Hervey was the first pastor of Mt. Prospect, and was installed on December 3, 1828. To free him from worldly cares he was voted a salary of \$350. He had been a farmer, was a graduate of Jefferson college, and during his pastorate lived in the house built by Hugh McConaughey at Woodbury which was later a part of the Howard Moore estate, and is now owned and occupied by Robert Phillips.

Under Rev. Mr. Hervey, the Sunday school was organized, in the spring of 1829, with a membership of 109. The first superintendent was James Hughes, great grandfather of the present leader, James MacWhite.

Rev. Mr. Hervey left the pastorate in 1835, served two other congregations, lived in retirement many years and died at a ripe age in 1891.

**Rev. John Moore**

Rev. John Moore served the church from 1837 to 1845, adding 80 members. He bought the property now owned by Christian Knauer and nearby erected an academy building for the training of young men. This building is still standing.

Rev. David R. Campbell, a son of the congregation, was pastor from 1849 to 1855. He lived for a time in what is now the tenant house of the William Russell farm, and taught a private school in Hickory later. He is remembered as a man of unusual ability. His last charge

was at Steubenville, O., where he died.

The church was incorporated during Rev. Mr. Campbell's incumbency. The trustees of these early days include the names of James Lee, William White, Gawn McIlvaine, James Campbell, Henry Cochran, James Dankin, Joseph Lyle, Peter Futhy, George Campbell, James McGugin, and Samuel Campbell.

**Three Pastors in 15 Years**

Three short pastorates followed that of Rev. Mr. Campbell. Rev. William Keeling served from 1858 to 1863. A man of unusual talent and force, he was a bit too given to controversy in the opinion of his people. Rev. John Calvin Caldwell was chosen in 1864. It was then that the manse was erected. The use of tables in communion was discontinued. More than 60 were added to the church during his brief term. A story is told that Rev. David Hervey, after inquiring of Mr. Caldwell if he were easily made angry said bluntly "Let me advise you to preach less hell and damnation."

Rev. Robert T. Price was an accepted servant of the people from 1868 to 1873. His death occurred at Wooster last April.

**Rev. T. R. Alexander**

Nearly 19 years of able service was the contribution of Rev. Thomas R. Alexander, whose pastorate was from 1873 to 1892. He excelled both as a preacher and an organizer. The church increased to 220 members. The Women's Missionary society was formed. The Christian Endeavor society and a young men's prayer meeting were instituted. Mr. Alexander aided also in the founding of Hickory academy. A warm friend of the late Dr. Joseph McElroy, he frequently went hunting with that genial physician. Moving to Washington in his latter years, Rev. Mr. Alexander lived until 1918.

**Five Short Pastorates**

Rev. Andrew Todd Taylor, John J. Srodes, James A. Cunningham, James E. Miller, and Uriah W. McMillan served in the order named during the next 20 years. Rev. Mr. Taylor was called to the Gaston Memorial church in Philadelphia. During his pastorate here he married the daughter of Dr. James I. Brownson, of Washington.

Rev. Mr. Srodes, a capable and popular minister for a brief term, passed away at his home at Woodfield, O., on July 25. Rev. J. A. Cunningham, known as a man of firm convictions, and a zealous worker. He is still preaching and is pastor of the Onondaga Valley Presbyterian church in New York state.

Rev. James E. Miller, now of Pittsburg, was the next pastor. He immediately began work which resulted in the improvement of the congregation's work in several lines. Finance, showed marked advancement under Mr. Miller. Mrs. Miller, with the aid of Mrs. John Y. Dinsmore was largely instrumental in organizing the Esarer McGugin chapter of the Westminster Guild.

Rev. U. W. McMillan received 69 members during his brief pastorate, and is remembered as an able minister. After leaving this community he served at Old Concord and is now living in retirement at Glenshaw.

**Rev. Adolphus F. Alexander**

Rev. A. F. Alexander, whose death occurred in April, 1924, was the beloved pastor of Mt. Prospect church from 1914 until 1923, when the infirmities of age caused him to ask for release. He was an honored veteran of the Civil war completing almost four years of service. After studying law and entering into legal practice, he yielded to the passion of his heart to preach the everlasting gospel. His was a labor of love. He bore the people's cares, entered the homes of his flock and other homes, and when he prayed the

careless took thought, and the discouraged renewed their faith, and felt themselves sustained by God.

**1925 The Present Pastor**

In 1925 a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Dwight B. Davidson, a graduate of Wooster college Princeton university, and Princeton Theological seminary. He was ordained to the ministry at Detroit, Michigan, in May, 1919, immediately preceding his work as assistant pastor of the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian church of that city. After service there and mission field at Alberta, Canada, he came to this church.

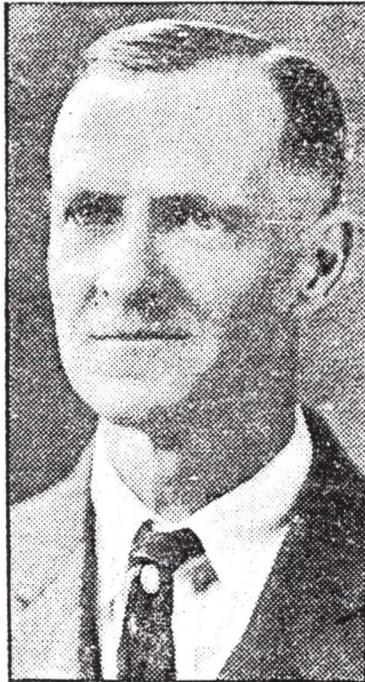
During the two years which have elapsed of this pastorate there have been 60 accessions to the church. The Christian Endeavor society was reorganized in 1923, and since that time has been significant. The celebration of the 100th anniversary is one of the notable events of this pastorate. Mt. Prospect is a thriving church at the present time.

The Westminster Guild was founded by Mrs. D. L. McCarrell, Mrs. James E. Miller and Mrs. John Y. Dinsmore.

Session of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church



JOHN P. WHITE



JAMES P. McCARRELL



RIDDLE S. RANKIN



JAMES A. MCGUGIN

Mt. Prospect Pastor



REV. D. B. DAVIDSON,  
present pastor of Mt. Prospect  
Presbyterian church at Hickory,  
which celebrated its centennial at  
Hickory Saturday and Sunday.

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### From Mount Prospect, Pa.

*Sept 8 1897*

**Board of Trustees**  
 Robert R. Hays is president of the congregation; Harry D. White, secretary; Riddile S. Rankin, financial secretary; W. Ralph Simpson, treasurer. The trustees are, Willard K. Allison, Frank P. Barnes, Vincent M. Paul, William M. Russell, Walter M. Campbell, Clifford G. Carlisle.

#### Seven Preacher Sons

Seven sons who have entered the ministry are David R. Campbell, James Allison, William Fulton, William R. Vincent, David Hughes, McNary Forsythe and Fred G. Knauer. Rev. Mr. Knauer was for a number of years a missionary to Africa, but on account of his wife's health found it necessary to return to this country. He is now pastor of a Presbyterian church at Madison, Nebraska.

#### Frowned on Sprees

In 1870 rumor reached the ears of the session that one of the flock had returned from Pittsburg on the night of December 23 in a shameful state of intoxication. This member duly confessed his sin, was freed from further prosecution with the warning that in the future he "be more guarded in his conduct."

A session record of 1860 reveals the attitude of the church on dancing. Public rumor had charged certain young persons with attendance upon a ball at Burgettstown, presumably the annual Christmas event. A committee obtained from these young persons a statement in which they confessed their guilt. Even those who had been present without participating in the Terpsichorean pastime acknowledged that they had committed sin. The session agreed to deal leniently with the erring youths, but vigorously stressed the point that the church would not allow its members to indulge in promiscuous dancing.

Dear Dr. Allison:—I am informed that you united with the church here in old Mt. Prospect, Presbytery of Washington. You will be interested in knowing that the church is still prospering. At our last communion service, Sabbath, August 29, we received ten new members, five on letter and five on confession. The occasion was made memorable by two incidents. The first was the presentation of a memorial of respect and condolence to Elder Wm. Mason Campbell, who has attained his 81st year and his 40th of service in the session. His brethren desired to say their good words to him while still strong in body and mind and active in the work, and they did so in a meeting of session on Friday.

The second incident was a farewell service in honor of Rev. Fred G. Knauer, who preached for the pastor Saturday and assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath. Bro. Knauer is under appointment by our Foreign Board to Batanga, West Africa, and sails early in September. He came within the bounds of Mt. Pleasant 14 years ago, a poor German boy, and found a home first with Squire J. S. Buchanan, the present Sabbath school superintendent, afterward with Elder Alex. McGugin. He attracted the attention of Rev. T. R. Alexander, then Mt. Prospect's pastor, and was by him fitted for the sophomore class in Washington and Jefferson College, from which he graduated in 1893. His theological course was taken at McCormick Seminary, and since graduation there, he has been stationed at Westminster Presbyterian church of Carthage, Mo. He now consecrates talents of a high order to the work at Batanga. The congregation and community turn out on Sabbath evening to bid him farewell and God-speed. Kind words were spoken by Elder J. Reed Ly on behalf of the session and people. Fathers McGugin and Campbell offered touching prayers. Rev. E. S. LaRue, a seminary classmate, and Rev. G. M. Donehoo were present with kind wishes, and the young people's society remembered their former associate with benedictions and benefactions.

Bro. Knauer's words were full of emotion, and the entire service was an object lesson on, and a baptism with, the spirit of foreign missions. If more of our German immigrants found such homes and met with such friends as Bro. Knauer found at Mt. Prospect and met in Bro. Alexander, less need be said and written about the continental Sunday and kindred questions. His aged mother, his brothers and sisters are now all living in the near vicinity and though feeling the separation deeply, have yielded to Bro. Knauer's convictions of duty. May God grant him safe journey, good health and safe return on many fur-loughs.

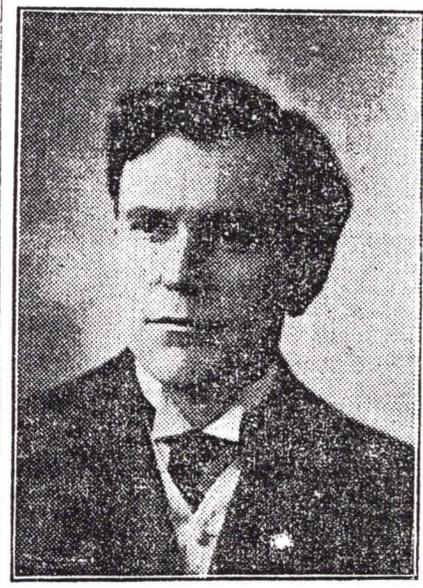
Yours, etc.,  
 John J. Srodes, pastor.



REV. JOSEPH S. MORLEDGE

*Pastor Mt. Prospect 1927-1930*

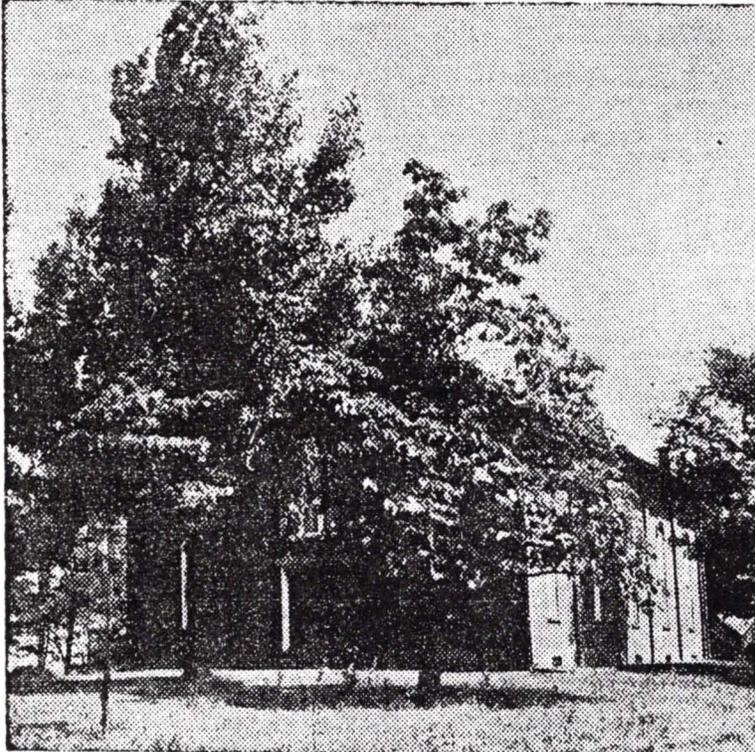
*Nov. 9, 1909*  
**Accepts Call To Bentleyville**



THE REV. J. C. MILLER

Who recently resigned the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church near Hickory and who has accepted a call to the Bentleyville church. The Ordination exercises will take place next Thursday.

## ONE OF STRONGEST RURAL CHURCHES



Above is the present Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory, which yesterday attained the ripe age of 116 years. The present edifice is the third in the history of the congregation. The first was a log structure and the second, a brick building, was destroyed by fire.

## HICKORY CHURCH 116 YEARS OLD

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian  
Congregation Holds Special  
Service on Exact Date of  
Milestone in History.

### HISTORY IS REVIEWED

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, marked its 116th birthday Sunday, April 20, 1941, with a fitting service.

It was on April 20, 1825, that Washington Presbytery granted a group in the vicinity of the "Village of Mt. Pleasant" permission to erect a house of worship.

The Mt. Prospect Church, the largest rural church in Pennsylvania if not in America, has a record of which any church may be justly proud. From a group of about 60 charter members it has steadily grown to a membership of approximately 500.

A historical service was held yesterday and was attended by many former members and friends of the congregation. The Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, who has been pastor of the congregation for the last 10 years, preached an appropriate sermon, using for his text, "Where the Saints Have Trod."



The Rev. C. S. Thomas, above, is pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. He has served in that capacity since 1930 and has been prominent in religious activities throughout the district.

The Scripture, taken from the 11th and 12th chapters of Hebrews, was read from an old pulpit Bible which was used more than 80 years ago. The anthem, "Come to the Church in the Wildwood," a feature of the 75th anniversary service in 1900, was sung by the choir Sunday. A male quartet composed of Donald Caldwell, Robert Polen, David Williams and Andrew Riggle sang, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

Sixteen pastors serving Mt. Prospect have been men of exceptional character, and the influence exerted on the congregation and community in general was felt long after their labors were ended. Under their wise guidance the church has prospered and enjoyed a continuous growth.

The 116 years have been years marked by the finest cooperation between the pastors and the people. Even during the Civil War, when national issues caused divisions in communities, families, and close friends became embittered and enemies, Mt. Prospect, unlike many of the nearby churches, managed to keep political strife and hatred out of the church.

Many of the members of the church at the present time are descendants of the worthy men and women who were instrumental in effecting the organization more than a century ago. On the early church roll many names appear that are familiar today including William Simpson, David McGugin, James Miller, Samuel Moore, John Lyle, William Walker, Simeon Haines, Samuel and John Cowen,

William and Robert Wallace, James Hughes and Andrew Farrar.

The early pioneers who chose the vicinity of the Village of Mt. Pleasant (Hickory) for their future homes were largely made up of Scotch Irish Presbyterians who had crossed the Allegheny Mountains. While establishing their homes and adapting themselves to frontier life, their most convenient house of worship was either the Millers Run, Raccoon, Cross Creek or Upper Buffalo congregations, each being six or seven miles from their homes. Tradition relates that while going to and from church they carried their flintlocks as well as their Bibles. As the population increased there was a desire on the part of this group to have a sanctuary more conveniently located to their homes. It was a culmination of this desire that led them to petition Washington Presbytery in 1825, praying that they be permitted to erect a

house of worship.

Prior to the organization on April 20, 1825, services were first held in private homes. Later they were held in the forest just south of the present church location. This was spoken of as "The Tent," consisting of a rude canopy of boards over the minister while the people grouped on the ground seated on fallen logs or stumps.

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The first church, a log structure, was erected in 1825, soon after the organization was effected. The second was a substantial brick building costing approximately \$8,000, which was built in 1861. Ten years later it was destroyed by fire and the third and present edifice was started immediately from the ruins of the building and was completed at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

In 1926 it was remodeled to meet the demands for the increased Sunday School, improvements costing slightly less than the original building.

A location on the Simeon Haynes farm was never used.

All three churches were located on practically the same location, that of the David Lyle farm, later known as the E. G. Emery farm. It is now owned by William Russell.

The church has been fortunate in its elders. Records are intact. The first elders, men who had been ruling elders in churches to which they had previously belonged, were William Simpson, from the Millers Run Church, near Venice, now abandoned; William Hughes and John Cowen, both from the Upper Buffalo Church. All were characterized as men of strong minds, determined purpose and devout piety.

Previous to calling a pastor, Dr. John Stocton, pastor of the Cross Creek Church, and Elisha McCurdy, of Florence, with a number of others supplied the church.

The first pastor called was David Herve, who served from 1828 to 1835, his salary being \$350. Other pastors and their period of service follow: John Moore, 1837-1845; David R. Campbell, 1849-1855; William Keeling, 1858-1863; John Calvin Caldwell, 1864-1868; Robert T. Price, 1868-1873; Thomas Rush Alexander, 1863-1892; Andrew Tood Taylor, 1893-1896; John Jay Shrodes, 1897-1901; James A. Cunningham, 1902-1904; James E. Miller, 1905-1909; Uriah W. MacMillan, 1910-1913; Adolphus F. Alexander (stated supply), 1914-1923; Dwight B. Davidson, 1923-1927; Joseph S. Morledge, 1927-1930, and Cornelius S. Thomas, the present pastor who has served the congregation since 1930.

Rev. Thomas R. Alexander, who was pastor from 1873 to 1892, served the longest of the 16 pastors. Aside from its length, his pastorate was outstanding for its accomplishments.

It was during his pastorate that

the Home and Foreign Missionary Society at Mt. Prospect was organized. He organized the Young Men's prayer meeting which was the forerunner of the present Christian Endeavor Society. While ministering to the church he also found time to promote policies for the betterment of the community. It was largely through his efforts that the old Hickory Academy was organized in 1891 and continued until 1902 when the Mt. Pleasant Township High School was established.

The Mt. Prospect Sunday School, organized in 1829, has had a remarkable record which was briefly reviewed by the superintendent, A. D. White.

Nine members of the church have entered the ministry as follows: David R. Campbell, James Allison, William Fulton, W. R. Vincent, David Hughes, McNary Forsythe, all deceased; Frederick G.

Knaver, of Seward, Neb.; Rowland White, of Delaware Water Gap, and James P. McGugin, who will be ordained tonight in the church.

Present officers of the church are: Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, pastor; elders, James P. McCarrell, James A. McGugin, J. Buchanan Manson, A. D. White, S. Edwin Miller, W. Lee Cowden, Boyd A. Emery, J. Alvan Bell and Andrew D. McCarrell, clerk of sessions; president of congregation, A. R. White; vice president, J. Alvan Bell; secretary, Mrs. S. O. Scott; trustees, W. L. Cowden, Kenneth Smith, John C. Dinsmore, Harry D. White, Gailey B. Wilson, Dr. John K. McCarrell and Alvin D. Carter; musical director and organist, Mrs. E. H. White.

Womens Missionary Society—President, Mrs. D. L. McCarrell; vice president, Mrs. C. S. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. John Y. Dinsmore; treasurer, Mrs. Mary S. Lyle.

Bible School—President, Vance M. Smith; vice president, Joseph B. Henderson; secretary, Elsie Scott; superintendent, Alvin D. White; first assistant superintendent, J. R. Henderson, second assistant superintendent, V. M. Paul; junior superintendent, Loraine Paul; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Kenneth Smith; home department superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Lyle.

# CONGREGATIONS AT HICKORY HOLD YEARLY MEETINGS

Ministers of Both United Presbyterian Churches Report a Successful Church Year.

## OFFICERS ARE ELECTED 1941

HICKORY, April 17.—The Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church recently held congregational meetings at which reports for the past year were given and officers elected for the coming year.

At the United Presbyterian meeting, the following officers were elected: President, H. L. Pedicord; vice president, Thompson Cowden; secretary, Mrs. Edna McCarrell; treasurer, R. B. Retzer; assistant treasurer, Harry Colwes; financial secretary, H. E. Swartz; trustees for a three year term, John Cowden and Harold Morrison; organist and musical director, Della Colwes; and ushers, Harry Colwes and Clark Coleman.

