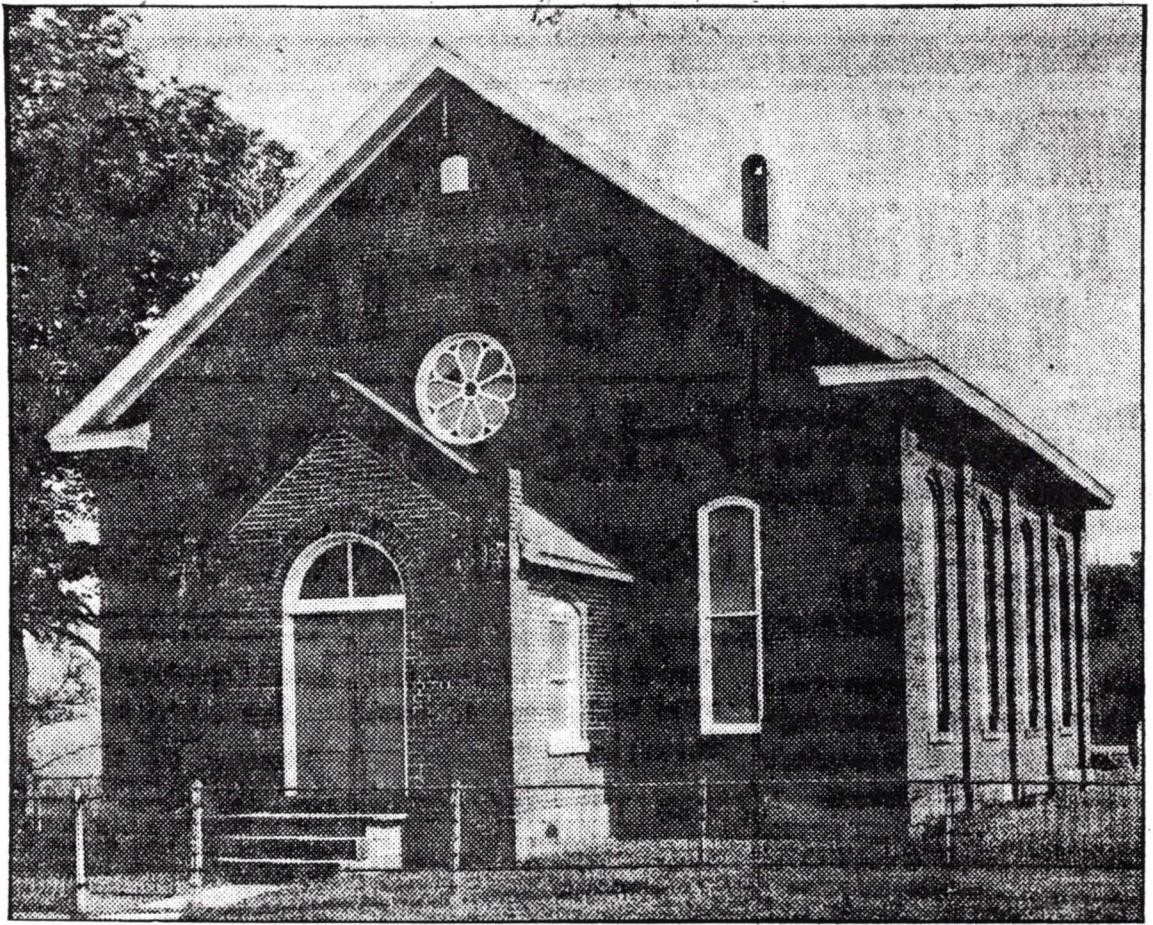


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# Pleasant Hill Congregation to Celebrate Centennial

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Above is the present edifice of the congregation of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, of Ten Mile, which tomorrow will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the church.



The Rev. Emil G. Teyssler, of Amity, pastor of the congregation, is shown above. It is unfortunate that the Rev. Mr. Teyssler has been stricken ill at this time and is confined to his home. He will be unable to attend the services.



J. B. MILLER D.D.

It is especially fitting that Dr. J. B. Miller, pastor of the Old Concord Presbyterian Church, above, should deliver the historical address at the services at the Pleasant Hill Church tomorrow, as he attended services there as a boy, and bears the distinction of being the only ordained minister of the congregation. His grandparents, both paternal and maternal, were accepted into membership of the church at the same time, and his father, Stephen D. Miller, was the first child baptized in infancy in the church. Dr. Miller served as pastor of the church three years.

# TEN MILE CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE ITS CENTENNIAL

Special Services and Exercises Tomorrow Are Expected to Attract Many Persons  
—Dinner at Noon.

## PASTOR OF CHURCH ILL

Tomorrow, June 25, 1933, the congregation of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church of Ten Mile will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its organization.

First as a Cumberland Presbyterian congregation and then as a part of the Presbyterian denomination, the church has served the community for an even century, its history and work standing as a memorial to the sturdy and dependable citizenry of the district.

Numerous former pastors, members of the congregation and members of families which once resided in the district are expected to return for the exercises tomorrow which will consist of three services, morning, afternoon and evening.

Rev. Emil G. Teyssier, of Amity, pastor of the congregation, and active in the arranging of plans for the celebration will not be able to attend because of illness. He is confined to his home at Amity.

The Rev. R. E. Kauffman, of Cross Creek, will deliver the principal address at the morning service. In the afternoon, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Miller, of Old Concord, a son of the Pleasant Hill Church, will deliver the historical address. The Rev. Roy M. Kiskaddon, of Coshocton, O., former pastor of the church, will deliver the address at the evening service.

Historical facts regarding the congregation assembled by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Miller are as follows:

"About the year 1800 there was a great spiritual awakening in what was known as the Cumberland County in Tennessee and Kentucky. The Rev. David Rice, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, located in that section at that time, in speaking of the revival said: 'Neighborhoods noted for their vicious and profligate manners are now as much noted for their piety and good order. Drunkards, profane swearers, liars and quarrelsome persons, are remarkably reformed. A number of families who have lived apparently without the fear of God, in folly and in vice are now reduced to order, and are daily joining in the worship. Parents who seemed formerly to have little or no regard for the salvation of their children,

are now anxiously concerned, and pleading for them, and are endeavoring to lead them to Christ and train them up in the way of piety and virtue. This awakening extending in the organization of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

"In January, 1831, by request of a congregation of Presbyterians in Washington County, Pennsylvania, five of its members wrote a letter to the Rev. Dr. Cossitt, president of the college at Princeton, Kentucky, requesting that a minister be sent from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to labor in this section. As a result of this communication the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church appointed a committee of ministers consisting of Alexander Chapman, Robert Donnell, Reuben Burrow, John Morgan, and A. M. Bryan to visit Pennsylvania, and other sections making similar requests. On July 14, 1831, Rev. Chapman, Morgan, Bryan, visited Washington, they held a campmeeting near Old Concord, which resulted in the organization of the Old Concord Church, on August 16, 1831.

"Arrangements were made for another meeting. This one was held on what was known as Lower Ten Mile Creek on Abel Milligan farm near Clarktown, now Ten Mile Village. There was a good grove and it was a fine location for the camp meeting. This meeting was held in October. These services were conducted by A. M. Bryan, Reuben Burrow, and Robert Donnell. The number of persons who professed conversion at this meeting is said to be one hundred.

"Following this meeting, services were held by Revs. Brown and Bird from time to time, usually in the home of Mr. Milligan.

Early in the month of May, 1832, another camp meeting was held on the campground by William Harris, A. Chapman, S. M. Ashton, M. Bird and A. M. Bryan. There were a number of conversions. These ministers baptized and enrolled the converts and on January 22, 1833, organized the Pleasant Hill Church. There were 90 charter members. The first ruling elders were Abel Milligan, Abner Clark, and Joseph Evans. They were ordained by Rev. John Morgan.

"The church has been evangelistic and progressive from the first. There have been comparatively few difficult problems for the officials to solve. The question was asked one of the older members of the session a few years ago, 'Who has been the most useful elder of your church?' He replied, 'That would be hard to tell. As this has always been an evenly balanced session. Among the members of the session there have been no grades, but they have all been of a uniform grade.'

"The exact date of the erection of the first house of worship we have been unable to secure, but it was a brick building standing on the same foundation on which the present building stands. The present building was erected in 1882, and the membership takes great pride in keeping it in repair and its walls attractive.

"There have been 24 ruling elders during the history of the church: Abner Clark, Abel Milligan, Joseph Evans, charter elders; Joseph Evans, Jr., Lebbus Clark, Joseph Miller, William Hedge, John Lewis, Abel M. Evans, Abel Milligan, Lemuel Baker, Joseph A. Gray, John F. Miller, Tunis Miller,

John Hughes, A. B. Samson, J. N. Horn, John McGinnis, N. B. Evans, T. M. Lacock, J. M. Evans, R. A. Samson, J. Sanford Gibson, Nathan E. Evans.

"The following ministers have served the Pleasant Hill Church as pastors or stated supplies: S. M. Ashton, John Morgan, Alexander Robertson, A. J. Rob. L. P. Allen, E. Howland, M. Bird, James McFarland, John Cary, P. Axtell, S. Winget, Jesse Adams, Phillip Axtell, S. Winget, Luther Axtell, N. D. Johnson, J. T. Neal, J. S. Keener, J. S. Gibson, D. A. Cooper, J. B. Miller, Roy M. Kiskaddon, W. V. Dinsmore, Lafayette Rexroffe, Emil G. Teyssier.

"From the first the church has been devoted to the cause of Christian Education, having a well organized Sunday School in operation the year around. A fine interest has always been shown in Waynesburg College, a number of the members having graduated from this institution, others have graduated from Washington and Jefferson College. N. B. Evans, one of the elders of this church, was for a number of years a trustee of Waynesburg College.

"The present enrollment of our Sunday School is 80, and we have an active Christian Endeavor Society with 40 members.

"The Ladies' Aid Society while having a present membership of 15, is a most valuable organization, always busy planning and ever ready to give financial assistance to the church.

"As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church we should come before the great Head of the Church with the deepest gratitude for our precious heritage and under the inspiration of this occasion renew our pledge of loyalty and fidelity."

The church directory at the present time follows: Session—Rev. J. B. Miller, moderator. N. E. Evans, J. Sanford Gibson, Thomas M. Lacock; Trustees—William Evans, James Braden, James H. Voorhes; treasurer, F. T. Reynolds; church pianist, Mrs. Rosella Voorhes Ross.

Sabbath School—Superintendent, J. Sanford Gibson; assistant superintendent, Maynard Lacock; secretary, Fern Irely; treasurer, John M. Lacock; pianist, Daisy Tennant.

Ladies' Aid—President, Mrs. Ida Gibson; vice president, Mrs. Emma Braden; secretary, Mrs. J. M. Lacock; treasurer, Mrs. N. E. Evans.

Christian Endeavor—President, Miss Ruth Gump; vice president, Fern Irely; corresponding secretary, Daisy Tennant; recording secretary, Mary Gibson; treasurer, Maynard Lacock.

The complete program for the three services follows:

**Morning Service, 10:30 O'clock**  
Prelude, doxology, invocation, gloria and hymn, congregation. Devotional, James Braden. Trio, girls.  
Welcome address, Sanford Gibson.

Hymn, congregation.  
Solo, Mrs. Sofia Montgomery.  
Announcement and offering.  
Selection, choir.  
Address, Rev. Ralph E. Kauffman.  
Hymn, congregation, and benediction.

**Noon**  
Basket picnic luncheon. Coffee will be served. Group picture will be taken at 1:15.  
**Afternoon Service, 2 O'clock.**  
Hymn, congregation.

Devotional, Fern Irey.  
Reading of centennial poem, Mrs. Emma Mann.

Centennial hymn, by choir.  
"History of Pleasant Hill," Georgia Sanders.  
Hymn, congregation.  
Greetings, former pastors, their descendants, former officials and friends.

Selection, choir.  
Announcements and offering.  
Historical address, Rev. J. B. Miller.  
Hymn, congregation, and benediction.

**Evening Service, 7:30 O'clock**  
Hymn, congregation.  
Devotions, Mrs. Emil G. Teys-sier.

Centennial hymn, congregation.  
Male quartet.  
Announcements and offering.  
Selection, choir.  
Male quartet.  
Address, Rev. Roy M. Kiskaddon.  
Quartet, closing hymn and benediction.

## HOME COMING SUNDAY AT RACCOON CHURCH *Aug 6 1933*

Old Raccoon Presbyterian Church, at Candor, mother of many of the congregations in the northern end of Washington County, will hold a homecoming meeting Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

It is expected that hundreds of people who went to this church and were brought up in the neighborhood will be present. The service will be held in the church yard if the weather permits. Old hymns will be sung and the services throughout will have the touch of a century ago.

The Rev. Mr. Kerr, who died a few years ago, preached to this congregation for over 59 years. Since his death the Rev. Mr. Mosser has been pastor. Special music will be provided by an orchestra.

## Attacks Rich Evaders Of Taxes at Big Rally

CHESTER, W. Va., June 25.—(AP)—A two-mile parade of 5,000 soldiers, 16 drum and bugle corps, and three bands today preceded the fourth annual Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia reunion of American Legionnaires.

National Commander Louis A. Johnson, of Clarksburg, W. Va., said:

"The greatest crime of the world was issuance by our Federal Government of tax-exempt securities", asserted the commander. "The Government should call in these securities, so that the dollars of the rich man can be taxed pro rata with the dollars of the poor man". He was heard by 15,000.

## CENTENNIAL AT PLEASANT HILL

Celebration by Historic Congregation Yesterday Is Notable Event—Featured by Old Members' Reunion.

### THREE SERVICES ARE HELD

*June 26, 1933*  
On a plateau in the midst of some of the richest scenic beauty in Washington County, making one of the most ideal church sites, members, former members and friends of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church yesterday celebrated the 100th anniversary of the congregation's birth. Former pastors, officers and friends of the church united in a celebration which was also a time of reunion for older members.

The event was marred greatly by the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Emil Teys-sier, who is under observation in the Washington Hospital, where he was taken Saturday after he had been in poor health for two weeks.

At the morning service, at 11 o'clock, N. E. Evans was chairman. The devotional service was in charge of James Braden, and a feature of the program was a song by a girls' trio, consisting of Evelyn Tharp, Hilda Montgomery and Jean Gibson. Rev. R. E. Kaufman, of Cross Creek, moderator of the Washington Presbytery, gave an inspiring address, in which he declared that "the real cause of trouble is sin and the only way to cure

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sin is to come to Jesus Christ, who can relieve both sin and suffering". Rev. D. A. Cooper pronounced the benediction.

At noon a basket lunch was enjoyed on the church grounds, and at 2 o'clock a group picture was taken.

Rev. J. B. Miller, of the Concord Presbyterian Church, was general chairman of the afternoon session, and Fern Irey led the devotions, with prayer by Mrs. J. B. Miller. A hymn, "Back to Pleasant Hill", written by Mrs. Georgia Sanders, was sung. Greetings from former pastors and members were read from Rev. W. W. Dinsmore, Rev. Lafayette Rex rode, Elizabeth Braden and Mrs. Neil Johnston. A poem, "A New Creed", written by Mrs. Carrie MacGinnis Kinder, a

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## GLADES CHURCH TO OBSERVE ITS 158TH BIRTHDAY

Plans Call for Special Homecoming Program Next Saturday, With Address by Judge A. H. Sayers.

### OTHER NEWS OF SECTION

*1933*  
CARMICHAELS, July 28.—The New Providence Presbyterian Church, at the Glades, near here, will observe its 158th birthday, with special homecoming exercises Saturday, August 5. The observance will be presented in two programs, the first in the afternoon and the final and second program in the evening.

Tentative plans call for an address by Judge A. H. Sayers, of Waynesburg. John L. Barclay, who is in charge of the program, said today that many other interesting features are being planned.

For the afternoon session several social affairs have been programmed. The remainder of the afternoon will be spent in renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

The evening session will open at 6 o'clock. Guests will pay a small registration fee and receive their lunch in return. The lunch will be served from 6 until 7 o'clock by the members of the Willing Workers' Society of the church.

Everyone is invited and urged to attend this celebration, which is expected to be the finest ever held in the church. More than 150 persons were present at the last homecoming.

# CENTENNIAL OF CHURCH PLANNED

Robinson United Presbyterian  
Congregation to Celebrate  
100th Anniversary of Its  
Founding August 24-27.  
1933  
HOMECOMING DAY FEATURE

The Robinson United Presbyterian Church, one of the oldest congregations in the northern part of the County, will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its organization August 24-27. This congregation, organized among the Scotch-Irish early settlers of the County, has had enrolled in its membership many of the old and prominent families of that section of the County. Farms of some of the members are still in possession of descendants of those who secured the original patents. The present pastor is Rev. J. Walter Irwin.

The celebration will open Thursday, August 24, with a home coming picnic at the church. Those attending will bring basket lunches, the congregation will serve coffee. A meeting at 10 o'clock will be devoted to reminiscences and messages from former pastors. In the afternoon a history of the congregation will be read.

Services will be held in the church Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The preacher for the evening will be Rev. R. S. Copeland.

The anniversary service will be held Sunday morning, the preacher for the occasion being Rev. Richard D. Hays, a former pastor.

In the afternoon at 2 o'clock a fraternal service will be held and in the evening at 8 o'clock a final service will be in charge of the young people.

United Presbyterian Congregation Begins Three-Day Celebration of Centennial of Its Organization.

## CLOSING SERVICE SUNDAY

Robinson United Presbyterian Church, one of the oldest congregations in the northern section of Washington County, yesterday began a three-day celebration of the 100th anniversary of its organization.

Yesterday was home-coming day and was devoted to devotional services, a basket picnic at noon and to greetings and reading of the church history in the afternoon. The morning services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. Walter Irwin. In the afternoon the history of the church was read

by the pastor and addresses were made by Rev. R. S. Copeland, of Brookline; Rev. Ewing Thompson, of Emsworth; Mrs. Etta McCabe, of Coraopolis, and Attorney Joseph F. McFarland, of Washington.

Former members of the church choir assisted in the music at both services. The basket picnic dinner proved a real home-coming event and many former members of the church were present for the day, taking an interested part in the celebration.

Services will be held in the church tonight with Rev. R. S. Copeland, pastor of the Brookline United Presbyterian Church, preaching the sermon. On Sunday the anniversary sermon will be preached by Rev. Richard D. Hayes, of Adamsville, a former pastor. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock a fraternal service will be held and in the evening at 8 o'clock the final service of the celebration will be in charge of the Young People's Society.

Robinson United Presbyterian

Church was organized August 27, 1833, by Chartiers Presbytery after a two-year battle with the ecclesiastical authorities to secure permission to form an organization.

In 1830 members of Montour Run, now Clinton, and Burgettstown Associate congregations, who found it difficult to attend the other two churches, met around a log fire, petitioned the Presbytery for permission to form a separate organization and raised money for erection of a church building. The petition was refused by the Presbytery after opposition on the part of the Montour Run congregation. Later frequent meetings in interest of the new organization were held in the home of Samuel Bigger and three times the petition was refused by Presbytery. Against some of the later petitions Burgettstown congregation joined with Montour Run in the opposition. Finally, however, their persistence was rewarded and the petition for organization was granted and on August 27, 1833, the congregation was formally organized. Rev. William Wilson was the first pastor, serving until 1842. The church building was erected this year and the first sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph Banks, who used a carpenter's bench in the uncompleted church for a pulpit.

The land for the site of the church was given by Alexander and William McBride and Matthew Bigger. The ground for the burial plot was given by Matthew Bigger.

The first elders of the church were Thomas Bigger, Samuel Wallace, William Donaldson, James Pollock, Benjamin Bubbett, Richard and Andrew Donaldson, Alexander McBride and James Smith.

The pastors of the church until the time of the erection of the substantial present brick edifice were:

Rev. William Wilson, 33-42.  
Rev. John Scott, 43-45.  
Rev. James G. Rankin, 49-68.  
Rev. W. R. McKee, 69-85.

The present building, a two-story brick structure, was erected in 1875. The congregation at one time numbered over 200 members and had on its membership rolls the names of many of the Scotch-Irish families of that section of the County. For years the community was one of the thriving farming sections and Robinson Church was one of the strongest rural congregations in the County. Despite the falling off of rural church membership, the congregation is still an active force in the community. The present pastor, Rev. J. Walter Irwin, is completing his second year in the charge.

A unique feature of the celebration was the presentation to the congregation of the formal call extended by that congregation in 1848 to the Rev. James G. Rankin.

This presentation was made by Dr. Rankin's granddaughter, Miss Katherine McFarland, of 310 North Main street, Washington, who found the old manuscript among her mother's papers, and had it neatly framed. The Rev. Mr. Rankin, who was graduated from Washington College in 1842, was ordained to the ministry in 1847, and after a year in missionary work, accepted the call to the Robinson Church, which he served with great success until his death 20 years later.

The call extended to the Rev. Mr. Rankin reads as follows:

"We, the elders and other members of the Associate Congregation of Robinson, Washington County, in the State of Pennsylvania, in full communion, who have acceded to the Lord's cause as professed and maintained by the Associate Presbytery of Chartiers, as subordinate to the Associate Synod of North America, taking into our serious consideration the great loss we suffer through want of a fixed gospel ministry among us, and being fully satisfied from opportunity of enjoying your public ministrations that the great Head of the Church has bestowed upon you, Mr. James Rankin, such ministerial gifts and endowments as through the divine blessing may be profitable for our edification; we therefore hereby call and beseech you to come to us and help us by taking the charge and oversight of this congregation, to labor in it and watch over it as our fixed pastor; and on your acceptance of this our call we promise you all due support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord.

"In testimony whereof we have subscribed this our call this 16th day of June, 1848."

The family names of the subscribers, 37 in number, are Bigger, McBride, Smiley, Witherspoon, Donaldson, King, Shannon, Shillito, Ackelson, Forner, Hammond, Wilson, Wallace, McNale and Nelson. The paper is witnessed by Alexander Murray and Alexander Morrow.

# CENTENNIAL AT BETHEL CHURCH

Special Services Commemorating Milestone Will Open Saturday Night at 8 O'Clock—Continue Sunday.

## PLANS ARE COMPLETE

Plans are complete for the centennial celebration which is to be held Saturday and Sunday, August 19 and 20, at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Van Buren.

A milestone in the life of the historic congregation, the celebration is expected to attract large crowds to the special services, which open Saturday night at 8 o'clock with a candle lighting service as a memorial to former elders and sermons by sons of the congregation, the Rev. D. A. Cooper, of near this city, and the Rev. A. M. Riggs, of Wind Ridge.

The Rev. L. B. Luellen, of Elm Grove, will deliver the centennial sermon at the service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He was pastor of the congregation about a quarter of a century ago.

There will be a basket dinner and social period at noon. Those attending are asked to take their own lunches. Coffee will be served by the women of the congregation but no foods will be served or sold.

The historical service will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the history to be read by Attorney Clyde S. Pipes, of Washington, a son of the church who is now a member of the Central Presbyterian Church of this city.

This will be followed by a fellowship service in which greetings will be heard from former pastors and from pastors of neighboring congregations.

# Bethel Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Inspiring Services Are Held by Van Buren Congregation—Attorney Clyde S. Pipes Reads History.

## MANY IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel Presbyterian Church, near Van Buren, one of the historic congregations of Washington County, fittingly observed its centennial with services Saturday night and Sunday.

Ideal weather conditions prevailed for the services which were largely attended throughout.

An impressive candlelight service marked Saturday evening's program. As the Rev. C. E. Snoko, pastor of the church, read the names of former elders of the church, a candle was lighted by a relative or by those elders who are still living.

The Rev. David A. Copper, a former pastor and now a retired minister, and the Rev. Alfred M. Riggs, of Wind Ridge, also a former pastor of the church, delivered brief addresses following the service.

The anniversary sermon yesterday morning was delivered by Rev. L. B. Lewellen, of Elm Grove, W. Va., a former pastor of the historic church.

The history was read in the afternoon by Attorney Clyde S. Pipes. Two former pastors of the church, the Rev. L. B. Lewellen and the Rev. F. S. Brennehan, of New Castle, were present and brought greetings. Letters of congratulation were read from three other former pastors who were unable to be present; Rev. William J. Fisher, stated clerk of the San Francisco, Calif., Presbytery; Rev. L. Layman, of Fredonia, Ky., and Rev. H. M. Evans, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

Greetings from visiting ministers also was a feature of Sunday's afternoon's services. Short talks were made by the Revs. Joseph Hamilton, representing the Washington Presbytery; S. Davis Barnard, East Buffalo Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. B. Miller, Old Concord; Rev. Carl Boyer, Mt. Herman Baptist Church; Rev. J. Calvin French, Prosperity; Rev. C. L. McKee, Washington, and Rev. B. E. Allender, of Zanesville, O.

Rev. Snoko presided at all of the services. Hundreds from throughout the district visited the historic church during the day and enjoyed a dinner, served picnic style, at noon.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and music offered by the Bethel Choir was especially pleasing.

Attorney Pipes reviewed the founding of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church preliminary to presenting the history of the Bethel congregation. He recalled

that much credit for the religious upheaval of 1800 which led to the founding of the organization was due to the Rev. James McGready, a native of Pennsylvania, but whose parents located in South Carolina while he was still a lad. He returned to this State to receive his education and spiritual training, studying under the Rev. Joseph Smith at his academy near Buffalo Village.

Fired by inspiration received at a sacramental meeting near the Monongahela River, the Rev. Mr. McGready pledged himself to awaken a dead church. Locating in North Carolina, he held revivals, but was accused of needlessly alarming people about their souls. Opponents are said to have torn down and burned his pulpit. In 1796 he moved to Logan County, Kentucky, taking charge of three country congregations in the Cumberland region. In a revival in 1800, he prepared a prayer covenant which faithful followers joined him in singing. He was bitterly opposed and finally with his followers organized the Cumberland Presbytery and was finally suspended by the Presbyterians. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church came into existence formally February 4, 1810, at the home of the Rev. Samuel McAdow. The church increased so rapidly that within three years it was necessary to divide the presbytery into three presbyteries and form the Cumberland Synod.

Cumberland Presbyterianism was introduced in Western Pennsylvania in 1829, when the Revs. H. M. Bone and John W. Ogden, two of the agents of Cumberland College, Princeton, Ky., visited the Tri-State district.

Five members of the Upper Ten Mile Church, Odell Squier, father of the Rev. E. K. Squier and long an elder at Concord; Luther Day, Ephriam Post, Henry Cary, and William Stockdale, became interested in the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. There was correspondence and finally the Revs. John Morgan, Alexander Chapman, and Alfred M. Bryan made their way on horseback into Washington County, with the authorization of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly. They arrived in Washington in July, 1831.

They conducted many services and there was considerable opposition, although the Rev. Jacob Lindley, of the Upper Ten Mile Church, and the Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, of the Lower Ten Mile church, were most courteous. They invited them to preach at their churches. They were especially active in the Ten Mile Valley and August 18, 1831, a meeting was held in the William Stockdale grove, near West Union, to organize a church in a community

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which would not interfere with other established churches.

The Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Van Buren was organized May 20, 1833. It was originally called the Upper Ten Mile Cumberland Presbyterian Church. August 2, 1832, a meeting of the congregation was held in the home of Stephen Dille to consider the "propriety or impropriety of erecting a house of worship. Abraham VanVoorhis acted as moderator with Luther Day as clerk. At a meeting September 6, 1832, it was decided to build a meeting house on the land of Joseph Weir, of brick, 60 feet long and 51 feet wide without galleries. Sylvanus Cooper, John Wolf and Thomas Axtell were named the building committee. Samuel Weir, Ephriam Cooper, Stephen Dille, Jeremiah Post were named members of the council. January 14, 1833, the congregation asked that the Rev. John Morgan be stated pastor for a year and a half. April 6, 1833 the congregation changed the name to "Bethel." Complete organization was effected May 20,

1833 with Ephriam Cooper, Sylvanus Cooper, Thomas Axtell, John Wolf, Samuel Day, old elders, ~~selected~~ and Isaac Condit, Samuel Weir and Archibald McCracken as new ones.

The Bethel congregation has had only two houses of worship. The first was erected in 1833 on a lot containing one acre and 103 perches which was purchased from Daniel Gobel. It was built on the exact site of the present church. During the Summer of 1869 the old church was torn down and the present edifice completed early in 1870 at a cost of \$4,354.34. The Rev. Phillip Axtell preached the first sermon in the new church June 11, 1870 and June 12, 1870 the dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. E. K. Squier.

The first Sunday School was organized March 30, 1834, with Ephriam Cooper as superintendent, Thomas Axtell as secretary, and Stephen Dille, treasurer. In 1875 the congregation purchased an additional five acres of ground and erected a parsonage.

The Rev. D. A. Cooper, venerable minister who participated in the centennial service, recalled a remarkable incident, which he viewed and related to Attorney Pipes. On January 21, 1861, the Rev. A. M. Bryan while conducting a service was stricken ill and died the next day in the home of Adam Weir. In 1907, the Cumberland and Presbyterian Churches were reunited, the Rev. Dr. James D. Moffatt, long president of Washington and Jefferson College, being one of the leaders in this movement.

Sons of the church who entered the ministry include: Phillip Axtell, Luther Axtell, James McFarland, Samuel McCollum, James Ryall, John Goble, David A. Cooper, Daniel Cooper, A. M. Riggs, and Hiram Van Cleve.

Elders of the congregation during the century follow:

Sylvanus Cooper, Thomas Axtell, John Wolf, Ephriam Cooper, Samuel Day, Isaac Condit, Archibald McCracken, Samuel Weir, Martin Post, William Wolf, Benjamin Lindley, Jonas Cooper, James W. Patterson, H. B. Lindley, Josiah Cooper, Harvey Lindley, J. N. Andrew, J. C. Riggs, Henry White, W. I. Lindley, B. C. Lindley, H. A. Lindley, H. M. Riggle, H. R. Post, J. J. Riggs, A. M. Day, W. R. Gunn, Joseph S. Hunter, Dr. C. T. Dodd, John M. Day, Morris Craft, Charles Hazlett, William Hunter, Hutchison Hunter, Joseph Clark.

The present session is composed of H. R. Post, J. J. Riggs, W. R. Gunn, Dr. C. T. Dodd, Morris Craft, Joseph Clark, William Hunter, and Hutchinson Hunter.

The pastors who have served the Bethel congregation follow:

John Morgan, 1833-1834.  
S. Maston, 1834-1838.  
Isaac Hogue, six months 1838.  
S. Winget, 1838-1841.  
H. Shearer, 1841-1844.  
S. Winget, 1844-1846.  
J. M. McFarland, 1846-1849.  
E. P. Henderson, 1849-1850.  
P. Axtell, 1850-1851.  
J. C. Thompson, 1851-1856.  
William Hanna, 1856-1860.  
L. Huet, 1860-1861.  
A. J. Swain, 1861-1867.  
S. Winget, 1867-1871.  
J. D. Foster, 1871-1872.  
J. Adams, 1872-1873.  
J. D. Foster, 1873-1874.  
H. D. Patton, six months.  
J. H. Coulter, 1874-1878.  
A. B. Miller, 1878-1879.  
J. W. Miller, six months.  
P. H. Crider, 1880-1882.  
W. H. Baugh, 1882-1884.  
G. N. Wall, 1885-1886.  
W. J. Fisher, 1887-1895.  
L. Laymen, 1896-1897.  
T. M. Hurst, 1898-1900.  
L. B. Lewellon, 1900-1907.  
H. M. Evans, 1908-1910.  
F. S. Brenneeman, 1911-1916.  
J. R. Laughner, 1916-1925.  
C. E. Snoko, the present pastor, who was called September 27, 1925.

## LUTHERAN CHURCHES TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

1933

The Washington County Lutheran Union will observe the 416th anniversary of the Reformation, Sunday, October 29, with services held in the First Lutheran Church of this city at 3 p. m.

The appropriateness of such observance is found in the results attending the revolt in the 16th century against practices prevailing in church and state and which have left an indelible impress upon society. Religious and political freedom, an open Bible with the right of individual interpretation, the principle of separation of church and state and the inspiration to progress are among the blessings to the world at large, resulting from the movement launched when Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses or protests to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.

The observance of this event this year finds special interest in the fact that November 10th marks the 450th anniversary of Luther's birth. The celebrating of this anniversary is receiving world-wide recognition, being participated in not only by those who bear the great reformer's name but by many of the bodies who share in the fruits of the Reformation.

The speaker for this service will be the Rev. G. Arthur Fry, D. D., pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh. Dr. Fry is not a stranger to Washington audiences, having on different occasions addressed the local congregation.

Large delegations will be present from the churches comprising the county union. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to participate in this service.

### Lehman Party at Hickory

The Lehman evangelistic party of the Wheeling Gospel Tabernacle will hold a one-night meeting at the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church, Hickory, on Wednesday evening, October 25, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Junior Lehman, the young evangelist, will deliver the sermon. The party broadcasts daily over WWVA. They are being sponsored by the Christian Endeavor of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church. The public is invited.

1933

# 26th Annual Homecoming at Historic Taylor M. E. Church

1933

Members and friends of the historic Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church, located on the National Pike in Centerville Borough, are planning to celebrate the 161st anniversary of the founding of the society and the 26th annual consecutive Homecoming Day, with morning and afternoon services on Sunday, September 10.

Included in the list of speakers for the event are Dr. B. R. McKnight, of Pittsburgh; Dr. Henry W. Temple, Judge J. Boyd Crumrine, and Attorney Rufus S. Mariner, all of Washington. Congregational, choir, solo, duet and quartet numbers have been arranged for the programs by the music committee, with Mrs. James Elliott as chorister and Mrs. Ruth Crumrine as accompanist.

The morning program is scheduled for 10:30 o'clock. Lunch will be served at noon to all present. The afternoon program will start at 2 o'clock. A cordial invitation to all to attend is extended by the committee in charge and the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Forgie.

The Taylor Church stands as a fitting memorial to the pioneers of the community and their descen-

dants. The history of the church dates back to 1772. The Peter Taylor family, for whom the church is named, settled in the community in 1780, coming from Ireland. The first place of worship was known as Hockin's Meeting House and later the Taylor Meeting House, with the family of William Taylor playing a prominent part in its activities. William, a son, later became the owner of the land on which the meeting house was located.

A young Maryland preacher conducted services there in 1772. The Rev. Bezen Humphrey preached in the same place in 1773. The Rev. James Quinn, who preached in the original log church in 1779 said: "It was the second, if not the first meeting house erected by the Methodists in the West."

The present church, a beautiful fashioned brick structure, situated amid massive trees, was erected in 1872. The original log church was torn down in 1809 and a stone building constructed in 1810. This structure was later torn down and a brick edifice erected. A fire razed this structure and the present building was then erected.

## Disciples of Christ Visit Bethany College Shrines

1933

BETHANY, W. Va., Oct. 12.—The little village of Bethany is a veritable mecca for visitors who are in this area for the International convention of the Disciples of Christ now being held in Pittsburgh. Already the list of visitors who have stopped in the little college town this week includes men and women from every state in the union and from three foreign countries.

The visitors come to see the college which was founded by Alexander Campbell in 1840 and the Campbell homestead which was the center of the great religious reformation of the 19th century. At the old homestead is the Campbell study where Bishop Campbell made his own translation of the New Testament and where he did much of his writing. During his distinguished and busy career he

published over 40 volumes.

Just beyond the Campbell homestead is the private cemetery that has been set apart for the presidents and faculty members of the college. A great host of leaders in the church have been brought from all parts of the country to be buried there. The cemetery has become familiarly known as "The Westminster of the Disciples of Christ."

The first part of the Campbell homestead was built about 1790, but it has had many additions and changes since that early date. It is of a distinctive type, characterized by certain Scotch ideas as to a homestead. It was rebuilt and furnished to meet the needs of Bishop Campbell's family and to care for the frequent visitors that crossed its threshold. The visitors who came to see Campbell were men of interesting back-

## CHURCHES TO UNITE IN HOMECOMING PROGRAM

1933

FRANKFORT SPRINGS, Oct. 3.—Committees are putting the finishing touches on plans for a joint home-coming celebration of the Frankfort Springs and Kings Creek United Presbyterian Churches. The services will begin Friday evening, October 6, in the Kings Creek Church. The opening service will be at 7:30 p. m. A large crowd is expected. The Rev. James Potter, a former pastor, will bring the message after a brief praise service.

Saturday is to be Home-coming Day. Friends are invited to bring their lunch and visit on the church lawn at noon at Frankfort Springs. The afternoon service will be at 2:30, when the Rev. R. C. Sutton, of the First U. P. Church, of Burgettstown, will preach, Greetings from former pastors and friends will be read. Word has been received from a number of these that they expect to be present. A special feature will be a display of old Bibles, song books, pictures, etc.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Frankfort Church. The minister, the officers, and the congregation will meet in a service of reconsecration. The pastor will speak on the subject, "The Christian Road Map." There will be special music by the choir and quartet will include several numbers.

The concluding service will be held in the evening at 7:30, in charge of the Y. P. C. U.-C. E. The special speakers are to be Dr. R. J. Miller, emeritus editor of the Christian Union Herald, and the Rev. Edwin Pottinger, pastor of the Leetsdale U. P. Church.

ground and character. There were statesmen, theologians, atheists, writers and teachers, and they came for visits of from two or three days to two or three months. All members of the household including the servants and guests were required to attend family worship with the exception of pronounced agnostics or atheists. These latter ones were excused. Henry Clay and John Marshall were among the guests entertained in this Bethany homestead.

## CHURCH TO HONOR JOHN M'MILLAN

Service at Hill Church on Thursday to Commemorate 100th Anniversary of Pioneer Preacher's Death.

### DR. HUTCHISON TO SPEAK

*Nov 14, 1933*  
In observance of the 100th anniversary of the death of the Rev. Dr. John McMillan, pioneer minister and educator, a memorial service will be held at the Chartiers (Hill) Presbyterian Church on Thursday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock.

In addition to founding the Pigeon Creek and Chartiers (Hill) Presbyterian Churches, Dr. McMillan was one of the local outstanding figures in early educational circles. Through his efforts colleges were promoted and religious organizations formed.

Dr. McMillan built the old log college, aided in the organization of Jefferson College, now a part of Washington & Jefferson College, the Western Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh, and the Western Foreign Missionary Society which later became the Foreign Missionary Board of the Presbyterian Church.

While the program is yet in the making, several prominent ministers and educators have been secured to speak on this occasion. The Rev. Dr. E. B. Welsch, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Coraopolis, will tell of "The Personal History of John McMillan," and the Rev. Dr. James A. Kelso, president of the Western Theological Seminary, will give an address on "The History of Western Seminary."

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson College, will bring greetings from the college, and ministers of neighboring churches will speak for sister congregations. They include the Rev. Murray C. Reiter, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church and former pastor of the Hill Church, the Rev. Dr. G. G. Kerr of the First Presbyterian Church.

Another interesting feature of the program will be greetings given by the Rev. C. W. Maus, pastor of the Long Run Presbyterian Church of Irwin, which was founded by the late Dr. McMillan when he was en route to Canonsburg where he expected to settle.

## CHURCH HONORS JOHN M'MILLAN

Services in Memory of Pioneer Preacher and Educator Held on 100th Anniversary of His Death.

### INTERESTING ADDRESSES

*Nov 17, 1933*  
Memorial services to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Dr. John McMillan, pioneer preacher and educator in Western Pennsylvania, were held yesterday afternoon in the Chartiers (Hill) Presbyterian Church, of which he was the founder and first pastor.

Rev. Lee E. Schaeffer, present pastor, presided and addresses were made by Rev. E. B. Welsch, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Coraopolis; Rev. Dr. James A. Kelso, president of the Western Theological Seminary; Prof. O. F. H. Bert, of Washington and Jefferson College; Rev. Murray C. Reiter, pastor of Bethel Church, and a former pastor; Rev. Dr. G. G. Kerr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Canonsburg, and Rev. C. W. Maus, pastor of the Long Run Presbyterian Church, Irwin, which was founded by Dr. McMillan.

The principal address was by Dr. Welsch who gave a most interesting and illuminating history of Dr. McMillan and graphically sketched his labors in this section of the State in connection with founding churches and aiding the cause of higher education.

Dr. Kelso told of his work in the interest of establishing a theological seminary west of the Alleghany mountains which led to the Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh.

Prof. Bert, who spoke in the absence of President Ralph C. Hutchison, of Washington and Jefferson College, told of his connection with the founding of both Jefferson and Washington colleges, now united as Washington and Jefferson.

Neighboring pastors also were present some of whom spoke briefly. The services despite the weather, were well attended and proved most interesting.



# County Lutheran Churches To Unite in Service Here

October 28, 1933

Arrangements for the service commemorating the 416th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, to be held in the First Lutheran Church, this city, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, have been completed. All the churches constituting the County Union will be represented by delegations.

The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. G. Arthur Fry, D. D., pastor of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh is not only pastor of one of the strong and influential congregations of the Pittsburgh Synod but is one of the outstanding preachers of the synod, being much in demand for such occasions. The subject of his address will be "Three Reformation Bi-Products."

## HISTORICAL PROGRAM AT OLD LUTHERAN CHURCH 1933

The program for Luther League at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Sunday evening, October 29, at 7:45 o'clock will be the history of the church. The history of this church is full of interest, it being the first Lutheran Church to be established west of the Alleghany Mountains, and dates back to 1791.

John M. F. Hana, attorney of Washington, who is quite an authority on the history of the community, and the Rev. I. N. Dundore, pastor of the congregation, will be the speakers of the evening.

The program will be interspersed with both vocal and instrumental music. David E. Sowers is the leader for the evening.

This service will be held under the auspices of the Washington County Lutheran Association of which G. C. Mikesell, Scenery Hill, is president; E. A. Wigman, Washington, vice president; D. E. Sowers, Glyde, secretary, and E. E. Weise, Donora, treasurer. This is the fourth service of this nature to be held by this association, each service being marked by a growing interest.

Although the Lutheran Church leads in the observance of the Reformation festival the whole world shares in the benefits it conferred upon society. Not only in lands where the Lutheran faith is strong is honor done the great

leader and the movement he instituted but in every land on the globe are similar services held.

A recent publication enumerates the blessings which developed from the impulse of that movement as follows: The open Bible, the supremacy of the Word, justification by faith, a live religion, the right of individual conscience, freedom of thought, speech and press, emancipation of religious liberty, direct approach to God through the universal priesthood of believers, popular education, recognition of public opinion, the evangelical parsonage, worship in the native tongue, congregational singing, a treasury of hymns, a great confession.

Special music will be given by the chorus of 25 voices under the direction of E. A. Lucas, with Mrs. Ruth Knauer Fetherlin at the organ. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to participate in this service. The program follows:

Prelude, "Grave and Adagio," from Mendelssohn's Second Sonata.

Processional, "The Church's One Foundation."

The Vesper Service.

Psalm 46.

The Scripture.

Gal. 2:16-21.

Anthem, "Strengthen Thou Me," Adams.

John 8:31-36.

Hymn, "I Love Thy Zion Lord."

Address, "Three Reformation Bi-Products," Rev. G. Arthur Fry, D. D., Pittsburgh.

The Prayer.

Offertory, "Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele," Karg-Eleit.

Anthem, "All Nations Clap Your Hands," Wheeler.

Hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Benediction.

Recessional, "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow."

Postlude, "Postlude by Gaul."

# History of Bethesda M. E. Church of Centerville

1933  
CENTERVILLE, Nov. 2.—The Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, more popularly known as the Centerville Methodist Episcopal Church, is planning to celebrate the 104th anniversary of the founding of the society—the First Methodist Class Meeting—with special service on the evening of November 5.

The Rev. J. A. Forgie, pastor of the church, has announced that Bishop Adna Wright Leonard, of the Pittsburgh Area of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, will preach the sermon.

At the same time the service will mark the 61st anniversary of the present brick church fronting on the National Highway on a beautiful site in this borough.

The society had its beginning in the Winter of 1828 and 1829 as a Methodist Class Meeting under the leadership of Wesley Kenney and Fisher White. The first meeting was in the east room of the present property of Mrs. Louella Stathers.

Kenney and White were born about the beginning of that great religious movement of history backed by Bishop Asbury, who visited this community and preached at Taylor's Church in 1808. Bishop Asbury's visit is chronicled in Asbury's Journal, Volume 111, Page 284.

Wesley Kenney was a member of that tim-honored family of pioneers in the section—all loyal Methodists—whose parents, Benjamin Kenney and his wife, united with the Beallsville Methodist Episcopal Church in 1802. Wesley Kenney was educated for the ministry, admitted to the Philadelphia Conference and preached in the city of Philadelphia for many years. His brother, James Kenney, also was educated for the ministry, served as a circuit preacher, later in life assuming a local relation to the church.

Fisher White was the grandfather of Dr. Elliott S. White, a retired member of the Pittsburgh conference and a former pastor of the church.

## Organized in 1829

On April 18, 1829, this Society was fully organized and represented at the Quarterly Conference, held at Williamsport, now Monongahela in the Monongahela district of the Pittsburgh Conference. David Sharp was the first presiding elder and James G. Sansom the circuit preacher. There were seven classes on the circuit: Williamsport, Fredericktown, Beallsville, Howes, Frews, Centerville and Taylors. Elias Watkins was the class leader and Batley White the first class steward.

The first Methodist meeting house was erected in 1830. This stood on the ground now occupied by the Centerville borough high school building. The building faced the south and the walls were of brick with the windows high from the floor. James Kenney hauled the lumber used in its construction. Fisher White was one of the workmen on the woodwork. Batley White was the contractor.

Worthy of note here is the fact that Methodism in Centerville had its beginning on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist Society by John and Charles Wesley at Oxford University, England, in 1729, of which the Methodist Episcopal Church was the outgrowth. Between 1828 and 1830 two families who were followers of John Wesley came from England. Soon after their arrival they united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Centerville and became prominent in its activities. John Stathers served as local class leader, also as circuit class leader. He was the grandfather of H. L. Smith and Mrs. John Lewis and great-grandfather of John and Goodloe Stathers. His son, Mark, was a member of the board of trustees when the present structure was erected. As a steward he early advocated placing the church on a firm financial basis.

## Vote on New Church

February 5, 1872, the members and friends of the First church referred to called a meeting for the purpose of considering the wisdom of building a new church. The Rev. J. L. Stiffy was in the chair and after prayer by the chairman, John Dabnet was elected secretary. It was decided on motion of the Rev. A. H. Deaves to build a new church and Joseph Jones, J. R. Vanglider, Mark Stathers and the Rev. A. H. Deaves were appointed to collect funds to build the structure. L. F. Baker was appointed to select plans for the new church.

Joseph Jones and his wife, Martha, deeded to the trustees of the church the plot of ground containing seven-eighths of an acre on which the church was erected. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the parents of J. T. Jones, prominent resident of Centerville.

After some delay it was decided to dedicate the new church the third Sunday of September, 1874. L. F. Baker was authorized September 29, 1873, to go to Pittsburgh to procure stoves, lamps and chairs.

The board met in the new structure for the first time July 5, 1873, and on motion it was decided to buy all the property owned by the church at present, over and above the seven-eighths of an acre presented by Joseph Jones, at the rate of \$125 per acre.

## Women Secured Furnishings

On May 21, 1873, a committee of six women was appointed for the purpose of raising money to furnish the new church. The committee included Anne Morris, Melisia Baker, Maggie Rodgers, Rebecca Welch, Anna Jones and Hannah Duvall.

A report of the sale of the old church to L. F. Baker for \$90 and the roofing to George Jenkins for \$62.25 was made June 25, 1875.

On February 4, 1876, the minutes say that Joseph Jones moved that the subscription list to the church be closed peaceable if possible, if not, by process of law. Trustees of the church, February 8, 1877, decided to take steps to prevent talking during divine service and other improper conduct about the church.

A. H. Deaves, the same Rev. Deaves who moved that a new church be built, moved on October 5, 1880, that a fence be built about the church and that the money be raised before it is built. When a young man Mr. Deaves was educated for the ministry. He retired early in life because of declining health, assuming a local relation to the church and rendering assistance to the pastors in charge. He was said to be a man of sincerity and strong convictions. Dempsey Deaves, a resident of the borough and a member of the church, is a son.

About January 12, 1882, George L. Hill presented the church a beautiful eight-day clock for which the minutes of that time record a vote of thanks.

## Built Stone Walk

September 11, 1899, by motion of J. T. Jones, Floria Buffington, E. H. Griffith and Mrs. Ruble were appointed a committee to see the people and find out how many shares might be taken for the building of a proposed stone walk. E. H. Griffith was the father of Mrs. O. E. Moffit. Miss Floria Buffington and Mrs. O. E. Moffitt have their residences in Centerville and are members of the church. By motion Alex McKay and Dempsey Deaves were appointed to make a deal with Robert Stewart for 100 yards of stone. Alex McKay was the father of Elizabeth and Mary McKay at present members of the church.

The trustees meeting of September 18, 1899, to consider progress on the stone walk was in charge of W. H. Cleaver, who at his death had been a member of the church for almost 65 years. The Rev. W. P. Varner was pastor at the time.

On November 30, 1899, motion was made by J. T. Jones, seconded by H. H. Wolfe to accept Howard Wallace's bid of \$4 for the boards taken from the old boardwalk. The motion was carried.

## ANNIVERSARY TO BE CELEBRATED



BETHESDA (CENTERVILLE) M. E. CHURCH

Having rounded out 104 years, the anniversary of the Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church of Centerville, more popularly known as the Centerville Church, will be fittingly celebrated by the members of the congregation with a series of special services which are to open Sunday, November 5. Bishop A. W. Leonard, of the Pittsburgh Conference, will be present Sunday evening to deliver the sermon at the first of a series of special services continuing for a period of two weeks. Under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Forgie, the event promises to be one of the most spiritually stirring in the recent history of the congregation. The history of the congregation will be found on page 13.

At the December 11, 1899, meeting it was moved by E. H. Griffith and seconded by J. W. Horton to appoint a committee to see that the stone quarried for the walk be hauled. J. T. Jones appointed W. W. Cleaver, J. W. Horton and E. H. Griffith. In this resolution were contained the names of two living persons who have their residences in Centerville and whose names for nearly 65 years have appeared on the church roll as members.

### Present Officers

On the early records among the old-time members of the Centerville church appear the names of the following persons: Katherine Hornell Wolfe, mother of Miss Mary Wolfe and H. H. Wolfe; and Mary Rodgers Horton, mother of J. W. Horton, and George W. Yorty, father of N. D. Yorty.

Names of the present day members of the church officially are: Trustees—A. L. Kinder, C. R. Booth, O. E. Moffit, A. B. Cleaver, W. W. Ebert, J. W. Horton, and Ira A. Cleaver; stewards—Mrs. James R. Nixon, Mrs. O. E. Moffit, Mrs. Maud Booth, Mrs. Inez Mansfield, Mrs. Mary Hancock, Mrs. May Cleaver, Miss Evelyn Buckingham, and Miss Floria Buffington; financial secretary and treasurer, Miss Florence Nixon.

The East Liverpool News and Review speaks in this manner of a Moundville minister:

"Rev. W. A. Williams, D. D., of Moundville, W. Va., occupied the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church today morning and evening. He delivered an eloquent sermon in the morning, and, in the evening, preached one of the most interesting sermons ever heard in the church."

The church in which Dr. Williams preached is the largest in Ohio and has about twelve hundred members, paying \$2500 salary. There are 192 candidates.

Rev. Dr. Williams, of Moundville, occupied the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church yesterday and preached two very eloquent and interesting sermons.—East Liverpool (O) Crisis.

## A Successful Minister.

Last night at the Third Presbyterian church, the Rev. W. A. Williams D. D., began a revival meeting. The congregation was very large, and everything indicates that a good work will be done in the Third church during the coming week. Many people from all denominations were in the audience. Dr. Williams has been very successful as a preacher of the gospel of Christ. Two years ago, he held a revival in the Third church in this city (Wheeling) and sixty persons united with the church, and South Wheeling was never stirred to a higher spiritual plane than at that time. Dr. Williams has been remarkably successful elsewhere in bringing men to Christ. During his previous pastorate of ten years, 405 members were added to the church chiefly on profession of faith, and 20 young men became candidates for the ministry in the same charge. Winter before last, 175 persons made a profession of religion in meetings held by him in Wheeling, Moundville, Shady Side and in the penitentiary at Moundville, making over 400 in 4 years.

During his whole ministry, nearly 1,000 persons have made a profession of faith in his various meetings; and an average of over 40 members per year have been added to the churches under his own charge. He was professor of Greek and English in Franklin college six years, and president of the same institution twelve years, and the college has never been so prosperous in its 75 years' history as during his administration. Dr. Williams is a man of remarkable energy and success. He is associate author of three music books, one of which, "Silver tones," has reached a circulation of nearly twenty thousand copies in the United States and Canada—Wheeling Evening News.

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE TENT

Friends are made—doubts settled—helpful ideas suggested, and pleasant hours are spent at

Belmont and Parkside Aves.

W. A. WILLIAMS, D. D.

of Franklin College, Ohio, will have charge of the meetings

Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock  
Every evening (except Saturday)  
at 8 o'clock

Choir and Solo Music

# Presbyterians of Hickory Honor Veteran Members

1933

HICKORY, Dec. 10—The members of the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of this place, united Friday evening in a testimonial reception in honor of two of its veteran members, John P. White, who has completed 40 years of service as an elder, and Herbert S. Buchanan, who has served as a member and director of the church choir for a period of more than 45 years.

The affair was planned by a committee of the church choir and the session, and was attended by a large number of the members of the congregation. A formal service was held consisting of devotionals conducted by the pastor, the Rev. C. S. Thomas, followed by a series of talks by former pastors. J. B. Manson, president of the congregation, was master of ceremonies. Talks were given by Rev. James E. Miller, of Pittsburgh; Rev. D. B. Davidson, of Barnesville, O., and Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, of Washington, former pastors, all of whom attested to the faithful services rendered the church by the honor guests of the evening.

Prof. A. C. Stamy, representing the church choir and the Rev. C. S. Thomas, representing the ses-

sion, made fitting remarks and presented Mr. White and Mr. Buchanan with Bibles as tokens of appreciation and esteem. Musical numbers were given by the choir and prayer was offered by the Rev. Clyde Myers, of Mt. Pleasant U. P. Church, of Hickory.

The honor guests were then called on for remarks. Mr. White responded by telling of his pleasant associations with his former and present colleagues on the session and of the helpful cooperation he has enjoyed with the various pastors with whom he has been associated. Mr. White is now senior elder, has been clerk of the session for many years, and regularly teaches a class in the Sunday School.

Mr. Buchanan, in his response, gave a brief report of his work as a member and leader of the choir and he read a list of 87 persons who have been members of the choir during his leadership.

Following the benediction by the Rev. James E. Miller, a social time was held during which the honor guests were greeted by the congregation and refreshments were served by the women of the church.

## Many Changes Noted

During the tenure of office of these two men, they have noted many changes in the church. Ten ministers have served the congregation during this time. The Rev. Thomas R. Alexander, 1873-1892; the Rev. Andrew W. Taylor, 1893-1896; the Rev. John J. Srodes, 1897-1901; the Rev. James A. Cunningham, 1902-1904; the Rev. James E. Miller, 1905-1909; the Rev. Uriah W. McMillan, 1910-1913; the Rev. Adolphus F. Alexander, stated supply, 1914-1923; the Rev. Dwight B. Davidson, 1923-1927; the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, 1927-1930; and the Rev. Cornelius S. Thomas, the present pastor, who was chosen in 1930.

Both the honor guests on this occasion have a deep interest in all that pertains to the welfare and up-building of the church. Besides leading in the church music, Mr. Buchanan led the music in the Sunday school for a number of years. He is a member and faithful attendant of the Alexander Men's Bible class, and has served on the board of trustees.

Besides his interest in work of the session, Mr. White is an active worker in other departments of the church. He served as superintendent in the Sabbath school for a number of years, and is a faithful worker to the cause. At present he is president of the Sunday school board. He has taught in various of the school departments and now has charge of the Women's Bible class.

## Former Pastors Present

Three former pastors were present at this testimonial affair, the Rev. James E. Miller of Beechview; the Rev. Dwight B. Davidson of Barnesville, O.; and the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge of Washington. Each responded with brief talks telling of the harmonious labors while serving as pastors of the congregation. A. C. Stamy, supervising principal of the Hickory Vocational school, brought greetings from the choir.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas, pastor, spoke in behalf of the session and in well chosen words presented Mr. Buchanan and Mr. White each with a Bible, in behalf of the session and choir respectively. Appropriate responses were given by the recipients, Mr. Buchanan reading a list of names of persons who had sung in the choir during his tutelage.

## Testimonial Dinner Given Hickory Men

### Two Veteran Church Workers Honored by Mt. Prospect Church

In recognition for faithful services rendered over a long period of years, the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian congregation at Hickory united in a testimonial reception at the church Friday evening in honor of two veteran church workers. The honored men were John P. White, member of the session and Herbert S. Buchanan, leader of the choir.

#### Both Loyal Workers

Both men have been loyal workers and supporters of the church and are held in high esteem in the church and community. Mr. White has been ruling elder in the Mt. Prospect church for 40 years, having been elected in August, 1893, during the pastorate of the late Andrew T. Taylor and Mr. White is clerk of the session at the present time, having succeeded J. Reed Lyle nearly 20 years ago.

William M. Campbell, James F. Hill, Alexander V. McGugin, J. Reed Lyle and John H. Miller composed the session at the time of Mr. White's election. Jacob F. McDowell was elected at the same time and served until his death in 1918.

But three men of the congregation hold this distinction of serving in the capacity of ruling elder for a longer period than 40 years, namely, James F. Hill, William M. Campbell and J. Reed Lyle, who during their lifetime held the distinction of serving 55, 51 and 45 years respectively.

Mr. Buchanan has been connected with the Mt. Prospect choir for nearly 50 years, and was elected leader 45 years ago, succeeding Milton McGugin. During these 45 years more than four score people have sung in the choir at different times.

A hurried review of the choir roll at that period holds the names of McGugins, Lyles, Buchanans, Campbells, Rankins and Emerys. Several young men and women who composed the choir when Mr. Buchanan became leader, have children singing in the choir now. Defective hearing prompted the resignation of Mr. Buchanan as choir director, and he is succeeded by Mrs. E. C. Wiggins.

*John P. White died  
May 29, 1934*

The Rev. Clyde Myers, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant U. P. church closed the service with prayer. An anthem was sung by the choir and a trio, composed of Mrs. E. C. Wiggins, Miss Sarah McCarrell and Mrs. C. S. Thomas, sang a selection.

The program was followed by a social period when refreshments were served by the Young Women's Bible class.

## NOTED EDUCATOR IS DEAD IN OHIO

1933

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—(UP)—William Oxley Thompson, who as president of Ohio State University for 26 years became one of the midwest's leading educators, died here yesterday. He was 78.

Dr. Thompson had been ill a week. He had been in a hospital since Tuesday suffering a heart attack.

Seeking to withdraw from a career marked by spirited service as a minister, educator and business and public leader, Dr. Thompson retired from Ohio State in 1925. He had been president since 1899.

The following year he was named moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, calling him from retirement. As public enterprises were inaugurated in the depression years, he frequently was named head of community projects. The energy he devoted to such work undoubtedly contributed to his illness.

Prior to becoming head of Ohio State, Dr. Thompson was president of Miami University, Oxford, O., for nine years and president of Longmont, Colo., College for six years.

## West Middletown Woman Teaches Class 50 Years

1933

WEST MIDDLETOWN, Oct. 27.—With 50 years of service as a teacher in the Sunday School of the Grove U. P. Church of this place, Miss Laura Clark was highly honored last week by her Sunday School class when she was entertained at the country home of Mrs. Ada Craig. Upon this occasion Miss Clark was also presented with a medal awarded by the State for 50 years service as a teacher. The members of the class had arranged for this medal and presented it to Miss Clark. In addition to member of the class a number of friends were also invited. The gathering was held on October 20 also in honor of the birthday of Miss Clark and these features made the celebration most unique.

The guests assembled at 11 o'clock and at noon a bountiful chicken dinner was served by Mrs. Craig assisted by her daughters, Helen Craig and Mrs. Earl Carl, and Margaret Brownlee and Bernice Craig. One of the features of the dinner was a large birthday cake baked by Miss Bernice Craig. A color scheme of yellow and white was carried out at the dinner and in the decorations of the Craig home, Autumn flowers being used.

During the afternoon several addresses were made in reference to the service of Miss Clark as a teacher and of the service she has rendered church and community.

Miss Janet Brownlee spoke feelingly of the life of Miss Clark as well as giving some of the humorous sides as she had been associated with Miss Clark since their early childhood. Mrs. Isaac Davidson, a member of the class, told of the steps taken to secure the medal presented to Miss Clark for this distinguished service rendered the State, the Sunday School and church. In behalf of the guests Mrs. Davidson also presented Miss Clark with a handsome gift of money as an expression of esteem and good will, cherished by the class and her many friends. A social hour followed at which time the guests put many quilt patches together for a quilt being made by Mrs. Craig.

Miss Clark has taught a class of young women in the Grove U. P. Sunday School for the past half century and during that time she has missed but very few classes and her record will be hard to equal in the State. Those present follow: Mrs. J. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Samuel Denny, Mrs. Mary Brownlee, Mrs. Isaac Davidson, Mrs. Margaret Brownlee, Mrs. Winnie Buchanan, Mrs. Jennie Ralston, Mrs. Anna Maxwell, Mrs. Martha Nolan, Mrs. Robert Lowry, Mrs. Snodgrass, Mrs. Jolly and the Misses Sarah, Janet, Jessie and Margaret Brownlee, Margaret and Jennie Cunningham, Annie McClure, Lou Coulter, Linnie Hodgens, Lucy Hemphill and the honor guest, Miss Clark.

## DR. WALLACE PASSES AWAY

1934

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 17.—(UP)—Dr. W. Charles Wallace, 58, former president of Westminster College, New Wilmington, died in Mercy Hospital today after a long illness.

Dr. Wallace resigned as president of Westminster in 1930 after 14 years in that capacity. His health was poor and his condition became serious recently while visiting his brother, H. C. Wallace, in Coraopolis.

Dr. Wallace was one of the youngest college presidents in the United States when he became head of Westminster. He was born in Jamestown, Pa., since his retirement he has lived at Beaver Falls.

The widow, a son, Charles Alfred, New York attorney, and two daughters, Rebecca and Wilhelmina, survive.

## MRS. J. B. MILLER DIES SUDDENLY AT HOME

*Dec 27, 1933*

Anna Flora Edwards Miller, 64, wife of the Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor of Old Concord Presbyterian Church, died suddenly of a stroke of apoplexy at 2:50 a. m. yesterday in the church parsonage near Old Concord. She had been in her usual good health until late last night, and on Christmas Day had been at the home of her brother-in-law, W. Z. Johnson, at Houston, for dinner. She was a daughter of the late James C. and Amanda Doverspike Edwards, and was born at Slate Lick. She had spent many years in Washington County.

Mrs. Miller was very active in Old Concord Presbyterian Church, being president of the Missionary Society and a Sunday School teacher. Her husband has been pastor of the church for almost five years.

Surviving are a son, Frank M. Miller, of Hollywood, Cal.; a daughter, Mrs. Charles I. Todd, of Old Concord; two brothers, Dr. James F. Edwards, of Ames, Ia., and B. F. Edwards, of Slate Lick, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services are to be held at Old Concord Presbyterian Church Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The Rev. A. R. Brown, of Terre Haute, Ind., and the Rev. A. T. Carr, of Bentleyville, will be in charge. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

## DR. J. B. MILLER TO BECOME EVANGELIST

*Jan 9, 1934*

Dr. J. B. Miller, pastor of Concord and Nineveh Presbyterian Churches, has decided to engage in evangelistic work for a time, after closing his work at these churches, April 1.

Dr. Miller is a capable and efficient evangelist. He was Director of Evangelism in Southern Indiana for 15 years. Pastors or churches desiring his services can address him at Old Concord until April 1.

## VENICE PASTOR ROUNDS OUT QUARTER CENTURY

*Jan 4, 1934*

Twenty-five years' service as pastor of the same congregation, an enviable record of faithfulness, was recently attained by the Rev. Dr. C. T. Littell of the Venice United Presbyterian Church.

Through the fact that the esteemed minister is of retiring disposition, no special celebration of the event was made, but members of the congregation feel that such an honor should be given recognition.

December 29 was the 25th anniversary of the installation of Dr. Littell as pastor of the Venice Church. His first appearance in the charge was on September 20, 1908 when he preached morning and evening for the congregation. He also filled the pulpit on the following September 27.

On October 8, 1908, the congregation called Dr. Littell to be pastor of the congregation and on November 8, he accepted the call and preached on the text, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when . . ."

Dr. Littell moved his family to Venice on November 24 of that year and on December 29, 1908, he was installed pastor of the congregation. In the installation service several former local ministers took part.

The Rev. C. D. Fulton, of Beaver Falls, former pastor of the Canonsburg U. P. Church, delivered the sermon; prayer was offered by the late Rev. S. G. Conner, of Venice; the Rev. Robert Hamil, of Mt. Jackson, charged the pastor; the late Dr. J. C. Kistler of Houston, addressed the congregation; and prayer was offered by the late Dr. A. R. Anderson, who retired as pastor of the Venice church in 1908.

In the period of service given by Dr. Littell to the Venice congregation, he has preached more than 2,500 sermons. In these discourses his people state that he has observed Paul's testimony to Timothy, viz. "Preach the Word, Be Instant in Season and Out of Season, Reprove, Rebuke, Exhort With All Long Suffering and Doctrine."

The Venice congregation is proud of the fact that it has had but two ministers in a period of 72 years, the late Dr. A. R. Anderson, who served as pastor for 47 years, and Dr. Littell, present pastor.

## 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTORATE CELEBRATED

*1934 - Dec 9*

Completion of a pastorate of 25 years of Rev. C. T. Littell, D.D., in the Venice United Presbyterian Church was celebrated last night by an audience which crowded the church to capacity. Elder B. K. McConnell was chairman of the meeting and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. H. Ross Hume, pastor of Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church.

The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Huber Ferguson, pastor of the First Church, Washington, who talked on "The Country Church." Two-minute congratulatory addresses were made by Rev. W. F. Harkey, Houston; Rev. C. R. Ramsey, Woodville; Rev. Clyde Myers, Hickory; Rev. Donald H. Spencer, Canonsburg; Rev. H. Ross Hume, Canonsburg, and Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Venice.

A special program of music was furnished by the church choir and Rev. Mr. Littell was presented with a check for a substantial sum by the congregation. Refreshments were served to the guests by the women of the congregation.

## Rev. William J. Grimes, Well Known Here, Dies Suddenly at New Concord

*Apr 24, 1934*

J. W. Grimes, 420 Allison avenue, has received word of the death of his cousin, the Rev. William J. Grimes, D. D., prominent United Presbyterian minister of New Concord, O. He died suddenly Monday morning.

He leaves his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Beulah Fitzwater, at home, and one son, Dean, of New Orleans.

Rev. Grimes had been superintendent of missions in West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan, for the last 20 years, and was just beginning a third 10-year-term. He was a trustee of Muskingum College.

Rev. Grimes was well known in Washington and Washington County, having visited here often. He also had many relatives in this section.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 25, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be in New Concord.