Financial reports read by the treasurer of the Uniteds Presbyterian congregation showed substantial balances after the paying of all bills for the past year. R. L. Stevenson, pastor of the congregation also reported a successful year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year by members of the Mt. Prospect Church: President, A. R. White; vice president, J. Alvin Bell; secretary, Mrs. S. O. Scott; treasurer, and financial secretary, D. T. McAllister; trustees for three year terms, W. Lee Cowden and Dr. J. K. McCarrell; trustees for one year, Alvin Carter; auditor, Richard Simpson; nominating committee, A. D. White, Jane Allender, and Mrs. W. A. Stewart; and ushers, G. E. Baker, V. M. Paul, and C. C. Carlisle.

Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the congregation, reported a successful year, and the treasurer a balance in the treasury.

Sunday School officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, V. M. Smith; vice president, J. B. Henderson; secretary-treasurer, Elsie Scott; superintendent, A. D. White, 1st assistant superintendent, J. R. Henderson; 2nd assistant superintendent, V. M. Paul; librarians, Albert White and Wendell Hoop; junior superintendent, Lorraine Paul; cradle roll, Mrs. Kenneth Smith; home department superintendent, Mrs. J. E. Lyle; and nominating committee, Miss Virginia Caldwell, Harry White, and G. E. Baker.

# HICKORY CHURCH IS 116 YEARS OLD

1941

HICKORY, April 17.—Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory will celebrate the 116th anniversary of the founding of the congregation Sunday morning, April 20.

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to worship at both Bible School and church services which will be devoted to special services in honor of the occasion. Bible School will be held at 10:30 o'clock. The Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the congregation, will preach the anniversary sermon. Hymns which were sung at the 75th anniversary held in 1900 will be used at the morning service.

On April 20, 1825, a petition was presented to Washington Presbytery by a group wishing to found a church on the Western Pennsylvania frontier. Washington Presbytery sanctioned the petition and the church was founded immediately. The first membership of the church totaled 65, and in April, 1941, Mt. Prospect reported to the Presbytery that it had grown to 478 members. Many of the family names of the original founders are to be found on the church roll today.

## JAMES PAUL M'GUGIN ORDAINED TO MINISTRY

1941

HICKORY, April 21—At an adjourned meeting of Washington Presbytery held tonight in the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, James Paul McGugin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, of Hickory, R. D., was ordained to the gospel ministry.

Dr. Paul Leo, professor at Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, conducted the devotions, and the sermon was preached by Dr. T. W. Bowman, also of Western Seminary. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the church.

Basing his remarks on the text, "Take heed to thyself", Mr. Thomas gave the charge to Mr. McGugin.

Andrew Donaldson, great-grandfather of James Paul McGugin, was elder at Mt. Prospect for 13 years. Alexander V. McGugin, grandfather of James Paul McGugin was an elder at Mt. Prospect for 37 years and James A. McGugin, father of the new minister has been ruling elder for the last 26 years.

The Rev. Mr. McGugin is considering a call received from the Sinking Valley Church and Spruce Creek Church, in the Huntingdon Presbytery.

## ORDINATION SERVICE AT HICKORY MONDAY

1941

Monday evening, April 21, James P. McGugin, a member of the senior class the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, will be ordained in the Mt. Prospect Church, Hickory. Mr. McGugin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, members of the congregation. The McGugin family has been prominent in the Mt. Prospect Church throughout its entire history.

### MRS. JAMES E. MILLER

Friends at Hickory have received word that Mrs. Bess McCloud Miller, of Beechview, Pittsburgh, wife of the Rev. James E. Miller who was pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory from 1905 to 1909, died suddenly Saturday, May 17, 1941.

Surviving Mrs. Miller are a son, James E., Jr., and two grandchildren, Barbara Ann and Malcolm Miller.

Friends will be received at the Beinhauer Mortuary, 2630 West Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh, until Tuesday at 2 p. m., D. S. T., when funeral services will be held. Burial will be made at Hickory.

# Historical Pilgrimage Next Week to Churches in County

The Historical Society of Pittsburgh Presbytery has chosen Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory and Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church as the objectives for the next pilgrimage to be held Monday, May 19, 1941.

The pilgrims, about 200 in number, will arrive at Mt. Prospect Church at 1:30 o'clock E. S. T. by car. Dr. G. J. Slosser, of Pittsburgh, will preside, and the Rev. C. S. Thomas, of Hickory, will conduct the song service. A. D. White, of Hickory, a member of the society at Mt. Prospect, will make the principal address on the subject, "Early History of Mt. Prospect Church." A historian from the Pittsburgh society will give a talk on Presbyterianism in Washington County.

The pilgrimage will continue to Buffalo where the Rev. J. M. Brice-

land, pastor of Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, will conduct a service of consecration. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p. m. D. S. T. by the women of the Buffalo Church.

The cemeteries at both churches will be visited as several noted Presbyterian ministers are buried in them. Well-known preachers buried in the Buffalo Village Cemetery include "Hell-Fire" Smith, first pastor; "Screw-Auger" Anderson, second leader of the congregation; John Eagleson, the third pastor; John Smilie, the Scotch elder who braved the hazards of a journey down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to sell a cargo of flour to raise funds to pay Mr. Smith for his services as pastor.

More than 500 people will attend the evening dinner at historic Upper Buffalo. Reservations must be made today through the Rev. Mr. Briceland at Upper Buffalo.

IN MINISTRY



James Paul McGugin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, Hickory, is serving as pastor of the Selinsgrove and Lower Spruce Creek Presbyterian Churches, this state. He graduated at Hickory High School in 1934, W. & J. in 1938 and Western Theological Seminary this year. He was ordained in his home church, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian, at Hickory. He preached on numerous occasions in county churches during his Seminary years and served as stated supply at Pughtown, W. for two years. 1941 W.V.C.

Hickory

Lt. Louis M. Swartz, accompanied by Mrs. Swartz and daughter Sue, of Crestline, O., visited several days at his parents home, Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Swartz. Lt. Swartz, for the past two years has been pastor of the Crestline Presbyterian Church at Crestline, O. He recently resigned his pastorate and enlisted as chaplain in the U. S. Navy. He left on Monday to begin his training at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.

Lt. Swartz is a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant Vocational High School, Hickory, Washington and Jefferson College and a Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity member. He took his theological training at Chicago University.

Lieutenant (j. g.) David Swartz, of Ft. Schuyler, N. Y., spent a short leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Swartz and Mrs. Swartz, who is visiting in Hickory.

William Clark and family moved from the A. C. Beaumariage property, Hickory, to his home recently purchased, South Wade avenue, Washington.

Annual Church Meetings Are Held At Hickory

Officers Are Elected At Meetings Of Two Congregations

April 1943

Officers were elected at the annual congregational meeting of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory. The annual business meetings were conducted in the two churches Wednesday evening and reports of committees were heard. Following the devotional period at the Mt. Prospect Church, conducted by the Rev. C. S. Thomas, the following officers were elected: President, J. A. Bell; vice president, Glenn Carter; secretary, Mrs. S. O. Scott; financial secretary and treasurer, C. M. White; trustees, three years, Kenneth Smith and Walter Campbell; auditors, C. C. Carlisle; ushers, Robert Wilson, G. E. Baker and Howard Caldwell.

Sunday School officers of the Mt. Prospect Church are: President, Vance Smith; vice president, D. T. McAllister; secretary and treasurer, Elsie Scott; superintendent, A. D. White; assistant superintendent, Robert Wilson; librarians, Jack White and Donald Campbell. At the recent anniversary celebration, which marked the Rev. Mr. Thomas' 12th year as pastor, 21 new members were received into the church, which now has a membership of 505.

New officers of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church are: President, W. W. Denny; vice president, Elmer Leech; congregational secretary, Mrs. Louis Magee; financial secretary, Harvey Swartz; church treasurer, R. B. Retzer; assistant treasurer, H. B. Colwes; trustees, three years, Louis Magee and Charles Colwes; auditor, Harold Morrison; church organist, Miss Della Colwes; choir committee, Mrs. Louis Magee, Mrs. Ralph Retzer and Mrs. J. Ard Cowden; social committee, Mrs. Charles Colwes, Mrs. Lawrence Boone, Miss Helen Retzer, Mrs. John Bedillion, Mrs. William Bartram, H. W. Swartz, L. A. McCalmont and Dr. E. D. Swartz.

Hickory Church Ordains Member

William A. Hulick, Navy Chaplain, Gets Church Duties

1943

With impressive ceremony William A. Hulick, already commissioned as a chaplain in the United States Navy, was formally ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church at the Mt. Prospect Church, Hickory, last night at an adjourned session of Washington Presbytery.

A son of the church, Chaplain Hulick is a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Township High School, Hickory, a member of the class of 1936 and graduated at Washington and Jefferson College with the class of 1940. He completed his study for the ministry at San Francisco Seminary, San Anselmo, Calif., last Thursday. As a theological student, he preached at a mission church at Richmond, Calif. He was commissioned by the U. S. Navy March 15.

Chaplain Hulick was ordained as an evangelist.

Dr. W. F. Harkey, of the Third Church, Washington, presided as moderator. Dr. W. P. McConkey, of the Central Church, conducted the examination of the candidate, Dr. A. W. Wishart, W. & J. College Church, giving the theological tests, Dr. Harkey on sacraments, and the Rev. C. S. Thomas on church government.

The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Robert K. Fogal, of the Bentleyville Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Mr. Thomas, pastor of the candidate, read the Scripture lesson and delivered the sermon. The prayer of ordination was offered by the Rev. James Paul McGugin, pastor of the Sinking Valley Presbyterian Church, near Altoona. Dr. Wishart delivered the charge to Chaplain Hulick who pronounced the benediction.

Chaplain Hulick is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Hulick, of Hickory.

# Rev. C. S. Thomas Observing 12th Year At Mt. Prospect

March 1943

An invitation has been extended to former members and friends of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, of Hickory, to attend the anniversary service to be held in the church, Sunday, March 28. The occasion is the 12th year of the Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas' pastorate and a special program will be held at the 11:30 o'clock service. Communion will be offered and new members will be received.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas, a native of Newark, New Jersey, came to the Mt. Prospect Church upon his graduation from the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, and was ordained and installed March 27, 1931. Under his guidance the church has had a steady growth and a fine spirit of cooperation between pastor and congregation.

He is the 16th pastor to serve the Mt. Prospect Church and his pastorate is second in length, the Rev. Thomas R. Alexander, serving from 1873 to 1892. The church is considered the largest rural church in Pennsylvania.

A group of Presbyterian families of the vicinity petitioned the Washington Presbytery for permission to organize a church and erect a house of worship near the village of Mt. Pleasant, and were granted permission March 20, 1825. The present church is the third of the charter and is close by the site of the original church. With a starting membership of 60



REV. C. S. THOMAS

it now stands at near 500 members.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas has a program under way in which he hopes to secure 12 new members by profession, 12, by letters of transfer and 12 by reaffirmation during his pastorate.

## Hickory

At the close of the third pre-communion services held in the Mt. Prospect Church, Hickory, Friday, Alvin White on behalf of the various organizations of the church presented a purse of money and floral tributes, coming from the session and the Christian Endeavor Society, to the pastor, the Rev. C. S. Thomas, in recognition for his devoted service to the church during his pastorate of 12 years. The Rev. Mr. Thomas was ordained into the gospel ministry and installed pastor of the Mt. Prospect Church on March 27, 1931. In recognition of his anniversary, Communion was held Sunday and new members were publicly received. Members, friends and former members, a total of 270 received communion. Twenty-one new members were received into the membership. The church has a membership of 505 at present.

ed charter members and deceased teachers were honored by a member of their family coming forward to receive a white rose. It was called to attention that 24 mothers of the class have a total of 36 sons in the service. They were presented with pink and white carnations.

Greetings were read from Dr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Morledge, Pittsburgh, Mrs. E. C. Williams, New Castle, Mrs. Edith Simpson, McCreary Sarinac Lake, N. Y., Mrs. Harry White, and Mrs. Marie Lawton, Washington, and Mrs. Jennie Hays, Greentree. Called upon for remarks were James McGugin, a former teacher, A. D. White, superintendent of the Sunday School and the Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the church.

Mrs. J. T. White announced the class is donating a Communion table to the Church. Mrs. Reed Welsh, guest soloist sang a song which closed the program.

A social hour on the Church lawn followed the meeting. A large cake, baked by Mrs. Vincent Paul and her daughter Mrs. Boyd Anderson, was the centerpiece of the table at which the guests were seated.

The charter members of the class were Mrs. Ida McDowell Ryburn, Lizzie Manson, Mrs. Myrta Emery Dinsmore, and Mae Miller, all deceased, and Mrs. Mary Conkle McIlvaine, Mrs. Lucy Kinmond Williams, Mrs. Laura Cald-

well Dinsmore, all of near Hickory, and Mrs. Lydia Wilson Somers-lade, Wooster, O.

# Mt. Prospect Bible Class Observes 31st Anniversary

June 25 1943

Yesterday marked the 31st anniversary of the Worth While Bible Class of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory and the occasion was observed with a fitting program and lawn party. Four of the eight charter members, the others being deceased, were present for the affair, held at the church in the afternoon.

Most of the 73 present members and charter members and former teachers were present. The class was first organized June 25, 1912, and it was taken into the organization of the International Sunday School Association of Adult Bible Classes, at the same time. The Worth While Class has lived up to its name in activities benefiting the church in the past 31 years and can be justly proud of its contributions of finances and work to the church, to the community, and to the National and Foreign missionary society.

During the meeting yesterday officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Gayley Wilson; vice president, Mrs. Vance Smith; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Henderson. The present teachers, elected by the class each year, and who teach successive Sundays are: Mrs. Claire White, Mrs. Hanna Martin, Mrs. David Shannon and Mrs. Thompson White.

Mrs. Hanna Martin, retiring president of the class, presided at the meeting. Mrs. J. E. McIlvaine, a charter member, extended a welcome to the 150 present. Mrs. Reed Welch and Miss Flora Carlisle sang a reunion song which was composed by a class member, Miss Jane Allender, for the occasion. Devotions were read by Mrs. Taylor Williams, a charter member. The class history was presented by Mrs. John Y. Dinsmore, also a charter member. During the memorial service the four deces-

# OFFICERS ARE SELECTED BY TWO CHURCHES

Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian and Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Churches Hold Congregational Meetings.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS HOME

HICKORY, April 7.—The annual business meetings were held in the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory. Both meetings were well attended and the reports submitted by the different church organizations gave indications of very successful years.

The officers chosen for the coming year in the Hickory United Presbyterian Church are: President, Dr. R. E. Conner; vice president, Howard Glass; secretary, Mrs. C. M. Colwes; treasurer, Ralph Retzer; financial secretary, Harvey Swartz; trustees, William Bedillion and Lawrence Cowden. Bible School officers were: J. A. Cowden, superintendent; Mrs. C. M. Colwes, assistant superintendent; treasurer, Harry Colwes.

The officers named at the Mt. Prospect Church were: Chairman of the Congregation, J. B. Manson; vice chairman, Vance Smith; secretary, Mrs. Oliver Scott; treasurer, D. T. McAllister; trustees, Gailey Wilson and Walter Scott; auditor, Richard Simpson. Sunday School officers are: President, A. D. White; vice president, J. B. Henderson; secretary-treasurer, Marthetta McCarrell; assistant treasurer, Anna Lyle; librarians, Robert Smith and Wayne Scott; Sunday School superintendent, J. A. Bell; first assistant, V. M. Paul; second assistant, W. L. Cowden.

### Teachers On Vacation

Members of the Hickory High School faculty, who reside out of town, left to spend Easter at their respective homes are:

Miss Evelyn Aikey, Bellwood; Miss Edna Pifer, Punxsutawney; Miss Virginia O'Bryon, Canonsburg; G. S. Mumma, New Oxford; Miss Grace Althouse, Coatesville; M. Spence, Erie; J. R. McCracken, Uniontown.

### College Students On Vacation

College students who have returned for the Easter vacation are Miss Dorothy Stitt, Pennsylvania

College, at Edgewood; Miss Ruth Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Allison, a senior at Wooster College; Miss Gladys Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller, who is a junior at Bethany College; Raymond McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McAllister, a senior at Bethany; James P. McGugin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, student at the Western Theological Seminary; James Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods, student at the Military Academy, of Massanutten; Grace Pedicord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pedicord; Grace and Junior Cowden, children of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cowden; Willard McAllister, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. McAllister; John Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Woods; Jay McCarrell son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. McCarrell; Walter Cowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lee Cowden, all students at Pennsylvania State College; Keller Stamy, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stamy, Dickinson College; Jay Allison, son of W. K. Allison; Edward Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moore Stewart; Evelyn Hetzer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Retzer and David Swartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Swartz, students at Westminster College.

### Attends Son's Wedding

Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell and sons John K., and James J., Hickory, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Campbell and son Donald of Beaver Falls, left for Anderson, S. C., where they will attend the wedding of their son David K. McCarrell and Miss Ann Williford.

### Honored On Birthday

Mrs. Jennie Moore, Steubenville O., and James J. McCarrell were the honor guests at a 6 o'clock dinner given by Dr. and Mrs. D. L. McCarrell, of Hickory. The other dinner guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Campbell, and son Donald, Beaver Falls; John McCarrell, J. P. McCarrell, Miss Ora McCarrell and Miss Mary McCarrell.

### Personals

Robert Brown and family moved from Hickory to their new home recently completed on Route 28, McDonald, R. D.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Simpson

and children, Marylin and Sonny, of Toledo, C., were guests of the former's mother, and sister, Mrs. Katherine Simpson and Miss Mary Simpson.

Miss Pearl Powelson, Hickory, and niece, Miss Mary Belle Findling, of Bulger, visited the former's brother, Leonard Powelson and family, of near Philadelphia.

Mrs. Willard Allison and daughter visited Grace Pedicord and Ruth Shillito, who are students at Pennsylvania State College. Later they visited the former's son, Jay Allison, who is a student at Bucknell University at Lewisburg.

Miss Sophia Ratovich, of Hickory, is spending the Easter vacation at her home at Hanlin.

Mrs. Jennie Moore, of Steubenville, O., is spending the Easter vacation with friends in Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hutchison of Cecil, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bell.

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## Navy Certificate For Hickory Church

The Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, has been awarded a certificate presented by the United States Navy Department. This certificate, recently received by the pastor, the Rev. S. S. Thomas, was presented to the church at a Sunday morning service. The certificate was in recognition of the service of Chaplain William Alvin Hulick, a son of the congregation, who is serving in the New Guinea theater.

The Rev. Mr. Hulick was ordained at a meeting of the Presbytery held in the Mt. Prospect Church May 27, 1943. He enlisted in the Navy Chaplaincy corps, while a student at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, Calif. He has not served as pastor of any church so the certificate was presented to his home church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hulick, Hickory. He was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1940 and the San Francisco Seminary in 1943.

### October 1944

Attend Reading Convention Alvin D. White and Mrs. Hiram Reedy, representing the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Sunday School, Hickory, Mrs. Elmer Leech, Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. and Mrs. Fred McClellan, West Middletown United Presbyterian Church, attended the State Sunday School convention at Reading last week.

## Hickory's Fireside Club To Meet In Carter Home

The Fireside Club of the Mt. Prospect Church at Hickory will hold its May meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter, Friday evening, May 26 at 8 o'clock. 1944

### June 1944

Childrens Day At Gretna Childrens Day exercises will be held at Gretna Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Guest speaker at the service will be Alvin D. White, of Hickory, recently elected president of the Washington County Sabbath School Association. The exercises will be held in the Gretna Grange Hall.

## Wabash District Holds Election Of Officers At S. S. Convention

held Sept 1944

"Jesus, the Master, Teacher in Action" was the subject of the address made by James C. Mace, Ben Avon, at the Wabash District Convention of the Washington County Sabbath School Association held in the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory, last week. Mr. Mace is associated with the YMCA of Downtown, Pittsburgh.

The convention was well attended, representatives being present from 14 of the 21 schools in the district. A. D. White, president of the Wabash district, presided. The meeting was opened by a song service by the Rev. Joseph M. Hopkins, pastor of the host church.

The Rev. James I. Thome, pastor of the Cross Roads U. P. Church, conducted the devotional period.

Mr. Mace, who developed the theme of the convention, brought out the principles of primary pedagogy in his talk on Jesus and the woman at Jacob's well.