## Resigns Pastorate

Jan 16, 1934



Dr. J. B. Miller, pastor of the Concord and Nineveh Presbyterian Churches, announced his resignation at the services Sunday.

The congregations will hold a meeting to vote on his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation next Sunday. Rev. O. S. Fowler, of Claysville, chairman of the vacancy and supply committee of the Washington Presbytery, will exchange pulpits with Dr. Miller next Sunday and preside at the congregational meetings which will be held following the preaching services, which will be at 11:30 at Old Concord and 7:30 at Nineveh.

Dr. Miller announced no plans. His resignation is to take effect April 1.

## FIFTH GENERATION OF DODD FAMILY ENROLLED

April 1934

John Cephas Dodd, of Marion, O., a member of the fifth generation of the direct descendants of the Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, one of the founders of Washington College, has enrolled to enter Washington & Jefferson College next fall.

He is of the sixth generation of the Dodd family to be directly connected with the local institution.

His father, Dr. J. A. Dodd, of Marion, O., graduated from W. & J. in 1908; his grandfather, Dr. Cephas T. Dodd, of near Washington, attended W. & J. but transferred to another college before graduation; his great grandfather, Dr. Elias Dodd, was graduated from Washington College with the class of 1848; his great-great grandfather, the Rev. Cephas Dodd, attended Jefferson College, and his great-great-great grandfather, the Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, was the first principal of Washington Academy after it was chartered in 1787, and was one of the principal figures in founding the college.

L. A. Foust, W. & J. registrar, reports applications by prospective students are somewhat more numerous than at this time last year.

## DR. SLEMMONS TO QUIT PASTORATE

Presents Resignation at Congregational Meeting of First Presbyterian Church After 33 Years Service.

May 1-1934  
RESIGNS COLLEGE POST

Rev. William E. Slemmons D. D., for a third of a century pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, at the annual congregational meeting last night, presented his resignation to take effect on August 1.

The resignation was received by the meeting but no action was taken other than to appoint a committee to consider it and to report at a future meeting.

Dr. Slemmons became pastor of the church in 1901, coming here from Mercer where he had served the First Presbyterian Church for a number of years. In addition to his pastoral duties, Dr. Slemmons has served almost ever since coming here as a member of the faculty of Washington and Jefferson College, occupying the chair of theism. In addition, he has served for over thirty years as a member of the board of trustees, ranking third on the board in his length of service.

He has also tendered his resignation as a member of the faculty to become effective at the close of the present college year.

Dr. Slemmons has twice served the college as acting president and was in charge during the World War period. His service in this respect is unique, serving as member of the faculty, board of trustees and acting president.

Dr. Slemmons is a graduate of Princeton University, and the Western Theological Seminary.

# M'KEE FAMILY MEETING TAKES REUNION FORM

June 4, 1934

Last Saturday, an impromptu gathering, which almost amounted to a family reunion of the living sons and daughters of Finley and Eliza Harper McKee, late of Flatwoods, Fayette County, together with most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who live within fifty miles of Washington, assembled at the new home of the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. McKee, 401 North avenue, for the day and partook of a dinner served by Mrs. McKee.

The movement started last Tuesday when Mr. McKee's brother, the Rev. William F. McKee, D. D., who has now retired from the Presbyterian ministry to the old home near Flatwoods, proposed to bring with him for the day the two surviving sisters, Mary E. McKee, who has just closed a service of thirty-five years in the Perryopolis District, and Margery Huston, wife of James P. Hazen, who lives in the ancestral Hazen home, built of stone and finished in black walnut about the time of the American Revolution, all these being Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Their decision to spend the day here started the young people of the tribe, who decided to attend.

They are the Rev. Paul H. McKee, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Latrobe, and wife, Anne Oliphant, granddaughter of the late Thomas McKennan, M. D., of Washington, and their two boys, Billie and Duncan; Margaret, wife of Lester Hauschild, bank examiner of Fourth Federal Reserve District, living at Greensburg, and their son, Billie; Mary, wife of the Rev. Donald A. Spencer, pastor of Chartiers United Presbyterian Church, Canonburg, and baby, Martha; Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hazen, with their youngest son, James McKee Hazen and bride, both prominent in educational work in Fayette County; also Harry F. McKee, of Perryopolis, a school principal, son Joseph H. McKee, M. D., late of Carnegie; also his wife and son Donnie, and his mother, of Carnegie; Joel Stoneroad McKee, Vice President and cashier of First National Bank of Lawrence County, New Castle, and his wife.

All that was needed to make the family reunion complete were the young people of the Wade Avenue home. Mr. and Mrs. McFall and daughters, Martha Frances and Sarah Jane, of Pittsburgh, and James Francis, all of whom happened to have previous engagements; also the family of the oldest brother, the late Rev. Daniel H. McKee, who are widely scattered. Mrs. McKee living with her daughter, Mary C. McKee, Ph. D. (Yale), Professor of Chemistry of Connecticut College for Women, New London, Connecticut; Florence E., wife of Dr. Arch C. Meston of the School of Research, Bound Brook, N. J., and their two children; Helen, wife of Arthur Steed, Superintendent of American Rolling Mill Company, Middletown, Ohio, and their two daughters, and Benjamin Finley Hazen and wife, just finishing the post graduate course in philosophy in Harvard College, and Thomas Hazen, Research Physicist of Bakelite Corporation, Montclair, N. J.

Finley McKee was a teacher and Presbyterian of the old school. His table and his fireside were a teachers' college and theological seminary that never took a vacation. It is therefore no wonder that his sons and daughters taught an aggregate of more than one hundred and fifty years, and that three of his sons have served more than one hundred and twenty years in the Christian ministry.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1934

# SIX HONORARY DEGREES ARE TO BE CONFERRED

Honorary degrees are to be conferred by W. & J. College at its 133rd Commencement June 9 upon six distinguished men, of whom three are alumni of the College.

Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinet of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is to receive the degree of Doctor of Laws. He is to be the principal commencement speaker.

The W. & J. graduates to receive honorary degrees are Dr. A. H. Logan, of Rochester, Minn., Class of 1898, who is dean of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, and is to receive a Doctor of Science; Thomas B. Sweeney, Class of 1895, of Washington, D. C., who is an insurance broker and author of several books of poems; he will receive a Doctor of Literature Degree; and the Rev. Harry Bell King, of Harrisburg, Class of 1891, who is pastor of Paxtang Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. He will receive a Doctor of Divinity Degree. J. T. Logan, a son of Dr. Logan, is a member of the Sophomore Class at W. & J.

A Doctor of Divinity Degree is to go to the Rev. Henry B. Strock, of Greensburg, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of that place. His son, John Strock, is a member of the W. & J. Senior Class.

Col. Charles A. Brooks, of Pittsburgh, president of the Central Division of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, is to receive a Doctor of Laws degree.



# BETHANY COLLEGE WILL CONCLUDE YEAR ON JUNE 4

The 91st annual Commencement exercises at Bethany College will open Friday, June 1, and close on Monday, June 4.

Prof. Sherman Kirke, of Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., will be the Commencement speaker at exercises to be held Monday, June 4, at 10:30 a. m. Dr. Joseph A. Serena, President of Bethany College, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, June 3, in Bethany Memorial Church.

Following is the program:  
Friday, June 1—Interfraternity ball in Phillips Hall and Irvin Gymnasium, 8:30 p. m.

Saturday, June 2—Annual meeting of Board of Trustees, 10 o'clock; Senior Class tea for alumni and friends, Cochran Hall, 3 o'clock; fraternity and sorority alumni dinner (stag) 5:30 o'clock; Commencement play, "The Return of Peter Grimm," under the direction of Professor E. E. Roberts, 8:30 o'clock.

Sunday, June 3—Baccalaureate service at 10:45 o'clock; musicale on campus, College orchestra under direction of Professor R. B. Weimer and Men's Glee Club under direction of Prof. J. C. Moos, 4 o'clock; sermon for the undergraduates, Bethany Memorial Church, by the Rev. D. E. Stevenson, pastor.

Monday, June 4—Services of ordination in Old Bethany Church, 7 o'clock; ninety-first annual Commencement, address by Professor Sherman Kirk, Drake University, 10:30 o'clock; alumni luncheon in Phillips Hall, 12:30 o'clock, and class reunion meeting, 2 o'clock.

# MEN'S DINNER IS ATTENDED BY 275

Washington Presbyterial Group Holds Third Annual Banquet in Second Presbyterian Church.

*May 23, 1934*  
DR. L. H. EVANS, SPEAKER

Dr. Louis H. Evans, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, was guest speaker at the third annual banquet of the Men's Union of Washington Presbytery held last night in the Second Presbyterian Church, East Beau street.

Dr. Evans, one of Pittsburgh's most prominent pastors and a favorite with audiences of men, made a strong appeal for a virile christianity as the great need of these troubled times. Basing his remarks around the story of the famous old battleship, "Old Ironsides", he drew an appealing analogy between the ship's romantic career and the place of religion in the lives of people as a solution for national ills.

His address was thoughtful and suggestive and was highly appreciated by his audience. An interesting speaker, he has a keen sense of humor and enlivened his address by numerous anecdotes, pointed and suggestive.

Attorney Clyde S. Pipes, of Washington, retiring president, presided and introduced Dr. Paul S. Stewart, president of Waynesburg College, first president of the Union, who presented Dr. Evans.

At the business session the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Lloyd E. Pollock, Waynesburg; vice president, Riddle S. Rankin, Hickory; secretary, Dr. Howard R. Smith, Washington; treasurer, Michael VanSkiver, Wind Ridge.

Group singing under the leadership of Charles Carmichael enlivened the banquet. The banquet was attended by almost 275 men from practically all of the churches in Presbytery which includes Washington and Greene Counties.

# W. & J. TO HONOR 19 GRADUATING 50 YEARS AGO

Semi-Centennial Certificates Will Be Awarded to Group During Commencement Exercises Soon.

## LIST IS ANNOUNCED

Nineteen men who graduated from W. & J. College 50 or more years ago are to be awarded semi-centennial certificates at Commencement June 9, in keeping with the custom established by the College last year.

Among those to be so honored are seven members of the class of 1884. There are in the list, seven ministers of the gospel, three attorneys, two physicians and two bankers. Those to receive the certificates are:

The Rev. Robert Elliott Flickinger, Rockwell City, Iowa, '75, Presbyterian minister.

The Rev. John Crawford Gourley, Delmont, Pa., '72, Presbyterian minister.

The Rev. John Calvin McCracken, Pittsburgh, Pa., '75, Presbyterian minister.

Dr. Thomas McKennan, Pittsburgh, Pa., '79, medical.

Dr. Carroll B. Rugh, New Alexandria, Pa., '83, physician.

The Rev. Joseph Laurence Weaver, Rocky Ford, Colo., '80, minister.

Willis L. King, Pittsburgh, Pa., '71, vice president, Jones & Laughlin Steel Co. (Retired).

The Rev. William Wallace Lake Forest, Ill., '82, ordained minister. Albert W. Kennon, St. Clairsville, Ohio, '84, attorney at law.

Dr. Frank L. Wright, Wheeling, W. Va., '84, surgeon dentist.

Edward McDonald, McDonald, Pa., '84, banking.

Minor Harford Day, Washington, '84, newspaperman.

Edwin Linton, Philadelphia, Pa., '79, retired teacher.

The Rev. Samuel Austin Livingston, Monroe, Ohio, '84, minister.

Aaron E. Reiber, Butler, Pa., '82, lawyer.

The Rev. William Thomas Robinson, Myersdale, Pa., '84, minister.

James Ross Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa., '65, banking.

Joseph Brownlee, Washington, '80, retired.

James M. Clark, Pittsburgh, '84, attorney at law.

# Pennsylvania Synod Meets in Washington In Historic Setting

Intermediate Governing Body of Pennsylvania Presbyterianism Convenes Tuesday for Four-Day Session with County Seat Churches and Washington Jefferson College as Hosts 1934

The synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian church will meet in Washington next week from June 19 through June 22. The synod is to be the guest of the six Presbyterian churches of the county seat and Washington & Jefferson college. Established in a remarkable settlement of Scotch Presbyterian pioneers these churches and the college have had important places in the history of both church and nation.

From the churches in this section of the country and through the halls of this college there came a long line of men who were distinguished in cabinets, on the bench, at the bar, in the presidencies of colleges and the establishment of universities, and particularly in the leadership of the church of America and throughout the mission world. The almost incredible list here makes this hallowed ground.

### In Historic Setting

Other history has added its charm to the locality. The frequent visits of George Washington and the fascinating incidents of his work in this part of the state; the intrigues of Aaron Burr; the drama and tragedy of the Whisky Insurrection; the visits of Henry Clay; the Great Revival of 1800 with its far-reaching effects in the founding of church boards and many christian colleges; the abolition movement and its leader Dr. LeMoyne; the underground railway of which Washington was an important station; the vacation visits of Ulysses S. Grant; the plaintive songs of Stephen Foster, student at Washington college; the stirring campaigns of the "Plumed Knight"—James G. Blaine, graduate of the college—all these make the locality one of unusual interest.

### Welcomed In Sincerity

"But in welcoming the synod," writes President Ralph C. Hutchison, of the college, "there is deeper reason than those of sincere hospitality or historical interest. We welcome the synod more especially because the Kingdom of God may be advanced through this meeting, because men in desperation and nations in chaos need

what might come forth from such a gathering in the name and power of Christ. We welcome the synod because if truly consecrated there may come from it a greater revival than that of 1800. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do."

### Program of Meeting

The opening session is to be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in Second Presbyterian church, when the following program will be carried out:

- Devotional service.
- Sermon by Moderator, Dr. William H. Lewis.
- Constitution of Synod.
- Roll Call.
- Election of Temporary Clerks.
- Election of moderator and induction into office.
- Address of welcome and reports on arrangements.
- Historical address.
- Presentation of Docket.
- Recess.

At the close of the meeting a reception will be tendered the moderator, commissioners and guests by Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooper Hutchison and ministers of Washington at Main hall of the college.

# FORMER HICKORY MEN AT SYNOD

Rev. Robert M. Offut Was Principal of Academy—  
Rev. William P. Fulton Is Native of County.

## OTHER NEWS OF DISTRICT

1934

HICKORY, June 21—Two men in attendance at the Pennsylvania Synod of the Presbyterian Church have a close association with Hickory and the surrounding district.

The Rev. Robert M. Offut, D. D., of Indiana, was principal of the Hickory Academy in 1895-96.

The Rev. William P. Fulton, superintendent of missions, of Philadelphia, in attendance at Synod, was born on a farm on the Hickory Burgettstown road now owned by H. J. Martin. He plans to visit friends in the northern end of the county before returning home.

### Home from School

Viola Phillips, Delaware University; Mary Helen Allison, Eleanor Dinsmore, Wooster; Wilson W. Denny, Muskingum; Maxwell Smith, Pennsylvania State College; Mary Helen Farrar and Mildred Banks, Waynesburg College, and Millred Walters and Clare Ahrns, Penn State Commercial College, all recent graduates of the Hickory High School, have returned to their homes recently.

### Recent Graduates

Persons who recently graduated from college and have returned home are: John McCarrell, Wooster; Jane Lee and Frank Antonallo, Pennsylvania State College; Mary Jane McGugin, Mary Hensel and Clare Martin, School of Nursing of Washington Hospital; Emma Retzer, Grace Martin, Secretarial Colleg, Pittsburgh; Miss Florence Retzer, Indiana State Teachers' College.

### Home from Fishing Trip

Charles Colwes, A. C. Stamy and E. C. Wiggins returned on Wednesday morning from a three-day fishing trip spent at Masthope on the Delaware river.

### Personals

Mrs. N. W. Reed and daughter Ruth, guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Reed, of Hickory, have returned to their home in Bradford. Mrs. H. H. Reed, daughter Elsie, Mrs. S. J. Welch and Mrs. Ruth Stater, Pittsburgh, accompanied them and before returning will visit Cook's Forest, Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Martha Jane Allison had the misfortune to fall from her bicycle and sprain her arm.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. Rasel, son George, Jr., and Miss Lucile Dye, of Parkersburg, W. Va., are visiting Mr. Rasel's nieces, the Misses Nellie and Ruth Rasel and Mrs. Bert Anthony, of Hickory. Mr. Rasel, who was formerly engaged in the oil field, is now retired.

# Sovereignty of Truth Is Subject of Sermon

June 8, 1934

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, Speaks at W. & J. College.

## CITES LIFE OF JESUS

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, President of Princeton Theological Seminary and member of a Washington County family, delivered the baccalaureate sermon at Washington and Jefferson College last night, his subject being "The Sovereignty of Truth." His sermon follows:

### The Sovereignty of Truth

Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate but towered above him in stately moral grandeur. The Roman governor's position was one of prominence and earthly power but he was not of royal blood, his subjects were not loyal to him, he quailed before the clamor of the mob and in the end was deposed for his crimes. Jesus had no throne, no crown, save of thorns. He wielded no sceptre, he was deserted by his friends, was despised and rejected of men. How then could he be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. "Art thou a King then?" is Pilate's scornful query. In what realm can such a powerless one as you hold sway and command the allegiance of men and women. In the realm of truth, is Jesus' answer and he proceeded to lay down those broad and lasting principles on the basis of which his sovereignty would be established. Pilate's rule depended upon falsehood, perversion, fear, deceit, wrong-doing. The service of Christ, His leadership in the world thought and action would have a strict regard for truth for the revealed will of God so that everything will be done in the light and with the assurance of heaven's everlasting yea. In this sovereignty of truth we may discern the marks of effective leadership whether it be in the State or in the Church: that leadership which a liberal education contemplates. In the service of truth there must be a sense of mission which comes from being born for a purpose, the witness to reality which the possession of truth compels and the note of authority which characterizes the testimony of those who speak the truth. Let us consider these in the reverse order.

First of all we have the sovereignty of truth manifesting itself in the voice of authority: "Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." In every community there are a few honest souls who are morally responsive to truth, who follow the light of conscience and seek clearer knowl-

edge and the better life. They have an affinity for Christ, are naturally Christian—as Tertullian expressed it—and they eagerly receive the truth of the Gospel. In the parable of the sower, there is the good soil into which the seed falls, producing a harvest, good and honest hearts who having heard the word keep it and bring forth fruit with patience. To be sure, there is the hard soil, the rocky ground, the thorn-invested land in which the truth cannot thrive, men and women who because of moral defects and disorders, live in a world of unreality and consequently, as the quaint language of our Confession puts it, "are utterly indisposed, disabled and made opposite to any good accompanying salvation." But there are those of the truth who respond to the power of that truth revealed in Him, who called himself the truth and who by His grace and spirit are made fundamentally true. Christ found such souls in unexpected quarters, among publicans and sinners, in Samaria, where fields were white unto the harvest, just as Philip, the evangelist, led by the Spirit, found one who was ripe for the Kingdom of truth in Gaza, which is desert. The Church of Christ has been commissioned to seek and find those who are of the truth, who hear His voice and are ready to follow Him and be brought under His sovereign rule.

And the means employed are vocal—the authoritative note—which rings true and gives no uncertain sound. Christ's sheep know not the voice of strangers. A stranger to Christ and the saving truth of His gospel can speak only as the Scribes, not as one having authority—able to command allegiance. Goethe once remarked: "There are many echoes in the world and not many voices." When Pilate in parrot-like fashion was quoting Christ's accusers, the

query was put to him: "Sayst thou this of thyself or did others tell it thee of me?" There is a great difference between what we have been prompted to say and repeat as by rote and what we know of ourselves—the truth which has gripped us and become a part of our very being so as to be as Philipps Brooks expressed it: "Truth In Personality." The Samaritans first heard of Christ through the woman who confessed unto Him at the well. That was all very good for a beginning but they needed something more to make them truly Christian and enthusiastic evangelists. When Jesus visited them and they knew Him in person they could say to the woman: "Now we believe not because of they saying for we have heard Him ourselves and know that this is indeed the Christ, the

Saviour of the world." This is the clear, ringing, convincing message which those who are of the truth should get today from the Church and her ministers. Such testimony comes from a sense of reality.

The sovereignty of truth compels a straightforward, unequivocal kind of witness. Jesus had the witness in Himself that He was true and was in truth a teacher of the way of God. The Pharisees challenged His authority because He bore witness of Himself. He answered back that the Father which sent Him, who put upon Him the seal of His approval as the beloved son in whom He was well pleased, was a joint witness with Him. Thus was fulfilled the requirement: "By the mouth of two witnesses shall every word be established."

In like manner the Spirit of the Christ sent to bear witness to the truth and glorify Him, beareth witness with our spirits when we belong to Christ, that we are children of truth, of the light whose fruit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, proving what is well-pleasing with the Lord. This involves the commission to be witnesses. And this as we know is very serious business. In our Courts of Justice, one who is called upon to give testimony is subpoenaed. To withhold information is a crime. In the witness-box he must take an oath to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. If he utters a falsehood, he may be indicted and punished for perjury. The Ninth Commandment, seemingly ignored at times, is still in effect, until by grace we have learned instinctively to maintain and promote truth between man and man. The Greek word for witness—martyr—is a reminder of that courage with which we must take our stand for truth, though life should be forfeited. Pilate declared concerning Jesus: "I find no fault in Him." but he would not risk his popularity by being a true and faithful witness.

In Jesus' witness to truth there was the mark of reality, of that which is genuine, positive, certain and convincing and of such infinite value that he was willing to lay down His life for it. He once said to His followers: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This has been adopted by educational institutions and we know something, I am sure, of that freedom which comes with the possession of truth. It gives a student a very free and easy feeling in a written examination if he knows the subject and is not dependent upon a treacherous memory or any specious helps. To really know the truth, so as to be free is to live it, to accept its personal implications and obey the truth. A physician may know the principles of hygiene and lay them down for his patients, but what meaning have they for him if he disobeys the rules of hygiene, is intemperate in his habits, a victim

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or the very diseases he claims to be able to cure. A minister may know the system of theology required by his church, the ethical principles which should be advocated from every Christian pulpit,

without experiencing the emancipation of truth and exhibiting that integrity of character, that wholeness and purity of soul which comes from truth in the inward parts. Nearly 150 years ago when our fathers adopted a form of government for the Presbyterian Church, they expressed their unanimous opinion: "That the truth is in order to goodness" and the great touchstone of truth is its tendency to promote holiness according to our Saviour's rule. "By their fruits we shall know them." It is said of Napoleon that his instinct was to be false and subtle, whereas of Stonewall Jackson, it could be said, his instinct was to be true and straight-forward. In familiar letters to his wife, in conversation with intimates, in special correspondence, the language he used was the literal assertions of truths which he felt to the roots of his being, which absorbed his thoughts, which colored every action of his life and which, from the abundance of his heart, ran most naturally to his lips.

If this sovereignty of truth is to dominate our lives, we should have Jesus' assurance of a mission. "To this end was I borne and for this cause am I come into the world."

The truth, we are accustomed to say, must prevail. The eternal years of God are here. Though the cause of evil prosper, yet the truth alone is strong. If the God-given destiny of truth it to have real meaning to us, we must have the consciousness of a God-assigned mission.

The allusion to Christ's birth reveals the divine initiative. Alexander Duff once declared: "In nothing is the sovereignty of God so marvelously displayed as in the birth of a child—the fact, the sex, the circumstance, the bent." David Livingstone was proud of the fact that he was born of poor but pious parents. When Dan Crawford was home on furlough after 23 years spent in the heart of Africa, he attended a convention of women in Pennsylvania. Eugenics was the subject for discussion. He was asked to speak and testified that in the mission field the problem of being well-born was settled. In the community where he had labored there had arisen a new race—the real aristocracy who were born from above. He that is born of the Spirit, overcometh the world, victory is on his side, no matter how untoward conditions are, how humiliating his service may be. There is a divine meaning in it all. Jesus knowing that He came forth from God, and goeth unto God, and that the father had given all things into His hands, layeth aside His garments and brought a towel and girded himself for menial service.

If done to obey Thy laws  
E'en servile labor shine,  
Hallowed be toil if this the cause  
The meanest work divine.

Jesus said: "I am come" and the implication is not only that He existed in a previous state but that His preparation was completed and He had reached the beginning of His God-assigned career. A Spanish philosopher declares: "Life must be dedicated to a destiny to have significance." If life is to be serious, significant and useful, it contemplates a course to be taken, with its beginning and its end, all involving progress and achievement. As you probably have learned, towards the close of his career as an athletic director, Knute Rockne was engaged by a large automobile corporation to coach its salesmen. When the manager was asked why he had selected a man whose specialty was football to

train salesmen in a line of business with which hitherto he had no connection, he replied that the secret of Rockne's success as a football coach lay in the fact that he trained his men for a definite achievement. They were selected, drilled, given their parts with a system of signals, which meant that everyone should combine all his energies, not for the purpose of making gains, large or small, but of reaching the goal. Most of us lose sight of this and become so busy here and there that we fail to press on toward the mark of the prize of our high calling. It was related of the great scientist, Thomas H. Huxley, that arriving in Dublin, late for an appointment to give an address at a meeting of scientists, he jumped into a cab and told the man on the box to drive as fast as he could. After rushing along for something like half-an-hour, thrusting his head out of the window he inquired of the driver: "Are we not there yet?" The man replied: "Where? You did not tell me where you were going."

One of the great Church leaders of his day, George Whitfield once declared: "I have but one function and one aim." This is an age of specialists in which we are expected to take up one thing seriously and drive forward towards great achievement. In the Christian life, to do this we must lay aside the sin which "doth so easily beset us" and look constantly unto the great Captain of our profession, Christ Jesus.

*W & J. Commencement  
June 9, 1934*

One of the most interesting phases of the program to the audience was presentation of semi-centennial certificates in recognition of 50 or more years of service to the nation and loyalty to the college. Twenty-five certificates were presented this morning. Many of the recipients were not able through illness to be present and those who were in attendance were roundly applauded as they stepped forward for their reward of service.

Certificates were awarded to individuals from the class of 1865 through that of 1884, which this year celebrated its fiftieth reunion.

The following graduates were honored:

- James Ross Mellon, Pittsburgh, 1865.
- Willis Larimer King, Pittsburgh, 1871.
- John Crawford Gourley, Delmont, 1872.
- Robert Elliot Flickinger, Rockwell City, Iowa, 1875.
- John Calvin McCracken, Pittsburgh, 1875.
- Marcus A. Brownson, Southern Pines, North Carolina, 1878.
- Edwin Linton, Philadelphia, 1879.
- David Thompson McClelland, Los Angeles, California, 1879.
- Thomas M. T. McKeenan, Pittsburgh, 1879.
- Silas Benham Post, Westfield, New York, 1879.
- George T. Linn, Monongahela, 1879.
- Joseph Brownlee, Washington, 1880.
- Joseph Lawrence Weaver, Rocky Ford, Colorado, 1880.
- Clarence J. Forsyth, Dayton, Ohio, 1881.
- Aaron E. Reiber, Butler, 1882.
- William Wallace, Coyoacan, Mexico, 1882.
- Carroll B. Rugh, New Alexandria, 1883.
- James M. Clark, Pittsburgh, 1884.
- Minor Harford Day, Washington, 1884.
- Albert Wilson Kennon, St. Clairsville, Ohio, 1884.
- Samuel Austin Livingston, Monroe, Ohio, 1884.
- Edward McDonald, McDonald, 1884.
- William Thomas Robinson, Meyersdale, 1884.
- Frank L. Wright, Wheeling, West Virginia, 1884.
- Dr. R. C. Hutchison, President of the College, read a telegram from Dr. James Smith Barr, of New Wilmington, who was unable to attend this year's program. Last year at the age of 100 he was the guest of the 25-year class, and this year, with another added to his life, he stated he was unable to be present. He sent his congratulations.

# Dawn of New Era Here Says Wallace

June 11, 1934  
Member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet Delivers Address at Commencement at W. & J.

## SIX MEN ARE HONORED

Painting a vivid picture of the world in which we are now living, showing how living conditions have changed, stating bluntly that we are in a period of transition and must learn how to live abundantly and with ourselves, Dr. Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture in President Roosevelt's Cabinet, addressed an overflow audience in First Presbyterian Church Saturday morning at the 133rd annual commencement of Washington & Jefferson College.

The formal program, arranged originally for the College Quadrangle, was transferred to the church following the rain early Saturday and just as the exercises started and after the academic procession rain again descended and continued in a gentle downpour through practically the entire program.

"It is highly necessary, laying political principals aside, for Democrats and the Republicans, the laborer and the capitalist and the farmer to recognize the changing conditions in the world, get together in a spirit of cooperation, learn how to live abundantly and as one people, if we are to go forward and live up to the rich heritage left to us by our forefathers," the speaker said.

In developing his subject he reviewed the Scotch-Irish stock which was largely instrumental in founding this country and extending its borders. Described the urge which drove the early settlers to far flung borders from coast to coast until today there are no new spots in which to settle making it necessary that instead of the roving temperament we must become more settled and think of others, rather than ourselves.

It was a dark world the speaker pictured to the members of the graduating class. He described the steps which led to the dark days of 1929 and the past few years and while upholding the measures which have been taken by the present Administration described them as mere stop gaps, a breathing space and boldly asserted that something more substantial is needed if present conditions are to be bettered.

"Down in Washington," he continued, "we are stop gapping, meeting an emergency it is true and building bridges with no bank in

sight on the other side of the stream. The work that is being done is fine as far as it goes but something more lasting, more substantial is needed."

"We have a difficult problem. If methods of production were properly aligned the question would be much simpler but we do not know how to live in abundance. With the end of the World War we became a creditor instead of a debtor Nation and it was failure to see the danger ahead which led to our downfall.

"Our forefathers were men of iron, continually on the move, hard and brusque on the surface but deep down they were sentimental and also idealistic. Some of these qualities we must carry with us over this transition period but others we must discard and who is to say what must be saved and what thrown away?"

"If I could leave one message with these young men going out into a world of turmoil today it would be that they may find some way whereby the far west and the eastern coast may meet on common ground with the middle west and work for the benefit of all and the future glory of our Nation."

Six received honorary degrees at W. & J. Three are alumni of the College, while the others are men who have merited recognition through their outstanding achievements in their respective fields of endeavor.

Henry Agard Wallace, member of the Cabinet and Secretary of Agriculture of the United States, was presented for the Degree of Doctor of Laws by Trustee Harry B. McDowell. Mr. Wallace is one of the most outstanding members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet. He was chosen for the responsible post because of his scholarly authority on price movements in basic agricultural commodities, his scientific contributions on the study of crop yields under varying conditions, and his important findings in the field of agricultural genetics. His father, Henry Canwell Wallace, was Secretary of Agriculture in the Cabinets of President Harding and President Coolidge. His grandfather, Henry Wallace, was one of the leaders of agriculture in the Middle West through his journalistic achievements and was graduated from Washington & Jefferson College in 1859.

Also receiving the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws was Col. Charles Arthur Brooks, Pittsburgh, President of the Central Division of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company. Trustee Robert L. McCarrell, presenting Mr. Brooks, lauded his high ideals and judicious administration in retail merchandising, and his unostentatious philanthropy.

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Dr. A. H. Logan, Rochester, Minnesota, Class of 1898, Dean of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and Associate Professor of Medicine at the University of Minnesota, was honored with the Degree of Doctor of Science when presented by Trustee William D. Inglis. Dr. Logan has attained his high place in American medicine "through his keen search for clinical facts, his uncanny diagnoses, and his unflinching devotion to the logic of his conclusions. John T. Logan, a son of Dr. Logan, is a Sophomore at Washington & Jefferson.

The Rev. Henry Blaine Strock, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Pa., received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity. Trustee Henry R. Riddle Jr., who presented the Rev. Mr. Strock, said: "He is a keen and incisive thinker, a scholar in practical psychology, a guide to the spiritual solution of those fears, emotions and inhibitions by which men bewilder themselves." His son, John Strock, is a member of the graduating class.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity was also bestowed on the Rev. Harry Bell King, pastor of Paxtang Presbyterian Church, Paxtang, Pa., and an alumni of the Class of 1891. In the presentation by Trustee John McCartney Kennedy, the Rev. Mr. King was praised for "his untiring understanding of the needs of his people, his scholarly presentation of the spiritual solutions of life, his record of fine administration, and his historical labors in behalf of his Alma Mater."

Thomas Bell Sweeney, Class of 1895, Washington, D. C., was honored with the Degree of Doctor of Literature when presented by Trustee John H. Donnan. Mr. Sweeney has written the story of man's progress in sonnets of rare beauty in "Sunward" and "Horizon Frames."

# 23 HORN'S CHURCH . TO CELEBRATE

Congregation, Founded by German Settlers Soon After Revolution, to Commemorate Its Founding.

SPECIAL SERVICE JULY 1  
1934

Horn's Church, near Zollarsville, is one of the historical landmarks of Washington County. A building of stately proportions, built on foundations laid securely more than 65 years ago, it attracts the attention of the stranger who passes by.

The history of the congregation is far older than the present building. Soon after the War of Independence German settlers came into that part of the county. They carried their religion with them and while their first care was to provide for themselves a habitation, clear the land and eke out a living, their second thought was to erect a structure where they might worship Almighty God and perpetuate the faith of their fathers.

A log church built in 1798 housed the small congregation organized by the Rev. A. G. Deshler in 1791 and served for 15 years by that valiant pioneer, pastor, Rev. Johannes Stouch. Rude in construction,

it yet served their purpose well, as Sunday after Sunday these Germans united their voices, singing in their native tongue, "Ein Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott," or "Komm, O Komm, Du Geist Des Lebens."

How long this structure served them is not certain. That the growth of the congregation made necessary a second building in those early years is probable. In 1869 the present structure was dedicated. For more than forty years worshippers filled its courts. But Horn's met the fate of many a country church. Deaths, removals from the community, diminishing families reduced the membership until the organization could no longer be maintained. In 1907 the last regular service was held and although efforts were made from time to time to revive the work, the old structure remained a church without a congregation.