Special music was given by the male quartet of the host church: Kenneth Brautigam, George Brautigam, the Rev. J. M. Hopkins and E. B. Swartz. Miss Della Colwes presided at the organ.

"A Good Clock" was the subject of a talk by the Rev. Fred McClellan, West Middletown, who talked to the children. At the close of the children's conference a Bible contest was conducted for them by Mrs. Alvin Dornan and Mrs. Howard Fee.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: President, Rev. Fred W. McClellan; vice president, Mrs. Hannah Martin, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Leech,

Mt. Pleasant U. P.; children's superintendent, Mrs. Carl Stewart, Cross Roads U. P.; young people's superintendent Mary Louise Carson, North Buffalo U. P.; adult and home department, Albert Miller, Lower Buffalo Presbyterian; missionary and temperance supt., Mrs. C. W. McGaughey, Grove U. P.; leadership education supt., Rev. Albert I. Dickinson, Upper Buffalo Presbyterian; administrative supt., Rev. Joseph M. Hopkins, Mt. Pleasant U. P.; Harry Wilson, Cross Creek Presbyterian; Louis Rush, West Middletown Christian.

The new officers were installed at an impressive installation service conducted by A. D. White.

For the past 18 years friendly rivalry and competition has existed among the 21 Sunday Schools of the district and attendance awards have been given. A silver cup was awarded to the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian school for the third consecutive year for having the highest number of points in local school work.

The Gretna Union Sunday School won the banner for scoring highest in a contest for attendance at county and district conventions and conferences. The Gretna school has won the banner for the third consecutive year and is entitled to keep it permanently.

A second silver cup was won by the Cross Roads U. P. School for having a membership of 100 or more that had the highest percentage of attendance at the convention in Hickory last week.

The awards were presented by J. R. Henderson, chairman of the computation committee, assisted by Miss Lillian Jones, West Middletown and Mrs. Ralph Retzer, Hickory.

June 1944

# 'Religion In Home' Talk Is Given At Hickory

## Rev. W. H. Flurkey Is Speaker At Fireside Club Meeting

HICKORY, Nov. 1.—"Religion in the Home" was the topic discussed by the Rev. William H. Flurkey, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown, when he addressed the meeting of the Fireside Club of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. H. White.

In his discussion, Mr. Flurkey likened the home to a sanctuary and a heritage for a religious background. In part he said: "The Christian home is a place where we can enjoy a goodly heritage, but, now more than ever with so many separations, we should have religion in the home and continue to pass along the religious heritage which has been handed down through so many generations."

Mrs. Clifford led devotions opening the meeting and the program was sponsored by Mrs. John McCarrell. Election of officers took place during the business session with the following results: President, Clare White; vice president, Mrs. Clarence Carter; secretary, Mrs. Raymond Henderson, and treasurer, Harry Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin D. White assisted the host and hostess in entertaining and serving lunch at the close of the evening.

## New President



A. D. White, of Hickory, well-known churchman and educator, was elected president of the Washington County Sabbath School Association by delegates in attendance at the 29th annual convention which was held here in the Avery Methodist Church. He is a member of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church

## Pastor, Wife Are Honored

A reception was held in the chapel of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Sunday afternoon, November 28 honoring Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas.

Rev. Thomas preached his last sermon as pastor of the church at the morning worship service closing 41 years service with the Presbyterian Church. He served as pastor of the Mt. Prospect United Presbyterian Church, Hickory for 20 years serving the Pittsburgh church since that time.

Attending the reception from Hickory were Mrs. Robert Leckey, Miss Flora Carlisle, Miss Martha McCarrell, Miss Florence Miller, Miss Helen Caldwell, Mrs. Raymond Cook, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Jules Beaumarriage, Mrs. Juliana Alderson, Mrs. Glen Stewart and Mrs. Vance Smith.

# W. & J. COLLEGE MAN IS KILLED BY TRAIN

## Rev. John G. Knauer, a Graduate of the 1901 Class, Struck While Crossing Track in Automobile. 1914

His automobile run down by a fast train, Rev. John G. Knauer a graduate of Washington and Jefferson college, was instantly killed Friday in Middleport, Ohio. Funeral services were held Monday from the home of Peter Miller, near Hickory. The interment was in the Hickory cemetery. He was a son of Frederick G. and Jacobine Knauer and was born in Hohenhaslack, Germany, Aug. 25, 1873.

Mr. Knauer graduated from Washington and Jefferson college in the class of 1901. While in college he played the cornet at the chapel exercises and was well known in Washington. The same year he completed his college course he entered the Lutheran Theological seminary, Chicago, and completed his course there in 1904. The same year he took a charge in Illinois. Last May he accepted a call to the Middleport Lutheran church.

Last Friday he was driving in his automobile and when he came to the railroad crossing he stopped his machine for a freight train and a local passenger train to go by. As soon as it cleared the track he started his machine and just as he drove on the track a fast train struck him and killed him instantly.

Mr. Knauer married Miss Hope Kinmond of Wheeling who survives with a daughter, Ruth, five years of age. The following brothers and sisters also survive: Rev. Fred Knauer of Nelson, Neb.; Charles Knauer, a professor in the Lutheran school at Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Christian Knauer, near Hickory; Mrs. Kate Biggert, Bellaire, O.; Mrs. Peter Miller, near Hickory; Mrs. August Wienecke, near Buffalo Village, and Miss Bena Knauer, a twin sister, of 106 Hall avenue, Washington.

*Rev. Knauer d. Nov. 7, 1914  
Rev. John George Knauer  
buried at Mt. Prospect*

# Annual Meetings Held By Hickory Congregations

## Officers Elected And Reports Of Organizations Submitted

1944

HICKORY, April 12—Annual congregational business meetings were recently held in the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian and the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Churches. Both churches closed the year with substantial balances in their treasuries.

Rev. Joseph M. Hopkins, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church since last June, conducted the devotions, after which the meeting was in charge of W. W. Denny, chairman of the congregation. Reports of the various organizations were submitted and accepted and the following officers were elected: President, W. W. Denny; vice president, J. E. Leech; secretary, of the congregation, Mrs. Louise Magee; financial secretary, Elizabeth McCalmont; treasurer, R. B. Retzer; assistant treasurer, H. B. Colwes; trustees for three years, J. M. Frazier and J. R. Cowden, auditor for three years, C. M. Colwes; ushers, H. B. Colwes and J. E. Leech; organist and choir director, Della Colwes; social committee, Mrs. C. M. Colwes, chairman; Mrs. William Bartram, Mrs. John Bedillion, Miss Helen Retzer, Mrs. L. A. Boone, Dr. L. B. Swartz, L. A. McCalmont and H. E. Swartz.

Sunday School officers chosen were: Superintendent, Mrs. Ralph Retzer; first assistant, Miss Lois Acheson; second assistant, J. F. Giffin; secretary-treasurer, Ralph Retzer; assistant treasurer, H. B. Colwes; primary superintendent, Mrs. Louis Magee; junior superintendent, Mrs. W. H. Bartram; intermediate superintendent, Miss Ellen McCalmont; librarians, William and Russell Cowden.

Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Church since 1931, conducted the devotions preceding the business session of his congregation. J. A. Bell presided at the meeting in which the following officers were elected:

President, Vance M. Smith; vice president, D. T. McAllister; secretary of the congregation, Miss Virginia Caldwell; financial secretary and treasurer, Clare M. White; trustees, J. K. McCarrell and Glenn N. Carter; auditors, A. C. Beaumariage and John M. Caldwell; usher, Lee Adamson; nominating committee, J. B. Henderson.

Substantial balances were reported by the treasurers of the church organizations.

Sunday School officers elected were: Superintendent, A. D. White; assistants, J. R. Henderson and J. A. Bell; secretary and treasurer, Robert Wilson; junior superintendent, Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood; cradle roll superintendent, Miss Marthetta McCarrell; home department superintendent, Mrs. Ella Stewart; librarians, Jack White and Donald Campbell; nominating committee, Mrs. Vance Smith; Sunday School president, Vance M. Smith; vice president, W. Lee Cowden.

### Hickory 77 Class Meets

The 77 class of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, held its monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell, Hickory, R. D. 1, Saturday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell were host and hostess with Mr. and Mrs. James Dallmeyer co-host and hostess.

The devotional period, led by Jack Caldwell, opened the meeting. During the business session conducted by Mrs. Walter Cowden, president, the class voted to hold a rummage sale Saturday, June 10, the hour and place to be announced later.

Anyone desiring to help the class with this financial project, is asked to bear the sale in mind during the house-cleaning period, and anything that homemakers find no need for would be greatly appreciated as a donation to the class. Persons having donations may notify Mrs. Jack Caldwell and she will arrange for the pickup.

Games were the diversion of the remainder of the evening, after which lunch was served by the committee, assisted by Mrs. John Caldwell.

Besides the hosts and co-hosts, present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engel, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kneff, Mrs. Lisle Spiers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and daughter, Becky, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edd Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cowden.

# To Be Installed In Oakland Church

June 1950

Dr. Clyde L. Myers, former pastor of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church at Hickory, will be installed as pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Oakland, Pittsburgh, at formal ceremonies at 8 p. m. Sunday.

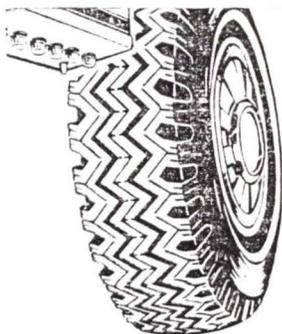
In addition to the Hickory pastorate, Dr. Myers has held pastorates at Greentree, Buffalo, N. Y., and Sharon. He has been moderator of Chartiers Presbytery, Caledonia Presbytery, and Mercer Presbytery. He was ordained by Chartiers Presbytery. He was born at McKeesport and graduated from New Castle High School, Westminster College and Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Myers is a sister of Mrs. Harvey E. Swartz, of 475 Donnan avenue, Washington.

## Wins Scholarship



Sue Vernay Thomas, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Thomas of Hickory, has been awarded the Bach-Horstemeier Scholarship in piano for the term of 1950-51 by the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Md. Miss Thomas has completed her second year's work at the Conservatory. A former pupil of Miss Eila Perrin, Hickory, she is now studying piano with Erno Balogh, and voice with Justin Williams. The scholarship is awarded annually for excellence in performances and interpretation of the works of J. S. Bach.



• 24-Hour Answer

• 24-Hour Emergency

## To Leave County



Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory, yesterday requested his release to accept a call to the Fourth Presbyterian Church, East End, Pittsburgh.

## Hickory Pastor To Leave County

1950

Rev. C. S. Thomas To Go To Pittsburgh

Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory, is requesting a release from Washington Presbytery to accept a call to the Fourth Presbyterian Church, East End, Pittsburgh.

He has served the Hickory Church for the past 19 and a half years, coming to the County church upon graduation from Western Theological Seminary. Mr. Thomas will assume his new duties Sept. 1, following action of Presbytery at a called meeting in July.

The Mt. Prospect Church, which five years ago was termed the largest rural church in Pennsylvania and one of the largest rural churches in the nation, has increased its membership by 600 during Mr. Thomas' pastorate.

The Hickory minister announced his plans yesterday at the morning worship service and in a proclamation asked his congregation to call a meeting to join him in seeking release of the Presbytery to accept the new charge.

Mr. Thomas has been active in affairs of Washington Presbytery community and the county.

He will succeed Rev. Victor Scott at the Pittsburg church, who resigned to accept a call to East Liverpool. The Hickory pulpit will be vacant the last Sunday in August.

### Thomas

Mary Elizabeth Vernay Thomas, 76, died in her sleep April 15, 1982, at her home, 1375 Cordova Road, Pittsburgh.

Born March 15, 1906 in Cumberland, Md., she was a daughter of Joseph Heston and Laura Clayton Vernay. She was the wife of the Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, former pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George (Sue) Silfaes of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Forbes (Ann) McIssac of Columbus, Ohio; three grandchildren, John, Laura and Thom McIssac; and a sister, Mrs. John P. (Virginia) White II of St. George, Utah.

Memorial services were held Monday, April 19, at the Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh with Rev. Judson Wiley officiating.

### JOSEPH H. VERNAY

Joseph H. Vernay, 75, died in his sleep at his home in Cumberland, Md., Saturday, April 12, 1952. Death followed a heart attack.

By occupation, Mr. Vernay was a dry goods merchant. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Cumberland, Md., and for a number of years served as church treasurer.

The deceased was known in Hickory as the father of Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas, Maryland avenue, Pittsburgh. Rev. Thomas was former pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

Besides Mrs. Thomas, the former Mary Vernay, he has one other daughter, Virginia, wife of John P. White, Jr., of Coplay, Pa. He is also survived by four grandchildren. His wife died in December, 1940.

### Thomas

The Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, 80, of Columbus Ohio, formerly of Hickory, died Monday, April 9, 1984, in a nursing home in Columbus.

He was born November 5, 1903, in Jersey City, N.J.

He graduated from Hartwick Seminary in New Jersey in 1927 and Western Theological Seminary in 1931.

The Rev. Thomas served as pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, from 1930 to September 1, 1950.

He then became pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. In recent years, he served as minister of visitation for Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

He was married to Mary Vernay, who died in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Silfies of St. Louis, Mo., and Ann McIsaac of Columbus, Ohio.

Memorial Services were held April 28.

### Pastors To Take Part In Observance



Dr. Joseph H. Morledge, left, pastor of Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and former pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, will participate Sunday in the observance of the 133rd founding of the Hickory church. The Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, center, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and also a former pastor at Mt. Prospect, will speak at the 11 a. m. worship service. At right is the Rev. Richard A. Morledge, the present pastor of Mt. Prospect. Mr. Morledge is a son of Dr. Morledge.

### Cogregation To Observe Anniversary

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory will conduct special services this Sunday in commemoration of the 133rd anniversary of the founding of the church.

The Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh will deliver the sermon "You Can Depend on God," at the 11 a. m. worship service. Mr. Thomas was pastor of Mt. Prospect Church from 1930 to 1950.

Congregation will bring their mid-day meal and dine in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p. m.

The afternoon service will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the church sanctuary. Old customs of worship will be observed.

The speaker will be Dr. Joseph Morledge, pastor of Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and a pastor of Mt. Prospect Church from 1927 to 1930.

Pastor of the church at the present time is Richard A. Morledge, a son of Dr. Morledge. Mr. Morledge assumed the pastorate of the church in June, 1957, after his graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary.

The public is invited to the anniversary service.

### Officers Of Hickory Women's Association

*January 1960*



Observer Photo

A Women's Association has been formed in Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, and officers were installed at a meeting held in the church Wednesday night. Shown above, left to right, are: Mrs. A. D. White, vice president; Mrs. Russell Stewart, president of Washington Presbyterian Society, who installed the officers; Mrs. V. M. Smith, treasurer, and Miss Flora Carlisle, president. Not present for the installation was the secretary, Mrs. J. K. McCarrell.

# Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Was Founded In April, 1825

The 125th anniversary of the founding on April 20 of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church near Hickory, was marked Thursday night with an impressive service. Additional observances commemorating the 125th anniversary will be held in late summer.

A. D. White, a leader in the church and prominent in Washington County Sabbath School Association activities, has compiled the following history of the Mt. Prospect Church.

On April 20, 1825, that Washington Presbytery gave approval to a movement among the Scotch-Irish settlers of the region of Mt. Pleasant for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church.

During the early history of Mt. Pleasant Township as a settled community, it was without a Presbyterian Church until the organization of the Mt. Prospect Church in 1825. The Presbyterian families of this area, most of whom had moved into this region from important Scotch-Irish settlements in eastern Pennsylvania, during the first 40 years or more of their residence here attended church in one of the older Presbyterian congregations of Upper Buffalo, Cross Creek, Raccoon or Miller's Run. Each of these churches is located about six miles from Hickory. Due to the distance involved in traveling to these churches, sentiment grew among these families in the early 1820's for the establishment of a church nearer home.

As supplies for preaching could be obtained, meetings were held at first in the homes and later in the grove near the present location of Mt. Prospect Church. "The groves were God's first temples" became a literal truth in these early services at Mt. Prospect. The minister stood in a canopy known as the "Tent" while the worshippers sat upon the ground or on rude benches carved from the great trees of the forest. These early services were the means of uniting the people for the organization of a church of their own.

Records of the Washington Presbytery show that at a meeting of this body at the Cross Roads Church, now Florence, on December 28, 1824, a petition was presented to Presbytery signed by Mr. White and others, as a committee on behalf of a number of families attached to the Presbyterian Church in the neighborhood of Mt. Pleasant (Hickory), praying that a new congregation may be established in that neighborhood, with a view to a union between such congregation, if established, and that of Miller's Run in the bounds of the Presbytery of Ohio. Since it appeared to the Presbytery that the new congregation, if established, would be likely materially to

effect the congregations of Cross Creek and Upper Buffalo, it was therefor resolved to be inexpedient to grant the prayer of the said petition.

Nothing daunted through this refusal, at the April meeting of the Presbytery in the spring of 1825 we read: "Washington, Pa. April 19, 1825, Action taken April 20, 1825. A petition signed by a number of persons, citizens of the village of Mount Pleasant, praying for promission to build a house of worship on the farm of Mr. Haynes, half a mile west of the aforesaid village was presented to Presbytery. On motion resolved: that the prayer of the petition be granted."

Although the house of worship was not built on the farm of Mr. Haynes, the present Carlisle farm located at the western edge of Hickory, work was soon started on a church located on land then belonging to Robert Lyle. This first church building was a frame structure and is believed to have been made ready for use late in 1825. This church was never formally dedicated but was simply occupied by the people. It served the Mt. Prospect congregation until 1861 when a brick building was erected on virtually the same site. This building was burned in 1871, and later that same year the present commodious structure was erected and it has served as the home of the congregation now for almost 80 years.

After the organization of the Church here it existed without the services of a settled pastor for about three years, during which time the list of supplies contained the names of the following ministers: McClusky, Mercer, Anderson, Elisha McCurdy, Nesbitt, William Smith, John Hamilton, Vincent, Hoge, Stockton and Hervey. The first sacrament of which there is record was administered on the fourth Sabbath of May, 1827, by Dr. Anderson, of the Upper Buffalo Church, and Elisha McCurdy, of Cross Roads Church. In the fall of 1828 a call was presented for the pastoral services of the Rev. David Hervey. This call was accepted and Mr. Hervey was installed as the first pastor of the new church on December 3 of the same year. Thus was established the congregation of Mt. Prospect, now 125 years old.

Fifteen ministers have served the Mt. Prospect Church, either as settled pastors or as stated supplies. The present pastor, the Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, has served the congregation since his ordination and installation here on March 27, 1931. During this pastorate, the Church has prospered greatly and its present membership

is approximately 600 persons. The Mt. Prospect congregation enjoys the distinction of being the largest rural church in the state of Pennsylvania and is also one of the largest in the entire country.

Other former ministers, still living, are, Rev. James E. Miller, of Wexford, Rev. James A. Cunningham, now living in retirement at Front Royal, Va., Rev. Dwight B. Davidson, pastor here from 1923 to 1927, and now serving the Presbyterian Church at Rittman, Ohio, and Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, who served here from 1927 to 1930, and now pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

## Hickory Church To Mark 125th Anniversary

Plans for the 125th anniversary of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory are shaping up and extensive work has been underway to make the observance one of the most outstanding in the church history.

The anniversary will be observed with services August 4, 5 and 6.

Members of the Historical committee, which has prepared an attractive booklet of the church history, is composed of Alvin D. White and James A. McGugin. On Friday evening, Aug. 4, an historical pageant will be presented by the Seventy-Seven Bible Class, assisted by the church choir.

On Saturday, August 5, a congregational basket picnic will be held at noon. Dr. Joseph S. Morledge, a former pastor, will make the address at a fellowship service following the picnic.

Rev. James A. Cunningham, a former pastor, will preach the 11:35 a. m. sermon Sunday, Aug. 6. Rev. Dwight B. Davidson, pastor of the church at the 100th anniversary celebration, will be afternoon speaker.

# Hickory Congregation Will Observe 125th Anniversary

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory will open the observance of its 125th anniversary on Thursday, April 20. A more extensive celebration will be held in the Summer.

Rev. James E. Miller, of Wexford, pastor of the Mt. Prospect congregation from 1905 to 1909, will be the guest speaker next Thursday. Rev. W. A. Roulston, pastor of Roscoe Presbyterian Church, as moderator of Washington Presbytery, will bring greetings.

Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor of the church, will preside at the evening service.

It was 125 years ago on April 20, 1825, that a group of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians living in the vicinity of the village of Mount Pleasant, now Hickory, presented a petition to Washington Presbytery requesting to organize a church. The families all were living several miles from Upper Buffalo, Cross Creek or Millers Run Presbyterian churches and sought to form a church nearer their own village. Presbytery granted the



REV. C. S. THOMAS

wish and the church was organized in 1825.

# Hickory Church 125 Years Old

## Organization Date Commemorated

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory observed the 125th anniversary of its founding last night at a well attended service. An elaborate two-day celebration is planned for August.

Last night's service was held in observance of the date April 20, 1825, when Washington Presbytery gave approval to a movement among the Scotch-Irish settlers of Mt. Pleasant for the establishment of a Presbyterian Church at Hickory.

The pastor, Rev. C. S. Thomas, presided and conducted the devotional service.

A pulpit Bible was presented the church by the Worth While Bible Class in memory of men and women of the congregation who served in World War II. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Hiram Reedy and the acceptance by Rev. Thomas.

James A. McGugin, senior elder of the church, gave a brief sketch of the founding of the church. Rev. William A. Roulston, of Roscoe, moderator of Washington Presbytery, extended greetings from the Presbytery.

The anniversary sermon was given by Rev. James E. Miller, of Wexford, who served as pastor from 1905 to 1909. He gave recollections of his parterate at the Mt. Prospect Church and paid tribute to the members who gave of their time and efforts to the work of the church. Music was presented by the Mt. Prospect quartet, Walter M. Campbell, D. T. McAllister, Andrew Riggle and Jerry Caldwell. They sang "The Church in the Wildwood" and "The Church by the Side of the Road." Accompanist at the organ was Mrs. Edward White, who also opened the program with an organ prelude of familiar church music.

The summer anniversary plans include a church picnic, Homecoming Church services and an historical pageant.

# Historical Pageant To Open Program At Hickory Church

July 2, 1950

Observance of the 125th anniversary of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, will open Friday evening with the presentation of a pageant by the Seventy-Seven Class of the Sunday School with Mrs. Edward H. White at the organ.

The anniversary program will continue through Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday's program will open with a congregational basket picnic dinner from 12 to 2 o'clock under direction of Worthwhile Class. Each family will be expected to provide its own table service.

The address at the Saturday afternoon service will be delivered by Dr. Joseph Morledge, formerly of the Hickory church and now pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh. Edward B. Stewart, son of the congregation, will give an organ recital at 2:15 o'clock.

The program for next Sunday will open with the Sunday School service, morning worship, basket dinner at noon and historical service at 2:30 o'clock with address by Rev. Dwight Brooker Davidson, former Mt. Prospect pastor and now serving the Milton Presbyterian Church of Rittman, O.

The theme of the pageant to be presented Friday night in opening the anniversary program is, "Mt. Prospect, a Church of Service

Through the Years."

The pageant program: Processional, "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God." Episode One, "A Service of Worship."

Episode Two, "The Building." Episode Three, "The Sacrament." Episode Four, "Church Discipline."

Episode Five, "The Missionary Church." Episode Six, "Marriage in the Church."

Episode Seven, "Baptism." Episode Eight, "In a Time of Sorrow."

Episode Nine, "Birthdays or Anniversaries."

Episode Ten, "Patriotism." Episode Eleven, "Dedication and Re-Dedication."

The Recessional, "On Our Way Rejoicing."

# Hickory Church To Celebrate

8-3-50  
Congregation Is  
125 Years Old

See Page 11 for Pictures

The 125th anniversary of the founding of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 4, 5 and 6. A previous service was held last April 20, as it was on that date 125 years ago, the Presbytery of Washington sanctioned the organization of the Mt. Prospect Church in the vicinity of Mt. Pleasant, now Hickory.

At the service held in April, Rev. James E. Miller, a former pastor, told of his pastorate from 1905 to 1909.

Prior to the organization of the congregation, the early church had its origin in the hearts of the early Scotch-Irish Presbyterian pioneers who desired a house of worship. They had been obliged to attend services at churches located at Cross Creek, Upper Buffalo, Miller's Run and Raccoon, each six or more miles distance from Mt. Pleasant.

The first church, a frame structure, was erected soon after the organization of the congregation was effected. The cost was small as much material and most of the labor were donated. The second house, a more pretentious brick building, was erected in the early 60's and was destroyed by fire in 1873. Immediately the third, and present building, was erected, which served the congregation without any change until 1926 when it was remodeled to better accommodate the increasing needs of the Sunday School.

Prior to calling David Hervey, the first pastor in 1828, the list of supplies who preached at Mt. Prospect contains the names of many renowned and noted ministers of Western Pennsylvania of that day: McCluskey, Mercer, Anderson, Elisha McCurdy, Nesbitt, William Smith and John Hamilton. The price paid for supplies in those early days was \$3.

The first recorded sacrament held at Mt. Prospect was in May of 1827, by Dr. Anderson and Elisha McCurdy.

William Simpson, former elder in the Miller's Run Church, and William Hughes and John Cowen, both ruling elders in the Upper Buffalo Church, were the first

elders selected by the newly organized church, all of whom served until their death.

Sixteen ministers have served as pastors in the Mt. Prospect Church.

Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, the last pastor, has the distinction of having had the longest pastorate and an outstanding one. In 1927, he was graduated from Gettysburg College, and, Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh. He was ordained and installed pastor of the Mt. Prospect Church on March 27, 1931, after serving a year as student supply.

It was with reluctance and deep regret that the congregation concurred with Mr. Thomas in petitioning Washington Presbytery to have the pastoral relationship dissolved by next month, that he might accept the call to the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

The church debt incurred in 1926, when the church was remodeled, was cancelled in 1940 and an electric organ was installed.

Mt. Prospect, which stands fourth among the 45 churches of Washington Presbytery in benevolent contributions, has had a remarkable record in financial giving. The report from General Assembly for the years 1931 to 1949, shows:

Current receipts, \$100,060; special receipts, \$8,819; benevolence, \$45,522; total, \$154,341.

The Sunday School is flourishing under the supervision of A. C. Beaumartage, superintendent. Robert A. Wilson is assistant superintendent.

Former ministers are:

David Hervey, 1828-1835.  
John Moore, 1837-1845.  
David Campbell, 1849-1855.  
William Keeling, 1858-1863.  
John Calvin Caldwell, 1864-1868.  
Robert T. Price, 1868-1873.  
Thomas R. Alexander, 1873-1892.  
Andrew Todd Taylor, 1893-1896.  
John J. Srodes, 1897-1901.  
James A. Cunningham, 1902-1904.  
James E. Miller, 1905-1909.  
Uriah W. MacMillan, 1910-1913.  
Adolphus F. Alexander, 1914-1923.  
Dwight B. Davidson, 1923-1927.  
Joseph S. Morledge, 1927-1930.  
Cornelius Sexton Thomas, 1930-1950.

Sons of the church who have entered the ministry are:

David R. Campbell, James Allison, William Fulton, William R. Vincent, David Hughes, McNary Forsythe, Fred G. Knauer, Rowland H. White, William A. Hulick and James Paul McGugin.

Miss Alice Miller, daughter of John Haynes Miller, worked for eight years as a home missionary in Texas, under the Board of Freedman.

# Hickory Church Pageant Tonight

8-4-50  
125th Anniversary  
Is Being Observed

The three-day observance of the 125th anniversary of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, opens tonight with a pageant at 8:30 o'clock presented by the Seventy Seven Class, assisted by the church choir.

Saturday's program opens at noon with a congregational basket picnic served on the church lawn under the direction of the Worthwhile Class. The afternoon's fellowship service will be preceded at 2:15 o'clock with an organ recital by Edward B. Stewart, a son of the congregation who is organist of the First United Presbyterian Church of Washington.

Taking leading parts in the Pageant tonight will be Martha Engle, Jim Dallmeyer, Denny Simpson, Bob White, Lee Robinson, Annette Spires, Betty Cowden, Rev. C. S. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Engle, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kneff, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Spires and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cowden. A. D. White will be narrator.

The Saturday afternoon program at 2:30 p.m. will be in honor of those who have gone out from

the church to other fields of Christian service. The program follows: Hymn, "Come, O Thou God of Grace."

Recognition of sons of Mt. Prospect Church: David R. Campbell, James Allison, William Fulton, William R. Vincent, David Hughes, McNary Forsythe, Frederick G. Knauer, Rowland H. White, James Paul McGugin, William A. Hulick and Miss Alice Miller.

Words of Greetings from those sons present.

Letters of greeting from those absent.

Biography of those who have passed on.

Hymn, "God of the Prophets."

Address, "God Speaks Through History," Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, DD, former pastor, and now pastor of Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Closing hymn.

Prayer and benediction.

# Mt. Prospect Presbyterian

## Hickory Church Anniversary Is Today, Sunday

125th Anniversary At Hickory Church Today, Sunday

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory has made extensive plans to observe its 125th anniversary. Last night an historical pageant based on the service of former ministers was presented.

Today's program opens with a congregational basket picnic on the church lawn, followed at 2:15 p. m. by an organ recital with Edward B. Stewart, a son of the congregation, as guest organist. A fellowship service will begin at 2:30 p. m. in honor of those of the church who have entered other fields of Christian service. Guest speaker will be Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, of Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, a former pastor of Mt. Prospect Church.

Sunday services open with Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. in charge of the superintendents, A. C. Beaumariage and Robert A. Wilson.

The anniversary Homecoming worship will be held at 11:35 a. m. in charge of the pastor, Rev. C. S. Thomas. The sermon, "The Story of Our Eternal God" will be given by Rev. James A. Cunningham, Front Roy, Va., pastor of Mt. Prospect from 1902 to 1904.

Following the worship service those who have brought lunches will be served beverages by the Junior High Girls' Class. The community historical service will begin at 2:30 o'clock. The program follows:

Organ and piano. "Finlandia" (Sibelius) Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas and Miss Sue V. Thomas.

Invocation.

Hymn. "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds."

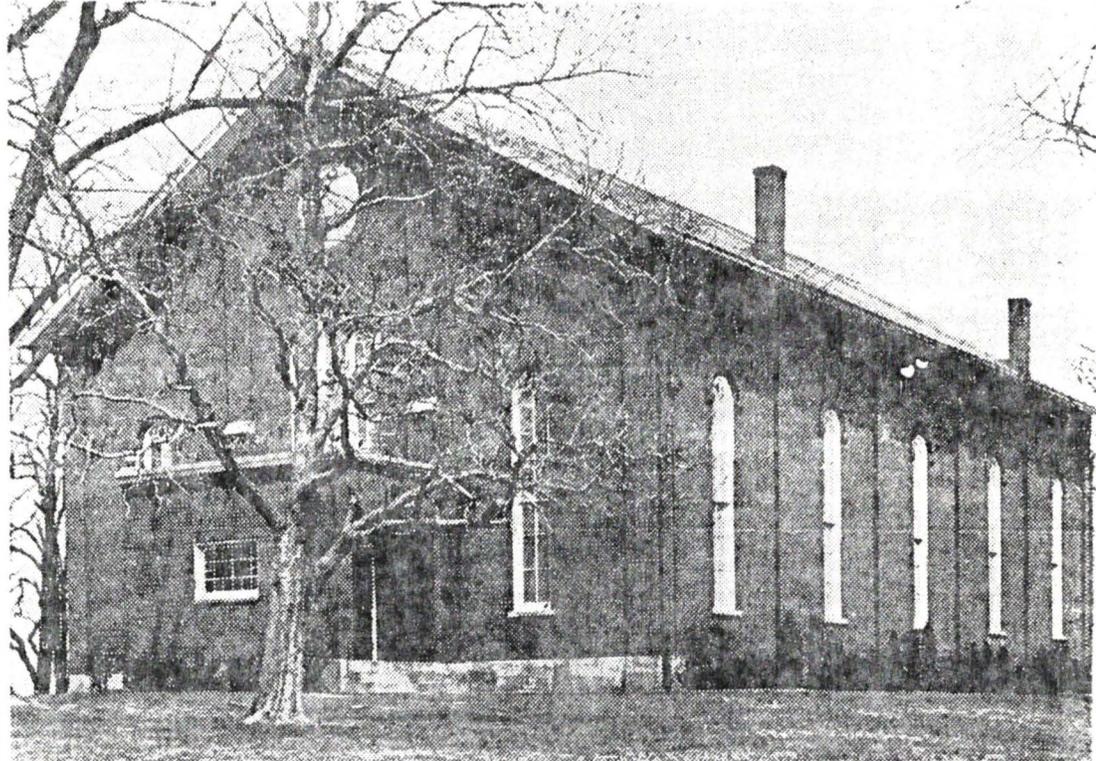
Welcomes, greetings and recognitions.

Address. "The Best Is Yet To Be." Rev. Dwight Brooker Davidson, former pastor of church, now serving Milton Presbyterian Church Rittman, O.

Expressions of appreciation.

Benediction.

Organ Prelude.



Observer Photo  
Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory will be the gathering place today and tomorrow of the congregation and former members present for the 125th anniversary observance of the founding of the church. The present church, pictured above, located on Route 18, was erected in 1873, and was the third church built by the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of the Hickory district.

## Session Plans For 125th Anniversary Of Hickory Church



The Session of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory is directing plans for a three-day observance, this week, of the church's 125th anniversary. An historical pageant will be presented Friday evening, Aug. 4. A picnic will be held Saturday at noon, followed by a program of fellowship. The Homecoming worship service will

be held Sunday morning and an historical service in the afternoon. Members of the Session are pictured, left to right, first row, J. Alvin Bell, Andrew D. McCarrell, James A. McGugin, Clare M. White. Top row, Boyd A. Emery, Alvin D. White, Rev. C. S. Thomas, W. Lee Cowden, Dr John K McCarrell. Absent when the picture was taken were Vincent M. Paul and J. Buchanan Manson.

Observer Photo

### Hickory

Mrs. Harry Stough, Londonville, Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, Hickory, R. D. 1.

Mrs. Margaret Lanning, of Hershey, is visiting her father, Samuel, Herriot and her brother, Samuel Herriot, Jr., and family.

Miss Margaret Cowden, of Washington, visited her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Walker, McDonald, R. D.

Miss Blanche Cooper, of Bellevue, spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Alvin White.

Mrs. Annie Carlisle, Houston, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Don McCalmont, former neighbors of Mrs. Carlisle.

Robert R. White, who is attending summer school at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. A. D. White.

Ernest Rankin, Akron, Ohio, visited his cousins, Mrs. Flora Acheson and brother, Clyde Worstell.

Miss Elizabeth White, Pittsburgh, spent the weekend with her brother, C. M. White and family, Hickory, R. D.

Mrs. Marie Lawton, Washington, was a recent guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Caldwell, Hickory, R. D.

Mrs. D. L. Campbell and sons, Donald and David, have returned to their home in Chicago, Ill., after spending a week with Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. D. L. McCarrell.

Pfc. Richard T. Lewton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Lewton, Hickory, R. D., now stationed at Goodfellow Air Force base, San Angelo, Texas, is spending a furlough with his parents.

Mrs. Frank Briggs and grand-

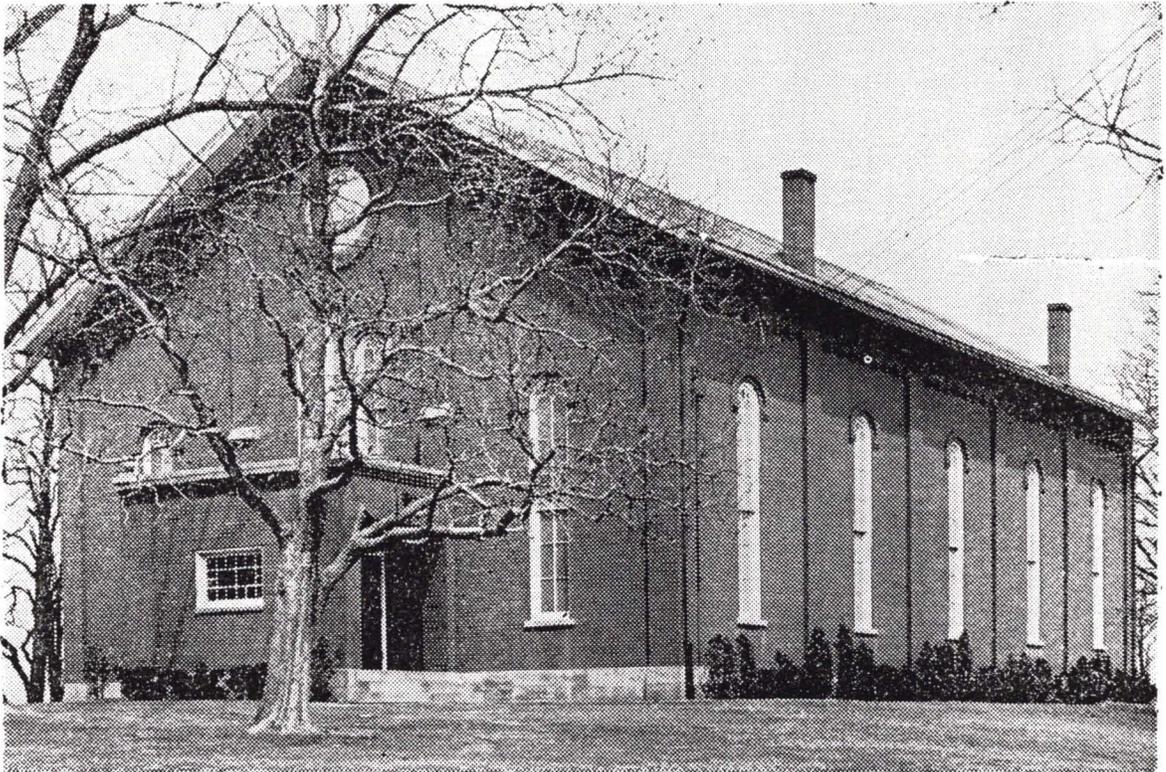
daughter, Mary Jane Briggs, Washington, R. D., visited her son, Griffith Briggs and family, Hickory, R. D.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Simpson, Toledo, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Simpson, Canonsburg, R. D., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Mac Simpson, Mt. Lebanon, were recent guests of their mother, Mrs. Katherine Simpson and their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Meise, Hickory. Their mother, Mrs. Katherine Simpson, who has been quite ill for several weeks, shows some improvement.

The One Hundred Twenty-fifth  
Anniversary

OF

The Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church



AUGUST 4, 5 AND 6, 1950

Hickory, Pennsylvania

# Program

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 4, 1950, 8:30 P. M.

The Seventy-Seven Class of the Sunday School present a Historical Pageant assisted by the Church Choir. Mrs. Edward H. White, Organist.

PAGEANT THEME: MT. PROSPECT, A CHURCH OF SERVICE THROUGH THE YEARS

PROCESSIONAL: "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God"

EPISODE ONE

A Service of Worship....."Let us go up unto the house of the Lord"

EPISODE TWO

The Building....."Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."

EPISODE THREE

The Sacrament....."Break Thou the Bread of Life Dear Lord to me."

EPISODE FOUR

Church Discipline.. "Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others also may fear." *I Timothy 5:20*

EPISODE FIVE

The Missionary Church....."Go ye into all the world"  
The Men's Prayer Meeting and the Church Fire  
The Juvenile and Women's Missionary Societies

EPISODE SIX

Marriage in the Church....."What therefore God hath joined together—"

EPISODE SEVEN

Baptism.. "For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ." *Gal. 3:27*

EPISODE EIGHT

In a Time of Sorrow.. "He healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds." *Psalms 147:3*

EPISODE NINE

Birthdays (Anniversaries).... "But Lord, thy Church is praying yet, A thousand years the same."

EPISODE TEN

Patriotism....."Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesars."

EPISODE ELEVEN

Dedication and Re-Dedication.  
The Church....."Christ is made the sure foundation."  
The Organ....."We bid the pealing organ wait  
To speak alone thy will."  
The Bible....."O Word of God Incarnate  
O Wisdom from on high."

The Recessional....."On Our Way Rejoicing"

# Program

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. A Congregational Basket Picnic Dinner will be served on the Church Lawn under the direction of the Worthwhile Class of the Sunday School. Well-filled baskets brought by our member families and by others who will attend will provide the bounty for this meal.

2:15 P. M. WITHIN THE SANCTUARY

ORGAN RECITAL.....by EDWARD B. STEWART

A son of this congregation and at present organist in the First United Presbyterian Church of Washington, Pennsylvania

2:30 P. M. A Fellowship Service in honor of those who have gone out from this church to labor in other fields of Christian service. "I Raised Up of Your Sons for Prophets."  
*Amos 2:11*

HYMN No. 483, "Come, O Thou God of Grace"

Recognition of the Sons of Mt. Prospect Church whom God made able ministers of the New Testament.

"Profitable to me for the ministry" *2 Timothy 4:11.*

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| DAVID R. CAMPBELL  | McNARY FORSYTHE      |
| JAMES ALLISON      | FREDERICK G. KNAUER  |
| WILLIAM FULTON     | ROWLAND HUGHES WHITE |
| WILLIAM R. VINCENT | JAMES PAUL MCGUGIN   |
| DAVID HUGHES       | WILLIAM ALVIN HULICK |

MISS ALICE MILLER

WORDS OF GREETING FROM THOSE PRESENT

LETTERS OF GREETING FROM THOSE ABSENT

BIOGRAPHY OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED ON

HYMN No. 481, "God of the Prophets"

ADDRESS, "God Speaks Through History"....REV. JOSEPH S. MORLEDGE, D. D.  
Former Pastor of Mt. Prospect Church and now Pastor of Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

CLOSING HYMN

PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

# Program

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL SERVICE AND CLASSES

Opening Program in Charge of Supts. A. C. Beaumariage and Robert A. Wilson

11:35 A.M. ANNIVERSARY HOME-COMING WORSHIP SERVICE in charge of the  
Pastor, REV. CORNELIUS SEXTON THOMAS

SERMON, "The Story of Our Eternal God".....REV. JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM  
Of Front Royal, Virginia. Former Pastor of Mt. Prospect

Mrs. David H. Williams, Organist

12:45 P.M. Following the morning worship, those who have brought lunches will be served  
beverages by the Junior High Girls' Class of the Sunday School. (In earlier times  
when two services were held on Sunday, the folks brought their lunch and ate be-  
tween the services. They got water for drinking at a spring near the church.)

2:30 P.M. WITHIN THE SANCTUARY

A COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SERVICE

ORGAN AND PIANO, "Finlandia"..... *Sibelius*  
MRS. CORNELIUS S. THOMAS AND MISS SUE V. THOMAS

INVOCATION

HYMN No. 479, "Let children hear the mighty deeds"

WELCOMES, GREETINGS AND RECOGNITIONS

ADDRESS, "The Best Is Yet To Be".....REV. DWIGHT BROOKER DAVIDSON  
Former Pastor of Mt. Prospect Church and now serving as Pastor of the Milton Presbyterian Church  
of Rittman, Ohio

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

# Hickory Church Units In Session In Members' Homes

*October 1950*

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cowden, McDonald, R. D. 4, entertained the Alexander Men's Bible Class of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, at a social and business meeting in their home last Thursday evening. Mr. Cowden, president of the class, called the meeting to order.

A. D. McCarrell offered prayer which was followed by the reading of the minutes of the last meeting by Glenn Carter, secretary. In the absence of the treasurer, Glenn Clark, his report was given by the secretary.

The object of the meeting as stated by the president was to plan improvements to the church building: To remodel the heating system and supply a water system. After some discussion these matters were left in the hands of the executive committee to investigate and report at the next meeting.

A. D. White, a member of the class, made suggestions along various lines of activities which the class might pursue. Mr. White favors, among other things, the organization of a National Council of Presbyterian Men in Mt. Prospect. Those present voted to hold quarterly class meetings.

During the social hour, refreshments were served by the host and hostess. Those present were: Glenn Stewart, A. C. Beaumariage, Alvin Carter, J. B. Henderson, John C. Dinsmore, Robert Brown, Jules N. Beaumariage, Vincent M. Paul, Glenn Carter, James Buchanan, Alvan Bell, James Caldwell, A. D. White and A. D. McCarrell.

Mrs. William C. Miller, Hickory, R. D., was hostess to the Mary S. Lyle Auxiliary of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Wednesday evening, Oct. 18. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Wilbert Walker, and Mrs. Clair Cowden had the prayer calendar.

Mrs. J. E. Phillips of Marianna

was the guest speaker. She gave an interesting talk on the American Indian and told of the Indian customs, mode of living and religion. At present there are 350,000 Indians living in 160 reservations in 26 states, she said. The speaker recited the 23rd Psalm in the Indian dialect. "Nearer My God to Thee," was sung by Miss Flora Carlisle, after which Mrs. Phillips gave the same in the Indian language. Mrs. David Williams was accompanist.

Following the talk the meeting was in charge of Mrs. Mildred Dotts, president of the auxiliary, at which reports were given. The welfare committee requested that at the next meeting, toys be brought to be sent to the Wooten Mission in Kentucky.

Mrs. J. Thompson White, vice president of the Northern District, gave a report of the Women's Presbyterial held recently in Avella.

The hostesses planning the meeting and serving lunch at the social hour were: Mrs. William C. Miller, Mrs. Peter Wussick, Mrs. Richard Stewart, Mrs. Clair Cowden, Mrs. Wilbert Walker, Mrs. Kenneth Schoefield, Mrs. Joseph Wagner.

Members present other than the hostesses were: Mrs. Leman McCarrell, Miss Flora Carlisle, Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood, Miss Helen Caldwell, Mrs. J. Thompson White, Mrs. Edward H. White, Mrs. Glenn Clark, Miss Flora Dhans, Mrs. Robert Cowden, Mrs. Walter Cowden, Mrs. G. F. Green, Mrs. Warden Spires, Mrs. John Kneif, Mrs. Boyd Anderson, Mrs. Clair Ahrns, Mrs. Glenn Stewart, Mrs. Alan McPeak, Mrs. Ross McCracken, Miss Virginia Caldwell, Mrs. Mildred Dotts, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. Kenneth Schofield, Mrs. Richard Stewart, Miss Marthetta McCarrell, Mrs. W. Edward Miller, Mrs. Herman Engel, Mrs. Lee A. Robinson.

# Farewell For Hickory Pastor

**Rev. C. S. Thomas  
Leaving Aug. 27, 1950**

A farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas and family, of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, will be held by the congregation Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the church.

Mr. Thomas will close his pastorate of nearly 20 years on Sunday, Aug. 27, when Communion Baptism of children and reception of new members will take place. Rev. Mr. Thomas has the distinction of having the longest pastorate of the 16 ministers who have served the church. He has accepted the call extended him by the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh and will assume his duties on September 1.

Alvin D. White, president of the congregation, will be toastmaster at the reception. The men's Quartet will sing. A guest minister will be speaker. Refreshments will be served by the wives of elders of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were recently entertained by the Fireside Club of the church at the Mansion House, Old Concord, and by The Men's Chorus of Burgettstown. The

Worth While Bible Class, the Mary S. Lyle Missionary Society and the Senior Society honored Mrs. Thomas with gifts.

### Bride-Elect Honored

Mrs. J. Thompson White and daughters, Mrs. William Beard and Miss Ruth and Miss Mary Vale White, of Hickory, R. D., entertained at a miscellaneous shower in their home recently in honor of Miss Sue Thomas, formerly of Hickory.

Miss Thomas, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Thomas, Maryland avenue, Pittsburgh, will wed George Edward Silfies, Jr., U. S. Navy, of Washington, D. C., this month.

The afternoon was spent in playing games. The hostesses, assisted by Miss Mary E. White, Mrs. Clare White, Mrs. Edward White, and Mrs. Richard Stewart, served lunch. A color scheme of red, white and blue was carried out in the table decorations.

Those present were Mrs. C. S. Thomas and daughters, Sue and Ann of Pittsburgh, Miss Marjorie Henderson, Miss Lois Ann Carter, Miss Roenna Retzer, Miss Elsie Cooper, Mrs. J. T. Caldwell, Mrs. Richard Stewart, Miss Mary E. White, Mrs. E. H. White, Mrs. Clare White, Phyllis and Patty Beaumariage and Dorothy White.

# Big Crowds At Hickory Church

Aug 7, 1950  
125th Anniversary  
Is Celebrated

Observance of the 125th anniversary of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, during the weekend was marked by a series of inspiring services, marking another milestone in the history of one of the most active rural congregations in the county.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for all four services.

At the afternoon service yesterday, the sermon was delivered by Rev. Dwight D. Davidson, former pastor and now pastor of the Milton Presbyterian Church, Rittman, O. His subject was: "The Best Is Yet to Be."

During the afternoon "Community Historical Service" greetings were extended for the Washington Presbytery by Rev. Jacob Ruble, First Presbyterian Church, Burgettstown; Rev. C. T. Littell, former pastor of the Venice U. P. Church; Rev. M. B. Wallace, of Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, Hickory and Rev. J. Calvin French, Prosperity.

The service was opened with the playing of "Finlandia" with Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas playing the organ and her daughter, Miss Aue V. Thomas, the piano.

Recognition of old members was a feature with R. Pressly Manson, now living at Columbianna, O., 74 years, and Mrs. Katherine Wells Simpson, of Hickory, 71, ranking as the oldest.

Rev. James A. Cunningham, a former pastor, returned to participate in the service, speaking on the theme, "The Story of Our Eternal God." He now lives at Front Royal, Va.

Dr. Joseph S. Morledge, of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, who began his ministerial career at Mt. Prospect, was the speaker at the community picnic and service Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Morledge presented these thoughts: "Whom the gods destroy they first make drunk with power," referring to the ambitions of Communist Stalin; "The Mills of God grind exceeding slow but grind exceeding fine," in urging patience; "The bee first fertilizes the flower it robs," to show that good comes out of evil and "When it is dark enough you can see the stars," to stress that there is hope even in the darkest of hours.

One of the unique features of the program was the appearance of a quartet, the members of which sang at the centennial service 25 years ago. Appearing in costumes of the period, they sang, "Home Sweet Home." Members of the quartet were: Clark Rankin and sister, Mary Belle, now Mrs. Harold McGowan, of Washington, and Walter Campbell and sister, Margaret, the latter now Mrs. Edward Spriggs, of Washington.

Greetings were read from Rev. James Paul McGugin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McGugin, who is now chaplain at San Quentin prison, California and William A. Hulick of Washington, D. C., who is now studying for a degree. Both are members of families of the church.

During the services, tribute was paid to the fine qualities of the Scotch-Irish pioneers of the district and their influence on religion and other phases of community life. Organizers of the Hickory church were largely Scotch-Irish.

The opening event of the observance was the pageant Friday evening which attracted a capacity congregation. "A Church of Service Through the Years" was the theme. This thought also was adopted in arranging and carrying out the successful celebration of the observance.

## Hickory Class Supper

The 77 class of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, met recently with Boyd and Loraine Anderson for a baked ham supper. Co-host and hostess were Robert and Mary Wilson.

The tables were attractively set, using spring flowers in appointments. The centerpiece was a miniature moving van, laden with furniture, this feature being in honor of Paul and Birdie Lou Smith who will move soon to New Jersey. The class presented a gift to them.

Following the supper, the business session was conducted by the class president. Movies provided entertainment for the evening.

Beside the committee, those present were: Paul and Birdie Lou Smith, honor guests; Lee, Billie and Terry Lee Robinson, Herman and Martha Engel, Glenn and Ella Reese, Alvin and Laura White, Ed and Vera Miller, William and Martha Miller, James, Bettie and Linda Dallmeyer, Jack, Dorothy and Kathie Kneff, Walter and Bettie Cowden, John, Elva, Wayne Vance and Alice Bell, William and Stella Brown and baby, Lisle and Annetta Spiers, Jon Anderson and Lynn Dalton. MAY, 1951

# Hickory Church Extends Call

4-16-51  
Rev. L. A. Westphal  
Asked To Mt. Prospect

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory extended a call to Rev. Lewis A. Westphal, of Pittsburgh, at an ecclesiastical meeting of the congregation Sunday morning.

The pastorate of the Hickory Church has been vacant since September when Rev. C. S. Thomas resigned to accept a charge of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Westphal is a graduate of the College of Wooster in the class of 1928. He was graduated from Western Theological Seminary in 1931. During his seminary days he served as student pastor of the Blackadore avenue, Pittsburgh, Presbyterian Church.

He was ordained by Pittsburgh Presbytery and installed as pastor of the Brentwood Presbyterian Church in 1931, and he served there from 1931 to 1935. From 1935 to 1944 he served as pastor of North Presbyterian Church, North Side, Pittsburgh. He was pastor of Reynoldsville Presbyterian Church from 1944 to 1946, when he was called to serve with the Wisconsin Synod as a Field Secretary in developing the Larger Parish Plan in that area. Returning to Pittsburgh in 1948, Mr. Westphal became pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, an independent congregation on North Side, and is serving there at the present time.

Rev. Rea A. Warner, pastor of Laboratory Presbyterian Church, moderated the congregational meeting Sunday.

Chaplain James P. McGugin, wife and daughter are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McGugin, Hickory, R. D. He addressed the Men's Bible class at Mt. Prospect church last Sunday morning and delivered the message at the worship hour. They plan to be in the district several weeks. He is chaplain at the San Quentin State Prison, Calif.

## Prison Chaplain To Speak At Hickory

Rev. James P. McGugin, chaplain at the San Quentin Federal Prison, California, will be pulpit guest at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Sunday morning, May 27.

The service will be at 11:30 o'clock, preceded by the Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.

Mr. McGugin, a son of the Mt. Prospect Church, also will speak at the Mary S. Lyle Auxiliary meeting which will be held Monday evening, May 28, in the home of Mrs. James Buchanan, Hickory.

## Receives Doctorate



Chaplain W. A. Hulick, son of Mrs. Charles G. Hulick, McDonald, R.D. 4, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the August Commencement, University of Pittsburgh. The degree was presented in absentia as Mr. Hulick and his family are located in Seattle, Wash., while he is in service. His major was in religious education and his subject for the degree was "Post-Seminary and In-Service Education of Clergymen in the Presbyterian Church, USA."

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## Hickory Society Hears Talk By Prison Worker

Mrs. James Buchanan, Hickory, R. D., was hostess to the Mary S. Lyle Auxiliary of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, at her home Monday evening.

Rev. James P. McGugin, chaplain at the San Quentin State Prison, California, was guest speaker. He based his talk on work of a chaplain in this prison which has 5,000 inmates. There are four chaplains, two Protestant and two Catholic. They are assisted by a part time worker at a nearby Theological Seminary. Chaplain McGugin has been located there two and one-half years.

He stated that formerly criminals were kept in prison as a punishment for crimes committed, while today work is done to make better men of the criminals before they are released.

Rev. McGugin stated that criminals respond to the religious meetings, with an average of 400 or more in attendance at each. The largest attendance was at a Christmas gathering when 1,300 were present.

Miss Flora Carlisle sang "In the Garden" and "An Evening Prayer" with Mrs. David Williams accompanist. Devotions were led by the hostess and scripture was read by Mrs. Gailey Wilson, with Mrs. Donald Brown in charge of the prayer calendar.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the committee in charge: Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. R. S. Phillips, Mrs. Howard Bissett, Mrs. Ruth Snyder, Mrs. Donald Brown, Mrs. Gailey Wilson, Mrs. Howard Sheller and Mrs. Peter Wusstick.

### MRS. MARGARET FINDLAY

Mrs. Margaret Findlay, widow of William Findlay, 5106 Dearborn street, East Liberty, Pittsburgh, passed away shortly after midnight Saturday, July 26, 1952, in Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Findlay became ill Thursday, suffering a cerebral hemorrhage, while visiting in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Lewis A. Westphal, Hickory, Mr. Westphal being pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory. She was removed to Presbyterian Hospital for treatment.

Two daughters survive, Mrs. Westphal and Miss Nora Findlay, at home.

## Hickory Church To Hold Family Night

The Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, will hold Family Night Friday, April 25, at 8 o'clock. The program will be in charge of the Fireside Club of the Church. Entertainment will be of interest to all ages.

Special music will be presented and will include an organ-piano duet and sacred songs by a male quartet. A sound movie with a Christian message will be shown. Following the program there will be social time and refreshments served.

### Hickory Class Party

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis A. Westphal, Hickory, entertained the Kings Daughters Bible Class of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, at the quarterly class party and business session at their home last Friday evening.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Mildred Dotts, president. At the business meeting reports were given by the treasurer and secretary and other routine business was transacted.

Lyndon Andrews, Independence, well known magician and entertainer, provided the entertainment for the evening.

During the social hour, lunch was served by the host and hostess. The committee planning the party included Mrs. Robert Woodford, Mrs. Mildred Dotts, Mrs. Kenneth John McDowell, Mrs. Leman McCarrell, Mrs. Joseph Kristoff and Mrs. Lillian Ballheimer.

Others present were: the Misses Helen Caldwell, Virginia Caldwell, Flora Carlisle, Anna Lyle, Flora Dhans, Marthetta McCarrell, Gladys Miller, Mrs. Gerard Green, Mrs. Glenn Stewart, Mrs. Glenn Ashbrook, Mrs. Laura White, Mrs. Robert Brown, Mrs. Alvin Carter, Mrs. Glenn Clark, Mrs. D. L. McCarrell, Mrs. John McCarrell, Mrs. Robert S. Phillips, Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Mrs. William Stevenson.

# Hospital Microfilms

## Space Made for Installation Of More Modern Equipment

A microfilm camera is shrinking Presbyterian Hospital's vast X-ray files in an unusual space-saving operation.

The project, which involves making tiny photographs of half a million X-ray negatives, is expected to take nine months.

But hospital authorities believe it is well worth it.

The X-ray library—also shared by Women's and Eye and Ear Hospital as affiliates of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center—now fills four large rooms.

"When we finish, we hope to get it in one filing cabinet," said Joseph Foster.

Mr. Foster, who works in the hospital storeroom, and George W. Westphal, a Pitt medical student, are handling the task.

The law requires that X-rays be saved for six years in case they're needed for legal actions or further study.

They range up to 14 by 17 inches in size, and each one must be kept in a heavy light-proof envelope.

The microfilm camera, similar to the ones used for V-mail in World War II, reduces the X-ray to a picture less than an inch square.

For an idea of the space saved, a roll of microfilm holding 1200 pictures fits into a tin container one and a quarter inches high

and four inches in diameter. The original X-ray negatives were stacked three feet high.

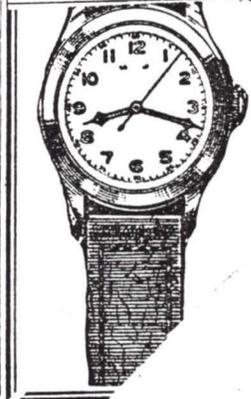
A patient number identifies each X-ray, and a variable light in the microfilm projector produces an enlarged picture with any degree of detail required.

Presbyterian officials said the space saved will make room for more modern X-ray equipment awaiting installation and for other hospital activities.

A few district hospitals already have adopted the system.



**JOSEPH FOSTER**                      **GEORGE W. WESTPHAL**  
*Stacks of "pictures" squeezed into a little tin box.*



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## Pastor, Wife Mark 25th Anniversary

Friends and relations of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Morledge honored the couple with a surprise party on their silver wedding anniversary, which also marks the 25th year since Mr. Morledge was ordained to the ministry.

For the past 18 years, Dr. Morledge has been minister of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Forbes Street and Murray Avenue, Squirrel Hill.

The celebration was held at the Morledge residence at 5846 Marlborough Avenue, Squirrel Hill.

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## Hickory

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forbes McIsaac, 628 South Negley avenue, Pittsburgh, Friday, Feb. 3, 1961, in Magee Hospital, a son, John Clayton. Mrs. McIsaac is the former Ann Thomas, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Thomas, 1375 Cordova road, formerly of Hickory. The Rev. Thomas

was pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church.

*A. V. McGugin dead*

*Dec 20, 1903*

#### A. V. MCGUGIN DEAD.

A. V. McGugin, one of the oldest residents of Mt. Pleasant township, died at his home Saturday evening at 9 o'clock, from general debility, aged 82 years. For many years Mr. McGugin had not been actively engaged in farm duties. He was the owner of the McGugin block on Jefferson avenue, Washington, besides owning a large acreage in Mt. Pleasant township.