As one of their projects this year the Washington County Lutheran Church Association decided to hold a service in the old church in commemoration of its rich history and the service it rendered in the development of a Christian atmosphere and consciousness in the community. This service will be held Sunday, July 1, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when delegations from the churches of the county will come together and fill the old edifice with praise.

The sermon for the occasion will be preached by the Rev. Albert U. Gesler, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Monongahela. The Rev. I. Noble Dundore, pastor of the Scenery Hill parish, will read a historical sketch. Other pastors will have part in the service. A cordial invitation is extended not only to Lutherans but to the public in general to attend this service.

# TO CELEBRATE FIRST MASS

History Shows First Catholic Service at Brownsville Was Conducted 180 Years Ago —Plan Reunion.

TO BE HELD ON JULY 1  
1934

BROWNSVILLE, June 7—July 1, 1934, will mark the 180th anniversary of the first recorded mass said in Brownsville. Plans to commemorate the event in a manner befitting the occasion are already being made by the priests of Old Saint Peters together with the members of the parish.

History in giving the date of the first Holy Mass celebrated in this district says that in the early summer of 1754 when the French Army came out of Fort Duquesne (now Pittsburgh) to meet the advancing forces under George Washington on Chestnut Ridge they engaged in the encounter known as the Battle of Fort Necessity. The soldiers who participated in that battle came up the Monongahela river and were accompanied by a chaplain, who said Mass for them at Redstone, the former name of the settlement now known as Brownsville. History further states that this Mass was said in the early morning of July 1.

In commemoration of this event a Solemn High Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m., E. S. T., Sunday, July 1, to which the present and former members of the parish are cordially invited.

At noon, dinner will be served in the parish hall to all those in attendance.

Solemn Benediction will be given at 3 p. m., E. S. T. Court Brownsville 1141 will entertain the visiting Catholic Daughters of America of the Diocese with a special dinner after the afternoon services.

# SERVICE SUNDAY AT HORN CHURCH

Lutherans to Commemorate Founding of This Old Congregation With Afternoon Program at 3 O'clock.

LOCAL PASTORS ASSIST  
1934

Plans for the service to be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the old Horn's Church at Zollarsville, have been completed. Busy hands have cleaned the auditorium and placed it in condition for worship. Pastors throughout the county have interested their congregations and promise good delegations. A public interest has been created, all of which together with a program of special merit, promises a successful carrying out of the project.

The purpose of this service is to commemorate the years of fruitful service when Horn's congregation was an active factor in fostering religious sentiment and developing Christian character in the community. Here German Lutherans worshipped their God, the German tongue finally giving way to the English. For more than one hundred years it was a mount of blessing whither came the needy for strength and comfort and went away feeling that their needs had been satisfied, and from this congregation went forth sons and daughters, who when the congregation disbanded, united with other churches. In the adjoining God's Acre,

"Where heaves the turf in many a mouldering heap,  
Each in his narrow cell forever laid,

The rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep,"

who would have rejoiced in their day to know that their memory and the services they rendered to the community would be thus honored. The program for the day will be featured by the sermon by the Rev. A. U. Gesler, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Monongahela, an interesting historical account by the pastor of the Scenery Hill charge, the Rev. I. Noble Dundore and special music. Should the weather prove favorable a large audience will doubtless be in attendance. A very cordial invitation is extended to the public to join in this service.

The service is held under the auspices of the Washington County Lutheran Association of which G. C. Mikesell, of Scenery Hill, is president; D. E. Sowers, of Amity R. D. 2, is secretary, and W. W. Weise, of Donora, is treasurer. A second project of this association is a picnic of the Lutheran forces of the county to be held in Deems' Grove July 26.

# Inspiring Service at Old Horn Church Attracts 500

July 2, 1934

Fully 500 persons joined in the pilgrimage yesterday to the old Lutheran Church, Zollarsville, and participated in the inspiring service conducted by the Washington County Lutheran Association. The edifice was filled to overflowing, almost 100 persons being unable to get inside the structure.

Established in 1791, the Horn Lutheran congregation was one of the oldest in the district but regular services have not been held there since 1907.

Delegations from the various Lutheran congregations of Washington County, residents of the district and descendants of old pioneer families made up the large crowd in attendance.

The service was held on the 65th anniversary of the building of the

present Horn Lutheran Church. Rev. Harry B. Ernest, of the Washington Church, presided. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. A. U. Gesler, of Grace Lutheran Church, Monongahela, and an interesting history of the Horn Church was read by the Rev. I. N. Dundore, of Scenery Hill. Prayer was offered by the Rev. M. R. Kunkelman, of Christ Lutheran Church, Charleroi. There was special music by the combined choirs of the Scenery Hill Parish.

Officers of the Washington County Lutheran Association are: President, G. C. Mikesell, Scenery Hill; secretary, D. E. Sowers, Amity R. D. 2, and treasurer, W. W. Weise, of Donora. A joint picnic will be held by Lutheran congregations of the county at Deems Grove, July 26.

# MANY ATTEND CHURCH CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

1934

HICKORY, July 2—Local residents last Sunday attended the centennial celebration held at Tomlinson's Run United Presbyterian Church, Beaver County, whose first and longest pastorate was held by Rev. James McCarrell, son of a Mt. Pleasant Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lodowick McCarrell.

Five hundred persons attended the celebration, which included the morning preaching service and centennial exercises in the afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. T. Vorhis, of Chester, W. Va., pastor of the church. Rev. Thomas H. Newcomb, of the Eighth United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, former pastor of the church, preached.

Rev. McCarrell, the first pastor, was born in Lexington, Va., March 9, 1802, but a few years later his father moved to Washington County. James McCarrell was graduated from Jefferson College in 1824, attended the Associate Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Canonsburg, and was licensed to preach by the Chartiers Presbytery in 1829. He was ordained in 1830 by the Miami Presbytery and was pastor of the Tomlinson's Run Church from 1837 to 1854. He died at the age of 56 years, and is buried in the Tomlinson's Run Cemetery.

The church was organized in 1834 by 14 members of the Kings Creek Associate Presbyterian Church, who found themselves too far from their church when it was moved to Frankfort Springs. The congregation now worships in the third building it has erected.

# To Celebrate Anniversary Of First Mass in District

1934

BROWNSVILLE, June 29.—Arrangements have been completed for the celebration of the 180th anniversary of the first mass said in Brownsville which will take place in Historic Saint Peter's Church, Sunday, July 1. The residents of Brownsville are looking forward with great anticipation to the coming event. Plans have also been made to accommodate the hundreds of former parishioners from other towns who will come to the mass and who will join in the parish reunion being held in connection with this great event.

The officers of the Solemn High Mass which will be celebrated at 10:30 a. m. E. S. T., are as follows:

The Rev. John J. Hannon of St. Peter's Church, celebrant; the Rev. Michael J. McBurney of St. Francis Xavier Church, Pittsburgh, deacon;

the Rev. Michael F. Bonfield of St. John's Church, Uniontown, subdeacon; the Rev. James McKeever of St. Thomas' Church, Coal Center, master of ceremonies, and the Rev. Martin J. Brennan assistant master of ceremonies. The Rev. Jerome D. Hannan, D. D., of Pittsburgh, will preach the sermon. The Rev. Peter Brennan, St. Jerome's Church, Charleroi, and the Rev. Owen Kirby of St. Leonard's, Monessen, will be chaplains to the Bishop.

The officers of the mass together with the Bishop, the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle and the visiting clergy will form in procession at the Rectory and proceed to the church passing through a guard of honor composed of the school children and the men of the Holy Name Society.

## MISSIONARY TO SAIL FOR ABYSSINIA SOON

July 18, 1934

Miss Isabel Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Blair, of McElree road, will sail next Tuesday for Abyssinia to resume her work as missionary there. Miss Blair will sail from Jersey City on the steamer Exchordia.

## BEQUEST IS MADE TO INDEPENDENCE CHURCH

July 18, 1934

The will of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson McConnell, late of Independence Township, has been filed for probate. After disposing of her personal property, she directs that \$500 be held in trust by her executor and the income from the sum to be given the Lower Buffalo Presbyterian Church of Independence, of which she was a lifelong member. This income is to be used for the support of a minister as long as there is preaching services in the church. If such services are discontinued and the church abandoned the \$500 is then to be paid to the Board of Foreign Missions of the church.

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## Wedding Dress of Bride of Dr. John McMillan Is Shown at Party

Wedding gowns, from pioneer days down to the modern era, including the linsey woolen worn by the bride of Dr. John McMillan, the sturdy pioneer preacher and educator of this district, were exhibited yesterday afternoon at the garden party held under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Chartiers Hill Presbyterian Church at the home of Mrs. John M. Fulton, Wylandville.

Fully 250 women were in attendance at the function which was one of the largest of the kind this summer. It proved delightful in all its appointments, pleasing musical numbers adding to the entertainment.

The wedding gown of Mrs. McMillan, 158 years old, was worn by Miss Dorothy Cochran. The next oldest dress exhibited was the wedding dress of Mrs. John McLaughlin, one of the early members of the historic church. It was worn by Mrs. Donley Mollenauer.

Other wedding gowns exhibited were as follows: 1858, Mrs. Rachel Herron, worn by Virginia Mollenauer; 1863, Mrs. Salem Flack, worn by Mrs. Ralph Fulton; 1880, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, worn by Hilda

Brown; 1885, Mrs. Harry Taylor, worn by granddaughter, Ruth Ann McClure; 1899, Mrs. Hulsing, worn by Dorothy Mustard; 1897, Mrs. Samuel Flack, worn by Helen Wilson; 1904, Mrs. Everett Donley, worn by Mrs. Donley; 1905, dress worn by Mrs. David Hamilton at wedding of son, exhibited by Ruth Mollenauer; 1905, Mrs. J. C. Conklin, worn by Frances Conklin; 1906, Mrs. James Neill, ———; 1908, Mrs. Oscar Cowan, worn by Frances Cowan; 1910, Mrs. G. J. Hanna, worn by niece, Virginia Cochran; 1913, Mrs. Arthur Donaldson, worn by daughter, Dorothy; 1913, Mrs. C. O. Vance, worn by Julia Vance; 1914, Mrs. John Taylor, worn by Jean Sprowls; 1914, Mrs. C. A. Mathewson, worn by Dorothy Donaldson; 1916, Mrs. John Daugherty, worn by daughter Elizabeth; 1917, Mrs. Stewart Proudfoot, worn by Violet Dean; 1918, Mrs. Fred Walker, worn by Mrs. Walker; 1923, Mrs. Catherine Guth, worn by Sara Weston; 1927, Mrs. Clifford Winnett, worn by Martha Mollenauer; 1932, Mrs. Catherine Schaeffer, worn by Mrs. Schaeffer.

In concluding the parade of wedding gowns to the strains of marches played by Mrs. Mary Wick Day and Miss Margaret Acheson, accompanists of the afternoon, the 1934 bride was portrayed by Mrs. Frances Hamilton, married last month, who appeared with her attendants, Miss Catherine Neill, bridesmaid, and Barbara Ann Whitesell, flower girl.

The program, arranged by Mrs. L. E. Schaeffer, Miss Bertha Donaldson and Mrs. H. L. Mollenauer, included solos by Mrs. Nancy Burnside and Dr. Beatrice Merrin readings by Jane McClure. Refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. G. J. Hanna, chairman; Mrs. James Neill, Mrs. Clyde Fulton, Mrs. J. G. Boyle, Mrs. Ralph Fulton and Mrs. Oscar Vitatoe. Anyone interested was made welcome. A silver offering was lifted for the benefit of the society.

## NEARLY 1,000 AT SONG MEET

—1934

BULGER, July 29.—Between 800 and 1,000 people today attended the second annual community song service on the lawn of the Raccoon Presbyterian Church, at Candor, of which Rev. H. A. Mosser is pastor.

The service became largely a memorial service for George W. Huffman, of Oakdale, who led the singing last year, but who has since died. Anthony Jones, of the McKinley Park Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburgh, was today's song leader.

Assisting in the program were Joseph Wilson, of the First Baptist Church, of Pittsburgh; Miss Delina Whitfield, soprano of the McKinley Park Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and the orchestra of the First Presbyterian Church of Burgettstown. Howard Stewart, of Burgettstown, played a cornet solo.

Rev. J. M. Briceland, of Carnot, paid a tribute to Mr. Huffman and read an original poem written by Mr. Huffman. Rev. L. G. Richey, of the McDonald Methodist Episcopal Church, offered prayer. Frank Lasher, of Oakdale, led in the singing of one of Mr. Huffman's favorite hymns, "Brighten the Corner Where You Are", and R. Maxwell Stevenson, who succeeded Mr. Huffman in his insurance work in Pittsburgh, made an address.

Songs sung included a large number of request numbers, including many old-time hymns.

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## Why and Wherefore

By CAL HUNTER

As Protestant to Catholic

All that is best in me feels good when peace is established between those who have long been at loggerheads. Much of the quarreling and bitterness in the world has no sound basis. It exists because of some little thing which could be fixed up by a few minutes kindly conversation, or a trifling bit of restitution. Doubtless more divorces occur over burned pancakes than from "cruel and barbarous treatment, or "extreme mental cruelty."

Something I have been working on for many years is kindlier relations between Protestants and Catholics. Let's see the good in one another and not be taken in by old wives' tales. Stripped to its fundamentals, Catholicism and Presbyterianism differ very little. Who strikes at the Catholic Church, to my notion, wounds the Lord. And as somewhat of a loyal Protestant, I believe the Lord loves some 200 or so of our branches.

I am told that I have not read history or I should make no such rash statements. But I do not feel called upon to become angry over some incident of 1,000 years ago. What I want is the friendship of people who are doing good in the here and now, and especially that of people who are soldiering for the Cross in a world threatened with the abolition of God.

Says the church weekly I have read for 35 years: "The Roman Catholic Church is doing a fine service for all religions in its battle with Hitlerism in Germany. Its pronouncements upon the paganism of the Hitler regime are a tonic in these days when German Protestantism has made its humiliating surrender."

That is the finest tribute to the Catholics ever printed in the United Presbyterian, and to the best of my knowledge the only one. Perhaps it is significant. It may mark the beginning of a new feeling between Christians.

I have long maintained that the saving of the Christian religion from threatening forces depends in large measure upon the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church has a splendid fundamentalism and a stiff backbone, and whilst I have no intention of ever becoming a Catholic, or in fact anything else than a progressive Presbyterian, I have no fellowship of opinion with those who are afraid of the Catholic Church, or those who belittle its witness for Christian truth.

Manifestly, there is a part for the Catholics to play in developing better feeling. Well, you might make a humble start. You might begin by liking me. I am for the Catholic Church insofar as it is for Christ, and in saying that I feel like an ant looking at a planet.



# Rev. Joseph S. Morledge Is Choice Pittsburgh Church

*August 27, 1934*

The Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, pastor of Third Presbyterian Church has received a unanimous call from the congregation of Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. This church which is located at the corner of Forbes street and Murray avenue, was founded in 1850, and is one of the leading churches of the East End district, with a congregation of 1,125 members.

The church supports six missionaries on the home and foreign fields, and is served by a church secretary and a church visitor as well as the pastor. Its last minister was the late Rev. Henry H. Forister, D.D., LL. D., who one year ago was made pastor emeritus of the church, due to failing health, and who died three months ago.

The Rev. Mr. Morledge has served the local church for the past 4 1-3 years, being installed pastor on May 1, 1930, and coming here from Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church of Hickory which he served for three years and which was his first pastorate. He was graduated from Princeton Theological Semi-

nary in 1927, and immediately received a call to the Mt. Prospect Church.

He has been very successful at the local church, particularly among the younger members of the church and has built the church up considerably, having received into the membership 273 persons since his pastorate here.

The call was received only Friday, so of course no decision has been made, as it is too important a matter to be disposed of without being given careful consideration.

Mr. Morledge has won for himself many friends here outside the bounds of his own congregation, who feel that the community as well as his congregation would sustain a real loss should he accept this call.

On the first Sunday of September the Rev. Dr. Slemmons, of the First Church, is to preach and declare that pulpit vacant, so that a decision in favor of Pittsburgh on the part of Rev. Mr. Morledge would mean two vacant pulpits among local Presbyterian churches.

## 25 Years in Ministry Celebrated by Former Pastor at Wind Ridge

*1934*

WEST FINLEY, Aug. 27.—Rev. Walter J. Kennedy, who began his work as a minister at the Windy Gap Presbyterian Church here, August 1, 1909, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of the beginning of his ministerial career. He is now at Templeton and is serving his 17th year there. He has had an active ministry. During the 25 years he has preached 3,753 sermons, preached at 768 funerals, and has performed 533 wedding ceremonies.

## LOCAL PASTOR RELEASED BY CONGREGATION

*Sept 19 34*

At a representative meeting of the congregation of Third Presbyterian Church, held at the close of the prayer meeting Wednesday, it was voted unanimously, though reluctantly, to concur with the pastor, the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, in his petition to Presbytery to have the pastoral relations dissolved between him and Third Church. The resignation is to become effective at the first of October.

John C. Steele was chairman of the meeting and Adrian Masters, secretary. Robert G. Maxwell and Mrs. W. C. Johnston were named to represent the congregation at the meeting of the Washington Presbytery, to be held at 10:30 a. m. next Tuesday, September 25, at Third Church, to take action on Mr. Morledge's resignation.

While no action has been taken yet, it is understood that the Rev. Maurice E. Wilson will be asked to act as moderator of the congregation, while the pastorate is vacant. He had acted in such capacity during a former vacancy, and has many friends among the members of this church.

## PITTSBURGH CALL TO BE ACCEPTED BY LOCAL PASTOR

*Sept 19 34*

The Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, now in his fifth year as pastor of Third Presbyterian Church of Washington, announced to the church session Wednesday that he had accepted the call tendered him by Sixth Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Mr. Morledge came to Washington from the Mt. Prospect Church, near Hickory, to which he had gone on completion of his Princeton Seminary course in 1927.

It is expected that Sunday, September 30, will be his last appearance in the local pulpit as pastor, and that he will assume his new pulpit duties the following Sunday.

The church session Wednesday authorized the calling of a meeting of the congregation for Wednesday night, September 19, when the church will be asked to concur in the request of the pastor to Presbytery to have the pastoral relations with the Third Church severed.

Mr. Morledge, now having given notice to the church session, will

## LIONS CLUB FAREWELL FOR REV. MR. MORLEDGE

*Sept 26 1934*

Joe Morledge, as the Rev. Joseph Morledge of the Third Presbyterian Church, is known to his fellow members of the Lion Club, was given a farewell dinner at the club room in the Y. M. C. A. last evening, there being a full attendance of members and their wives.

Music was furnished by an ensemble composed of Paul Harding, director; Donald Danley, Sarah Jane and Betty Burroughs and Virginia Grable.

Roger Patton, club president, was chairman. Cramer T. Beatty was in charge of arrangements, and the Rev. J. A. Campbell arranged the program. The invocation was offered by Mr. Morledge.

Outstanding contributions made by Mr. Morledge to the club and community were discussed by the following: Roger K. Patton, from viewpoint of early association with him at Hickory and in Washington; William J. Warrick, "Man About Town"; Wilbur Baird, his interest in young people; William A. Little, good fellowship; Dr. H. C. Manon, his work as a Lion, and Rev. Mr. Campbell on wholesomeness of ideals and fellowship.

The Rev. Mr. Morledge responded, expressing his regret at leaving and his appreciation of associations here.

# CHURCH OBSERVES 150TH BIRTHDAY

Special Services This Week  
in Mill Creek Presbyterian  
Church, Beaver County—  
To Close on Sunday.

*Aug 1934*  
HOMECOMING TODAY

Mill Creek Presbyterian Church in Beaver County, not far from Frankfort Springs, on Sunday began the celebration of the 150th anniversary of its founding with special services which will continue all week, closing on next Sunday. When services were first held in 1784 the Indians were still a menace in the community.

Services on Sunday consisted of an old time service with the singing of Psalms without instrument or choir, the Psalm being lined out and explained. A historical address was given by Rev. S. A. Kirkbride, D. D., in the morning and in the evening Rev. James H. Snowden, D. D., preached.

Monday night the Lehman party from the Wheeling Gospel Tabernacle had charge of the service. The program for last night included a historical address by Rev. Thomas B. Anderson, D. D., the oldest member of Beaver Presbytery, a 90-year-old veteran of the Civil War. Dr. Anderson is the father of W. B. Anderson, of Washington, and an alumnus of Washington and Jefferson College of the Class of 1868. The program for today and the remainder of the week follows:

Wednesday, August 22. "Home-Coming Day"—Elder Frank Swearingen, presiding; morning program 11—Address by Attorney Joseph Holmes; address by Rev. Harold J. Braden; family basket dinner, 12 o'clock; afternoon program, devotional service, Rev. Paul H. Hazlett; history of Mill Creek Church, Rev. James G. Reed; address, Attorney Thomas C. Buchanan; address, James N. Swearingen; greetings; orchestra and other special music; young people's program, 8—Devotional service; address, Mabel Stewart, Bert McDonald, George Swearingen; one-act play, "A Sign Unto You"; orchestra and other special music.

Thursday, August 23, "Women's Night," 8—Devotional service conducted by the presidents of Women's Missionary Society and Ladies' Aid Society; address, "Have We Caught the Vision?", Mrs. Lillian Hurst; history pageant of Mill Creek; special music.

Friday, August 24, a communion preparatory service will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening. In

addition to the worship service which Rev. Paul Hazlett will lead and the sermon by Rev. Archibald Littell, there will be special music.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper will take place Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and will be conducted by former pastors of the church. Rev. Clarence L. McCoy will preach the sermon. Rev. James B. Lyle will administer the sacrament. Rev. Daniel C. Schnebly will preach the sermon at the 8 o'clock service.

## Lutherans of Scenery Hill To Revive Old 'Celebration'

*1934*  
SCENERY HILL, Aug. 5.—The Scenery Hill Lutheran Parish will revive an old custom in connection with a home-coming on the grounds of the Bethlehem Church on September 1. It is planned to conduct the home-coming in old-time "celebration" style as far as feasible.

Until a generation ago it was customary for the Bethlehem congregation to hold a "celebration" in the Fall of each year. The practice fell into disuse when some one raised the question, "What are we celebrating?", and no one could give an answer. The fact was that the "celebration" was the survival of the harvest festival observed in the Old World from time immemorial. Such a festival in the Old Testament is called the Feast of Tabernacles. In Europe, during pre-Reformation Christian times, the harvest festival came to coincide with Michaelmas, which falls on September 29. The fathers of Bethlehem Church transplanted this ancient observance to their new home in

Pennsylvania and called it a "celebration," keeping it generally during the month of October. Their children preserved it for over a hundred years until, its original significance having been lost sight of, it ceased to be appreciated and was given up.

On September 1 Bethlehem congregation, with Mt. Calvary cooperating, will revive the traditional "celebration." Because of financial stringency it will not be possible to have two of the features that always marked the event, namely, a brass band and visiting speakers. However, there will be a service in the church at 11 a. m. followed by a basket dinner on the lawn. The afternoon will be at the disposal of the older folks for visiting, while games and contests will be provided for the young folks of both Sunday schools. Former members, neighbors and friends are invited to come with full baskets and join in celebrating the blessings of the harvest. The festivities will continue over Sunday, when Harvest Home services will be held.

# TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Speakers and Committee  
Heads Named for Taylors  
Church Homecoming Cele-  
brating 162 Years' Service.

## REV. LOCKARD TO SPEAK

CENTERVILLE, Aug. 9—<sup>1934</sup>Speakers and committee chairmen have been announced for the 162nd anniversary and homecoming celebration of the Taylor Methodist Episcopal Church, on the National Pike just east of here, which is known as the first "Methodist meeting house ever erected in the 'Great Valley' west of the Monongahela River."

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Forgie, is general chairman.

The program will be held Sunday, September 9, with Rev. W. S. Lockard, D. D., of Pittsburgh, as the morning preacher. Rev. Mr. Lockard is one of the most successful ministers of the Pittsburgh Conference, who has had a long ministry and has served eight years as superintendent of the Pittsburgh district. He has a reputation as a brilliant, witty, tactful speaker.

The principal afternoon speaker will be Rev. Clarence C. Fisher, of Waynesburg. Informal talks reminiscent of former days will be made by former pastors of the church and lay members, and visiting ministers and members of other churches will bring greetings.

Others specially invited include Dr. Henry W. Temple, of Washington and Jefferson College, historian and former Congressman; Attorney Rufus S. Marriner, of Washington; Rev. T. G. Hicks, D. D., pastor of the California Church; Rev. H. L. Davis and sister, Edna, evangelists, of Bridgeville, and Rev. Ernest Weals, of South Brownsville.

All arrangements for entertainment of visitors and other details are in the hands of committees. Mrs. Anna Dorsey is general director of affairs, and persons donating baskets of food, meat, chickens, etc., for the dinner should report to her. A committee composed of Mrs. Myrtle Pepper, Mrs. Ross Goodnight and Mrs. Charles Neil, is in charge of making coffee, and the roll and sandwich committee is composed of Mrs. Joseph Ropp, Mrs. Frank Crumrine and Mrs. Phoebe Moffitt. C. I. Dorsey and Michael Percy lead the committee on lawns and parking space, and W. R. Williams and Ross C. Dorsey are chief ushers.

The choir is preparing a musical program, under direction of Mrs. James F. Elliott, assisted by Mrs. Ross C. Dorsey and Walter Gray. Mrs. Margaret Percy is assisted by Mrs. David Ropp and the rest of the committee, on flowers and decoration.

Elmer Thistlewaite is in charge of the historical and reminiscence committee, and C. O. Taylor heads the reception committee. Harry Cleaver and James F. Elliott are chair and amplifier committee leaders.

*Sept. 29, 1934*

## PIGEON CREEK SHRINE TO BE VISITED

A pilgrimage of historical and religious interest to Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church in Washington County will be made by motor cavalcade from Western Theological Seminary, Ridge avenue, North Side, at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday.

Pigeon Creek Church was organized in 1775. Its present building has been in use for more than a century. Here in 1781 Old Redstone Presbytery was organized, the first west of the mountains. In its picturesque churchyard are buried many men whose lives were significant in the early history of Western Pennsylvania.

Three brief stops will be made en route to Pigeon Creek. The first will be at the old Jefferson College Building in Canonsburg, about 125 years old, near which stands McMillan's old "Log College." Here and at the Hill Church, the second stop, Dr. G. J. Slosser, chairman of the committee on historical records of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, will speak briefly. The third stop will be at the ruins of the "Log College" where the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of Washington, will speak.

The program at Pigeon Creek begins at 4 p. m. The Rev. Thomas C. Pears, Jr., of Philadelphia, manager of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Rev. C. W. Maus, of Redstone Presbytery, will speak. At 5:30 p. m. church women will serve supper. Afterwards newly collected pictures will illustrate on the screen the beginnings and background of Western Pennsylvania churches and the lives of founders of the Redstone Presbytery.

# RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED

Washington Presbytery Approves Transfer of Rev. Joseph S. Morledge to Pastorate in Pittsburgh.

## MONROE ELECTED CLERK

*Sept. 20, 1934*  
At a called meeting of Washington Presbytery held yesterday afternoon in the Third Presbyterian Church, the resignation of the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge as pastor of the church was accepted. Mr. Morledge resigned to accept a call to the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh. He was directed to declare the pulpit of the church vacant on next Sunday.

The resignation had already been reluctantly accepted by the congregation and commissioners from the congregation reported the action to the Presbytery. Expressions of regret were made by several members of the Presbytery on Mr. Morledge's leaving the Presbytery.

Mr. Morledge, who has been the clerk of Presbytery, presented his resignation from that office. Rev. G. Karl Monroe, of West Alexander, was chosen temporarily to fill the place. Other positions held by Mr. Morledge will be filled at the regular meeting of Presbytery to be held October 16.

Mr. Morledge has been pastor of the Third Church for the past five years, having come here from the Mt. Prospect Church, Hickory. The Sixth Church, to which he has been called, is one of the largest congregations in Pittsburgh.

# Ten Mile Valley History Is Related in an Address

Sept. 1934

Interesting facts regarding the Ten Mile valley, where pioneers settled as early as 1768, were given by Attorney Wray G. Zelt, Jr., of this city, at the recent homecoming celebration at the village of Ten Mile.

Attorney Zelt traced the gradual elimination of individualism in society by calling attention to the passing of the blacksmiths and millwrights and even in some instances the country doctor and minister. Such individuals and almost every citizen, he said, once were vital cogs of society but in the economic system of today, especially, they seemingly assume less importance.

Praising the fortitude and courage of the pioneers and the heritage and traditions they handed down, Attorney Zelt delved into historical facts. His address follows:

"This village of Ten Mile, where we are now gathered, was situated on a tract of land called 'the Mill Site.' The earliest settlers of whom we have knowledge were John Rutman, Dennis Smith and others who purchased large tracts of land in this vicinity for a gun, trinket or any other small thing that happened to please the Indians' fancy. These men were squatters and did not obtain their title to this land from the Commonwealth. It is interesting to note that John Rutman lived to the fine old age of 99 years and that Dennis Smith died at the age of 104 years. My statement as to the ages of these men can be substantiated by an examination of the epitaphs on the tombstones in the old churchyard of the Bethel Church. Others of the earliest settlers of record were the Bane Brothers, Jessie, Nathan, Isaac, Ellis and Joseph, who came into this vicinity from the Potomac River section of Virginia in the year 1768. Among others were the Enochs.

"These men were followers of Roger Williams and brought with them his love of religious liberty and in 1772 organized a Baptist Church. This church, which later became known and is still known as the North Ten Mile Baptist Church, was the first religious congregation to be organized in Washington County. Services, at first, were held in the homes of the different members and we are told that they were often held in the home of Enoch Enochs. The minutes of the meetings of this church are still in existence and show that on many occasions the members were obliged to hold their meetings in forts, naming particularly Keith's Fort and Fort McFarland. The first permanent meeting house was erected by them in 1786. Their present church is the third that has been erected on the same ground.

"After the Banes and the Enochs came Nathaniel McGiffin, David Evans, Abel McFarland, James Milliken, John Bates, George Cooper and others. Some of these men served in the Revolutionary War with marked distinction. Two were responsible for the construction of forts for protection from the Indians, Fort McFarland and Fort Milliken. These men were Presbyterians by faith and along with others, such as the Cooks and Lindleys, who came slightly later to the Ten Mile Valley, they established in 1871 the churches that have long been known as the Upper and Lower Ten Mile Presbyterian Churches of Amity and Prosperity. These people were driven from their homes by the Indians in 1777 but returned again the next year to rebuild them and re-establish themselves as permanent inhabitants of this valley. The early history of both of these churches will be found in that of the Upper Ten Mile Church, the annals of the two being inseparably blended. The first pastor of this church was Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, who remained in charge until his death in 1793.

"Thaddeus Dodd came to this vicinity from New York. He was a graduate of Princeton University. In this connection it might be well to say that Dr. Thaddeus Dodd was responsible for the establishment of the first classical school of learning west of the Alleghanies.

"Letters from students who attended Rev. Dodd's school seem to indicate that the principal subjects taught by Rev. Dodd were Latin and mathematics and from the list of Latin writers who studied it is evident that Dr. Dodd was an excellent student of Latin. The establishment of this school played no little part in the educational growth of Washington County, for we find that immediately after this Rev. Dodd was called to Washington to instruct the students at the Academy in those subjects in which he excelled as a teacher.

"The exact spot where the first meetings were held by the Upper and Lower Ten Mile Presbyterian Churches (which were, of course, at the first, united as a single congregation) is not known but it is certain that it was somewhere between the present locations of the two churches, the Lower Ten Mile Presbyterian Church being at Amity and the Upper Ten Mile Church being at Prosperity.

"I might say in this connection that Ten Mile Village was formerly

called Clark Town, being named for Abner Clark, descendants of whom are still living in this vicinity. The name Ten Mile was given to the village after the Post Office Department refused to accept the name of Clark Town for the first post office.

"The history of Lone Pine may be said to have originated with the establishment of the Pleasant Valley Christian Church in 1844 and the erection and location of the Pleasant Valley Christian Church may be said to be a direct result of the construction of a meeting house by the North Ten Mile Baptist Church. It seems that when members of the North Ten Mile Baptist Church had erected a meeting house, one John Shrontz proposed to give \$50 to the building fund of that Church on condition that he should have the privilege of using the meeting house occasionally for preaching when the Baptist were not using it. The bargain was made and about once a month a group of persons who called themselves Disciples of Christ, and who were referred to by others as Campbellites, after their founder Alexander Campbell, held their meetings in the Ridge Baptist Church. At one time they secured the services of a young Evangelist whose brilliant oratory drew large crowds among whom were even some of the good Baptist brethren. Some of the more strict Baptist became aroused by this situation and when the young Evangelist appeared at the next monthly meeting he found the church door locked and guarded. The Disciples then arranged to acquire a meeting house from the land of David Schlusher and eventually the Pleasant Valley Christian Church was erected in what is now the Village of Lone Pine. As time passed the town gradually grew around the church.

"The name of Lone Pine was given to the town in a rather unique way. Prior to 1872 there was, on the West Bethlehem side of the creek, about 100 yards below the J. D. Houston homestead, twin pine trees. One of these trees had been struck by lightning so that the only thing that remained was a small snag. In 1872 a postoffice was secured for the town and J. D. Houston was appointed postmaster. When he sent in the name of Pleasant Valley the Postoffice Department refused to accept it as there was another postoffice of that name in the State. The subject of a name for the postoffice was discussed at a nightly gathering of the Houston store and every one could not agree on any of the names suggested until someone offered the name 'Lone Pine,' from the fact that this lone pine tree stood in a permanent position across the creek. This name met with instantaneous approval and that name was assigned to the postoffice.