Mr. McGugin is survived by his wife, one son, James A. McGugin, and one daughter, Mrs. William M. Paul, all of whom live in Mt. Pleasant township. The funeral services were held at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The interment was made in the burying ground near the church.

The death of Mr. McGugin recalls to mind the striking of the famous McGugin gas well on his farm. It was the strongest pressure well ever drilled.

The McGugin well was drilled in March, 1882, and was located for the purpose of seeking oil. Very little oil was found. At the time the well was drilled the territory had not been tested to any considerable degree in this part of this county, and there was much anxiety on the part of the residents during the time it was being drilled. It was in April of 1882 that the first sign of gas was discovered, at a depth of 1,800 feet. Pocket after pocket of gas was tapped until the large pocket, which was found at a depth of 2,237 feet was struck.

The pressure was so great that it was impossible to get the tools to the bottom of the well, and in an attempt to do so they were hurled high above the derrick, falling in a heap to the ground. Pipes were secured and the gas was taken a short distance from the well and fired. The blaze was seen distinctly in Washington and many other distant points in the county.

Visitors came from all over the country to see the wonder. It burned for several months and was finally put under control. This has now all passed. Portions of the old derrick can yet be seen, remnants of the earlier days of the strike. The gas itself has ceased to flow.

The famous well was located near the mouth of a ravine that empties into one of the branches of Cross Creek, and a few rods from the public road. The gas was conveyed from the well in part by a three-inch pipe, then by a six-inch pipe to a small hill about 50 feet above the mouth of the well, 400 feet away. The gas was discharged so rapidly that not more than one-tenth of it was consumed. The noise made by the escaping gas and roaring flames was deafening, the noise equaling that made by the discharging of steam from the safety valves of two locomotives. The noise was heard 12 to 14 miles away. The flame at the base was six feet in diameter. The flames at times reached a height of 80 feet. The light at night was seen for many miles. It is said that the light was so strong that a newspaper could be read at a distance of three miles.

The great body of the gas was struck at a depth of 2,237 feet. The gas was ignited in March and burned for months. The pressure of the gas confined was

## Former Hickory Girl And Beaver Falls Man Are Wed

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Announcement is made of the marriage of Ann Clayton Thomas, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas, Pittsburgh, to Robert Forbes McIsaac, son of Dr. and Mrs. John S. McIsaac, Beaver Falls.

Rev. Thomas, former pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, officiated at the marriage ceremony solemnized in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Saturday, Oct. 15. A reception in the church, followed the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, George E. Silfies, Lansing, Mich. Mrs. George E. Silfies was her sister's matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Rachel Woodings and Mrs. John S. McIsaac, Jr.

John S. McIsaac, Jr., served as his brother's best man, and ushering were: John W. Hovis and David W. McIsaac of Beaver; David Christopher, Beaver Falls; and James Franceschina of Detroit, Mich.

The bride was attired in a floor-length gown of Ivory brocade, with bonnet fashioned of the same material with satin streamers. She carried white chrysanthemums.

Her attendants wore velvet dresses in fall shades with matching muffs mounted with gold chrysanthemums.

The bride attended The Pennsylvania College for Women and Mr. McIsaac attended Geneva Col-



MRS. ROBERT F. McISAAC

lege, Beaver Falls, where his father, Dr. John S. McIsaac is dean of the faculty.

The couple will reside in Pittsburgh after their return from a wedding trip.

# Son Of Hickory Church Pastor Weds Californian

From San Diego, Calif., comes the announcement of the marriage of Susanne Pond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Orlin Pond, 4105 Chamoune avenue, San Diego, to Ensign William Waldemar Westphal, U. S. Naval Air Corps, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis A. Westphal, Hickory. Rev. Westphal is pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

Their wedding took place Friday, Aug. 26, at the East San Diego Presbyterian Church, with Dr. William D. Livingston, officiating at 8 p. m. Wedding music was played by Douglass Oliver, organist, and the soloists were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Peterson, who sang, "I Love Thee", "Because" and "Always".

Decorations featured a blue color scheme for the candlelight ceremony and gowns of the bride's attendants. Baskets of white gladioli, mums and baby breath were used with spikes of blue delphinium in the sanctuary.

The bridal gown was of Rose-pint lace and candlelight satin. Its fitted bodice had lace yoke and sleeves extending in points over the hand and the satin skirt featuring lace godets, ended in a cathedral length train. Her fingertip veil cascaded from a Juliet cap of pearl-encrusted lace, and she carried a cascade of stephanotis and white pompons.

Mrs. Vernon Wescott, matron of honor, was gowned in stone blue crystallette, carrying a cascade of blue and white flowers. Maids of honor were Miss Barbara Rasmussen, Mrs. Donald Simmons, Mrs. Wesley Stafford, and Miss Louise Westphal, Santa Rosa, Calif., a cousin of the bridegroom. They wore frost blue crystallette gowns and carried cascades of blue and white flowers, Little Miss Deborah Simmons in a frock of blue organdy over taffeta, was flower girl, and Master Douglas Wescott was ring-bearer.

Westley Stafford served as Cadet Westphal's best man, and ushering were: Donald Groene, Hal Larsen, Neil Pond, Donald Simmons and Vernon Wescott, all wearing white dinner jackets with blue corn flower boutonnières.

Supplementing the wedding, a reception was held in the church social hall for 250 guests. Bouquets of blue and white flowers, flanked with tall tapers in the



MRS. WILLIAM W. WESTPHAL

same colors were used in decoration of the hall.

Mrs. Pond, mother of the bride, received the guests wearing a dusty pink lace and nylon tulle gown. Rev. and Mrs. Westphal, parents of the bridegroom, were unable to attend the wedding.

The bridegroom, recently discharged from service, attended Grove City College and the University of Pittsburgh and plans to continue his education this winter after he and his bride establish their home at 5226 Cam-pile Drive, San Diego, Calif.

# W&J Chapel Speaker 1976 Announced

The Rev. Dr. Richard A. Morledge will speak Thursday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Washington and Jefferson College chapel in Old Main.

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, Dr. Morledge served the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church near Hickory from 1957 until 1960, and was a visiting lecturer in religion at W & J during the 1959-60 academic year. He became pastor at Bakerstown in 1960.

A graduate of Grove City College and Princeton Theological Seminary, he has been moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery. His topic will be "The Man from Porlock."



DR. RICHARD MORLEDGE

## Rev. Lewis A. Westphal, Hickory Minister, Dies

The Rev. Lewis A. Westphal, pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, died in his home Friday, August 10, 1956, at 1:40 p. m. He had been in failing health for the past year.

Rev. Westphal was born January 6, 1904, in Iron River, Mich., a son of the late Ludwig W. and Callie Pride Westphal.

He was graduated from Wooster College, Wooster, O., in 1928, the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, in 1931, and was ordained by the Presbytery of Pittsburgh in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in April, 1931.

Serving as pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, since June 1, 1951, Rev. Westphal previously served pastorates in Blackadore Presbyterian Church, Brentwood Presbyterian Church, North Presbyterian Church, and St. Paul's Evangelical Church, all of Pittsburgh, and the First Presbyterian Church of Reynoldsville.

He was a member of the John M. Read Reynoldsville Lodge, F and AM No. 536, and Wa-Cha-Dree Forest No. 149, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, of Washington.

Surviving are his wife, Anna Findlay Westphal; two sons, Wil-



REV. LEWIS A. WESTPHAL

liam W., of San Diego, Calif., and Lewis F., of Pittsburgh; one grandson, David Lewis Westphal; three brothers, Rev. Edward P. Westphal, of San Bernadina, Calif.; Dr. Robert S., of Alexandria, Egypt; George W., of Hagerstown, Md.; and one sister, Mrs. Laura Pierce, Akron, O.

### WESTPHAL

Suddenly on Thursday, July 18, Anna Westphal of Shadyside, wife of the late Rev. Lewis A. Westphal; sister of Nora Findlay of Shadyside; mother of William W. Westphal of Orange, Cal. and Lewis F. Westphal of San Diego, Cal.; also survived by seven grandchildren. Friends received Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 9-7-9 p.m., at H. SAMSON, INC., 537 Neville St. (Oakland Civic Center), where service will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, Pa. Contributions in memory of Mrs. Westphal may be made to the East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

## Dinner Held In Hickory Church

A family covered dish dinner was held Sunday, July 28 in the Hickory United Presbyterian Fellowship Hall following morning services.

Attending were Mrs. Mary Downie White and daughter, Ruth, Mrs. Martha Beard and daughter, Marty, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. White, Mrs. E. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White of Hickory, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Cowden of Burgettstown;

Jessie Lyle and Elizabeth White of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Torrance and children, Anne Vale, Earl, Thom and Harry, Del Mar, Calif., and William Westphal of Orange, Calif.

Westphal is the son of the late Lewis Westphal, former pastor of the Hickory U.P. Church. He arrived in Pittsburgh to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Anna Westphal. 8-6-74

## Hickory Church Holds Election

A congregational meeting of members of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory, elected the following elders:

George E. Baker, Alvin Bell, James Buchanan, James Caldwell Jr., Alvin Carter, Clair Cowden, James Dallmeyer, James McGuzin, Vance M. Smith, Alvin D. White, Clare White and Mac White.

The following officers were elected at the annual congregational meeting of the church:

President, Lee Adamson; vice-president, Robert Brown; secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood; treasurer, Helen Caldwell. Trustees, James Caldwell Jr. and H. E. Reedy; audit committee, Willard Allison Pr.; ushers, Clair Ahrens and John T. Caldwell; nominating committee, Herman Engle.

Sunday School officers elected were: Presbyterian, Mac White; vice president, William Frye, superintendents, James Dallmeyer, William Beard and George Baker; secretary-treasurer, Birdie Brown and Mrs. William Frye; librarians, Rex Smith and Richard White; nominating committee, Ralph Bell.

Rev. Thomas Conboy, pastor of the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church, conducted the meeting and led devotions.

## Former Local Pastor Will Officiate In Daughter's Wedding

Dr. Joseph S. Morledge, former pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church here, will officiate in the wedding of his daughter, Margaret Joan, to Charles Thomas Michaelian, of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, July 20.

Dr. Morledge, now pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, will be assisted by the bride's brother, the Rev. Richard A. Morledge, pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory.

The Morledges now reside on Marlborough avenue, Pittsburgh. The bride-elect was graduated from Chatham College and the University of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Michaelian, a son of Mrs. Kenneth P. Michaelian, Englewood, N. J., and the late Mr. Michaelian, graduated from Pace College.

## Ordination Here Friday

Richard A. Morledge will be ordained a Presbyterian minister Friday in Sixth Presbyterian Church, Squirrel Hill.

Clergymen participating in the service will be: Dr. Clarence E. Davison, Dr. Robert J. Lamont, Rev. Robert Moynan, and Dr. Joseph S. Morledge, the boy's father.

## Ordination Friday Night For Pastor

After his ordination Friday night, June 11, Richard A. Morledge will assume his duties as pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

The ordination services will take place in the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, where Richard's father, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Morledge is pastor. The Morledges are former residents of the City. Dr. Morledge is a former pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church. He served the Third Church prior to the Rev. Dr. W. Franklin Harkey, current pastor.

When Richard begins his duties in Hickory he will be following in his father's footsteps as the Mt. Prospect Church was where the Rev. Dr. Morledge began his ministerial service some 30 years ago.

The ordination, which will be held in the sanctuary of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, has special significance for the host church as this will be the first ordination held there since 1927.

Dr. Clarence E. Davison, pastor of the Swissvale Presbyterian Church, Moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, will preside at the ordination and assisting will be the Rev. Robert J. Lamont, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and the Rev. Robert Moynan, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Homestead, with whom Richard worked summers when he was in school.

Taking part in the service will be the Sixth Church Singers, among whose members are James C. and Glenna Cole Smith. Mr. Smith is a former member of the Third Presbyterian Church and its choir and Mrs. Smith is a former member of the First Methodist Church and its choir.

Richard Morledge is a graduate of Grove City College, Grove City, and of Princeton Theological Seminary.

## Couple Leaves For Bermuda

July 21, 1957

### Margaret Morledge Becomes Bride Of Charles Thomas Michaelian

When Margaret Joan Morledge was married yesterday afternoon in the Sixth Presbyterian Church to Charles Thomas Michaelian, her father, Dr. Joseph S. Morledge, gave her in marriage and performed the marriage ceremony.

Her brother, the Rev. Richard A. Morledge, assisted during the service.

After the exchange of vows the couple received guests at a reception in the College Club. Dr. and Mrs. Morledge of Marlborough Avenue and Mrs. K. P. Michaelian of Englewood, N. J., joined them in the receiving line.

The former Miss Morledge chose a gown of white Chantilly lace over satin. Her fingertip illusion veil was held in place by a headpiece of matching lace.

With her bouquet of white orchids and lily of the valley, she also carried a handkerchief of Battenberg lace that was carried by her mother when she was married 30 years ago.

Shirley Holland was the bride's maid of honor and other attendants were Constance Soldner, Mrs. William E. DeFrance, Mrs. R. E. V. Miller Jr. and Mrs. W. J. Singley Jr.

The bridegroom's brother, Kenneth, was best man and another brother, Harry, was usher. Also ushering were Stafford McQuillin, E. George Hakula and William E. DeFrance.



(Jonas Photo)  
**Mrs. Charles Michaelian**  
*To live in New Jersey.*

Mr. Michaelian and his bride left for a wedding trip to Bermuda and upon their return they will live in Fanwood, N. J.

### Book Review Topic

Richard Morledge will review the book, "I'm O.K. You're O.K.," at a meeting of

The Friends of the Richland Library, Gibsonia. Wednesday, at 1 p. m. The program is free and open to the public.

# Hickory Church Officers Named

The members of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, elected officers during the annual congregational meeting held in the church.

The Rev. Richard A. Morledge, pastor, moderated the ecclesiastical meeting. Elected to the board of elders were: Walter Campbell, Walter Cowden, Robert Loughry and Oliver B. Robinson. The nominating committee includes: Virginia Caldwell, Mrs. Vance Smith, Mrs. Robert Leckey, Robert Brown and Willard Allison Jr.

Officers of the congregation are: President, A. Boyd Anderson; vice president, Robert Brown; secretary, Mrs. Kenneth Sherwood; treasurer, Miss Helen Caldwell; trustees, Clair Ahrns and Reed Welch Jr.; auditor, William Beard; and usher, Willard Allison Jr.

# Man, 85, Killed In Crash On Route 19

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 1 (AP)—A man was fatally injured tonight in a two-car crash on Route 19 near the McMurry overpass south of Pittsburgh.

Addison R. Hodge, 85, who lived at a nursing home in Houston, Washington County, died in St. Clair Memorial Hospital about an hour after the crash.

He was a passenger in a car operated by his grandson, the Rev. Mr. Richard A. Morledge of Pittsburgh's Squirrel Hill section. The other driver was John H. Searles of Brentwood. They escaped injury.

# Hickory Church Service Canceled

The Rev. Richard Morledge, pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, who was involved in an auto accident during the past week, will be unable to conduct services at the church this Sunday. The congregation is asked to worship at Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory.

# Man, 85, Dies In Auto Crash On Route 19

A New Year's Day outing for an 85 year old Houston Convalescent Home resident ended in tragedy Wednesday night on Route 19 when the car in which he was a passenger was struck by another skidding automobile.

The dead man was identified as Addison R. Hodge, of the Pine Lawn Convalescent Home, Houston. He was pronounced dead an hour after arriving at Upper St. Clair Memorial Hospital.

Upper St. Clair Township Police Chief, J. A. Klancher, who investigated the accident, said that Hodge was a passenger in his grandson's car at the time of the accident.

Police said that the accident occurred at the Clifton Interchange on Route 19. The grandson, The Rev. Richard A. Morledge, 25, of Hickory, was traveling South on Route 19 when a second car, driven by John H. Searles, 22, of 1838 Park Line drive, Pittsburgh 27, moving in the opposite direction, skidded out of control. Searles vehicle spun about and then crashed broad-side into Morledge's car hitting the vehicle on the passenger side.

Police Chief Klancher said that the road was a solid sheet of ice at the time of the accident.

Hodge's death culminated a quiet New Year's day in which his grandson, Morledge, had taken the elderly man to dinner and then driving. The two were heading back to Houston when the fatal accident took place.

Both vehicles were demolished Police said. Both drivers received minor hurts but were treated and released from St. Clair Hospital.

The accident was the only fatal one of the holiday season in the entire Troop B area which covers a five County area.

*See Scrapbook 1  
Page 22 for  
account of the death  
of Mrs. A. R. Hodge*

# MRS. ANDREW T. TAYLOR

Mrs. Andrew Todd Taylor, 88, former executive secretary in the Philadelphia and New York offices of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and later co-chairman of the Chicago office of the board, died Monday, January 18, 1960, in Bryn Mawr Hospital at Devon in Chester County.

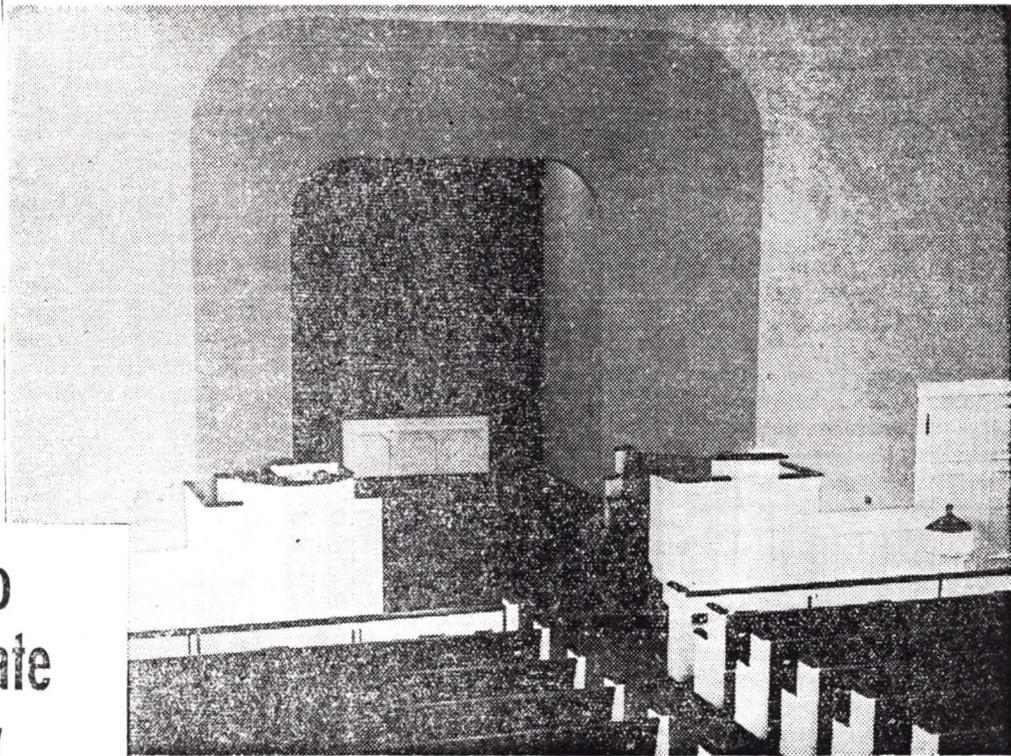
She was born in Washington, the youngest child of Rev. James Irwin Brownson, D.D., and Ellen Acheson Brownson. Her father was pastor of First Presbyterian Church here for more than 50 years and was president of the Board of Trustees of Washington & Jefferson College for many years.

Mrs. Taylor, widely known in church and missionary circles in this country and abroad, was the widow of Rev. Andrew Todd Taylor, D.D., who died December 21, 1919. Dr. Taylor served at the Presbyterian Church in Hickory and at churches in Philadelphia, Toronto, Canada; Trenton, N. J., and York.

Mrs. Taylor served the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions from 1920 until her retirement in 1946. Mrs. Taylor was a former member of Walnut Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia and, at the time of her death, a member of Woodlawn Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are one son, James I. Taylor, Philadelphia; three daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Taylor Nelson, Mrs. George Kennan Hourwich of New York City, and Mrs. Ira C. Keller of Portland, Ore.; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be followed by burial in York Presbyterian Church Cemetery.



Observer Photo

## Church To Re-Dedicate Sanctuary

**SHED SANCTUARY**—Above is the sanctuary of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Washington County, Mt. Prospect, which will be re-dedicated at services Sunday, October 18. The church is 134-years-old, the oldest in Washington County. Among the new furnishings are a red carpet, mahogany pews, lecturn, communion table.

One of the oldest churches in Washington County, Mt. Prospect Presbyterian of Hickory, erected 1825, will hold a re-dedication service at 8 a. m. Sunday, October 18, in the church sanctuary.

The 134-year-old church sanctuary has been completely redecorated in colonial architecture with mahogany pews, red carpet, communion table, lecturn, dorsal light.

This project was started during the church vacation and was completed in September. The first service was held September 13.

Rev. Richard Morledge, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the service. Two former pastors of the church and a moderator and representative of the Washington Presbytery will participate. The two former ministers are Dr. Joseph S. Morledge of the Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, father of Rev. Richard Morledge, and Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

Serving as moderator will be Dr. John T. Brownlee, pastor of Chartiers U. P. Church. The other representative will be Rev. William H. Stroham.

Members, former members and friends are invited to the service. A reception will be held immediately following the service.



DR. R. A. MORLEDGE

Sunset Lodge No. 623, Free and Accepted Masons, will celebrate its 75th anniversary with services Sunday and Monday.

The Rev. Richard A. Morledge, pastor of the Bakerstown Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon at a service Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in the First United Presbyterian Church, West Wheeling Street. The service is open to the public.

The Rev. Mr. Morledge is a native of Washington and the son of the late Rev. Joseph Morledge, onetime pastor of the former Third Presbyterian Church.

The speaker is a member of Richard Vaux Lodge No. 454, F&AM, Burgettstown. His sermon title will be, "Who Touched Me?"

The Sunday program will also include music by G. Richard Zimmerman and the Sunset Singers.

## Presbyterians Elect Bell 1976

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Former Edgewater Corp. Chairman Davitt S. Bell has been elected Moderator of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

The retired industrialist succeeds the Rev. Dr. Richard Morledge as head of 98,000 United Presbyterians in 194 churches in Allegheny County.

*Oct 17 1959*



**HISTORICAL CHURCH:** The Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, Washington County, is rich in historical background. It was in 1825 that permission was granted for the erection of the church. The first structure was frame, the second

brick. The second building was destroyed in 1871 and the third (above) was erected soon after the blaze. Today the church has a congregation of nearly 500 families. The Rev. Richard A. Moreledge is minister. David Hervey was first pastor.

Sun-Telegraph Photo by Ed Salamony

*November 1959*

### Righting Ancestral Wrongs

"REMEMBER, the game I'm talking about was between two Southern schools and there was no background of ancestral wrongs waiting to be righted. There used to be a legend that when the late Dan McGugin was at Vanderbilt he took his squad out the morning before a game with Michigan and toured the graveyards of Nashville, paying particular attention to the cemeteries of the Confederate dead. Assembling the squad in the locker room before the game, he kept them there silently until Michigan had taken the field. Pointing to the rivals, Dan is supposed to have said, 'You all know where we were this morning. Their grandfathers did that to your grandfathers!' With that, Dan is supposed to have turned his boys loose without another word.

"I don't know if that story is true, but if it is, I'll bet the results were terrific!"

*The above is from an article in the Saturday Evening Post, Nov 18, 1939 entitled "elixir Plays for Blood" by Tom Meany.*

At Mt. Prospect Church 1961

## New Pastor Will Be Ordained, Installed

Rev. John R. Rankin, newly called to the pastorate of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian church, Hickory, will be ordained into the United Presbyterian ministry and installed as pastor of the church Sunday, May 21, at 8 p.m.

A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Rankin in Fellowship Hall of the church will follow the service.

Participating in the rites will be Dr. Frederick R. Hellegers of Washington and Jefferson College who served as interim pastor of the church; Rev. Edward H. Riedesel of Central Presbyterian Church, Washington, who moderated the session until Mr. Rankin's arrival; Rev. Harry F. Cost, now serving Windy Gap Presbyterian Church; Rev. James T.



REV JOHN R. RANKIN

Snoke, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church, Hickory; Rev. Robert Helstrom of the Irons Memorial United Presbyterian Church, McDonald, his older brother, Rev. Harry W. Rankin, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Houston.

Rev. Rankin comes to the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church after serving nearly four years as pastor of the Community Non-Denominational Church of Bradfordwoods.

During this pastorate he was one of the founders of the Wexford-Warrendale Ministerial Association of which he was vice-president this year.

While serving at Bradfordwoods, Mr. Rankin served two one year terms as a member of the board of Trustees, the governing body, in the National Council of Community Churches, of which his church was an active member.

Rev. Rankin graduated from Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, and Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary. While in seminary, Mr. Rankin served as Director of Christian Education at the Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Edgewood.

He married the former Barbara Ann Boyd, New Wilmington, in August of 1953. They have two children: Rebecca Eileen, 2 years, and John Alexander II, ten months.

Rev. Rankin is a 1949 graduate of Wellsville, Ohio, High School and a former photographer - reporter of the Wellsville Press. He is the son of the late Rev. John A. and Mrs. Rankin of Wellsville, Ohio.

In local affairs at Bradfordwoods, he was a line officer of the Bradfordwoods Volunteer Fire Company for the past two years, serving as lieutenant in 1959-60, and captain in 1960-61.

In this capacity he was in charge of a training program, public relations of the department, and special demonstration lectures for school children. In addition he served for three years as secretary - treasurer of the Fireman's Relief Association.

Reception held on August 2, 1960

## Hickory Minister Leaving For Church At Bakerstown

In honor of their pastor, the Rev. Richard A. Morledge, who is leaving Hickory to assume the pastorate of First Presbyterian Church, of Bakerstown, the members of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory held a farewell reception at the Church recently.

At a formal program held in the sanctuary at 8 p. m. presided over by Vincent M. Paul, President of the congregation, a short devotional service was conducted by Clair Ahrns and Boyd Anderson, members of the Board of Trustees and Session, respectively.

Visiting ministers who brought greetings were: the Rev. Douglas Brackenridge of the Cross Roads U. P. Church, Harry Rankin of the Houston U. P. Church, William A. Hadden of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, and Jacob Ruble of Hillcrest Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown.

On behalf of the session, Alvin D. White reviewed briefly the progress of the Mt. Prospect Church under the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Morledge. Speaking on behalf of the congregation, Miss Flora Carlisle presented a purse of money to the departing minister, who then responded voicing his thanks to the Church for its part in making his a successful ministry.

The Adult Choir of the Church assisted in the singing of two hymns during the service and also as a special number and a favorite of the Rev. Mr. Morledge's sang "How Great Thou Art."



REV. RICHARD MORLEDGE

An informal social hour sponsored by members of the Worthwhile Bible Class brought the evening's festivities to a close.

The Rev. Mr. Morledge is a graduate of Grove City College, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954. In June of 1957, he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Following graduation he went to Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, preaching his first sermon June 16, and was installed July 9, 1957.

He was a member of the General Council of Washington Presbytery and the Board of Trustees. Serving as chairman of the Com-

mittee on History, Records and Leave of Absence, he was visiting lecturer in Religion at Washington and Jefferson College during the academic year 1959-60.

The Rev. Mr. Morledge will assume his duties as minister of First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown September 1.

## Alexander Calls It A 43-Year Day

### Testimonial Dinner Honors Y Executive

T. R. Alexander, associate general executive of the Pittsburgh YMCA, who is slated to retire June 1, will be honored at a testimonial dinner Wednesday at the Y's Golden Triangle Branch.

Mr. Alexander has served the Y for 43 years.



He was first Mr. Alexander employed by the Y in 1919 at Columbus, Ohio, while doing post-graduate work at Ohio State University after his graduation from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Alexander subsequently served the Y in Lima, Ohio, and Des Moines, Iowa, coming to Pittsburgh's Downtown Branch in 1931 as membership secretary. He was named to his present post in 1945.

Mr. Alexander lives in Ingo-

*The above T. R. Alexander  
seem not to be a son  
of the Rev. J. R. Alexander  
former pastor of Mt.  
Prospect Church. See  
Arbitrarily*

# MRS. EMILY C. MILLER

Widow of Washington and Jefferson College Faculty Member Passes Away at Her Home, East of Town.

1924

Mrs. Emily Connell Miller, aged 52 years, widow of Prof. James McCalmont Miller, died suddenly Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock at her home on the Monongahela pike, one mile east of Washington. Mrs. Miller's death was caused by heart failure and came as a great shock to the members of her family and her many friends.

Mrs. Miller was a daughter of John and Mary McBride Connell and was born near Clinton, in Beaver county, where she spent her early life. For the past 18 years she had been a resident of Washington, coming here when her husband was elected a member of the Washington and Jefferson college faculty. Mr. Miller's death occurred 12 years ago.

Mrs. Miller was a member of the Second Presbyterian church of Washington and active in the affairs of the congregation of which her husband was an elder at the time of his death.

She leaves three children, Wilson C. Miller and John H. Miller, students at Washington and Jefferson college, and Mary D. C. Miller, a student at the Washington seminary; also two brothers, Rev. John Connell, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Wilson McB. Connell, of Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. H. L. Alken, of Pittsburg.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. George P. Atwell, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, will be held at her late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The interment will be in the Hickory cemetery.

# Daughter Of Former Pastor At Hickory Weds Thursday

1952

Sue Vernay Thomas, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cornelius S. Thomas, of East End, Pittsburg, was united in marriage with George E. Silfies, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Silfies of Allentown, on Thursday, July 24, at 4 p. m., in the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg. The bride's father read the service.

accessories. Both wore orchid corsages.

A half hour of music performed by friends of the bride, preceded the ceremony. Miss Betty McNary, contralto, of Pittsburg, sang "Fair-est Lord Jesus", "Ich Liebe Dich" by Grieg, "Du Bist Die Ruh" by Schubert, and "Dedication" by Richard Strauss.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony in the social rooms of the church. Two hundred guests were present from Hickory, Pittsburg, Allentown, Bethlehem and Philadelphia, Pa., from Cleveland, and Boston and Washington, D. C.

The organist, Miss Maryanne Nagy of Clifton, N. J., was a classmate of the bride at the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. She played several selections from Bach and Hadel and the traditional wedding marches.

The young couple left for a trip through New England where they will attend the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood. They will be at home after Aug. 1, in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Silfies is a member of the United States Navy Band.

Miss Ann Clayton Thomas, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and the only attendant.

The bride was graduated from Hickory High School and is a graduate of The Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore. She spent the past year as a member of the music faculty at Westtown Friends School.

Jack Silfies, of Allentown, was his brother's best man. Ushers were Jerome Bell and James Campbell of Pittsburg; and John Stetler of Bethlehem, and Anthony Cecchia of Washington, D. C.

The bridegroom attended Allentown High School and was graduated from The Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia in 1948. He taught three years at Peabody Conservatory and was solo-clarinetist with the Baltimore Symphony during that time.

The bride's gown was fashioned of embroidered Swiss organdie with a bouffant skirt and half-train. Her fingertip veil cascaded from a Juliet cap of organdie and pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of daisies, baby breath and ivy.

The bride was entertained prior to the wedding, with a shower given by the faculty of Westtown School and a shower in Hickory, given by Mrs. J. Thompson White and her daughters.

The maid of honor wore an ankle-length gown of cornflower blue marquisette and carried a colonial bouquet of yellow daisies and ivy.

A prerehearsal buffet supper was served at the bride's home and the parents of the bridegroom entertained the wedding party after the rehearsal at Webster Hall.

The bride's mother wore yellow silk with black velvet accessories. The mother of the bridegroom was attired in aqua with brown velvet

The bride has many friends in the Hickory community, where her father served as pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church for a number of years.

## REV. JAMES ALLISON, D. D.

Rev. Dr. James Allison, well known to all Presbyterians of this region as the editor of the Presbyterian Banner, died at his home in Pittsburg last Friday, aged about 77 years. His death was the result of a nervous shock following a fall down a flight of steps at his home a few days before. He was a native of Allegheny county and his long and busy life was spent there.

Rev. James Allison, D. D., for many years editor of The Presbyterian Banner, Pittsburg, died at 10 o'clock Friday morning of heart failure, superinduced by the effects of a nervous shock caused by a fall down stairs Thursday evening, Sept. 13. He was about to retire and was nearing the top of the stairs when he missed his footing and fell to the bottom, breaking his left leg between the knee and the thigh.



**YMCA LEADERS** Mario Martin, left, T. R. Alexander, and John Hosford examine a scale drawing of the association's Deer Valley Camp, located near Mt. Davis.

The above T. R. Alexander appears not to be a son of the Rev. J. R. Alexander, former pastor of Mt. Prospect Church. See Obituary on a previous page. A. D. G.

### THOMAS R. ALEXANDER

Thomas Rush Alexander, 86, of 505 Amberson Avenue, Pittsburgh, died Tuesday, September 7, 1971, at the Whiteman Manor Convalescent Home, Pittsburgh.

He was born in Mt. Pleasant Township, February 3, 1885, a son of the Rev. Thomas Rush Alexander and Elizabeth McNabb Alexander.

He graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1905 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and received his M. A. from W&J in 1906. He received his Ph. D. in chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania in 1915.

He was a chemist for Westinghouse Machine Company and an instructor of chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania. He held various positions as instructor and professor at Carnegie - Mellon University prior to his retirement.

A member of Sigma Xi Fraternity at the University of Pennsylvania, he became a charter member and first president of the Carnegie Institute chapter. He was also a member of the American Chemical Society and the University Club of Pittsburgh.

He retired as associate professor emeritus from Carnegie - Mellon University in 1953.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Winchester Alexander; and three sisters: Mrs. Robert D. Christie, of Pittsburgh; Miss E. Margaret Alexander, of Washington, and Mrs. Arthur F. Pond, of San Marino, Calif.

Services and burial will be private.

## Former Pastors To Return For 125th Anniversary Of Mt. Prospect Church



REV. JAMES MILLER



REV. J. A. CUNNINGHAM

Four former ministers of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory will take part in the 125th anniversary of the church this weekend. The celebration opens Friday with an historical pageant. Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, (1927-1930) pastor of Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, will give the address at the Saturday afternoon



REV. D. B. DAVIDSON



REV. J. S. MORLEDGE

fellowship service. Rev. James A. Cunningham (1902-1964), Front Royal, Va., will speak at the Sunday morning Homecoming service. Rev. Dwight Brooker Davidson (1923-1927), pastor of Milton Presbyterian Church of Rittman, O., will deliver the address Sunday afternoon at a community historical service. Rev. James E. Miller (1905-1909), of Waxford, who spoke at the anniversary service last April 20, also will be present.

### Cornelius S. Thomas

The Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Hickory, died Monday, April 9, 1984, in a nursing home in Columbus.

He was born November 5, 1903, in Jersey City, N.J.

He graduated from Hartwick Seminary in New Jersey in 1924. Gettysburg College in 1927 and Western Theological Seminary in 1931.

The Rev. Thomas served as pastor of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, from 1930 to September 1, 1950.

He then became pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. In recent years, he served as minister of visitation for Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

He was married to Mary Vernay, who died in 1982.

Surviving are two daughters, Sue Silfies of St. Louis, Mo., and Ann McIsaac of Columbus, Ohio.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, corner of Fifth and Negley avenues.

#### Rev. Robert Thompson Price

Rev. Robert Thompson Price, D.D., died at his home in Wooster, Ohio, April 18, 1925.

Dr. Price was born on a farm near New Hagerstown, Ohio, June 2, 1836. He was educated at New Hagerstown Academy and Washington College (now Washington & Jefferson), graduating from the latter institution in 1861. His theological training was secured in the Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa. During the Civil War he served in the Christian Commission, preaching and doing welfare work among the soldiers in the Federal camps.

During his active career as a minister he served the churches of Wellsburg, W. Va.; Bellevue, Pa.; Dunbar, Pa.; Shreve, O.; Hopewell, O., and Scio, O. He retired from the active ministry in 1901 and went to Crowley, La., to live with a daughter. The Presbyterian church at Crowley being without a pastor, Dr. Price was induced to take up the work of supplying the pulpit. He preached in Crowley and in other churches in Southwest Louisiana until 1912, when he returned North with his family and settled in Wooster, Ohio.

Dr. Price's work as a minister of the Gospel was characterized by absolute devotion to duty and negation of self. He walked humbly before his God. He was an eloquent and forceful preacher and a leader in every good cause in the communities in which his lot was cast. He maintained his public spiritedness and interest and activity in church work until the day of his death, notwithstanding his advanced years. He was able to do this by reason of the exceptional activity of body and mind with which he was blessed up to the day when a stroke of apoplexy brought to a sudden and peaceful close a long and useful life.

Dr. Price was preceded in death by his son, Frederick K. Price, M.D., in 1898; by his wife, Nancy Fulton Price, in 1914, and by his daughter, Elizabeth Price Robison, in 1912. He is survived by two daughters, Miss Mary A. Price, Wooster, Ohio, and Mrs. George O. Canaga, Scio, Ohio, and by one son, Edward K. Price, Pittsburgh, Pa., and by four grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted at the home of the deceased by Rev. S. M. F. Nesbit, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. W. E. Bryce, D.D. and Rev. C. G. Miller, representing the Presbytery of Wooster. Interment was in Wooster cemetery.

## Mr Rev. J. P. Anderson Dies on Street in Beallsville on Way to See Physician

Oct 3, 1931

The Rev. J. Philander Anderson, pastor of the Beallsville, Clarks-ville and Oak Grove Presbyterian Churches, died suddenly on the street in Beallsville about 6 o'clock last night, while on the way to a doctor's office. A heart attack was the cause of his death.

Though not feeling well, he had gone in the afternoon to visit a sick person at Clarks-ville, and after returning home told Mrs. Anderson he thought he would go to see the doctor. At the hotel corner, however, he was seen to stop and rest against the building. A bystander helped him and summoned aid, and a doctor was called and gave him some medicine. He died, however, before he could be taken home.

The minister's death came in the midst of preparations for a rally day and homecoming at the Beallsville Church, to be held next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Anderson was born in Edinburg, March 13, 1856. After his elementary and secondary education he taught for a time to secure college funds. Then he attended Washington & Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1883. He also worked for a time for the Pittsburgh Coal Company store at Imperial. In 1886 he was graduated from Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh.

While working at Imperial he met Miss Teresa Burns who became his wife in 1886.

In September the Rev. and Mrs. Anderson celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

His first pastorate was at Cross Creek. From there he went to Lisbon, Ohio, and served subsequent pastorates at Huron, S. D.; Central City, Nebraska; Lincoln Nebraska; Grandview, Wash.; Sunnyside, Wash., and the Beallsville charge.

Besides his wife, he leaves one son, Professor J. B. Anderson, of the faculty of Washington & Jefferson College.

Funeral services at Beallsville will be held Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church, in charge of the Rev. Thomas J. Gray, of Pittsburgh, and the Rev. Frank Fish, of Millsboro, both of them classmates in the seminary. Monday the body will be taken to Lisbon, Ohio, where short services will be held in the cemetery at 1 o'clock.

### JAMES E. MILLER

James E. Miller, a former Presbyterian minister and president of the Pennsylvania Burial

Case Company, died yesterday at his home on McKinney Road, Wexford. Mr. Miller, 79, retired from the ministry in 1919 to join the casket concern, which he headed until his death. For



Mr. Miller many years he served as chairman of the credit clinic of the Casket Manufacturers Association of America. Born in Savannah, O., he attended school at Westminster and Muskingum Colleges and was graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in 1899. Survivors are his wife, Hallie McKinney Miller; a son, James E., Jr.; a sister, Adaline Miller, of Three Rivers, Mich.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Friends will be received at the Brandt Funeral Home, 1032 Perry Highway, Perrysville. Services will be held there at 1:30 p. m. Saturday and burial will be in Mt. Prospect Cemetery, Hickory, Pa.

#### REV. JAMES E. MILLER

Rev. James E. Miller, 79, former Presbyterian minister and from 1902 to 1909 pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 10, 1954, at his home on McKinney Road, Wexford.

At the time of his death he was president of the Pennsylvania Burial Case Company. He retired from the ministry in 1919 to join the casket company, which he headed until his death.

Born in Savannah, O., he attended school at Westminster and Muskingum Colleges and graduated from the Western Theological Seminary in 1899.

He is survived by his wife, Hallie McKinney Miller; a son, James E. Jr., a sister, Adaline Miller, of Three Rivers, Mich., two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**H. MARGARET KERR**

Hannah Margaret Kerr of Hastings Avenue, Oakdale, died Friday, January 1, 1971.