"It would be impossible in so short a time to go into a detailed resume of the history of this vicinity and I have tried to be as general as possible. I hope that you can see from these few remarks that this valley has a fine tradition. My plea on this day is that you face today's problems

with the same courage, the same intelligence and with the same motives as the early settlers in this valley faced problems which must have seemed to them to have been much greater than the ones which we now face. I would advise you that you will derive a great deal of good if you will read and study the history of this valley and the biographies of the men to whom it owes its prosperity. It has been a pleasure to me to have become acquainted with it and it has shown to me very clearly that the principles and ideals for which those early settlers carried on should become symbols to us in our fight against present-day evils and in our fight to retain the position of the United States as the greatest nation on he earth."

## MAJOR CHANGES IN PROGRAM AT W. & J. COLLEGE

Old Second Presbyterian  
Church to Become College  
Church—College Infirmary  
to Be Established.

### NURSE IS ENGAGED

*Sept 1934*  
Announcement of several major changes in the program of Washington & Jefferson College was made by President Ralph C. Hutchison at chapel services yesterday.

Establishment of a college church as part of a broad students' religious activities program; institution of a college infirmary along with medical service for students; and liberalizing of the program of physical education for students were among the announcements. Dr. Hutchison also introduced to the undergraduates several new members of the faculty and administration, and announced advancements of college employes.

The old Second Presbyterian church in East Beau street, between Main and College streets, has been secured by W. & J. for use as a college church for Sunday services, and all students will be required to attend this or another church of their choice a specified number of times a year. Institution of a college church, Dr. Hutchison said, was done virtually by the choice of the student body, and is in keeping with other leading colleges of the East. Freshmen must attend the church or another of their choosing 12 out of 16 Sundays in a semester; Sophomores and Juniors eight out of 16 Sundays; and Seniors four out of 16. The first service will be held next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The college also is endeavoring to have other activities on the campus to keep the majority of the student body from going home over weekends, as has become a rather general custom in recent years. Toward this end, tennis courts, swimming pool and library will be open for use during weekends, and various social and religious activities are planned for Sundays.

A college infirmary for students is to be opened this week, President Hutchison announced, and will provide the major part of a program of medical service arranged at the suggestion of the student body. The infirmary, provided by the new Women's Auxiliary of the College, is in the north wing of the second floor of Hays Hall, the Freshman dormitory. There any student who becomes ill or is injured will be treated. An arrangement has been worked out with Washington Hospital whereby the senior staff of physicians of the hospital will be the staff of the infirmary, but any student may, if he chooses, be given treatment by a doctor not on the staff. Students too ill to be given proper care in the infirmary will be sent to Washington Hospital. An annual medical fee will be charged all students and money from this source will defray all expenses of giving medical attention to any student, even to the extent of his spending as many as four weeks in Washington Hospital.

A highly qualified nurse, Miss Margaret Hoffer, has been engaged to take charge of the infirmary and medical service. She is a graduate nurse of Pennsylvania Hospital at Philadelphia and for almost three years has been night superintendent of that hospital.

The recently formed Women's Auxiliary of the College has equipped the infirmary with the exception of one sick room, for which there is not sufficient money. Comprising an infirmary are two sick rooms with private bath, a nurse's room with bath, a doctor's office, an examination room and a sterilizing room. One of the two sick rooms has been completely furnished by Mrs. James E. Duncan and Mrs. Walter H. Baker, both of Washington, in memory of the late Andrew Duncan, a W. & J. graduate, 1896.

Appointment of William A. Harris, of Washington, as instructor in physical education, coach of wrestling and director of intramural sports was announced this morning.

Heretofore students have been required to attend gymnasium classes regularly, but announcement was made today that Freshmen, if they learn to swim a minimum of 60 yards and acquire a reasonable proficiency in golf or tennis, will not be required to attend, and that this opportunity will be extended future classes. Students, however, must do any gymnasium work prescribed by physicians to correct physical deficiencies.

Other new Faculty and administration members introduced this morning were Dr. T. Smith Taylor, who will head the department of physics; Cameron Ralston, director of religious activities; Dr. C. P. Cambriaire, acting assistant professor of modern languages; Rev. A. W. Wishart, acting professor of Bible; Quentin C. McAllister, instructor in department of modern language; Rev. John C. Teyssier, instructor in Bible; John Fife, Freshman football coach; and Karl Blose, concert master for orchestra work.

The following newly appointed fellows were introduced: Edward C. Rogers, of Washington, Class of 1934, who will teach in the department of modern languages; John Nelson Montgomery, of Claysville, Class of 1934, department of physics; John Arthur Vail, of Washington, Class of 1929, assistant in the library; Ernest F. Acheson, of Washington, Class of 1934, department of political science; William Schan, of Washington, Class of 1934, department of mathematics, and George P. Herriott, of New Wilmington, Class of 1931, department of history.

Changes of status announced were: Dr. Maurice E. Wilson from acting college pastor of college to college chaplain; Dr. William E. Slemmons to professor

emeritus, continuing to teach courses in department of philosophy; Dr. Ralph W. Thomas from Freshman adviser to dean of Freshmen; Miss Margaret Glendinning from cataloguer to assistant librarian, and Miss Ethel Love from secretary to the registrar to assistant registrar.

Students also were told that Clyde S. Atchison, Ralph W. Thomas, Clarence D. Dieter and Carl W. Kaiser, all members of the Faculty, have received doctors degrees from various institutions this summer.

The student body stood in a minute of silent tribute, and later were led in prayer by Dr. Wilson, in memory of George A. Bullions Jr., of Pittsburgh, and Robert B. Perkins, of Sharon, recent W. & J. graduates, who died this summer.

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# S.S. CONVENTION AT CROSS CREEK WELL ATTENDED

Robert M. Wilson, of New Concord, O., is Principal Speaker at District Meeting There.

## TROPHIES ARE AWARDED

CROSS CREEK, Sept. 17.—Rev. Robert M. Wilson, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of New Concord, O., was the speaker at the 16th annual Sunday School convention of the Wabash District held in the Cross Creek Presbyterian Church Friday evening, September 14. Rev. Mr. Wilson, who is well known here, is a grandson of Rev. Dr. Brownlee, a former pastor of the Mt. Hope United Presbyterian Church. He spoke on "The Unchanging Christ." The convention was in charge of the district president, R. M. Thompson, of West Middletown, and was attended by more than 600 persons.

The devotional period was led by Rev. Montrose Maxwell, pastor of the Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church.

Much interest and friendly rivalry in these conventions has in past years centered around the two silver trophy cups, which are awarded, one to the Sunday School having the highest average attendance during the year and the other to the school having the highest percentage of attendance at the annual district convention. These cups were held last year by the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian School, Hickory, and the Independence Presbyterian School of Independence. Friday evening the cup was awarded to the Mt. Prospect Presbyterian School for the highest average attendance during the year. Mt. Prospect had an average attendance of 92 per cent. The North Buffalo United Presbyterian School, was second, with 86 per cent, and the Grove United Presbyterian third, with 85 per cent.

The other cup was awarded to the Independence School for the best attendance at the convention. The school winning either of these cups three years in succession becomes its permanent owner.

Rev. C. L. Myers, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant United Presbyterian Church of Hickory and chairman of the computation committee, presented the cups to representatives of the winning schools.

Mrs. W. Ralph Simpson, of Hickory, superintendent of the Children's Division, presented Mrs. Ira Cummins, of Bellevue, who talked to the children on "World Friendship." Mrs. Cummins held the attention of the 100 or more children as she described the lives of the African, Chinese, Indian and American children.

Music for the convention was furnished by the Cross Creek church choir, supplemented by Mrs. Harry Lee and Miss Genevieve McNally, who sang solos. The Cross Creek mixed quartet, composed of Homer Cook, Ralph Powelson, Mrs. Reed Welch and Miss Genevieve McNally, sang a selection.

A. D. Over, Midway, president of the Washington County Sabbath School Association, spoke briefly of the Sunday School work in the county and the State convention to be held at Indiana October 10, 11 and 12.

Recognition was made of those who have outstanding records in Sunday School work. Fifty years of Sunday School work is the record of Miss Laura Clark of the Grove United Presbyterian School of West Middletown, followed by 47 years of service by a member of the Upper Buffalo School.

George Buxton of the Independence School has 11 years to his credit and Miss Mary Phillips and her sister, Mabel, of the Mt. Prospect School have 11 and 10 years, respectively, credit.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, G. P. Shank, Avella; vice president, Albert Caldwell, Buffalo; secretary-treasurer, D. T. McAllister, Hickory; adult superintendent, C. W. Farner, Avella; Young People's superintendent, Rev. C. L. Myers, Hickory; Children's Department superintendent, Mrs. W. Ralph Simpson, Hickory; Teachers' Training, Rev. R. E. Kaufmann, Cross Creek; Temperance Superintendent, Mrs. A. C. Lang, Hickory; Missionary Superintendent, Mrs. R. G. Liggett, Independence; Home Department, Rev. Wilson, Cecil; Administrative Committee, R. M. Thompson, West Middletown; Walker Cowden, McDonald R. D., and A. D. White, Hickory.

# PRESBYTERIANS VISIT SHRINES

Motorcade Stops at Log College at Canonsburg, Hill Church, McMillan Home and at Pigeon Creek.

## HUNDREDS AT MEETINGS

*Oct 3, 1934*

The Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church was crowded to the walls both afternoon and evening yesterday, the occasion being the Presbyterian Pilgrimage to historic localities.

The motorcade left Pittsburgh at 1:30 o'clock and stopped for a short address at the old log college in Canonsburg, the speaker being the Rev. Dr. Gaius Slosser, of the Western Theological Seminary, of Pittsburgh. Dr. Slosser spoke of the work of Dr. John McMillan as a theological educator.

The procession then moved on to the Hill Presbyterian Church, where the work of Dr. McMillan, long pastor and founder of the congregation, was the subject of another address by Dr. Slosser. The grave of the eminent pioneer in the burial ground adjacent to the church was visited and at the grave the Rev. Peter Snyder, of Pittsburgh, offered prayer.

The next point at which a stop was made was at the old McMillan home, about halfway between the church and the Monongahela Pike. Here the visitors were welcomed to the Washington Presbytery by the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, of Washington. Descendants of Dr. McMillan present were introduced. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Hudnut, of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, formerly stated supply at Cross Creek.

The attention of those present was called to the marriage oak, under whose branches, according to tradition, Dr. McMillan married many couples.

About 4:30 o'clock the motorcade arrived at the Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, where a large number of persons from other points had assembled. The Rev.

Thomas Pears, president of the Pennsylvania Presbyterian Historical Society, of Philadelphia, delivered an address upon the antecedents of Western Pennsylvania Presbyterians, describing in considerable detail the work of a number of ministers who came out to the then western country from the Presbytery of Donegal, in the eastern part of the State.

These were principally young men who came out for short periods between 1760 and 1790. They spent from a few months to a year in missionary work on the frontier.

## FORMER LOCAL MINISTER TELLS OF PASTORATE

The Rev. Joseph Morledge, who Wednesday left Washington to become pastor of the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, reviewed his pastorate at the Third Presbyterian Church here as follows:

I want to thank the members of this congregation for the most happy occasion of last Wednesday evening—the very gracious reception which they extended to the Morledge family, also the generous purse of money. That money will be used to purchase household furnishings for our new home, and to remember the faithful members of this—The Third Presbyterian Church of Washington.

Since this is the next to the last service which it will be my privilege to conduct as pastor of this church, I have chosen to speak very informally this morning on the subject of "Our Years Together."

The first day of May in the year 1930 marked the beginning of the pastoral relationship between the Third Presbyterian Church and myself, which is necessarily brought to a close today. For your minister and his family these have been very happy years, and I may frankly say that I have never experienced happier years than those as pastor of this congregation. For your minister and his family they have been fruitful years, and we trust that they have been for you.

You may be interested in knowing that during the four and one-half years of this pastoral relationship, 279 persons have united with this church. Of these 279 persons, 52 were baptized, as having made a public confession of faith in Christ; 160 united upon confession of faith in Christ, and the remaining 119 transferred their membership to this church. During the years I have been serving this church it has been my privilege to baptize 39 infants. It was with great joy that I performed 52 marriage ceremonies, and it was with deep regret that I have officiated or assisted with some 90 funeral services. Now in behalf of myself and in behalf of the officers of this church I wish to thank the faithful members of this congregation for the extent to which they have cooperated with me and the officers of this church and for the remarkable response they have shown.

I am reminded of the Sunday School. I believe that this church has a great Sunday School, competent leaders and teachers, with faithful members. To me it has been a great joy to be associated with the Sunday School of Third Presbyterian Church. It has been my privilege to teach the various classes of the Sunday School and I believe I have taught the majority of the classes at one time or another. I shall speak of the program of the church—various missionary societies, some but recently organized, and I am thinking of the thousands of dollars which have been sacrificed—given by the young people in an endeavor to promote the Kingdom of God.

I speak of those out on the Foreign and Home Mission fields. Many have suffered reduced salaries with the result they have been making heroic sacrifices to keep the banner of the Cross waving. Let us not forget the Kingdom of God was built on sacrifice; let us continue to sacrifice in order to make Christ heard throughout the world.

When I speak of young people's organizations, I think of the organization of Christian Endeavor. We have been led by the promise of God to organize two additional societies of Christian Endeavor—Junior and Intermediate. I have one regret in regard to the Christian Endeavor Societies of this Church. I regret that more of our young people have not become members of these three societies of Christian Endeavor. It has long been known as a training school of the Church in which these young people receive training that they would not otherwise receive—a valuable Christian training in Christian leadership.

A word of appreciation to the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of this Church for the faithful services they have rendered. I have never requested the Ladies Aid to serve a meal or meals, that there was not always a willing response on the part of the members of this Society, even though they often served it at a loss to themselves. The Ladies Aid Society helped to make our manse comfortable with awnings, blinds, wallpaper, and they were also responsible for the floor covering in the Sunday School room and other rooms of the church.

About two years ago because of the stringency of the times it was deemed necessary to no longer financially compensate the members of the choir, but since that time they have been serving just as efficiently as before. This church has been known for its musical director, and Miss Andrew has worked faithfully in organizing several choirs throughout the church—the young girls' choir, the men's choir, and the ladies' choir.

There is a four-fold program of the church which I have endeavored to promote in this particular congregation:

After a bountiful dinner had been served to 410 persons by the women of the Pigeon Creek Church, the Rev. Dr. Welsh, of the First Presbyterian Church of Coraopolis, chairman of the historical committee of the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, showed an interesting collection of stereoptican pictures depicting the growth of Presbyterianism from its earliest beginnings on Long Island. He traced it through northern New Jersey and around Newark, Del., where most of the Scotch-Irish landed and on through to the west, including the oldest churches of Washington Presbytery. These views were taken by Dr. Welsh on a trip made for the purpose of studying the origin of Presbyterian history.

It is the intention of the Committee on History to make two trips each year to historic localities. The points to be visited on the next trip have not been decided upon. The first trip was to the Bethel Church, Pittsburgh Presbytery, of which the Rev. Murray C. Reiter, formerly of Canonsburg, is pastor.

A great deal of attention was given to the story of the founding of the Presbytery of Redstone, the oldest west of the Alleghanies, the first meeting being scheduled for the Sewickley Church, near West Newton. Due to forays of the Indians it was changed to Pigeon Creek, where the three ministers, James Powers, of Sewickley; Thaddeus Dodd, of Upper Ten Mile, and John McMillan, of Chartiers, with their elders were present. The Rev. Joseph Smith, of Upper Buffalo, the other minister in the district, was unable to attend.

1. Educational program of the church. Sunday School, Summer Bible School, where the children won a Bible for committing to memory the Westminster Shorter Catechism; the Communicant's classes to instruct young people and to better prepare them for becoming church members; leadership training classes; summer conferences at Kiski, etc.

2. Evangelical program of the church. I can thank the personal evangelists because of the large number of people uniting with this church—the work of personal evangelists carried on by at least a few people in this congregation. The Sunday School has done a great work in this field of missionary organization. For the people who have come into our church during the past two or three years,

I wish I could be here to help make them feel more at home and to urge them to take part in the church activities. Will this church not continue to carry on its evangelistical activity just the same—to seek and to save?

3. Stewardship program of the church. I wish I could succeed in enrolling the members of this congregation in a tithe plea. There are many tithers in this church and the church is in the best financial condition that it has been during the past three years because of the response given by the members of this congregation. They have subscribed 15 per cent more to current expenses and benevolences in the past year than in the preceding one.

4. Personal consecration. Most of you know that it has been a prayer with many to grow and become more consecrated in the service of Him who gave His life for us. I regret that during these past three or four weeks I have found it impossible to visit the members of this congregation. I have made an effort to visit those who are sick and injured and there is rather a large number at this particular time. I am sorry that I could not get to more homes. It has been a joy to have been in your homes.

For the present, at least, we will be located at 1408 Wighman Street, Pittsburgh, where the latch string is always going to be out to the friends and members of this congregation. We trust that we will have the privilege to receive many.

There are two verses of scripture I wish to leave with you. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

And the second taken from the third chapter, the first verse of Paul's second Epistle to the Thessalonians: "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." We need the prayers of the members and friends of this congregation for there is difficult work for the minister to do.

# NAIRN FUNERAL IN HOME TODAY

Pastor of Third U. P. Church  
Celebrated 75th Birthday  
and 49th Wedding Anniversary This Week.

*Oct 13, 1934*  
HAD AN ACTIVE CAREER  
*1934*

Funeral services for the Rev. Robert W. Nairn, pastor of Third United Presbyterian Church, who died suddenly Thursday morning, are to be held from the late home, 1015 Allison avenue, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Campbell, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, will be in charge. Burial will be in Washington Cemetery.

His death came as a shock to his many friends, for although he had been in poor health for several days, he had not been seriously ill. Last Sunday was the second time in his six years as pastor of the local church that he had been prevented by illness from preaching.

The Rev. Mr. Nairn had quietly observed two anniversaries this week, Sunday his 75th birthday, and Monday the 49th anniversary of his marriage to Margaret Jane McCurdy Nairn, who survives.

He was born at Marissa, Illinois, October 7, 1859. After graduating from the University of Illinois, he taught school several years before entering Xenia Theological Seminary in Ohio from which he was graduated in 1890. He was ordained immediately and since that time had served in the capacity of minister. His first pastorate was at Romaine Prairie, Illinois, and later he was pastor of churches at Kirkwood, Ill.; College Springs, Ia.; Zanesville, O., and Midway.

For several years the Rev. Mr. Nairn made his home at New Concord, O., where he was active in the work of Muskingum College in the capacity of president of the Board of Trustees. Throughout his career as a minister he had been active as an evangelist, and had many times conducted Bible schools at United Presbyterian colleges and other schools.

He was residing at Zanesville, O., when the devastating flood of 1913 swept that section, and he was in charge of relief work among sufferers in the Zanesville district.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Nairn, are a son, Dr. R. R. Nairn, of Cleveland, O.; two daughters, Mrs. H. D. Wright, of Cleveland, and Mrs. David P. Wilson, of Dallas, Tex.; two brothers, Samuel Nairn, of Minneapolis, and David Nairn, of Pasadena, Cal., and one sister, Mrs. William Blaisdell, of Iowa.

# W. & J. CHURCH ORGANIZATION IS REQUESTED

Washington Presbytery Hears  
College President in Discussion of Religion and Student Worship.

STUDENTS WOULD HOLD  
ALL THE LAY OFFICES

Plans for Memorial to Dr. Thaddeus Dodd Maturing—Pastoral Relation Severed at Upper Buffalo.

VACANCIES ARE FILLED  
*October 17 1934*

A request that Washington and Jefferson College Church be organized, hearing of a report that plans for a memorial to Dr. Thaddeus Dodd were rapidly maturing, election of officers to fill vacancies due to resignations and dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Dr. Donald M. Grant and the Upper Buffalo congregation were important matters of business before Washington Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church yesterday.

Dr. Donald M. Grant, moderator, presided at the meeting held in the Ellsworth Presbyterian Church. The Rev. G. Karl Monroe, West Alexander, was elected stated clerk to succeed the Rev. Joseph Morledge, who recently accepted a Pittsburgh call, and the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, Washington, was named treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Rev. O. S. Fowler, Claysville, due to the illness of Mrs. Fowler.

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson College, discussed religion in college and especially the Washington and Jefferson College Church, which he asked be organized. A request for organization, signed by 43 students, who will be charter members, was presented. It is the plan to have students fill all offices, including those of elders, deacons and trustees. A committee was appointed to organize the church. Cameron Ralston,



head of religious activities at the college also addressed the presbytery.

The pastoral relationship existing between Dr. Grant and the Upper Buffalo Church was declared dissolved after formal request by Dr. Grant, which was concurred in by the congregation. Albert Caldwell, John Hunter and Robert Hamilton represented the congregation.

Emil Teyssier was reappointed stated supply of the Lower Ten Mile, West Union and Pleasant Hill Churches, to serve until next April.

Dr. J. B. Miller, chairman of the committee on the proposed memorial for Dr. Thaddeus Dodd, reported that a granite monument with suitable inscription was contemplated for erection upon the site of the original Lower Ten Mile Church and that it was hoped to have it ready for dedication next May.

Dr. Ezra Baker, now residing in Pittsburgh, former president of Waynesburg College, addressed the presbytery, telling of his trip around the world with Mrs. Baker during which many of the mission fields of the church were visited.

# Burial Today at Canonsburg Of Oldest W. & J. Alumnus

*Oct 15 1934*

A floral piece will represent Washington & Jefferson College and its alumni this morning at the funeral of the school's oldest alumnus, Dr. James S. Barr, who died Friday at his home in New Wilmington at the age of 102 years. He had been in failing health for several months.

Dr. Barr, native of Somerset Township, this county, was born December 22, 1832, and graduated from Jefferson College at Canonsburg in 1858. He was a pioneer missionary of the United Presbyterian Church to India, where he achieved much, both teaching the Christian faith and living it in the practice of medicine. He became

well versed in the languages of the Indian peoples and wrote a book on the work there after his return home at the end of 44 years of service. He had sailed from this country in 1861, by way of Cape Horn, the trip requiring several months.

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson College, last night said that the college and its alumni are taking special interest in the death and funeral of Dr. Barr, not only because he was the oldest alumnus, but also because of his achievements and long service. Dr.

Hutchison said W. & J. men everywhere will be greatly grieved to learn of Dr. Barr's death. He called attention to the great impression made on the alumni and all those connected with the faculty and administration of the college when Dr. Barr attended commencement two years ago.

Dr. Barr made his last visit to the college for the 1932 commencement, making the trip here in an ambulance car.

He leaves two sons and a daughter: John L. Barr, of Denver, Col.; Dr. William M. Barr, of Delancey, N. Y., and Miss Frances Barr, at home.

Funeral services were held at the home in New Wilmington Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, and further services will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg. Burial will be at Canonsburg.

## PROPOSAL TO MERGE CHURCHES VOTED DOWN

*Nov 12 1934*

At a congregational meeting of each congregation, held at the morning service yesterday, the proposal to merge the First and Third Presbyterian Churches into one congregation, to be known as the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, was defeated by a vote of 302 to 176.

The First Church, whose plant would be occupied by the proposed merged congregation, approved the proposal by a vote of 156 for to 31 against. The Third Church, whose plant would be vacated, opposed the merger by a vote of 120 for to 271 against.

Although commissioners were named by each congregation to report the vote to a meeting of Washington Presbytery, it is likely that the vote yesterday will end the matter and that the two congregations will continue as at present separate entities.

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# DR. DAMROSCH IS TO BE HONORED

Nov 9, 1934

Internationally Famous Orchestra Leader and Composer Will Speak at Founders' Day Exercises.

## TO SPEAK ON J. G. BLAINE

Dr. Walter Damrosch, internationally known orchestral leader and composer, will speak on "Personal Recollections of James G. Blaine" at the W. & J. alumni dinner to be held in George Washington Hotel ballroom Saturday at 6 p. m., as one of the chief events in the College's annual Homecoming and Founders Day celebration.

Dr. Damrosch is a son-in-law of the late James G. Blaine, a W. & J. graduate who served in the cabinets of several national administrations as Secretary of State and once was Republican nominee for President. Mrs. Damrosch, daughter of James G. Blaine, will accompany her husband here.

The principal speaker at the alumni dinner, Sidney Coe Howard, prominent playwright and author, is the husband of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Damrosch, who is a granddaughter of James G. Blaine, but Mrs. Howard will be unable to attend the celebration.

Two other descendants of James G. Blaine are to be here Saturday as guests of the College. Mrs. Blaine Beale, of New York City, daughter of the former presidential nominee, and James G. Blaine III, a grandson, who recently was elected a member of the W. & J. Board of Trustees.

The committee for the alumni dinner is making every effort to secure a large attendance. Notices of the event were sent yesterday to all alumni living in this district.

The actual conferring upon Dr. Damrosch by Washington and Jefferson College of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will take place Saturday morning in the First Presbyterian Church at the formal observance of Founders' Day and his address will be broadcast direct from the scene by WCAE.

The honoring of the musical genius starts at 11:30 a. m., with the Glee Club of the "President" singing Nevin's "Bow Down Thine Ear." Then Dr. Ralph C. Hutchison, president of the college, will confer the degree, and, immediately, Dr. Damrosch will deliver an address on "Music in America."

With the singing of Alma Mater of Washington and Jefferson the entire attendance, led by the Glee Club, the ceremonies will end at noon.

The broadcast of the honoring of Dr. Damrosch is one of two direct pick-up of activities of Washington and Jefferson on the same day, as in the afternoon, starting at 1:45, WCAE will broadcast an eye-witness description by Paul G. Sullivan, of the Bucknell-Washington and Jefferson grid contest at College Field.

# JAMES G. BLAINE IS HONORED AT FOUNDERS' DAY

Auditorium of First Presbyterian Church Is Filled to Capacity for Exercises at Washington and Jefferson.

## DR. DAMROSCH SPEAKER

Nov 12, 1934

Washington & Jefferson College, oldest institution of higher learning west of the Alleghany Mountains, celebrated the anniversary of its founding in a colorful ceremony Saturday morning in First Presbyterian Church.

Alumni and their families, students, townspeople and other friends of the College filled the auditorium to capacity.

The memory of James G. Blaine, one of the most distinguished sons of the College, was paid high tribute. Dr. Henry W. Temple spoke on the life of the distinguished W. & J. graduate; President Ralph C. Hutchison read a letter written by James G. Blaine in 1881, which dealt with Washington County and W. & J. College; and three descendants of Blaine who were present were formally recognized.

Dr. Walter J. Damrosch, one of the world's most famous music composers and orchestra directors, was the principal speaker. Talking in a finely modulated voice and with a pleasing informality, Dr. Damrosch and six other distinguished music and of music appreciation in America from its earliest stages to its present high development. He paid high compliment to the radio as a means of broadening the Nation's understanding and appreciation of fine music.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon Dr. Damrosch, and six other distinguished guests also received honorary degrees: Sidney Coe Howard, New York; Andrey Avinoff, Pittsburgh; Robert Maurice Sherrard, Pittsburgh; the Rev. William Wishart, Sharon; Dr. Harry Gordon Sloan, Cleveland, and Frank Stockton Magill, Chambersburg.

Bachelors degrees were formally awarded five W. & J. students who during the last summer school completed requirements for graduation; in arts to George L. Gallatin Jr., Duquesne; Robert B. McDowell, Scottdale, and Robert J. Wood, California; and in science to John M. Gibson, Pittsburgh, and William W. Winship, California. Likewise Harry William Pedicord, Hickory, was awarded his Master of Arts degree.

James G. Blaine's letter which was read by Dr. Hutchison was particularly appropriate to the occasion, since it spoke in deep appreciation of the high ideals and sturdy character of the men who originally settled Washington County and who founded W. & J. College.

Mrs. Walter J. Damrosch, and Mrs. Harriet Blaine Beale, daughters of James G. Blaine, and James G. Blaine III, a grandson, were formally recognized by Dr. Hutchison Saturday.

A large picture of James G. Blaine was hung in the front of the auditorium.

Dr. Temple, in discussing the life of Blaine, spoke particularly of his four years as a student at W. & J. The man who later served many years in Congress and as Secretary of State, and once was unsuccessful Republican candidate for President, entered W. & J. at the age of 13, Dr. Temple said. The speaker drew from records of the College incidents that showed Blaine's tastes as a student and that he was a normal and fun-loving boy. "He was a punctual, orderly and diligent student," Dr. Temple said.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Maurice E. Wilson, College Chaplain; Dr. William R. Farmer, Pittsburgh, member of the Board of Trustees, and by the Rev. W. L. Wishart, Sharon.

Music was provided by the College Glee Club and orchestra, and by Miss Margaret B. Acheson at the organ.

Preceding and following the exercises was an academic procession including the honor guests, the Faculty and the Senior class of the College.

At noon the Women's Auxiliary of the College, with more than 300 present, held a banquet in George Washington Hotel, while alumni were guests at luncheons in the fraternities of the campus.

Later events of the Founders Day and Homecoming Day program were the W. & J.-Bucknell football game in afternoon, an alumni banquet at night in George Washington Hotel, and an alumni dance in the College gymnasium.

TO RECEIVE DEGREE



Dr. Frank Stockton Magill, President of Penn Hall Junior College at Chambersburg, member of a Washington County family, will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws at Founders Day exercises at Washington and Jefferson College tomorrow. Graduating at W. & J. in 1897, he returned to his alma mater to receive his Master of Arts degree, magna cum laude, in 1908. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Fulton Magill, were natives of Washington, his father graduating at Washington College in 1859.

COLLEGE ALUMNI BANQUET ENJOYED

Dr. Damrosch, Mr. Howard and Recipients of Honorary Degrees Speak After Dinner.

Nov 12, 1934  
W. B. ANDERSON PRESIDES

More than 200 W. & J. College alumni and their wives attended the annual Homecoming Day banquet Saturday night in the ballroom of George Washington Hotel, at which Dr. Walter J. Damrosch and Sidney Coe Howard, both of New York, were the principal speakers.

The occasion was a notable one, with most of the distinguished guests of the Founders Day celebration present, along with many of the College's most prominent graduates. The ballroom was lighted by candles on the tables and was attractively decorated with flowers and W. & J. colors.

Mr. Howard, who with Eugene O'Neil is one of America's foremost playwrights and authors, spoke informally in a humorous vein, but concluded by discussing his study, in the writing of a play, of the life and work of Jese Lazear, a former W. & J. student whose study of yellow fever was a major contribution to the medical profession's present control of that deadly disease.

"In the days of James G. Blaine and Lazear our frontiers were geographical, and since they now have been conquered it is said today that there are no more frontiers. But we still have frontiers to conquer, although they are not geographical. Spirit and knowledge is needed to pass them. We need more men like Blaine and Lazear—give them to us."

Dr. Damrosch, speaking on his personal recollections of his late father-in-law, James G. Blaine, eminent W. & J. alumnus, said he had never known a man of such genius who had as great modesty: a man with such grasp of intricate problems who had so much

and former pastor of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Washington said "I have great respect for the history and attainments of the College, great admiration for its present administration, and high hopes for its future."

Dr. Andrey Avinoff and Dr. Robert M. Sherrard, both of Pittsburgh, other recipients of honorary degrees, were unable to be present.

Dr. Ralph C. Hutchison, in his welcoming address, said that the fact several hundred alumni had returned to the campus for the day's events was an inspiration and aid to the College. "You have returned," he said, "not to a college that is staggering and struggling to hold its own, but one which is moving forward toward well defined objectives. W. & J. is not a following institution, but a marching institution, and there is ample evidence of progress."

W. B. Anderson, Washington, presided.

Music was furnished by the University Club Trio and the W. & J. vocal trio. With Julius P. Miller, Washington, lending "peppy" leadership, the assemblage had an enjoyable time singing popular songs.

Entertainment was provided by dancers from the Getrude Bales school and Marque and Suzanne, dancers from the Terrace Oval of the George Washington Hotel.

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# W. & J. COLLEGE CONFERS DEGREES ON SEVEN MEN

Dr. Damrosch, Famous Conductor and Composer, Headed List—Two W. & J. Graduated Included in List.

## STUDENTS GET DEGREES

Nov 12, 1934  
Seven men distinguished in the fields of arts, science, theology and education, including three alumni of W. & J. College, were recipients of honorary degrees at the Founders Day celebration of the College held Saturday before a large assemblage in First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Walter J. Damrosch, New York, principal speaker of the day, received a Doctor of Laws degree; Sidney Coe Howard, New York, principal speaker at the Alumni dinner tonight, received Doctor of Literature degree; the Rev. William Liggett Wishart, Sharon, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sharon and former pastor of Second United Presbyterian Church of Washington, received Doctor of Divinity, and Dr. Andrey Avinoff, Director of Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, received a Doctor of Humanities. The Doctor of Laws degree was conferred on Frank Stockton Magill, President of Penn Hall, Chambersburg. The W. & J. graduates so honored were Dr. Harry Gordon Sloan, Cleveland physician, Doctor of Science degree, and Robert Maurice Sherrard, Pittsburgh educator, Doctor of Laws degree.

President Ralph C. Hutchison both cited Dr. Damrosch for his degree, and conferred the degree. In citing the distinguished musician, Dr. Hutchison said that the honor guest had won the hearts of countless thousands through his unexcelled music. "We welcome you," Dr. Hutchison said, "not only for what you are to us, but here we greet you in an unusual way—as the husband of Mrs. Damrosch, who is to this College and community Margaret Blaine, daughter of our great alumnus, The Plumed Knight, whose memory we honor today.

"But finally laying aside your potent ministries to our souls, and the sentiment of your family relationship, we count it our privilege today to acknowledge the special achievement of these last years during which you have, through the medium of the radio, taught the children of America to appreciate and understand the measureless beauty expressed in music. For what that teaching will mean in the uplift of our people and the achievement of our Nation we honor you today."

Dr. Damrosch was born in Prussia in 1862. His father was a distinguished musician, director and composer who immigrated to America bringing his family while Walter was yet a boy. As the son developed in his musical training he succeeded his father as conductor of the Newark Harmonic Society, of the German Opera Company and of the famous Oratorio and Symphony Societies of New York.

Dr. Damrosch is virtually responsible for the introduction of Wagner's music to America.

In 1894 he founded the Damrosch Opera Company, which toured America and acquainted America with the works of Wagner. He developed and made permanent the New York Symphony Orchestra. During the war, at the request of General Pershing, he reorganized the music and bands of the American Expeditionary Forces in France, founded a school for army bandmasters at Chaumont and performed distinguished service in sustaining the morale of the American armies.

More recently he has performed a service unique in the history of the Country through the symphony concerts and instruction being given through the National Broadcasting Company to the school children of America. Many millions of American school children study fine music under Dr. Damrosch each week through the radio sets in the school rooms of the Country.

Park J. Alexander, Pittsburgh, Secretary of the W. & J. Board of Trustees, presented the other honor guests for their degrees.

Dr. Sloan was cited as "a beloved and respected alumnus and trustee of this College . . . eminent and outstanding surgeon, honored officer and leader in the medical profession, fine citizen, exemplar of the cultured Christian man serving skilfully the needs of men, distinguished son of Washington and Jefferson College. . . ." Dr. Sloan was graduated from W. & J. with the Class of 1902, and as a medical specialist has won national recognition.

In citing Mr. Magill for his degree, Mr. Alexander said "Since he earned with distinction his master's degree in this College he has been an able leader in the field of education. His development of Penn Hall to its present high standing, his leadership in education, his responsible and wise participating in the activities for the social advancement of our people make him one whom we delight to honor." Mr. Magill is president of Penn Hall, school for girls at Chambersburg, and is a graduate of Parsons College, Iowa. His master's degree was won at W. & J. with highest attainable honors in 1906. He formerly was an instructor at Purdue University and was dean of Wilson College. From 1918 to 1921 he was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

Mr. Sherrard, who was graduated at W. & J. in 1891, was cited as "an alumnus of whose educational service we have been proud." In making the presentation, Mr. Alexander said of the degree recipient, "As teacher, principal, educational leader, associate superintendent of Public Instruction in Pittsburgh, as a fine and constructive citizen, leader and educator we present him for the recognition of his Alma Mater."

Dr. Avinoff, in addition to being Director of Carnegie Museum, is advisory professor of zoology at the University of Pittsburgh. He was born in Russia of distinguished parents and graduated from the University of Moscow in 1905, later winning his Doctor of Science degree at the University of Pittsburgh. At present he is councilor of the American Association of Museums. During the World War he served with the Red Cross. In presenting Dr. Avinoff Saturday, Mr. Alexander said, "Not only in entomology but in zoology, in fine arts, in the preservation and appreciation of the beauties and values of civilization he has made a major contribution toward learning and fine living."

The Rev. Mr. Wishart was pastor of Second United Presbyterian Church of Washington seven years before becoming pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sharon in 1932. He is a graduate of Muskingum College, Class of 1914, and of Pittsburgh Seminary in 1918. He was presented as "one who is held in deep affections in the communities of Washington and Sharon, where he has served as pastor . . . able scholar, faithful pastor, civic leader, leader of men and effective preacher of the Word of God."

Mr. Howard, a graduate of the University of California and a veteran of the aviation service in the World War, is an able and recognized editor, outstanding dramatist and author of many of such masterpieces as "The Late Christopher Bean," "Lute Song," "Alien Corn," "Half God's," "Yellowjacket" and other dramas. He also has won prominence as a translator of work from French, Spanish, German and Hungarian.

# Dr. W. P. Aikin Is Claimed by Death

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29 Mar 1935



DR. WILLIAM P. AIKIN

Former Pastor of Chartiers United Presbyterian Church of Canonsburg, Passes Away in Omaha, Nebraska.

## FUNERAL AT CANONSBURG

CANONSBURG, Oct. 28—Word has been received here of the death of Dr. William Patton Aikin at his home in Omaha, Neb., this morning at 9 o'clock. Dr. Aikin at the time of his death was pastor of the Central United Presbyterian Church of Omaha. For 21 years, from 1910 to 1931, he served as pastor of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg and previous to that time had served as pastor of the Roney's Point United Presbyterian Church. Death occurred following a stroke of paralysis which he suffered Tuesday, October 9.

William P. Aikin was born on a farm near Kimbolton, in Guernsey County, Ohio, November 4, 1876. He was a son of James P. and Ellen Mitchell Aikin, who both were members of old United Presbyterian families. He was a graduate of Muskingum College, class of 1901; of Princeton University, class of 1902; and of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, class of 1905. He was ordained by Wheel-

ing Presbytery into the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church and installed as pastor of the Roney's Point, W. Va., congregation in June, 1905. In 1910 he was called to the pastorate of the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church at Canonsburg, and installed on June 1, 1910. He served that congregation until January 21, 1931, when he left to become the pastor of the Omaha congregation that he was serving at the time of his death.

He was united in marriage June 28, 1905, to Cora Linn, of Zanesville O. Besides his wife he leaves five children; Dorothy, of Canonsburg, a teacher in the Cecil Township High School; Eleanor, wife of C. E. McEwen, of Guyahoga Falls, O.; Ruth, of Canonsburg, teacher in the First Ward Schools; William P. Jr., a student at Monmouth College, Ill., and Annabelle, at home. Two brothers, G. M. Aikin and James Aikin, who reside near Kimbolton, and one sister, Mrs. J. A. Wallace, of Winterset, O. He was a brother of the late Rev. Dr. John T. Aikin, who was pastor of the Deer Creek congregation of the United Presbyterian Church at Gibsonia, at the time of his death.

Dr. Aikin was very active in the affairs of the United Presbyterian denomination. While he was pastor of the Chartiers congregation at Canonsburg and until his going to

Omaha, he was for a number of years a member of the Board of American Missions of the United Presbyterian Church, his service being rendered particularly in connection with the department of church erection; a member of the Board of Trustees of his Alma Mater, Muskingum College, which college in 1914 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He served as moderator of the Pittsburgh Synod in 1929. After his removal to Omaha and at the time of his death, he was a member of the Board of Administration of the United Presbyterian Church; a member of the Board of Trustees of Tarkio College, Missouri, and Superintendent of Missions of Nebraska Presbytery. He served as moderator of Nebraska Presbytery in 1932, and was elected vice Moderator of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in 1933.

Funeral services will be held in Omaha Monday and the body will be brought to Canonsburg where services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 in the Chartiers United Presbyterian Church. The body will then be taken to New Concord, O., where services will be held Friday. Interment will be at New Concord. Upon the arrival of the body in Canonsburg, it will be at the W. H. McNary Funeral Home, West Pike street, Canonsburg, until the time of the services.

# DR. C. T. DODD PASSES AWAY

Widely Known Physician of Van Buren Dies After Lingering Illness — Member of Pioneer Family.

## FUNERAL ON WEDNESDAY

October 29, 1934

Dr. Cephas T. Dodd, aged 80 years, well known physician of Washington County, died Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in his home at Van Buren. He had been in ill health for a long period.

Dr. Dodd was a son of Dr. Elias F. and Margaret Bradford Dodd and was born in South Franklin Township April 24, 1854.

He was a member of a pioneer Washington County family, being a direct descendant of Rev. Thaddeus Dodd, one of the founders of Washington College.

He was educated in the local schools and at Washington and Jefferson College. He began the study of medicine under his father and was graduated from Western Reserve Medical College, Cleveland, in 1881.

Following his graduation he became associated with his father and following his death continued

THE PRACTISE ALONE. HE

is survived by a son, Dr. John A. Dodd, of Marion, O.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

## REV. O. S. FOWLER RESIGNS PULPIT AT CLAYSVILLE

Pastorate to Close Last Sunday in December. Due to Illness of Mrs. Fowler—Union Services Planned.

### DR. G. G. KERR TO PREACH

CLAYSVILLE, Nov. 23.—Rev. O. S. Fowler, pastor of the Claysville Presbyterian Church, has announced to his congregation his purpose of bringing to a close his pastorate here with the last Sunday of December. His decision is caused by the illness of Mrs. Fowler, who suffered a stroke of paralysis in Wooster, Ohio, in August, while recuperating from a serious automobile accident last January near Brookville. She is making a very slow recovery, but is not able to be brought to Claysville.

Rev. Fowler preached his first sermon here March 6, 1927, coming from the Bakerstown Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Washington & Jefferson College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He has been an active member of the Men's Brotherhood and Men's Chorus, and an earnest advocate of temperance and other causes. While a pastor here, he was prominent in the activities of Washington Presbytery, having served as moderator, treasurer and in other offices. Their household goods were transferred this week to their new home, 816 Gasche street, Wooster, Ohio.

#### Former Pastor Is Guest

Rev. Lee M. Moore, of Wheeling, former pastor of the Claysville and Taylorstown Christian Churches, this week visited Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bayne. He expects to leave soon for his new charge at Leipsic, Ohio.

# Install President At Bethany Today

## NEW PRESIDENT



Dr. W. H. Cramblet, who will today be formally inaugurated as president of Bethany, will be the 11th president of that institution. Representatives of 50 colleges will participate in the ceremonies.

**Dr. W. H. Cramblet Will Be Formally Inducted Into Office as Eleventh Head of College at 11 O'Clock This Morning.**

## COLLEGES TO PARTICIPATE

BETHANY, W. Va., Dec. 4.—In the presence of official delegates from 50 colleges and universities, the members of the Board of Trustees, and a large group of Bethany College alumni, Dr. W. H. Cramblet will be installed as the eleventh president of Bethany College in a colorful ceremony at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. The installation convocation will be preceded by an academic procession with upper division students, faculty members, trustees, and official guests participating. The procession will march from the Bethany Memorial Church to Commencement Hall for the formal convocation of official academic costume.

Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, president of Rice Institute and an alumnus of Bethany in the class of 1890, will give the address of the day. He will be presented by Dr. W. K. Woolery, Dean of the Faculty, who will preside at the convocation. Following Dr. Lovett's address, William S. Wilkin, president of the board, will be presented to give the charge of the Board of Trustees to the new president.

Dr. Cramblet's installation address on "The Bethany Idea" will be the acknowledgement and acceptance of the charge. It is expected that the new president will discuss some of the current and critical issues facing the liberal arts college in the present day.

The first official act of the new president, following his address, will be to confer several honorary degrees on behalf of the Board of Trustees. These will be conferred on Alumni of the college who have distinguished themselves along scholarly lines. Music for the convocation will be furnished by the college orchestra and the varsity quartet.

At 1 o'clock the delegates and visiting alumni will be the guests of the college at a luncheon party in the main dining room at Phillips Hall. Dean Forrest H. Kirkpatrick will preside at the luncheon. Greetings will be brought to the new president by representatives from the West Virginia College Association, the American College on Education, the State Board of Education, the churches of the Disciples of Christ, the college alumni association, and the college faculty.

From 3 to 5 o'clock President and Mrs. Cramblet will receive official guests and personal friends in the men's lounge at Cochran Hall.

Following the installation exercises, President and Mrs. W. H. Cramblet will receive official guests of the college and personal friends informally in the men's lounge at Cochran Hall. The receiving line will include in addition to the hosts, Dr. E. O. Lovett, of Rice Institute; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilkin, and Dean and Mrs. W. K. Woolery. Presiding at the serving tables will be Mrs. T. E. Cramblet and Mrs. Cloyd Goodnight.

## Sermon Delivered by Dr. John McMillan Century And Half Ago to Be Read at Hill Church Sunday

*December 1, 1934*

More than a century and a half ago a voice was heard in the then wilderness of Western Pennsylvania. The words and teachings uttered and written by its owner, Dr. John McMillan, have lived down through the ages.

And at the service at the Hill Presbyterian Church, near Cansburg, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, a sermon written and delivered in the same church in 1778 by Dr. McMillan, when he was a young man of 30 years, will be read by the present pastor, the Rev. Lee Schaeffer.

The Hill Church extends a cordial invitation to all church-going people of any denomination to be present on Sunday to hear this unusual sermon which was delivered at the same location so many years ago.

This sermon was read on October 14, 1934, by Rev. Charles W. Maus, pastor of the Long Run Church, near Irwin, which is one of the very oldest west of the Allegheny Mountains.



DR. JOHN McMILLAN

Recently discovered facts are clarifying the life story of Dr. McMillan. D. M. Bennett, of Bridgeville, a McMillan historian, has discovered the will of Dr. McMillan's father among the records of Allegheny County Courthouse. This will disposed of the father's farm, furniture and personal property. It proves conclusively that the McMillan family had moved to this section of the country at an early date.

By information received through the courtesy of Harper Allen, of Washington, a direct descendant of both Dr. John McMillan and Col. John Canon, it is now known that Dr. McMillan prepared 30 young men for the ministry. The sermon by Dr. McMillan was generously loaned by Mr. Allen to McMillan historians.

This sermon, based on Corinthians 13:5 is much longer than modern sermons, containing an introduction, seven main points and a conclusion. It is not only logical, but shows spiritual depth and intelligent attainments of the young pioneer minister.

## Sermon Once Preached by McMillan Is Read at Church

*December 3 1934*

A sermon, preached over a century and a half ago by Dr. John McMillan, pioneer preacher and educator in the early days of his ministry in this section of the State, was read at the service in the Hill Presbyterian Church yesterday morning by the pastor, Rev. Lee M. Schaeffer.

The sermon was first delivered by Dr. McMillan, in 1778, in the Hill Church which he founded and of which he was for many years pastor. On October 14, the sermon was read at an anniversary service of the Long Run Presbyterian Church, Westmoreland County, which Dr. McMillan aided in founding.

The sermon on the text: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith." II Corinthians 13:5, was a typical old-style, orthodox discourse in which the text was discussed under six heads and concluded with an application, as follows:

1st. If you indeed be in the faith, your faith has an influence upon all your religious duties, like Abel's, who offered a more acceptable sacrifice.

2nd.—If you be in the faith, then like Enoch's, your faith will appear in a life of communion and holy walking with God.

3rd. If you be in the faith, then like Noah's, your faith will operate in an holy fear of God.

4th. If you be in the faith, then like Abraham's, your faith will be productive of self-denial and a ready obedience to the divine commands.

5th. If you be in the faith, then with Moses, you chose a lot with the despised, afflicted people of God, before any earthly pomp and riches.

6th. A steady perseverance and progress in the ways of godliness are among the best evidences of saving faith. The hearty friends of Christ go from strength to strength until they appear before God in Zion.

In closing Dr. McMillan said: "Faith is the sole ground of trust in Christ for pardon and grace. And as long as you attempt to come on any other footing, so long will you be disappointed, so long will your perplexing doubts and fears remain. A present direct act of faith, upon encouragement of the gospel offer alone is the way of safety and the only way of relief. This will make what was darkness before shine with evidence as noonday and without this in vain will you look for spiritual affections or assurance of personal interest in Christ and his salvation."

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SUNDAY

*1934*

CENTERVILLE, Dec. 13.—The oldest Methodist church west of the Allegheny Mountains—the historic "Taylor Meeting House" a short distance east of here—Sunday will celebrate the sesquicentennial anniversary of American Methodism, after 150 years of organized work in the United States.

Special services will be held at 11 o'clock with a program appropriate to the occasion, closing with the communion service in charge of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Forgie.

The local church has nurtured many men who have become strong religious leaders, to carry on the spirit of John Wesley, Francis Asbury, Robert Strawbridge and others of the group who were still actively building the Methodist organization in this country long after the Taylor Church was founded. Of these founders, Francis Asbury preached in the original log church here July 15, 1808, and the message of Robert Strawbridge came to the society that met in the "Hockins Meeting House," as it was originally called, through the preaching of young Eli Shickle, who came from Maryland in 1772.

### TO BE ORDAINED



Charles R. Rasel, of Hickory, who has been extended a call by the Bethel Lutheran Church, Canton, O., will be ordained at a service Sunday afternoon at the Trinity Lutheran Church near Hickory. He studied for the ministry at Capital University, Columbus.

## HICKORY MAN TO BE ORDAINED

Charles R. Rasel Has Accepted Call Extended by Bethel Lutheran Church, of Canton, O.

*Jan 3 1935*  
BEGINS DUTIES JANUARY 13

Charles R. Rasel, of Hickory, who has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Bethel Lutheran Church, of Canton, O., will be ordained as a minister at a special service Sunday afternoon, January 6, at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, near Hickory.

Participating will be the Rev. G. B. Tejan, of Avalon; the Rev. F. J. Schellbase, of Youngstown, O., and the Rev. Forrest Eberle, of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Canonsburg. The Rev. Eberle is Mr. Rasel's pastor. The service will be open to the public.

Mr. Rasel is a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School, attended Capital University, Columbus, O., where he received his A. B. degree and also completed his graduate studies in theology. Since receiving his degree last June he has been with the Lutheran Inner-Mission Society, of Pittsburgh, in charge of the Institutional Department.

Mr. Rasel will assume his duties as pastor of the Bethel Lutheran Church on January 13, and will make his home in Canton. He is a son of Henry C. Rasel, of Hickory.

## REV. JOHN R. BURSON RESIGNS PASTORATE

*1935*

CALIFORNIA, Jan. 18.—The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of California has accepted the resignation of Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the church for the last 10 years. The resignation, to be effective the last Sunday in February, will be presented to the Presbytery at its next session.

Prior to coming here, Rev. Mr. Burson had served churches at Old Concord and Charleroi. While here he has received 185 members into the church, conducted 114 funerals and performed 30 wedding ceremonies. The building debt has been wiped out and in '932 the debt-free church was dedicated. Improvements have been made to the church structure, and notable advances have been made in every field of church activity.

Rev. Mr. Burson for eight years has headed the California Ministerial Association, of which he was one of the organizers, and has seen 13 other ministers come and go in California in that time.

### DINNER IN HONOR OF UPPER BUFFALO PASTOR

*Jan 3 1935*

A New Year's dinner in honor of Rev. H. B. Beatty and family was served in the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church on Tuesday. At noon a chicken dinner was served to 150 people and Rev. Mr. Beatty was given New Year's greetings and a miscellaneous shower of fruits, vegetables, meats and groceries. The afternoon was enjoyed by the young people in various diversions. Rev. Mr. Beatty, who formerly was pastor at Florence, recently accepted a call to the Buffalo church and began his work last month.

### Why and Wherefore

By CAL HUNTER

*January 15 1935*  
Hickory Youth Wins

The call extended by the Bethel Lutheran Church, of Canton, O., to Charles R. Rasel, of Hickory, a graduate of the Mt. Pleasant Township Vocational High School, and Capital University, Columbus, O., where he received the A. B. Degree and his theological training, signifies the arrival of this earnest and popular young man at one of the higher levels toward which he has persistently worked for many years.

It must be a happy time in Mr. Rasel's life, now that he has been ordained, in Trinity Lutheran Church, near Hickory, and is looking forward to his first genuine pastorate at Canton, O., and the testing of the splendid education for which he has struggled. He has reached the point where his work will fully support him, proved the value of his education in a temporal way, and is now free to count his jewels in souls influenced by righteousness.

It is always a gratifying thing, and a tremendous boost for higher education, when a youth wins through as Mr. Rasel has done, clings to his aim even when the way is not open, and at length comes to a position of trust where his physical support will be adequate. He counts on the affirmative for the proposition: It pays to go to college.

The same qualities of integrity and unflagging determination which carried Charles Rasel through Capital University on pure grit and faith in the Master he proposed to serve in as high a way as possible, will doubtless make him a compelling speaker and a wise executive.

Whatever future success Mr. Rasel may enjoy in his chosen field of labor, he may be assured he carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends in the section where he resided as a boy, and is to be congratulated on the beginning of the manly career which he has carved out for himself.



# LOCAL MINISTER DIES SUDDENLY

Rev. C. L. McKee, for 30  
Years Leader in Religious  
and Welfare Work Here,  
Found Dead in His Chair.

## AMERICANIZATION EXPERT

*Jan 26 1935*  
The Rev. Dr. Clement L. McKee, 70, who for 30 years had been one of Washington County's best known clergymen and welfare workers, died suddenly shortly after noon Friday in his home, 401 North Wade avenue. His death was unexpected, as he had not been ill, and it came as a great shock to his family and many friends.

He went home about 12 o'clock and his son, James, heard him turn on the radio. At 12:20 o'clock his son went to the first floor and found his father's body slumped in a chair.

Coming to Washington in September, 1904, to engage in social and mission work in the County, the Rev. Mr. McKee for almost a third of a century had taken a prominent part in the religious, social and civic life of the residents

of Washington and County. For many years he had served as stated clerk of the Washington Presbytery, but he had resigned some time prior to his death. He had also been chairman of the Board of Control of the Washington County Sabbath School Association, president of the Presbyterian Association of Chautauqua, N. Y., and was a member of the American Academy of Political Science.

Since the first of last December he had served as moderator of Third Presbyterian Church of Washington, and Sunday was to have preached to that congregation.

His social welfare work and his deep study of the problems of Americanization had brought him a fame that extended beyond this district and he was one of America's acknowledged experts in questions of Americanization. He had traveled and lectured widely on these subjects.

His active interest in the Institute of Practical Arts at Old Concord from the beginning of that institution carried him to many sections of the country in its interests.

# Tribute Is Paid to Career Of Late Dr. C. L. McKee

*Jan 28 1935*

Tribute to the career of the Rev. C. L. McKee, long a prominent minister and worker in the mission fields of Washington County, was paid yesterday afternoon at the funeral services conducted in the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Walter P. McConkey, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, spoke and dwelt at length upon the work of the aged minister who passed away suddenly at his home in North Wade avenue.

He lauded Dr. McKee's great goal and desire, which was to give the children of foreign born parents an opportunity to become Americanized—especially those of families not fortunate enough to enjoy such advantages. Practically all of Dr. McKee's time in recent years was devoted to the Institute of Practical Arts at Old Concord.

Dr. McKee had devoted his life, as he became imbued with the thought there was a great need for this work while at work in the mis-

son fields of the County. Though disappointed that he had not attained the goal he sought, Dr. McConkey pictured Dr. McKee's efforts as having borne fruit and with having been most worthy.

The church auditorium was well filled, many ministers of the Presbyterian Church attending as well as laymen and friends from various parts of the county.

Dr. George P. Atwell, of the Second Presbyterian Church, read the Scripture lesson and prayer was offered by the Rev. John G. Teysier, of Laboratory.

Pallbearers were Col. Blaine Aiken, Robert Maxwell, W. H. McClane, John C. Judson, Dr. Robert Dunlap and Prof. O. F. H. Bert. Burial was in the Washington Cemetery.

mother; letters to Anna Rose, Clement L. McKee, Washington; estate left to his wife, children and grandchildren; letters to Clyde S. Pipes.

Mike Konzeski, Slovak, estate

The Rev. Dr. McKee was born on a farm near Smock, Fayette County, May 15, 1864, a son of Finley and Eliza Ann (Harper) McKee. He was a descendant of the pioneers of that section of Western Pennsylvania on both his father's and mother's sides. John McKee, his great-grandfather, came to this country from Ireland in 1775 to help the Colonists whip the British, and in 1812 he again shouldered his old flintlock musket and went out to again help defeat the Redcoats.

At the age of 19 years the Rev. Dr. McKee began teaching school, having completed a course at California Normal. Entering Washington & Jefferson College he graduated in the class of 1889, and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1892. He then took postgraduate work in political and social science under the late President Scovel of Wooster University.

He was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry in May, 1892, and installed as pastor of Madison Church in the Presbytery of Steubenville, Ohio. In June, 1896, he organized the Second Presbyterian Church of Wellsville, Ohio of which he was pastor for eight years.

It was in 1904 that he decided to engage in special social service and mission work among foreign immigrants in Washington County, and in that year he came to Washington, where he had resided since. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Washington. He was one of the organizers of the George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, and had served that organization as secretary for many years.

December 24, 1891, Dr. McKee was united in marriage with Miss Frances R. Junk, Laurel Hill, member of one of the pioneer families of Fayette County. Mrs. McKee survives with two children: Mrs. William B. McFall, Mount Lebanon, and James F. McKee, at home. Two grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, with interment in the Washington Cemetery.

Members of Washington Presbytery and of the Washington Ministerial Association will meet at the church Sunday at 2:15 o'clock to attend the services.

## FORMER HICKORY MAN TO MARRY AN OHIO GIRL

Engagement of the Rev. Charles H. Rasel and Miss Ethel Weaver, of Botkins, Announced.

### ROADS BEING REPAIRED

HICKORY, Feb. 24.—Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Ethel Weaver, of Botkins, O., to the Rev. Charles H. Rasel, of Canton, O., formerly of Hickory. Their engagement was made known recently in the form of a radio announcement by Miss Esther Kies, Botkins, O., a friend of the bride-to-be, when she entertained a number of her friends in honor of Miss Weaver. The wedding will be an early Summer event.

The bride-elect is a daughter of Ed Weaver, of Botkins, O. She attended Ohio Northern University, and Bowling Green State Normal College. Miss Weaver is well and favorably known in the society circles of Botkins. The Rev. Mr. Rasel, a son of Henry C. Rasel, of Hickory, recently accepted the pastorate of the Bethel Lutheran Church of Canton. His education was received in the Hickory Vocational High School and Capitol University of Columbus, O. He graduated from the same school in theology in 1934.

### ISABEL BLAIR NOT IN ZONE OF HOSTILITIES

Friends of Miss Isabel Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Blair, of south of Washington, and missionary worker in Abyssinia, under the United Presbyterian Board, have been concerned as to whether her field was near the point where clashes have taken place between native troops and Italian forces.

It is gratifying to these friends to know that Miss Blair is far removed from the tension area. The Somaliland frontier is about 600 miles northeast of the Abyssinian capital, while Miss Blair's station is as many miles to the southwest of the capital.

## Another W. & J. Trustee, Dr. Calvin C. Hays, Is Dead

1935

JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 14—(AP)—The Rev. Dr. Calvin C. Hays, former moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, died in a hospital tonight from paralysis. Dr. Hays, 73, had been in a coma for three days.

The clergyman retired in 1925, after serving as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown for 34 years.

The son of a clergyman, the Rev. Isaac and Rebecca King Hays, Dr. Hays was a native of Cumberland County. Educated at Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1881 he entered the ministry at Bridgeport, O., in 1885, coming to Johnstown in the '90's.

Since his retirement Dr. Hays, former head of the Anti-Saloon League in Pennsylvania, served for a time as synodical executive of

the Synod of Pennsylvania, with offices in Pittsburgh. He was also a member of the National Missions committee and had been a member of the board of trustees of Washington and Jefferson for many years.

He is survived by his widow and two sisters.

Dr. Hays is the third W. & J. College trustee to die within the past few weeks. Dr. John A. Mathews died at Scarsdale, N. Y., on January 12, and H. F. Behrens at Wheeling on January 12.

Within the past year three more have died, Josiah V. Thompson, Uniontown; Peter M. Speer, New York, and William F. Wise, Pittsburgh, alumni representative whose term expires next year. The others were all members of the permanent board.

## OBITUARY

Dr. Thomas C. McCarrell

The Rev. Thomas C. McCarrell, D. D., Presbyterian minister and graduate of Washington & Jefferson College with the Class of 1877, died Wednesday night in his home in Camp Hill following an illness of three weeks.

Dr. McCarrell, the son of Dr. Alexander and Martha McLain McCarrell, was born in Claysville, September 29, 1856, where he lived for several years. He attended W. & J. and graduated in 1877, going on to Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, where he graduated in 1880. His degree was bestowed upon him in 1911 during the W. & J. Commencement program.

Dr. McCarrell was married to Matilda Warrick, of Washington,

where he assumed the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church. Successively he was pastor of Presbyterian Churches in Mechanicsburg and Middletown. He retired from active pastoral duties six years ago and had since made his home in Camp Hill.

He leaves his wife and a son, Thomas C. McCarrell, Jr., and a daughter, Miss Rachel Alexander McCarrell, both at home.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon from the Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg. Burial will be in Washington Cemetery Saturday.

Mrs. C. C. Hays

Yesterday at the family home in Johnstown, were held the funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Alexander Hays, 70, widow of the Rev. Calvin C. Hays. The Rev. Dr. David Allen, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, conducted the services and interment was made in a Johnstown Cemetery.

The husband, who was a trustee of W. & J. College, died just a month ago. *Mar. 12 1935*

## BENJAMIN M'VAY, UNION TOWNSHIP MAN, IS DEAD

FINLEYVILLE, March 10—Benjamin Fawcett McVay, aged 88 years, a life-long resident of Union Township, died on the farm on which he was born, near the Mingo Church, Saturday at 2:30 p. m. after a lingering illness.

He was a son of Benjamin and Abigail Fawcett McVay and was born October 19, 1847.

Highly respected and active in the Mingo Presbyterian Church as long as his health permitted, Mr. McVay had served as an elder of the church for 56 years. He was elected elder September 1, 1879, and ordained September 23, 1879, and had served continuously since.

On August 14, 1879, he married Jane Torrence, who survives with one son, William M., at home.

Funeral services will be held in the Mingo Presbyterian Church Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in charge of Rev. Frank Getty. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

*Don't Mr. McVay at  
Minas in June 1933*

# Two Congregations of City Unanimously Call Pastors

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First Presbyterians Ask the Rev. Henry Carter Rogers, of Cincinnati, to Fill Their Pulpit. *Mar. 4, 1935*

## NATIVE OF MIDDLE WEST

The Rev. Henry Carter Rogers, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church, Cincinnati Ohio, was yesterday unanimously called as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church as successor to the Rev. William E. Slemmons, D. D. who resigned last year after 33 years service as pastor.

The Rev. Charles E. Snoke acted as moderator of the congregational meeting which was held at the close of morning service. The Rev. Mr. Rogers name was the only one presented at the meeting. It is understood that he has indicated his willingness to accept the call.

Under Presbyterian procedure the call will be forwarded to the Presbytery of Cincinnati of which he is a member, or he may have his membership transferred to Washington Presbytery and the call presented here.

Mr. Rogers was the choice of the committee on new pastor named by the congregation and on his appearances here had made a most favorable impression. The committee was composed of Alexander W. Acheson, chairman, Dr. Robert W. Dunlap, R. L. Munce, Dr. E. K. Maxfield, Miss Clara P. Crangle, Mrs. Lou W. Vance, Mrs. Ella R. Stewart and Ralph G. Johnson. Dr. Dunlap, Miss Crangle and Mr. Acheson have been named as a committee to present the call to Washington Presbytery.

Mr. Rogers is a son of a Presbyterian minister and was born in a middle west manse in 1899. His father was an active pastor in middle west churches for a period of fifty years.

He attended Hanover College at Hanover, Indiana, one of the old educational institutions of that section of the country, and graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1920. The same year he entered McCormick Theological Seminary, now the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1923.

Soon after leaving the Seminary Mr. Rogers married Elizabeth Cray Warr, of Chicago, and thereupon the young couple went to the mountains of Tennessee where they served as national missionaries for seven years. After a short period of graduate work in Chicago he was called to the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he will complete four years as pastor this month. He is a member of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, Synod of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two children. Barbara Jane, aged ten years, and William Warr, aged eight years.

Mr. Rogers, when he assumes charge of the First Church, will be the third pastor of the congregation in a period of 86 years. The Rev. James I. Brownson, D. D., became pastor in 1849 and served for 59 years. He retired in 1899 and was succeeded in 1901 by the Rev. William E. Slemmons, D. D., who concluded his active pastorate last September after 33 years service and is now pastor emeritus for life.

Dr. W. F. Harkey, Pastor of Houston U. P. Church for 11 Years. Given Call by Third Presbyterians.

## PROMINENT AS ROTARIAN

Members of the Third Presbyterian Church, at a congregational meeting yesterday, following the morning service, voted to extend a unanimous call to the Rev. W. Franklin Harkey D. D. pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Houston.

Dr. Donald M. Grant presided. No other name was presented. It is expected that Dr. Harkey will make known his decision in the near future. Until that time, Dr. Grant will fill the pulpit.

The members of the committee named to select a successor to the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, who resigned as pastor to accept a call to the Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, follow: Robert G. Maxwell, I. E. Paul, Adrian Masters, Mrs. W. A. Little, Mrs. Slater Mounts, Mrs. W. C. Johnston, Miss Helen Bromley and Lloyd E. Hart.

Robert G. Maxwell, Wilbert C. Smith and Lloyd E. Hart, all members of the session, were named commissioners to present the call to the Washington Presbytery.

Dr. Harkey has served as pastor of the Houston congregation for the past 11 years. He has been active in civic affairs in the Houston Canonsburg district, especially as a member of the Rotary Club of which he is past president. He has been strongly endorsed as a candidate for the post of Governor of Rotary International of the 33rd district which includes Western Pennsylvania. The district convention of Rotarians will be held at Johnstown in May.

Born at Charlotte, N. C., Dr. Harkey attended Erskine College, South Carolina and then attended the Pittsburgh Xenia Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh. Following his graduation there, he served as pastor of a church at Washington, D. C., giving up his work there to accept a call extended by the Houston congregation.

## EXTENDED CALLS



Dr. W. F. Harkey, Houston, above, and the Rev. Henry Carter Rogers, of Cincinnati, below, were extended unanimous calls by the Third and First Presbyterian Churches, respectively, at congregational meetings yesterday.

Last year the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Westminster College, New Wilmington.

Dr. Harkey saw service as a chaplain during the World War and is a member of the American Legion.

The Third Presbyterian Church has 800 members, being one of the largest Protestant denominations of the City.

# PASTORS ACCEPT TWO PULPIT BIDS

*March 12 1935*  
Announcement has been made at churches that the calls extended by them to their vacant pastorates had been accepted.