She was the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Greer M. and Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr.

A graduate of Westminster College, she was a teacher. She taught in church schools in Burkeville, Va., and Old Concord, and in the schools of Robinson Township, Washington County and the West Allegheny District, Allegheny County.

Miss Kerr was a member of Raccoon Church, Candor, and its Missionary Society; North Fayette Garden Club; Oakdale Travel League and Retired Teachers Association of Allegheny County.

Surviving are four sisters, Mary V. and Amy E. Kerr, Oakdale, Martha K. Ross, Carnegie, and Jean Kerr, Washington D. C.; and a brother, James S. Kerr, Oakdale. She was preceded in death by two brothers, John A. and Greer M. Kerr.

The funeral service was conducted Monday, Jan. 4, by Rev. Leroy Beckes of Raccoon Church and Rev. Wilson Bradburn of Highland Presbyterian Church, New Castle. Burial was in the Raccoon Church Cemetery.

**JAMES S. KERR**

James Stevenson Kerr of 43 Hastings Avenue, Oakdale, died unexpectedly Sunday morning, October 6, 1974, in the West Allegheny Hospital.

He was born in Candor, Washington County, a son of the Rev. Greer McIlvain and Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr, and was a member of the Raccoon Presbyterian Church, where his father served as the fourth pastor.

He was a graduate of Robinson Township High School, graduated from Westminster College in 1918 and from the University of Pittsburgh Law School in 1924. He was admitted to the Bar in 1925 and was employed by the Union Title Assurance Company for many years.

Mr. Kerr served in the Army in World War I, stationed at Camp Lee, Va.

Surviving are two sisters, Amy E. Kerr of Oakdale and Mrs. Martha Ross of Carnegie, and a number of nieces and nephews.

**MARY VANEMAN KERR**

Miss Mary VanEman Kerr, 55, of 43 Hastings Avenue, Oakdale, died Wednesday, March 1, 1972, in Washington Hospital Extended Care Facility.

She was born March 15, 1885, in Midway, a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Greer M. and Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr.

Miss Kerr graduated from Ingleside Academy, McDonald, and Blairsville College for Women with a bachelor of arts degree, specializing in music. She taught in schools in the local community, and later in Swissvale public schools as a primary teacher.

She was a member of Raccoon Church of Candor, where for many years she served as a Sunday School teacher and organist. She was an active member of the Missionary Society of the church and of the Travel League of Oakdale.

Surviving are two sisters, Miss Amy E. Kerr of Oakdale and Mrs. Martha K. Ross, Carnegie, and one brother, James S. Kerr, Oakdale. Two sisters, Miss Margaret Kerr and Miss Jean Kerr, and two brothers John A. and Greer M. Kerr preceded her in death.

**Margaret Morledge**

Margaret Hodge Morledge, who formerly taught vocal music in the Grove City schools, died yesterday at her home in Mars, Butler County.

Mrs. Morledge, 81, a graduate of Grove City College, also once taught vocal music at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va.

Her late husband, the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, was pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church in Squirrel Hill for 32 years. She was active in the Women's Association of the church.

She was a former member of the College Club of Pittsburgh and Chapter B of the PEO of Pittsburgh.

Surviving are a daughter, Joan Michaelian of Newport News, Va.; a son, the Rev. Richard A. Morledge, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown; and four grandchildren.

Friends may call from noon to 3 and 7 to 9 p.m. today and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at the C. A. Schellhaas Funeral Home, Heckert Road, Bakerstown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Forbes and Murray avenues, Squirrel Hill.

Burial will be in Chartiers Cemetery, East Carnegie.

**ALICE JEAN KERR**

Miss Alice Jean Kerr, 77, of Florida Avenue, Washington, D. C., died Thursday, July 1, 1971, in the Mar - Salle Nursing Home, Washington, D. C., where she had been a patient since May 5.

Miss Kerr was born Feb. 4, 1894, in Candor, a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Greer M. and Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr. She was graduated from Westminster College in 1915 with a bachelor of arts degree, and later from The University of Columbia with the master of arts degree.

After teaching for two years, she entered the civil service of the executive branch of the federal government and continued this employment until her recent retirement.

She served through the years in the Departments of War, Interior and Agriculture, with assignments taking her for extended periods of residence in Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin and, lastly, in Beltsville, Md.

Miss Kerr is survived by three sisters, Miss Mary V. Kerr and Miss Amy E. Kerr, both of Oakdale, and Mrs. Martha K. Ross, Carnegie, and one brother, James S. Kerr, Oakdale.

One sister, Miss Margaret Kerr, and two brothers, John A. and Greer M. Kerr, are deceased.

**KERR**—Memorial services for Miss Alice Jean Kerr, Washington, D. C., formerly of Candor, who died Thursday, July 1, 1971, will be held in Raccoon Church, Candor, at 3 p.m. Sunday in charge of Rev. W. Leroy Beckes. Interment will be private.

**JAMES STEVENSON KERR**

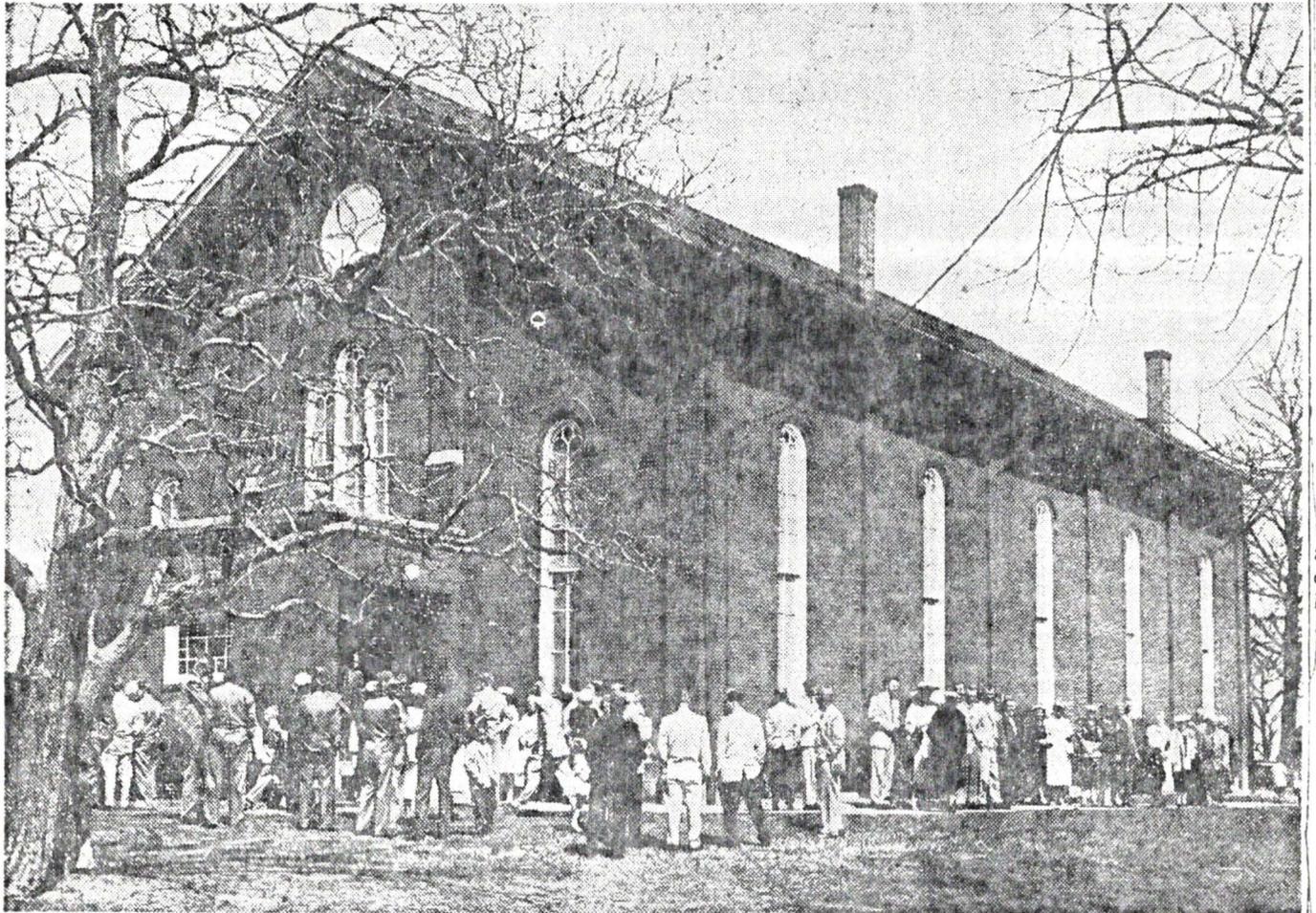
James Stevenson Kerr of Oakdale died Sunday October 13, 1974.

He was born April 24, 1896 in Candor, son of Greer M. Kerr, D. D. and Elizabeth Stevenson Kerr.

He is survived by two sisters, Amy Kerr of Oakdale and Mrs. Martha Ross of Carnegie.

**KERR** — Friends of James Stevenson Kerr, who died Sunday, October 13, 1974, will be received in the Richard Thomas Funeral Home, Oakdale, from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Services will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Candor Cemetery.

# Worshippers Enjoy Spring Sunshine After Easter Services 1958



Observer Photo

Typical of the thousands of Easter worshippers throughout the County who attended services Sunday is this group from the congregation of Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory. Although rain and dark clouds threatened to put umbrellas and raincoats over district churchgoers' new bonnets and outfits, the skies

cleared early in the day in time for the traditional chat and promenade in the sun after morning services. Many churches, in anticipation of overflow crowds for Easter devotions, scheduled two morning worship services in addition to Sunrise services. (Other Pictures, Page 8).

## Pastor Heads SAR Chapter

Dr. Walter L. Moser, retired pastor of the Edgewood Community Church, has been elected president of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

Dr. Moser succeeds Orphans Court Judge William S. Rahauser.

Also elected at the chapter's annual meeting in the Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club yesterday were:

Roger S. Long, Ross M. McGregor and Murray V. Johnston, vice-presidents; Stephen C. M. Goodnough Sr., secretary and Frank W. Thompson, treasurer.

## Congregation Of Hickory Meets

The Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, held its annual congregational meeting, last week. Reports submitted by the several treasurers gave evidence of a successful year.

C. E. Carter, chairman of the Board of Trustees, reported that a permit for gas to be used in heating the church had been granted. Work will be started in the near future to install the new heating equipment.

Officers elected follows: President, J. Alvan Bell; vice president, James R. Buchanan; secretary, Mrs. J. Raymond Henderson; financial secretary and treasurer, Miss Helen Caldwell; trustees, three year term, Robert W. Cowden and W. Edwin Miller; trustee, one year term, Lee A. Robinson; auditor, Mrs. Harry Orndoff; usher, Robert Wilson; nominating committee, Alvin D. White.

The same evening the annual business meeting of the Mt. Prospect Sunday School Association was held.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, James A. McGugin; vice president, Robert Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Lois Anne Carter; assistant treasurer, Miss Flora Dhans; superintendent, Robert Loughry; first assistant, Mrs. Harry Orndoff; second assistant, Marshall Stamy; librarians, Lewis Westphal and Richard Campbell; Junior superintendent, Mrs. Gerald Green; cradle roll, Mrs. Edwin Miller; home department superintendent, Mrs. Lee Cowden; nominating committee, Mrs. Alvin D. White.

## Rev. Morledge To Speak At College

The Rev. Richard A. Morledge, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, will be the guest speaker at Washington and Jefferson College, on Wednesday, November 21, at 11 a. m., in the College Chapel. 1962

Mr. Morledge was a visiting lecturer in religion at W & J College in 1959-60. He was born in Washington, but was reared in Pittsburgh. He is a graduate of Grove City College and of the Princeton Seminary, where he was President of the Student Body.

Rev. Morledge was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" in 1953-54. From 1957 to 1960, he was pastor of the Mt. Prospect Church in Hickory, Pa. He has been a guest speaker at several other colleges.

### BROWNLEE

March 6, 1970, Mrs. Mary Morledge of 215 E. 9th Ave., Homestead; step-mother of Mrs. Irene Ross, Mrs. Margaret Borland, William A. and John Kenneth Brownlee; sister of Mrs. LeRoy Lawther, Dr. J. Walker M.D., H. Weir and Rev. Joseph S. Morledge DD. Friends will be received 2-4 and 7-9 p. m. at the **GEORGE IRVIN GREEN FUNERAL HOME**, 3511 Main St. (Homestead Park) Munhall. Services on Monday at 2 p. m.

### REV. JOSEPH S. MORLEDGE

Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, 69, a former Washington County pastor, died Friday, July 17, 1970, at his residence, 401 Shady Avenue, Squirrel Hill.

Mr. Morledge was pastor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church at Hickory from 1927 to 1930. He also served as minister of the Third Presbyterian Church in Washington from 1930 to 1934.

Mr. Morledge was pastor emeritus of the Sixth Presbyterian Church at Squirrel Hill where he served as pastor for 32 years until his retirement from active ministry in 1966.

He was a member of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, Grove City Lodge No. 603, F and AM, the Scottish Rite of the Valley of Pittsburgh, and was on the board of directors of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged, Oakmont.

Mr. Morledge received his bachelor's degree from Grove City College in 1922, graduated from the Princeton Theological Seminary in 1927, and received the honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree at Grove City in 1936.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Margaret H. Morledge; one daughter, Mrs. Charles T. Michaelian; one son, the Rev. Richard A. Morledge, of the First Presbyterian Church in Bakerstown; one brother, H. Weir Morledge; one sister, Mrs. LeRoy Lawther, and four grandchildren.

Friends are being received at H. Samson Inc., 537 North Neville Street, Oakland. Services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday at the Sixth Presbyterian Church.

The family requests memorials to the Morledge Memorial Fund of the Sixth Presbyterian Church.

### MORLEDGE

Suddenly, on Friday, July 17, 1970, Joseph S. Morledge D. D., husband of Margaret H. Morledge, of Kennawood Apts.; father of Mrs. Charles T. (Ann) Michaelian of Newport News, Va., and Rev. Richard A. Morledge, of Bakerstown, Pa.; brother of Mrs. LeRoy Lawther of Lakewood, Ohio, and H. Weir Morledge, of Cincinnati, Ohio, survived also by 4 grandchildren. Friends received at H. SAMSON INC., 537 Neville St. (Oakland Civic Center) Saturday and Sunday 2-4 and 7-9 p. m. Services in the Sixth Pres. Church, Forbes and Murray Ave. Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Charities Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Morledge Memorial Fund of the Sixth Pres. Church.

### Why and Wherefore

By CAL HUNTER

#### (1) Comments About Coach McGugin

My lifelong friend, James A. McGugin, of Mt. Pleasant Township, president of the Hickory-Woodrow Telephone Company, writes an interesting letter commenting on the death, January 19, of his cousin, Dan E. McGugin, nationally-known football authority, and coach at Vanderbilt University, Nashville Tennessee, for 30 years.

Coach McGugin, who was also a member of a large law firm in Nashville, was of authentic Washington County stock, his great great grandfather having been Daniel McGoogan, first white settler in Northwestern Washington County. His grandmother was Elizabeth Campbell, and he was also tied in closely with the McElroy clan.

"His grandfather, Daniel McGugin, was born on the McGugin homestead farm in Mt. Pleasant Township, in 1809," says Mr. James A. McGugin. "His grandfather lived on what is known as the Harry Rankin farm, on the Burgettstown road, where his father, Frank McGugin, was born. His grandfather, Daniel McGugin, at one time led the singing at Mt. Prospect Church.

"The family moved to Ohio, in 1846. His father, Frank McGugin, enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil War, and endured hard service with Sherman's army. He was captured at the battle of Atlanta, and spent over four weeks in Andersonville prison. The Confederates were afraid Sherman would raid Andersonville, and started to move the prison elsewhere.

"Frank and a companion escaped from a freight train on which they were being transported in the middle of the night. Frank has told me of the terrible horrors of the prison—how the men were starved for both food and water.

"There was a spring of clear water about ten feet across the 'dead-line.' A prisoner one day secured a tin can, fastened it to the end of a pole, and was trying to dip a drink from the spring. The pole was a little short. In his efforts he got his foot across the line, and was shot by a guard."

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#### (2) Comments About Coach McGugin

Yesterday we were discussing, with the aid of James A. McGugin, the historical background of the late Coach Dan E. McGugin, famous football mentor for 30 years at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. We found him to be the great great grandson of Daniel McGoogan, first white settler in Northwestern Washington County.

Dan's father, Frank McGugin, whose Civil War record we were discussing, after resisting disease and pestilence in Andersonville prison for several weeks, escaped from a freight on which prisoners were being transported to another place. With some direction from the Negroes, Frank and his comrade were enabled to rejoin Sherman's Army at Atlanta.

"Their food during the journey," continues James A. McGugin, "was not 'locusts and wild honey' but persimmons, raw sweet potatoes, and some corn bread donated by their dark-complected cousins. He told me the corn bread tasted very good. Soon after rejoining Sherman, Frank and his comrade took part in Sherman's march to the sea.

"Dan, the true subject of this sketch, was born on a farm in Western Iowa, where he grew up as a husky farm boy. He visited this section in 1921, and again last August, at which time he called on relatives and went to see the old home farm down the Burgettstown road. He was planning to attend the McGugin reunion next August.

"I first got acquainted with Dan out on the farm in Iowa," says Mr. McGugin. "Then I lost track of him during his later school years, locating him later at Nashville. He was a member of the Christian Church, and, I had understood, was a Bible class teacher."

A word should be said as to the proudest day of Coach McGugin's football career. He did not draw his players as largely from prep schools as did great coaches in the East. He made football players right on the athletic field at Vanderbilt. And one great weekend his boys travelled to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to play the University of Michigan. The game resulted in a scoreless tie, a moral victory for Dan McGugin over his alma mater and his own former coach, Fielding H. Yost.

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Nothing is more refreshing than the spectacle of a real man. Although we Christian people have no posies for Bob Ingersoll, his character drew from Mark Twain a superb tribute: "From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot he was a man—all man." That is the best tribute to manhood I know of, outside of the religious realm.

So I think this departed coach and lawyer, for 30 years a potent luminary in the Southern football world, must have been a man all over. I believe the courageous nature of his pioneer sire Daniel McGoogan, and the soldierly manhood of his father, Frank McGugin, and good traits from other great Washington County families, endowed him with what it takes to do an important work in the world.

In concluding his letter on the death of his famous cousin, James A. McGugin recounts an amusing anecdote regarding Dan's aversion to high society. "When with one of his football teams in California he was introduced to a popular movie actress, who started a conversation with him. She asked him what other occupation he had beside coaching football. He saw an opportunity to get rid of her, so he told her he owned the largest livery stable in the State of Iowa. He said the answer had the desired effect.

"He always said his name was not Daniel, but Dan. When his father led the singing at Mt. Prospect Church it was before the days of a choir. One man would stand up front and lead the singing. It may have been in the time they were lining out."

Coach McGugin's stand about his name actually being Dan makes one think of Governor Alf M. Landon's insistence that his true name is now Alf and not Alfred. The Kansas Governor seems to be getting away with it, too.

Ex-Senator David A. Reed, and Ex-Senator James A. Reed (Missouri) have their roots in Mt. Pleasant Township. With these names of eminent men should be remembered Dan McGugin, nationally known football coach and highly successful lawyer—"From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot a man—all man."

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# Dr. Richard Morledge installed as Moderator

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The Rev. Dr. Richard A. Morledge, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown, has been elected Moderator of Pittsburgh Presbytery for 1976.

He was elected and installed Dec. 11 at the regular meeting of Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Morledge will remain pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. As Moderator, he will lead 102,000 United Presbyterians in 193 churches in Allegheny County. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Richard J. Rapp.

Dr. Morledge is a graduate of Taylor-Allderdice High School, Grove City College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Before coming to the Bakerstown Church, he was minister of Mount Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory. He was also visiting professor of religion at Washington and Jefferson College in 1959-60. Grove City College awarded him a Doctorate of Divinity in 1973.

Dr. Morledge has served on numerous Pittsburgh Presbytery committees and was Vice Moderator in



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1964. He is a past president of the advisory board of Hazelwood Presbyterian Ministry and of the Greater Richland Ministerial Association.