At First Church a letter from the Rev. Henry Carter Rogers of Cincinnati was read, in which the writer stated that he accepts the call to the local church. The letter was written to the Rev. C. E. Snoke, moderator of the Church Session. It is not known when he will assume the duties of the local pastorate, but it will likely be about the first of May.

Dr. Donald M. Grant, moderator of the session of Third Church, who filled that pulpit Sunday morning, stated that the Rev. Dr. W. F. Harkey, of Houston U. P. Church, had authorized him to announce to the congregation that he accepts the call tendered him, and expects to occupy the pulpit on Easter Sunday, April 21.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers will succeed at First Church the Rev. W. E. Slemmons, D. D., who resigned last summer after a pastorate extending over a third of a century. At Third Church Dr. Harkey will succeed the Rev. Joseph S. Morledge, now pastor of a Pittsburgh Church.

# MRS. BAKER WEDS COLLEGE TRUSTEE

*March 30 1935*

Mrs. Grace Little Baker, widow of Dr. S. S. Baker, former president of Washington and Jefferson College, and W. H. Davis, South Wade avenue, well known local oil man, were married Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, Dr. Clarence E. Macartney. Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a visit to California.

Mrs. Davis has been making her home in Peacock Manor, 924 Faragut street, Pittsburgh, since the death of her first husband.

Mr. Davis, a widower and a trustee of W. & J. College, was a close friend of the Baker family during the 10 years Dr. Baker was at the head of the College.

The newlyweds left Pittsburgh immediately after the ceremony for the West Coast.

# ATTACKS STAND W. & J. HEAD

*1935*

BATON ROUGE, La., March 10. --(AP)--The refusal of Dr. Ralph C. Hutchison, president of Washington and Jefferson College, to accept an invitation to attend the 75th anniversary celebration of Louisiana State University was described here as "unethical and unacademic," by Dr. James F. Broussard, dean of L. S. U. and acting president.

Dr. Hutchison Friday wrote Dr. James N. Smith, president of L. S. U., that Washington and Jefferson officials "should hesitate to lend their support at just this time when the high purposes of the university seem at a distance to have been subordinated to the political objectives of Mr. Huey Long."

Dean Broussard issued the following statement:

"President Smith is out of town. I am sure he would not care to comment on Dr. Hutchison's letter.

"As chairman of the diamond jubilee celebration, however, I would like to say that the unethical and unacademic procedure of the president of Washington and Jefferson College is rather astounding.

"No college president ever gives to the press his correspondence to another college president and certainly no well-trained college man ever draws conclusions from rumors, press reports and indefinite sources of information 'at a distance.'

"Washington and Jefferson loses a great deal by not joining the host of delegates from the great institutions of America who have already accepted our invitation and who are joining with us in the celebration of our 75th anniversary."

# FLORENCE GROUP EXTENDS CALL TO DR. R. L. BIDDLE

*April 1 1935*

Members of the congregations of the Florence, Frankfort Spring and Three Springs Presbyterian Churches yesterday extended a call as permanent pastor to Dr. R. L. Biddle, of Pittsburgh, who has been acting as supply for a few months. The call was moderated by Dr. J. B. Miller, of Washington. Dr. Biddle will establish his residence in Florence in the near future.

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR HAS RESIGNED

*April 9 1935*

The Rev. J. A. Campbell, D. D., has announced his resignation as pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in order to accept a call to the Ingleside Church, of San Francisco. Dr. Campbell, who has been pastor here since January, 1930, expects to conclude his work in the local charge about the middle of May and to assume his duties in the California charge June 1.

Dr. Campbell began his ministerial work as pastor of the Chartiers Cross Roads United Presbyterian Church, near Arden. For 12 years he was pastor of the Wallace Memorial United Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., building that church up from a mission to one of the strong congregations of the National Capital. During his pastorate the congregation erected a beautiful church edifice in one of the residential sections of Washington. He went from Washington to the pastorate of the First United Presbyterian Church of Pasadena, Calif., where he served for several years before returning to the East.

Dr. Campbell was graduated from Westminster College and the Allegheny Theological Seminary and has been in the active pastorate ever since his graduation from the seminary.

# HICKORY MINISTER IS NAMED U. P. MODERATOR

*April 10 1935*

The Chartiers Presbytery met yesterday at the Peters Creek U. P. Church with 47 present.

During the business session the Rev. Clyde S. Myers, of Hickory, was elected moderator for a period of six months, and Rev. C. N. Ferguson, of Thomas, was named vice-moderator. The report of the financial agents showed that the missionary budget was overpaid. Dr. W. F. Harkey submitted his resignation as pastor of the Houston U. P. Church to accept a call to the Third Presbyterian Church, Washington. Dr. Harkey will preach and declare the Houston pulpit vacant April 14.

Paul Henderson, Claysville, and Howard McMurray, Mt. Prospect, were licensed as probationers for the ministry. Dr. J. A. Campbell, Washington, was granted a certificate to the Presbytery of San Francisco.

The Rev. G. U. Martin resigned as pastor at Langeloth to accept a call to the First Church of Detroit. He will declare his pulpit vacant April 28.

The clerk was directed to send a letter to Dr. Huber Ferguson, of Washington, ill in Philadelphia, expressing the sympathy of the Presbytery and wishing him a rapid recovery.

# ANNIVERSARY OF AVELLA CHURCH

Congregational Dinner To-  
night to Celebrate 25 Years  
of History — Two Former  
Pastors to Make Addresses

## SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY

*May 17 1935*  
Exercises incident to the celebra-  
tion of the 25th anniversary of the  
organization of the Avella Pres-  
byterian Church will begin tonight  
with the anniversary dinner served  
in the church. George P. Shaunks  
will be toastmaster and a history  
of the church will be read by C. C.  
Cheesebrough.

Two former pastors of the church  
will make addresses: Rev. Earl  
Stehman, of South Brownsville, and  
Rev. David Morton, of Hollidays  
Cove.

Sunday morning a special anni-  
versary service will be held with  
the pastor, Rev. N. E. Koehler,  
speaking on the subject, "If the  
Pews Could Talk."

At an afternoon service at 2:30  
o'clock, a former pastor, Rev. Paul  
H. Hazlett, will preach on "A Wit-  
nessing Church in a Changing  
World."

The Avella church was organized  
in 1910 and has become a flourish-  
ing and working congregation dur-  
ing that time it has been served by  
the following pastors: Rev. B. F.  
Heany, 1910-1913; Rev. R. L. Gaut,  
1914-1915; Rev. W. H. McCracken,  
1915-1917; Rev. David C. Morton,  
1918-1922; Rev. Earl L. Stehman,  
1922-1927; Rev. Paul H. Hazlett,  
1928-1932; Rev. N. E. Koehler, Jr.,  
1933.

## Rasel-Loame 1935

The announcement of the marri-  
age of Miss Ethel Loame, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Weaver, of  
Botkins, O., to the Rev. Charles H.  
Rasel, of Canton, O., formerly of  
Hickory to be held June 8 has been  
made known. The services will be  
held in the St. Paul Lutheran  
Church of Botkins. Mr. Rasel is  
a son of Harry Rasel, of Hickory.  
He is pastor of the Lutheran Trin-  
ity Church of Canton.

# OBITUARY

*May 1 1935*  
Rev. Calvin G. Hazlett

The Rev. Calvin G. Hazlett, of  
the W. & J. Class of 1890, died  
Saturday at his home at Hubbard,  
Ohio. About six weeks ago he was  
operated on at a Younstown, Ohio,  
hospital, and his condition had  
been very grave ever since.

Mr. Hazlett had held pastorates  
at Newark, North and Hubbard,  
Ohio, having served the last six  
years at the latter charge.

He leaves his wife, whose maiden  
name was Hoffman, of Oakdale,  
and the following children: the  
Rev. Calvin Hazlett Jr., a mission-  
ary to India; George, an attorney  
of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Verne  
Buchanan, of North, Ohio, and the  
Rev. Paul Hazlett, of Towanda.  
Funeral services were held yester-  
day at the late home at Hubbard,  
and burial will be today at North.

Among Mr. Hazlett's classmates  
at W. & J. are Dr. J. F. Donehoo,  
the Rev. Joseph Hamilton, W. B.  
Ritchie, J. K. Weir and Boyd E.  
Warne, all of Washington.

# CLAYSVILLE CHURCH CALLS NEW PASTOR

*1935*  
CLAYSVILLE, April 29.—The  
congregation of the Claysville Pres-  
byterian Church Sunday extended  
a unanimous call to Rev. William  
D. Longbrake, of Toledo, to become  
pastor of the church. It is under-  
stood Mr. Longbrake, who has  
preached here, will accept and will  
assume charge of the church affairs  
in the near future.

Mr. Longbrake will be graduated  
from Princeton Theological Sem-  
inary May 10, and the next day he  
and Miss Barr, daughter of Rev.  
Floyd W. Barr, of Beaver Falls, will  
be married. They will go to house-  
keeping in the manse here soon  
after their honeymoon, if the call  
is accepted.

# Grove U. P. Church Plans 125th Anniversary Program

*1935*  
WEST MIDDLETOWN, May 22.

—Plans have been completed by  
the congregation of the Grove  
United Presbyterian Church of  
this place for the celebration of  
the 125th anniversary of its organ-  
ization June 19, 20, and 21.

On the opening night, the his-  
tory of the congregation, now be-  
ing prepared by Miss Lucy Hemp-  
hill, will be read.

Fellowship, or community night,  
will be observed on the second  
night and the observance will be  
concluded with a night devoted to  
the young people. Special speak-  
ers will be secured for each eve-  
ning and special music is being  
prepared.

An anniversary communion serv-  
ice will be conducted Sunday,  
June 23, following the observance,  
with former pastors and elders in  
attendance. Many former mem-

bers of the congregation are ex-  
pected to return as well as persons  
having contacts with families of  
the historic church.

The committee on arrangements  
is composed of the pastor, the  
Rev. J. Earl Hughes and a repre-  
sentative from each organization  
of the congregation.

# NEW PASTOR HAS ASSUMED DUTIES AT FIRST CHURCH

Informal Reception Held at Conclusion of Morning Service Sunday by Presbyterian Congregation.

## INSTALLATION MAY 14

*May 7 1930*

A large congregation attended morning services in First Presbyterian Church Sunday in honor of the first appearance of the Rev. Henry C. Rogers, who recently accepted the call to occupy the pulpit of the local church.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers, using as his theme an incident in the life of Nehemiah as he supervised the building of the walls of Jerusalem after they had been damaged by the enemy by fire and by neglect, spoke of coming into a community as a stranger and of being anxious to join with the residents of the community in building a wall which will protect and at the same time give opportunity to formulate a program which, carried beyond the walls, would make itself felt in far places.

The new pastor said he assumed his duties with a certain degree of trepidation following in the footsteps of scholarly men, learned in the Bible, who had given their lives to the pastorate of the church, but at the same time, he said, it afforded him pleasure, as it was a direct challenge to his ability and provided him the incentive to strive greatly.

Following the morning service an informal reception was held, during which the former Cincinnati, O., minister, met many members of his congregation.

He will be formally installed as pastor of the church and received into membership in the Presbytery at a meeting of that group in the church the night of Tuesday, May 14.

He and his family moved to Washington the latter part of last week, and are now installed in the parsonage of the church at 214 East Wheeling street.

The Rev. Mr. Rogers is the third formally called pastor to occupy

# Rev. W. Franklin Harkey Installed as Pastor Here

*May 9 1930*

The Rev. W. Franklin Harkey, D. D., was installed pastor of Third Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night, in a service featured by pertinent and practical addresses and with an attendance of the church members, and many friends, that filled the audience room.

The Rev. J. D. Barnard, presbytery moderator, presided, and the usual sermon of the occasion was preached by the Rev. Donald M. Grant, D. D., who for some months had been moderator of the church session. It was a splendid discourse, and well fitted to the occasion. The Rev. Walter P. McConkey, of Central Presbyterian Church, in his charge to the pastor, developed his thought from the direction given by an Old Testament prophet—"Take words." By study, by observation, by contacts, the man who stands in a pulpit must learn to interpret life, and when his thinking has reached definite conclusions, then he is to "take words" and announce this interpretation to his people. The privilege thus to "take words" and proclaim his best thought to others is a real responsibility and also a real duty, not to be avoided, nor to be used lightly.

The Rev. J. S. Morledge, Pittsburgh, former pastor of the Third Church, built up his counsel to the congregation on the words "pray", "Give" and "Go". Prayer will keep

them in touch with the source of true wisdom, he reminded them. Imbued with that wisdom they will be ready to give; not only of their means, but of their time and efforts, in the interests of that higher kingdom for whose coming prayer is so often made. Then an even more personal injunction comes to the individual in the order to go; not choosing the way but wherever the present need calls, in the service of the common cause of Christianity, for whose growth and permanency the church has been established and must be maintained.

The installation prayer was offered by the Rev. J. A. Campbell of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Following the pulpit program, an informal reception for the Rev. Harkey was held.

Later, the date not yet fixed, the congregation will extend a formal welcome reception to the Rev. Mr. Harkey and Mrs. Harkey. Arrangements for this affair are in the hands of a committee composed of John C. McKean, now chairman of the congregation, and Lloyd O. Hart, a member of the session.

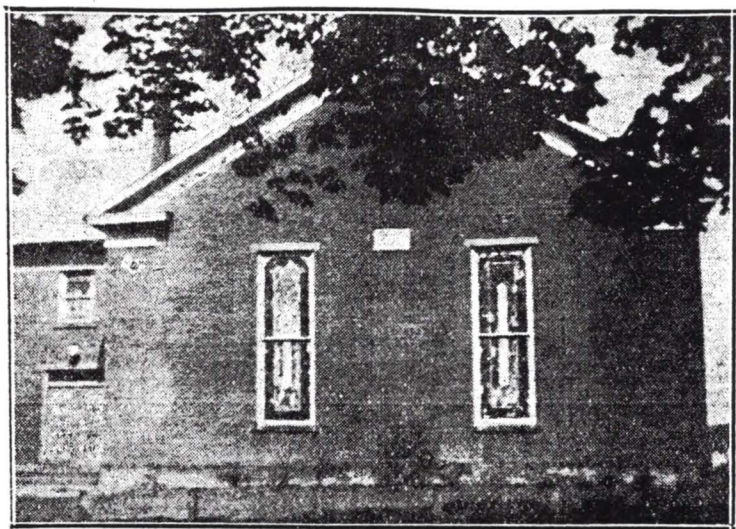
the pulpit of the church in almost a century of its existence.

The first pastor, the Rev. James I. Dawson, served the congregation from 1849 to 1899, a half-century.

There was then an interim of two years during which the pulpit was occupied by supplies, among them, and most frequent, being the late Dr. James D. Moffat, then President of Washington & Jefferson College.

In 1901 Dr. William E. Slemmons was installed as pastor and continued his duties for 33 years, retiring last year.

# Historic County Church and Its Present Pastor



Above is the Grove U. P. Church, West Middletown, the congregation of which is celebrating its 125th anniversary. At right is present pastor, the Rev. J. Earl Hughes.

## West Middletown Church Is Observing Its Anniversary

WEST MIDDLETOWN, June 19—Grove United Presbyterian Church tonight began the celebration of the 125th anniversary of its organization. Tonight's services marked the beginning of a four-day celebration with services tomorrow night and Friday night and three services, including the anniversary communion, on Sunday.

The celebration was also commemorative of the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. Samuel Taggart, who served the congregation from 1835 until his death in 1885, a period of 50 years. Of the eight pastors who have served the congregation in a century and a quarter his was the longest.

The opening service of the celebration tonight was designated as congregational night. R. M. Thompson, chairman of the anniversary committee, served as chairman of the meeting, which was opened with devotional exercises in charge of the pastor, the Rev. J. Earl Hughes.

The address of welcome was given by David H. Williams, chairman of the congregation, who expressed his pleasure at the presence of so many at the service

and his gratification over the privilege of commemorating the long and useful service of the congregation to the community.

Miss Lucy Hemphill, a lifelong member of the Grove Church, read the anniversary historical sketch in which she traced the founding of the congregation, its early history, told some of the hardships of the pioneers and briefly sketched the lives and pastorates of the men who have served it in the pulpit. An abstract of this interesting history is published elsewhere in this issue of The Observer.

### Dr. McClure Speaks

The Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure, pastor of the Blairsville United Presbyterian Church for over 40 years and a son of Grove Church, gave the address of the evening. Dr. McClure, for many years has been stated clerk of the Synod of Pittsburgh and at the recent meeting of the General Assembly was elected vice moderator. A native of West Middletown, where he spent his boyhood days and his vacation periods while a student at Washington and Jefferson College. Dr. McClure's address

was of a reminiscent nature, replete with pertinent allusions to many of the former generation who had served the church and the community as citizens and churchmen. He told of the love for old Grove Church held by all those who had once worshipped within its walls and of the memories of those associations which were treasured by all.

Dr. McClure's address was concluded by a strong appeal for the church to return to the faith and earnestness of the fathers in their religion. He said that the present age had lost its sense of God and its consciousness of sin. "We need a revival of the old fervent passion of worship," he said.

### Greetings from Former Pastors

Greetings were received from the two surviving pastors, the Rev. R. E. Lackey, who served from 1888 to 1896 and is now living in Florida, sent a letter which was read. He referred to his delightful recollections of his service in Grove Church and to the pleasure he had on a visit to the church three years ago.

The Rev. J. Walter Watson, pastor from 1904 to 1911, now pastor of Concord Presbyterian Church, Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, was present and spoke briefly extending his personal congratulations.

Dr. Thomas Findley, of Omaha, grandson of the fifth pastor, the Rev. Samuel Findley, in a letter told of his ancestor's later service. He established a school in Washington, the Union Academy at Cross Creek and later founded Madison College at Antrim, Ohio, to which place he went after leaving Grove Church.

William R. Taggart, of Pittsburgh, grandson of the Rev. Samuel Taggart, exhibited the diploma his grandfather received when he was graduated from the Western University of Pittsburgh in 1831, a manuscript sermon and a letter Mr. Taggart had written to his wife while attending at meeting of Synod at Chillicothe, Ohio, in which he discussed the renting of a house in West Middletown and the purchase of furniture. He also gave many interesting incidents in the life of the old time pastor.

Mrs. Para Moore Wilson, of New Castle, who was six months old when her father, the Rev. J. Hunter Moore, died in the pastorate in 1904, expressed her appreciation at being present and to the tributes paid to the memory of her father.

Miss Carrie Eagleson, sister of the Rev. E. L. Eagleson, pastor from 1912 to his death in 1927, expressed the family's appreciation of the recognition of her brother's memory.

Miss Luella T. Meloy, of the faculty of the Pennsylvania College for Women, Pittsburgh, granddaughter of John Meloy for many years a member of the session and an intimate friend of Pastor Taggart spoke of that friendship and of Mr. Taggart's widespread influence in the community and church.

Special recognition was given to the following members of the congregation: Miss Rebecca Ramsey, a member of 71 years; Mrs. Jennie E. Ralston, for 70 years; Miss Laura A. Clark, for 57 years; Miss Annie E. McClure, for 60 years; Samuel T. Denny, of 50 years and a member of the session for 21 years; Miss Mary Davidson, organist for 24 years, and H. H. Liggett, secretary of the Sunday School for 21 years.

**Music Is Feature**

The musical program for the celebration is being made a special feature and is in charge of Mrs. James W. Murdock. She is being assisted by Miss Mary Davidson, organist, and Mrs. R. M. Thompson, pianist. At tonight's service, Mr. George P. Shanks, of Avella, delighted with a solo.

An interesting feature of the services will be the singing each night of the anniversary hymn, written by Mrs. Alice Denny Liggett, of Claysville, a former member of Grove Church. The hymn, entitled, "Our Church," set to the

tune of "Auld Lang Syne" is as follows:

Her Birthday we commemorate;  
We're gathered here once more,  
To hear her lifelong story told  
In legend, song, and lore.

On this, our Church's natal day,  
Let every heart rejoice;  
In thankfulness your voices raise  
And "make a joyful noise."

Old friends have not forgotten us;  
They've come from far away,  
To bring felicitations to  
The old home church today.

Her years, one hundred twenty-five,  
Have not been spent in vain,  
And may the church we love so well  
As long as time remain.

**Program for Tonight**

Tomorrow night will be fellowship night, with the pastor, the Rev. J. Earl Hughes, presiding. The devotional exercises will be in charge of the Rev. W. W. Miller, of Buena Vista, a son of the congregation. Greetings from Chartiers Presbytery will be brought by the Rev. Clyde L. Myers, moderator and pastor of Mt. Pleasant Church, Hickory. The Rev. Dr. W. R. Wilson, of the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, will bring the greetings of that institution, and the address of the evening will be made by the Rev. Dr. J. A. Alexander, of Pittsburgh, Synodical Superintendent of Missions. This will be followed by greetings from neighboring pastors. Miss Florence Hamilton, of the Upper Buffalo Presbyterian Church, will sing a solo.

Friday night will be young people's night and a service preparatory to communion on Sunday. The pastor, the Rev. J. Earl Hughes, who is superintendent of Young People's work of Chartiers Presbytery, will preside. He will be assisted in the service by the Rev. Don P. Montgomery, of Youngstown, O., whose wife was a member of Grove Church. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. Hoy McIlhinney, pastor of Union United Presbyterian Church, Monongahela Presbytery. Mr. McIlhinney will also sing a solo, "Forward With Christ." Miss Esther Manson, of Washington, will play a violin solo and the choir will sing "The Church In the Wildwood."

The celebration will be concluded on Sunday and will open with a reunion of Sunday School classes at 10:30 o'clock. At 11 o'clock, the anniversary communion service will be held, with the Rev. Dr. J. Walter Watson, of the Concord Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and a former pastor, preaching the sermon. John R. Manson, of Washington, will be soloist at this service.

**Services on Sunday**

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the concluding service will be held with the address by the Rev. Dr. J. Alvin Orr, former moderator of the General Assembly and pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, North Side, Pittsburgh. Mrs. J. W. Murdock and Mrs. R. M. Thompson will sing a duet at this service.

The early history of Grove United Presbyterian Church is difficult to trace since the early minutes of the congregation have not been preserved. It is known that as early as 1802 the people of the district met for worship. An organization was effected in 1810 which was supplied with occasional preaching. In 1814 the first settled pastor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Findley, took charge and served for eight years, retiring in 1822. The pulpit was vacant until 1928 when the Rev. William Wallace was called and served as pastor until 1833.

The next pastor was the Rev. Samuel Taggart, who served the congregation for half a century or until his death in 1885. Mr. Taggart during his long pastorate

left his influence not only on his congregation but on the whole community. He was there during the trying period of the Civil War and was a staunch abolitionist. His strong sermons in defense of the Union cause and in support of President Lincoln offended some who left the church. Their other effect was to arouse the youth of the community to defense of the country and the remarkable record of West Middletown for the number of men who went to war in proportion to its population is attributed to Mr. Taggart's influence.

Other pastors were the Rev. Ralph E. Lackey, from 1888 to 1896, who is now living in Florida; the Rev. J. Hunter Moore, from 1897 to his death in 1904; the Rev. J. Walter Watson, from 1904 to 1911; the Rev. E. L. Eagleson, from 1912 until his death in 1927, and the Rev. J. Earl Hughes, who has served since 1927.

Six sons of the congregation have entered the ministry as follows: The Rev. John Neil, the Rev. Samuel Taggart, son of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. W. S. McClure, the Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure, the Rev. W. H. Clark and the Rev. W. W. Miller.

**Elders of the Church**

The following persons have served the congregation as elders since its organization in 1810:

Thomas Fullerton, James Welsh, Thomas Patterson, Thomas McCorkle, Thomas Ritchie, Nathan Paxton, Thomas McCall, Samuel Patterson, James Thompson, John McCorkle, Thomas Gormley, Hugh Reed, John Jamison, John Mustard, John Hemphill, John Meloy, John W. Stewart, Samuel Brownlee, Walter Denny, Aaron Welch, Robert C. Clark, David Cummins, Dr. William Morrison, David E. McNary, J. Forbes Welch, William Ralston, William Patterson, J. Verner Clark, J. W. Leech, William E. Lane, Thomas Patterson, Lewis S. Liggett, David A. Scott, W. Collins Brownlee, James B. Manson, William Craig, Samuel T. Denny, Robert B. Lowry, Joseph B. Smith, A. Halden Scott, James M. Dinsmore.

The present members of the session are A. H. Scott, Robert B. Lowry and Samuel T. Denny.

Grove Church now has a membership of 225. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 140, is well organized and ranks high as one of the most efficient schools in the county. One of the teachers, Miss Laura Clark, was in 1933 awarded a gold medal by the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association for 50 years consecutive teaching. Miss Annie McClure another teacher, has also taught for 50 years, but not consecutively. H. H. Liggett has been secretary and treasurer of the school for 21 years.

The Women's Missionary society has a membership of 40 and is ranked as one of the most active societies in Chartiers Presbytery.

The Young People's Christian Union with a present membership of 17 is also an active congregational agency and for years has carried its share of the support of the late Dr. A. W. Pollock, medical missionary in Ethiopia.



The Junior Missionary Society of 30 members is under the supervision of Miss Lillian Jones and the younger women of the congregation comprise the Eagleson Circle, a Young Women's Missionary Society.

#### Officers of Congregation

The officers of the congregation and the various organizations of the church are:

Pastor, Rev. J. Earl Hughes.

Session: Rev. J. Earl Hughes, moderator; A. H. Scott, clerk; Robert B. Lowry, S. T. Denny.

Trustees: Mrs. Robert B. Lowry, chairman; Donald Farrer, secretary; A. S. Cunningham, J. W. Carl, C. L. Brownlee, C. R. Burns.

Sunday School: W. F. Mustard, superintendent; James Wilson, superintendent religious education; H. H. Liggett, secretary-treasurer; W. M. Craig, assistant secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. F. Mustard, superintendent primary department; Mrs. Donald Farrer, superintendent of cradle roll; Miss Besse Elliott, superintendent of the home department; Mrs. R. M. Thompson, pianist.

Teachers: Mrs. R. B. Lowry, Miss Laura Clark, Miss Annie McClure, Mrs. H. H. Liggett, Rev. J. Earl Hughes, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Lynn Smith, Mrs. R. M. Thompson, Mrs. J. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Curtis McGaughey, R. M. Thompson, Besse Elliott, Dorothy Mustard, Sara Denny, Lillian Jones, May Davidson.

Substitutes: J. W. Carl, Mrs. Lee Wilson, Mrs. Clark Brownlee, Mrs. Don Farrer, Fred Williams.

#### Women's Missionary Society:

Mrs. Lucy Hemphill, president; Mrs. Mary Brownlee, vice president; Miss Besse Elliott, recording secretary; Miss Helen Craig, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. H. Liggett, treasurer.

Young Women's Missionary Society: Sara Denny, president; Mary Ferrell, vice president; Bernice Craig, secretary; Janet Ferrell, treasurer.

Y. P. C. U.: James Wilson, president; Leroy Ferrell, vice president; Florence Scott, secretary; Jean McFadden, treasurer.

Juniors: Miss Lillian Jones superintendent; Bobbie Miller, president; Brownie Liggett, vice president; Kathleen Williams, secretary; Darlene Hughes, treasurer.

Congregation: David Williams, chairman; R. M. Thompson, vice chairman; Mrs. Lee M. Wilson, secretary; Miss Besse Elliott, treasurer; Mrs. Clark Brownlee, auditor; Miss Lillian Jones, auditor.

Organist: Miss May Davidson.

Saxton: Homer R. Dunkle.

The anniversary committee representing the various organizations of the congregation is composed of the following: Congregation, R. M. Thompson, chairman; pastor, Rev. J. Earl Hughes; session, A. H. Scott; trustees, Donald Farrer; superintendent Sunday School, W. F. Mustard; president Y. P. C. U., James Wilson; president W. M. S., Miss Lucy Hemphill; president Y. L. M. S., Miss Sara Denny; superintendent juniors, Miss Lillian Jones.

# HISTORY IS READ AS OBSERVANCE SERVICE BEGINS

Interesting Facts Regarding  
Congregation and Strug-  
gles Compiled by Miss  
Lucy Hemphill.

## HAS HAD FEW PASTORS

A history of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, was read at the 125th anniversary celebration of the organization of the congregation last night, by Miss Lucy Hemphill. In preparing the history, she stated, she had access to a history read by the Rev. Samuel Taggart, for half a century the church's pastor, at his 40th anniversary, also, to one written by his daughter, the late Mrs. Mary Taggart Clark, of Washington, for the centennial celebration and to histories of Chartiers Presbytery written by the late Dr. J. T. Brownlee and Dr. J. B. Jamison. Miss Hemphill's history, in part, follows:

Much obscurity rests on the origin of this congregation. The old minutes of the congregation have not been preserved, so it is difficult to know the date of its organization, but from the best information it was in the year 1810. Dr. Brownlee in his history of Chartiers Presbytery says its origin is traceable to the year 1802 when the Rev. John Riddle, D. D., by appointment of the Second A. R. Presbytery of Pennsylvania, preached the first sermon preached by an A. R. minister in this place, in the May of that year. From that time forward, the Presbytery of Monongahela continued to nourish this infant preaching station by occasional dispensations of the ordinances through several years; or until 1810 when a congregation was organized and on up to 1814 when Samuel Findley, then a young man, was called to the united charge of Cross Roads, West Middletown and Short Creek. He was ordained and installed pastor of this united charge June 22 of that year.

# Historic Church Has Had But Eight Pastors in 125-Year Period



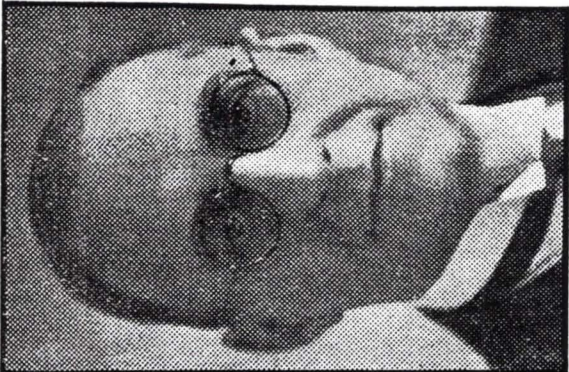
REV. SAMUEL TAGGART  
1835-1885



REV. RALPH E. LACKEY  
1888-1896



REV. J. HUNTER MOORE  
1897-1904



REV. J. WALTER WATSON  
1904-1911



REV. E. L. EAGLESON  
1912-1927

Above are five of the only eight pastors of the Grove United Presbyterian Church of West Middletown since its organization 125 years ago. Photographs of the Rev. Samuel Findley, who served from 1814 to 1822, and the Rev. William Wallace, from 1828 to 1833, are not available. A picture of the Rev. J. Earl Hughes, present pastor, who has served since 1927, appears on Page 1. Of the ministers serving the congregation, the Rev. Samuel Taggart holds a place unique in its history, rounding out an even half century.

## Early Pastor's Struggle

Dr. James Duncan wrote a brief sketch of the life of Dr. Findley in which he said that from childhood, Samuel Findley's mind was fixed on preaching, but that the same lion stood in the way of nearly every boy who in those days, wished to become a preacher—want of money. Mr. Findley studied his Latin Grammar by the light of the log fire at night and in daylight, he fastened his book to the plow handle and at the turn of the land would snatch a sentence and keep repeating it until he had made it his own. When he was ready to start to Theological Seminary his father gave him a pony to ride to New York, allowing him to sell the pony and use the money to help meet his expenses. The last of the money with which he started from home was paid for crossing the Hudson River and the pony was very dull sale. However, he got some work and soon met a friend who assured him of a little help, so he entered the Seminary. The pony was sold, and when the first year's work was finished he walked home—500 miles.

Dr. Duncan says that when he was a boy, he just wished and longed to be a preacher if he could only make his words "sing" as Dr. Findley did his. He was released from this congregation in June of 1822 and spent most of his later life preaching in Antrim, Ohio.

The Rev. William Wallace was the next pastor called to the united charge, this time, of West Middletown, Short Creek and Wheeling. He was installed November 12, 1828. Dr. John Riddle preached the installation sermon and the Rev. John Brown addressed the pastor and people. This relationship continued until 1833 when Mr. Wallace, by his own choice, demitted the charge of the West Middletown branch.

## The First Elders

It is known that Thomas Fullerton and James Welch were among the first elders of the congregation and were active in obtaining supply of preaching. In 1816, Thomas Patterson, Thomas McCorkle and Thomas Ritchey were ordained elders. During the ministry of Mr. Wallace, Nathaniel Paxton, Thomas McCall, Samuel Patterson and James Thompson were elected and ordained elders. All these, but Mr. Fullerton, were living when the Rev. Mr. Taggart took charge of the congregation.

The first meeting place of the congregation was a tent that stood directly south of the present building. In 1818 a substantial brick structure was erected just east of the building now occupied. It was replaced in 1859 by the present building at a cost of \$4,100.

About the time of Mr. Wallace's removal from West Middletown, a new congregation, Mt. Vernon, was formed. Mr. Taggart said nine miles east of here. This church and West Middletown were united in one pastoral charge, and on the 22nd of October, 1834, the Rev. Samuel Taggart received and accepted a call to this united charge

and was ordained and installed among them April 14, 1835. Mr. Taggart was born in Ireland in 1803. When he was 17 or 18 years of age he came with his widowed mother and some other children to this country and settled in Pittsburgh. He soon began to make preparation for his life work, the gospel ministry. Having passed through his college and theological courses of study, he was licensed to preach April 1, 1834. Soon, equipped with horse and saddle bags, the latter containing his meager outfit, he made his way to the village of West Middletown. The congregation was soon impressed by the conviction that this young man had been sent by the Lord to continue his services among them and so made him the call of which we have spoken. We read that in appearance he was of medium height but had broad shoulders and a massive chest. His head was large and the forehead broad and high, surmounted by hair standing erect and giving the appearance of loftiness and dignity. In dress, he was scrupulously neat and tasteful. He was a user of the weed but so circumspect and careful in the use of it that the most fastidious could hardly blame him for the indulgence.

**Mr. Taggart's Long Pastorate**  
 In his profession he was well established. His preaching was plain, earnest and able. He was interested in the church courts but his power and influence were seen and felt, not so much there, as in the pulpit and especially in his own pulpit. He preached invariably without note or memorandum. Tradition says his custom was to read the chapter and close the Bible, take off his spectacles, fold them, lay them down, then look over the congregation, announce his text and begin the sermon. Some one tells of being there when a boy and recalls that Mr. Taggart followed his usual custom until, when he looked over the congregation he said, "I shall call the attention of those of you who are not asleep to a certain text," and went on with his sermon.

In 1844 some dissatisfaction arose in the Mt. Vernon branch, ostensibly on the ground of a sermon preached on the subject of slavery—a sermon, Mr. Taggart said, "Would not advance the cause of Henry Clay and was equally adverse to the aspirations of Mr. Polk." Some of the Mt. Vernon people were fearful about mixing religion and politics, so under the circumstances Mr. Taggart considered it his right and duty to propose to Presbytery the demission of that branch of his charge. Presbytery pursued the constitutional steps and dissolved the pastoral relation.

### OLDEST ELDER



SAMUEL T. DENNY

Samuel Taggart Denny, oldest member of the Session of the Grove United Presbyterian Church, West Middletown, will be an active participant in the 125th anniversary services of the congregation which began tonight and continue over Sunday. Mr. Denny was ordained and installed an elder December 20, 1914, and has served continuously ever since. He is a son of Walter Denny, who served as a member of the Session from 1853 to 1894, a period of 41 years. On account of that long service, Walter Denny is often referred to in the minutes of the Session as "Father" Denny. Samuel T. Denny is a namesake of the Rev. Samuel Taggart, pastor of the church for 50 years, from 1835 to 1885, and was the last member received into the church by Mr. Taggart before his death in 1885.

*Sam. T. Denny died at his home Mar. 26, 1937*

West Middletown then asked and obtained the whole time of their pastor. This relationship continued until 1855 when by mutual agreement Mr. Taggart gave up the congregation and removed to Illinois. He soon found, however, that that climate did not suit his constitution and concluded that he must have his home some place among the hills, he knew not where. When his former parishioners ascertained this fact they, Dr. Brownlee said, "In striking attestation of their appreciation of his former ministrations among them," invited him to resume his work in their midst. He accepted the call and after an absence of 17 months resumed charge of the congregation September 9, 1856.

### Some Early Elders

During Mr. Taggart's 50 years of service the following elders were chosen at different times: John McCorkle, Thomas Gormley, Hugh Reed, John Jamison, Samuel Brownlee, John Meloy, John Mustard, John Hemphill, John M. Stewart, Walter Denny, Aaron Welch, Robert Clark, David Cummins, Dr. William Morrison, David McNary and J. Forbes Welch. At the close of this pastorate, September 9, 1884, there had been added to the church roll 600 names.

Mrs. Clark, in her history of the congregation, says that these were strenuous times for the preachers and their congregations. The order of service was very different from anything known to the present generation. It was customary to explain the psalm sung at the opening of the service—an exercise that occupied from 10 to 30 minutes. The praise service was under the care of a precentor who stood in front of the pulpit and read a line of the psalm then sang it with the congregation. This custom was compelled by the scarcity of psalm books. The precentor in psalm-singing churches was considerably restricted in his choice of tunes, as a collection of about 12 had the stamp of approval. The following were among the early directors of music in this church: Hugh Reed, John Jamison, Giles Lawton, William Denny and James Hemphill.

This practice of "lining out" was abandoned here about the year 1865 when David Ross gathered together some of the "good singers" of the congregation and formed a choir. Among the directors of music since that time were James May, Robert Ralston, Alden Hemphill, James Coulter, Mrs. Jennie

McClure Ralston and James B. Manson.

After the prayer and praise service there were two sermons with a brief intermission between. In course of time, a Bible class was formed to meet in this interval. In this church there were two classes, one taught by Mr. Taggart and the other by James Thompson. We are told that Mr. Thompson taught the catechism to his class but Mr. Taggart examined his on the morning sermon.

### Long Church Services

On communion occasions, Thursday was set apart as a fast day. The communion service was held on Sunday, some times in the afternoon, when four or five tables were served. In that day, the pulpit stood between the two east windows. A wide aisle led from it to the front door directly opposite and it was in this aisle that the communion table was spread. On these occasions in this church the use of tokens was practiced until 1875.

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After Mr. Taggart's resignation in 1885, the pulpit was vacant almost four years. During that time, 100 candidates were heard and several calls were presented and declined. Then the Rev. R. E. Lackey was invited to become the pastor and the invitation was accepted October, 1888. As a pastor he was earnest and active, the Gospel being faithfully preached and practiced by him.

During his pastorate of eight years, 120 names were added to the church roll, and six elders were elected and ordained. They were: William Ralston, William Patterson, J. Verner Clark, J. W. Leech, William E. Lane and Thomas Patterson. According to the best information, the use of communion tables was discontinued under Mr. Lackey.

Mr. Lackey left us to accept a call to Traer, Iowa. He and his daughter, Helen, are now living in Florida.

On September 14, 1896, a call was extended to John Hunter Moore, a young man from Alabama, who was just entering his Senior year in the Allegheny Theological Seminary. He came to us in June, 1897, before he had reached his 22nd birthday and continued our pastor until April 14, 1904, when he was suddenly called to his reward. Brief as were his labors here the people saw his worth and loved him. We find the following

minute recorded by the session: "It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow that we, the congregation of West Middletown, record the sudden death of our pastor, the Rev. J. Hunter Moore, April 14, 1904. He served the congregation seven years with great acceptance, not only among his own people but of the whole community."

#### Church Gets Organ

While the privilege of the use of an instrument in connection with the praise service of the United Presbyterian Church had been granted by General Assembly in 1882, it was not until February 7, 1903, 21 years later, that the congregation of West Middletown petitioned session to take steps to learn the will of its members in regard to this matter. The request was granted and a vote of the congregation was taken, June 13, 1903. The vote stood 106 to 6 in favor of the use of an instrument. Session then appointed the trustees of the congregation to procure money to purchase an organ and the Rev. Mr. Moore, James B. Manson and William A. Ross to select it. They bought the organ that is in present use and at the earnest solicitation of the congregation, Andrew Carnegie paid half the price.

#### Flourishing Congregation

On the 20th of December, 1904, a call to become the pastor of the congregation was presented to the Rev. J. Walter Watson and by him accepted. It was while he was the pastor that the church building, by alterations, repairs and additions was put into its present condition. The congregation steadily advanced during his pastorate. Two elders, William Craig and James B. Manson, were elected and ordained. Mr. Watson resigned the charge here October, 1911.

The Rev. E. L. Eagleson followed Mr. Watson, November 22, 1912, and continued in charge of the congregation until his death June 12, 1927. Five elders, Robert Lowry, Joseph B. Smith, S. T. Denny, Halden Scott and James M. Dinsmore, were elected and ordained during his pastorate.

And now for over seven years the work of the congregation has prospered under the guidance of the Rev. J. Earl Hughes.

The congregation is well organized. It has a flourishing Sunday School, a Young People's Society that was organized in 1887 and three missionary societies: a women's, a young women's and a junior. The present roll of membership, of 225, contains the names of 10 persons who connected with the church under Mr. Taggart. They are Miss Rebecca Ramsey, who joined in 1864; Mrs. Jennie McClure Ralston, in 1865; Miss Margaret Ramsey, Miss Annie McClure, Mrs. Martha Nolen, Miss Laura Clark, Mrs. Jennie Brownlee Bemis, W. W. Thompson, Samuel Denny and Samuel Ritchey.

The names of ministers who were members of this congregation when they entered the Theological Seminary are John Neil, Samuel A. Taggart, W. S. McClure, D. D. R. E. McClure, D. D., William Howard Clark and Wray W. Miller.

A quartet composed of John R. Manson, William A. Ross, Mrs. R. M. Thompson and Mrs. J. W. Murdock, sang and Robert Ralston Sawhill sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Sawhill.

The anniversary hymn, "Our Church," composed by Mrs. Alice Denn, Liggett, of Claysville, was sung at all the services. Mrs. Liggett, who is an invalid, was able to be present for the service today.

The address at the closing service at 3 o'clock was made by the Rev. Dr. J. Alvin Orr, retiring moderator of the General Assembly and pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church N. S. Pittsburgh.

Dr. Orr spoke on "Ye Are the Household of God." He pointed out that the church was ordained of God to meet a deep need in human lives. He stressed the great mission of the church in a changing world. God loves His church supremely, he said; God's love is in the midst and is exhibited through his fostering care of this great agency for human betterment. He said the three greatest words in the English language were "Mother, Jesus and Home" and made a plea for a recognition of the church's claim for the love, life and devotion of the people.

Dr. Orr, who is one of the outstanding ministers of the church, brought a message which was an appropriate close to the anniversary exercises.

In addition to the anniversary hymn, which was sung at all the services of the anniversary. Mrs. Liggett wrote also a poem in follows:

#### Our Anniversary

We're happy to commemorate  
Our Church's natal day.  
One hundred twenty-five full years  
Have swiftly rolled away,  
Since our forefathers gathered here  
To worship God on high;  
To seek His guidance, and in song  
His name to glorify.

A splendid heritage to us,  
Who followed in their train;  
And may historic Grove Church to  
The end of time remain.  
All honor to her present staff,  
And all who've gone before,  
To God's anointed, at whose feet  
We sat in days of yore.

Today, recalling days gone by,  
And scenes to memory dear,  
Old friends are mingling with the  
new  
In fellowship sincere.  
Perhaps on earth we'll meet no  
more;  
But when our work is done,  
We'll meet in yonder fairer land  
Beyond the setting sun.

Dear old Grove Church! The old  
home church  
Of precious memory!  
May generations yet to come,  
A haven find in thee.

# LIVES TAKEN IN AUTO ACCIDENT NEAR OHIO TOWN

Car Is Hit by Train at Grade Crossing 10 Miles West of Springfield—Both Almost Instantly Killed.

## TWO CHILDREN SERIOUSLY HURT

Party Returning to Washington From Dexter, Mo., When Accident Occurred — One Child's Skull Fractured.

*June 21, 1935*  
WELL KNOWN MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. John B. Miller, 65, and his daughter, Mrs. Eula Miller Todd, 31, of Washington, were killed and Mrs. Todd's two children, Charles Todd, five, and John Edward Todd, eight months, seriously injured when a gasoline passenger train on the Big Four Railroad, struck their automobile yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, 10 miles west of Springfield, O. The scene of the accident was a grade crossing on the National Road at Forgy, O.

Dr. Miller and his daughter, who was driving, were almost instantly killed and the bodies badly mangled. The older boy received a possible fracture of the skull and little hope is held for his recovery in a Springfield Hospital. The younger child is not believed to have been injured severely.

A telegram from the Springfield Sun in answer to an inquiry from The Observer, states that the Highway Patrol, which at once investigated the accident, could find only one witness, a woman who lives a few yards from the crossing. She reported that the car was driven directly on to the tracks and that the engine struck the rear of the Miller automobile.

Oscar Grebe, Indianapolis, motor-man of the gasoline locomotive pulling the train, said the driver apparently tried to stop the car but that it skidded upon the tracks.

Dr. Miller was tentatively identified from papers and letters in his pockets and identification was confirmed in a long distance telephone conversation with Mrs. Todd's husband, Charles I. Todd, of Washington, employed in the offices of the County Emergency Relief Board. Mr. Todd left soon after receiving word, for the scene of the accident.

# Double Funeral for Accident Victims

The two children were taken to a Springfield Hospital by A. H. Schweiterman, a passing motorist, accompanied by Mrs. Louise Miltendorf, who was passing in another car and left it to take charge of the baby.

Howard H. Brown, an Anderson, Indiana, undertaker, passing the scene of the accident in his hearse, placed Dr. Miller and Mrs. Todd in the hearse and started for a hospital. Both died before the hospital was reached.

Dr. Miller, who had been filling preaching engagements in the west, was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Todd and children. He had preached on last Sunday at Dexter, Missouri, to which church he had been extended a call. He was returning to begin a series of meetings next Sunday in Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church, east of Washington, expecting at the conclusion of those meetings to take up the work at Dexter.

The bodies after being prepared for burial by a Springfield undertaker were to be shipped to Washington and will arrive at the A. Blaine Day funeral home some time this morning. Funeral arrangements will not be completed until some time after their arrival, but will be held in Washington.

Mr. Todd left as soon as possible after receiving word of the accident to look after his children, expecting, if their condition permits, to bring them back here.

Dr. Miller was a widely known Presbyterian minister and had held

two pastorates in this county. In recent years he had been devoting himself to evangelistic work and had conducted services in many churches in Washington and Greene Counties, as well as in the West.

He was a native of Amwell Township, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John D. Miller. He was a graduate of Waynesburg College and his first charge as a minister was at Amity. He later went to Vincennes, Indiana, where he preached for several years. Leaving that charge he returned to this county, taking over work at

Concord Church, Old Concord. He was pastor there when the congregation celebrated the 100th anniversary of its organization in August of 1931.

Following Mrs. Miller's death about two years ago he gave up the active pastorate and removed to Washington, making his home with his son-in-law and daughter.

Since leaving the active pastorate he had devoted his time to evangelistic services. Anxious to get back into the pastorate he had just accepted the call to Dexter.

He was active in the work of Washington Presbytery and at the time of his death was superintendent of missions of the Presbytery. He was also chairman of the Thaddeus Dodd Memorial Committee which planned this Fall to honor the pioneer educator by erection of a memorial tablet.

Prominent Ministers of Presbyterian Church Will Conduct Rites of Dr. Miller and His Daughter.

## REMAINS BROUGHT HERE

Double funeral services will be held Monday morning at 10 o'clock for Dr. J. B. Miller, prominent Presbyterian minister, and his daughter, Mrs. Eula Miller Todd, who were fatally injured Thursday when a gasoline passenger train hit their automobile at a crossing near Springfield, O.

The services will be conducted in the A. Blaine Day funeral home, West Maiden street, and will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald M. Grant, Washington; the Rev. Joseph Morledge, Pittsburgh; the Rev. A. R. Brown, Vincennes, Ind., and the Rev. Dr. Frank Fish, of Millsboro.

The Day quartet of Graysville will sing at the service.

Burial will be in the cemetery of the Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, of Ten Mile. Dr. Miller's home church and where he served his first pastorate.

Charles I. Todd, husband, who was called to Springfield, O., by the tragedy, returned to Washington yesterday afternoon. He found his two children were not as seriously injured as first reported.

Charles, the older boy, has a severe cut along the side of the head which required several stitches to close, but has apparently escaped a fractured skull. John, the younger, suffered a fractured leg. Both were conscious when he saw them and at once recognized him. He said it was hoped to remove them from the hospital in about a week.

An investigation of the accident indicates that the driver of the car had evidently thrown on the brakes when the train approached. Mr. Todd said. Marks on the roadway showed that the car had skidded and that it possibly would have cleared the tracks if the brakes had not been applied.

55 The car was carried about 75 feet by the train and the rear end was crushed in making it a complete wreck. The baby was thrown about 25 feet from the car by the impact of the crash. It is presumed that he was being held in his mother's lap at the time of the accident. The older boy, Mr. Todd thinks, was standing just behind the front seat, as was his custom, when the car hit, which fact saved his life.

The crossing is a very dangerous one, the road crossing the railroad diagonally with the view on the west obscured by a knoll and a house. The car being hit in a diagonal manner the back was crushed up against the front accounting for the deaths of the two in the front seat.

## MILLER FUNERAL THIS MORNING

Many Persons From Wash-  
ington and Greene Counties  
Here to Pay Their Respects  
to Minister and Daughter.

### BOTH ACTIVE WORKERS

*June 4 1935*  
Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the A. Blaine Day Funeral Home, West Maiden street, for Dr. J. B. Miller and his daughter, Mrs. Eula Miller Todd, fatally injured when a train hit their automobile at a crossing near Springfield, O., last week.

Hundreds of persons from Washington and Greene Counties, in which the prominent minister and his daughter were widely known, paid their respects during Saturday and yesterday.

Dr. Miller, a son of Stephen D. Miller, was born at Amity and as a youth attended services at the Pleasant Hill Church, Ten Mile, then of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. He united with that church. He attended Waynesburg College and then a theological seminary in Pittsburgh.

Later he continued his studies at Maryville College, Maryville, Tenn., which his daughter also attended.

Dr. Miller's first charge was at Seneca, Pa. After several years there, he went to California for the benefit of his health and regaining it accepted a call to the Bethany Church at Vincennes, Ind.. While serving as pastor at the Bethany Church, he organized the McKinley avenue and South Side congregations of that city. The Bethany and McKinley Avenue congregations both built churches.

He was then synodical representative for a period and was serving in this capacity when called to the Amity and Pleasant Hill Churches. Returning to Indiana to take up work in the synod, he was called to the McKinley Avenue Church, Vincennes, which he had helped organize. His next pastorate was in this district at the Old Concord

and Nineveh churches. He resigned his work following the sudden death of Mrs. Miller, a few years ago. He became Superintendent of Missions in the Washington Presbytery and engaged in evangelical work until a few weeks ago when he was extended and accepted a call to Dexter, Mo. He was returning from Dexter to fill an evangelical engagement at the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church when the tragedy occurred.

His daughter, Mrs. Todd, had been closely associated with Dr. Miller in much of his church work. She united with the Bethany congregation in Vincennes and was active in its various organizations, being the church representative at Winona Lake on two occasions. Though she continued to hold membership in the Bethany Church, she organized a Christian Endeavor Society and taught a class of young women while at the McKinley Avenue Church while he was its pastor. She served as secretary of the Knox County C. E. Her activities extended to other auxiliaries of the two churches.

While engaged as a school teacher in Cincinnati for a period, she was active at the Saylor Park Presbyterian Church. Coming to Old Concord during the pastorate of her father, she was superintendent of the Intermediate Department, taught a class in the Sunday School and organized the Flora Miller Chapter, named in honor of her mother, of the Westminster Guild. She served as president of the Christian Endeavor and was active in this organization in the County. She united with the Third Presbyterian Church upon her removal to Washington. Dr. Miller is survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Weaver, Winona Lake, Ind.; two half sisters and a half brother, Mrs. Myrtle Johnson, Canonsburg, P. D. 1; Mrs. Effie Edwards, Vincennes, Ind., and M. B. Miller, Evans City.

Frank Miller, of Los Angeles, was reared in the home of Dr. Miller.

The services today will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald M. Grant, Washington; the Rev. Joseph Morledge, Pittsburgh; the Rev. A. R. Brown, Terre Haute, Ind., and Dr. Frank Fish, of Millsboro.

Persons here from Indiana for the services today include Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Todd, Sr., of Decker, Mr. and Mrs. Manly Smith, and Mrs. Effie Edwards, of Vincennes. Others from a distance here are Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Edwards, Freeport, and Mr. and Mrs. John Goucher and family, of Oil City.

## MANY PRESENT AT MILLER FUNERAL

Rites for Presbyterian Minister and Daughter, Accident Victims, Attract Many Friends and Relatives.

### BURIAL AT TEN MILE

*June 22 1935*  
A large number of sorrowing relatives and friends attended double funeral services at 10:30 o'clock yesterday for Dr. J. B. Miller, prominent Presbyterian minister, and his daughter, Mrs. Eula Miller Todd, fatally injured Thursday afternoon when a gasoline passenger train hit their automobile at a crossing near Springfield, O.

The services, held in the A. Blaine Day Funeral Home in West Maiden street, attracted a large number of persons. Hundreds had viewed the bodies of father and daughter Saturday and Sunday and the services of three City policemen were needed yesterday to provide parking space for the almost 50 automobiles which formed the funeral procession to the cemetery of Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church, of Ten Mile, Dr. Miller's home church.

The services in the funeral home were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald M. Grant, Washington; the Rev. Joseph Morledge, Pittsburgh; the Rev. A. R. Brown, Vincennes, Ind.; the Rev. John C. Teyssier, Laboratory, and the Rev. Dr. Frank Fish, Millsboro.

The Day Quartet of Graysville, members of which had been closely associated with Dr. Miller over a period of years, sang.

# PRESBYTERY OF WASHINGTON HAS BUSY SESSION

Date for Installation of Dr. R. L. Biddle as Pastor of Florence Group Fixed for Next Month.

## TWO ARE ACCEPTED AS MINISTERIAL STUDENTS

Princeton Senior Is Named as Supply for Nineveh and West Union Churches Until Next October.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD

With two women elders in attendance a meeting of Washington Presbytery was held yesterday at Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church, considerable business being up for consideration.

The women present as elders were Mrs. Agnes Vankirk, of the East Buffalo Church, and Mrs. G. W. Anderson, of Bristoria, Greene County.

The letter of Dr. R. L. Biddle, from the Pittsburgh Presbytery, was received, and he was presented with and formally accepted the call to the pastorate of the Florence, Frankfort and Three Springs. Arrangements were made for his installation on the night of July 11 at 7:45 o'clock.

Dr. Donald M. Grant, of Washington, was named chairman of the vacancy and supply committee to fill the vacancy caused by the recent tragic death of Dr. J. B. Miller.

Dr. R. L. Biddle, Florence; the Rev. A. T. Carr, Bentleyville, and Dr. Paul Stewart, of Waynesburg College, were named members of a committee on a home for aged ministers, the plan being presented by the Rev. J. O. Miller, of Redstone Presbytery.

Two ministerial students were taken under the care of the Presbytery, Harry Pedicord and Clifford Pollock, both of whom are now students at the Princeton Theological Seminary.

Harry Gardner, a Senior at Princeton Theological Seminary, was named to serve as supply for the Nineveh and West Union congregations until next October.

The Rev. J. C. French, Mrs. Agnes Vankirk and Mrs. G. W. Anderson were named to represent the Presbytery at the 55th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society at Old Concord August 15.

The Rev. Robert J. Topping, of Washington, was named as supply at the Mt. Pleasant Church. He will act as moderator of the church

# PRESBYTERY OF CHARTIERS MEETS

Reports Show 5,811 Persons Enrolled in Sunday Schools of Presbytery—Reports on General Assembly.

## RETREAT IS TO BE HELD

United Presbyterian Sunday Schools of the Chartiers Presbytery have a total enrollment of 5,811 persons, who in the last year gave offerings totaling \$10,637, according to reports of the secretary of Sunday School work, Rev. C. N. Ferguson, made at the meeting of the Presbytery yesterday at the North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church.

Another report, that of the financial agent, showed that the Presbytery had overpaid its missionary pledge for the last year.

There were 44 members of the Presbytery present at the meeting, at which Dr. T. C. Atchison, of the Boston Presbytery; Rev. D. P. Swift, of the Butler Presbytery, and Rev. R. M. Blackwood, of the Monongahela Presbytery, were invited to sit as consultative members.

Dr. Blackwood, representing the Sabbath Association of Western Pennsylvania, spoke with relation to the Legislature's action with regard to Sunday law.

In behalf of Dr. Huber Ferguson, pastor of the First Church of Washington, who is ill in Philadelphia, Rev. H. Ross Hume and Dr. H. W. Temple led in prayers.

The eight delegates who attended the 77th General Assembly reported on the deliberations of that body.

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## MONROE IS NAMED ON MACHEN COMMISSION

The Rev. G. Karl Monroe, pastor of the West Alexander Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Dr. William R. Craig, of Philadelphia, formerly of Claysville, were among the members of the Judicial Commission of the Synod of Pennsylvania, appointed at its meeting in Chambersburg last week, to consider the controversial case of the Rev. Dr. J. Gresham Machen, of Philadelphia.

Dr. Machen in a Presbytery trial was found guilty of insubordination for refusing to dissolve his Independent Board of Foreign Missions, of which he was the organizer.

Among the elders named were three well known in Washington: President William Mather Lewis, of Lafayette College; Hallock J. Sherrard, of Pittsburgh; J. Campbell Brandon, of Butler, and W. H. McColl, of Kiskiminetas.

# 181ST ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST DISTRICT MASS

BROWNSVILLE, July 4.—Historic Saint Peter's Church of Brownsville, will observe the 181st anniversary of the first mass said in Brownsville, Sunday by the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which will be sung at 10:30 a. m., E. S. T., by the pastor, the Rev. Martin J. Brennan. In conjunction with the celebration, the day will be the occasion of a parish reunion, to which the friends of the parishoners and former members of the parish are invited. The reunion dinner will be served in the parish hall from noon until 3 p. m. The members of the parish are planning to spend the entire day on the grounds.

In the afternoon there will be Solemn Benediction at 3 o'clock. There will be a large number of priests in attendance at this devotion, and the sermon will be preached by the Very Rev. Father Sigmund, the Provincial of the Capuchin Order.

After the afternoon devotions a light supper will be served until 6 o'clock.

## PASTOR OF M'DONALD CHURCH INSTALLED

MCDONALD, July 4.—The Rev. Ross T. Campbell, D. D., former president of Sterling College, Kansas, was last night installed pastor of Robinson Run United Presbyterian Church by a commission of Monongahela Presbytery.

Dr. Campbell, who has been supplying the pulpit for some time, succeeds the Rev. Arthur R. Armstrong, who resigned the pastorate here to accept a call to the Third United Presbyterian Church, Washington.

## FOUR ELDERS ORDAINED AT WEST UNION CHURCH

WAYNESBURG, July 4.—The West Union Presbyterian Church observed communion service last Sunday, the Rev. George Maxwell, of Waynesburg, officiating. At this same service occurred the ordination of four new elders, Mrs. Alonzo Conklin, Mrs. Sylva G. Minor, David Jenkins and C. L. Canan.

On next Sunday, July 7, preaching services will be held at 11 a. m., with a sermon by Rev. Harry Gardner.

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# Dr. Huber Ferguson Is Claimed By Death

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Pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Washington, Succumbs to Heart Attack in Philadelphia.

## FUNERAL HERE WEDNESDAY

The Rev. Huber Ferguson, D. D., aged 62, for the past 18 years pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, Washington, died yesterday afternoon in the home of his son, Dr. L. Kraeer Ferguson, in Overbrook, Philadelphia. His death, which was caused by a heart ailment, followed an illness of three months. He had gone to Philadelphia to fill a preaching engagement and was stricken on March 24. His condition had been serious since that time.

Funeral services will be held in the First United Presbyterian Church, West Wheeling street, Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock and will be in charge of the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Temple, former pastor, who has been supplying the pulpit during Dr. Ferguson's illness, assisted by other pastors of Chartiers Presbytery and local ministers. The body will arrive at W. B. Ritchie's funeral home this evening and will be taken to the church Wednesday morning. Burial will be in New Wilmington Cemetery.

Dr. Ferguson had been in the pastorate of the United Presbyterian Church for 39 years and was one of the outstanding ministers of the denomination. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of American Missions and previously before the Boards were merged, had served as a member of the Board of Church Extension. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of West

minster College, New Wilmington, and of Knoxville College, Tennessee, and had served on the Board of Muskingum College, New Concord, O. In 1924 he was moderator of the Synod of Pittsburgh of the United Presbyterian Church. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Westminster and Monmouth, Ill., colleges.

He was a son of the late Rev. Dr. Robert G. and Emma M. Ferguson and was born July 20, 1872, in Mercersburg, where his father at the time was pastor of the United Presbyterian Church. His father later become president of Westminster College, New Wilmington, from which he was graduated in 1891. He continued his studies in Princeton University, receiving a degree in 1893. In

1896 he completed his course in the Allegheny, now Pittsburgh-Xenia, Theological Seminary.

When a student in the Seminary he received a call to the pastorate of the United Presbyterian Church at Caledonia, N. Y., and was ordained and installed on July 21, 1896. He remained there until February 20, 1899, when he accepted a call to Portland, Ore. From 1903 to 1905 he was pastor of the Tenth United Presbyterian Church, North Side, Pittsburgh. His next pastorate was at Mansfield, O., where he was located from 1905 to 1913. He was then called to the pastorate of the Second United Presbyterian Church, Xenia, O., where he remained until called to the pastorate of the First United Presbyterian Church, Washington. He assumed charge of the church on May 13, 1917, and was installed on June 26, 1917.

During his ministry here Dr. Ferguson was recognized as one of the city's strong preachers. He was active in the Washington Ministerial Association and in various welfare and community endeavors. During the World War he served for a time as a Y. M. C. A. worker in Army encampments.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Caroline Kraeer Ferguson, and seven children: Dr. L. Kraeer Ferguson, Philadelphia; Mrs. Helen F. Eckerson, Harrisburg; Mrs. Jane F. Hoover, Jamestown, N. Y.; Robert G. Ferguson, Brownsville, Texas; Attorney Paul H. Ferguson, Philadelphia; Mrs. Caroline F. Thomas, Washington, and James O. Ferguson, Washington, a medical student in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He leaves, also, a brother, the Rev. Dr. James M. Ferguson, pastor of the Bellevue United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and a sister, Mrs. Helen F. Lambie, Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh.



DR. HUBER FERGUSON

Simple services conforming to the wishes of Dr. Ferguson and his family prevailed with Dr. Henry W. Temple, of Washington, friend and co-laborer in church activities and former pastor of the First Church, in charge.

The church edifice in West Wheeling street was filled with a multitude of friends and parishioners of Dr. Ferguson who stood as high in the councils of the United Presbyterian denomination as he did in the local church and community. Many men and women prominent in the United Presbyterian Church in America were among those who mourned.

Dr. George P. Atwell, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, close friend of Dr. Ferguson's, as representative of the Washington Ministerial Association offered the opening prayer, Dr. Temple following with the reading of Scripture passages.

The Rev. Dr. C. T. Littell, pastor of Venice United Presbyterian Church, representing Chartiers Presbytery, followed Dr. Temple in an address of appreciation in which he paid personal tribute to the character and work of Dr. Ferguson. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. R. A. Hutchinson, of Pittsburgh, secretary of the American Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church. Dr. Temple pronounced the benediction.

During the service three selections were sung by the church choir under direction of Miss Frances P. Garver, including the 23rd Psalm, the 103rd Psalm and the 91st Psalm.

Immediately following the service here, the funeral cortege left for New Wilmington, where Dr. Ferguson was buried. Pall bearers were all officials of the congregation—Edgar B. Murdoch, Thomas Stenhouse, George T. Walker, Sr., George W. McMurray, John R. McNary and H. Edgar McCutcheon.

## MANY ATTEND DR. FERGUSON FUNERAL HERE

Washington Wednesday paid final tribute to one of its leading churchmen and citizens when hundreds thronged First United Presbyterian Church at 1 o'clock for the funeral of Dr. Huber Ferguson, for 18 years pastor of the congregation, who died Monday at Philadelphia.



Many ministers prominent in the official life of the denomination who had been associated with Dr. Ferguson were present. Among them were the Rev. Dr. E. C. McCown, moderator of the United Presbyterian General Assembly, pastor of Mt. Lebanon Church; Dr. W. J. Reid, editor of The United Presbyterian and pastor of the First Church, Pittsburgh; Dr. J. H. White, executive secretary of the General Council; Dr. R. L. Lanning, business manager of the Board of Publication; Dr. R. W. McGranahan, associate secretary of the Board of American Missions; Dr. J. A. Alexander, synodical superintendent of missions; Dr. W. R. Wilson, of the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary. There was also a large attendance of members of Chartiers Presbytery and the Washington Ministerial Association.

Westminster College was represented at the funeral by Dr. Alexander C. Burr, dean of the College; Dr. James A. Swindler, registrar of the College; Dr. H. H. Donaldson, president of Board of Trustees and the Rev. Dr. J. C. MacQuiston, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Ferguson was not only a graduate of Westminster and a son of a former president, but was a member of the Board of Trustees.

# Old Fells Church to Hold Sesqui-Centennial Fete

*Historic Methodist Congregation Near Webster, Was Founded by Quaker 150 Years Ago; He Was "Friend of Washington and Friend of God."*

By Our Own Correspondent.

CHARLEROI, Pa., July 7.—Deeds of the early pioneers of Methodism at historic Old Fells Church, near Webster, will be commemorated at sesqui-centennial anniversary services, to be held at the church on July 19, 20 and 21.

Old Fells Church is one of the most historic spots in Western Pennsylvania. For a century and a half, from the time it was part of the old Redstone Circuit, to the present day, when it supports a pastor of its own, the church has been a center of worship.

One of the most interesting characters among the early families, and the one for whom the church was named, was Benjamin Fell. Although he belonged to a Quaker family, and most of the Quakers remained loyal to England during the struggle of the colonies for their independence, Fell sympathized with Washington and his army at Valley Forge. Fell, a manufacturer of leather and of leather goods, at the risk of losing his head for helping the Colonists, sent word to Washington that his soldiers could get leather free of charge to make and to mend their shoes.

In 1786, Benjamin Fell came to this western home and settled upon his 600-acre farm. His home was opened immediately to itinerant preachers of the Redstone district. An old stone marker near the north wall of the present building bears this inscription: "Benjamin Fell. Born 1739. Died 1811. A Patriot and a Christian. A Friend of Washington and a Friend of God."

It was men of the type of Fell and Matthew Beazell, who made possible the formation of a church organization in 1785. Meetings were held in private homes until 1792 when a large log building was erected by the men of the neighborhood. Even though it was a large building, it was not large enough to accommodate the immense congregations, so in 1834, the building which now stands, was begun. The main structure of the building was of stone. Inside, a gallery was built along three sides of the church. The general appearance of the original building has been changed but slightly during the past 100 years. Today, the building is in good condition and it is being made more attractive by repairs, inside and out.