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**THE BULLETIN**  
**OF THE**  
**OXFORD SECOND**  
**PRESBYTERIAN**  
**CHURCH**

**OXFORD, NEW JERSEY**



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Rev. Andrew Gilbert Yount, Ph.D.  
*Pastor*

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*Come unto me, all ye that labour and  
are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn of  
me; for I am meek and lowly in  
heart: and ye shall find rest  
for your souls.*

*For my yoke is easy, and my burden  
is light.*

Matthew 11:28-30

STATED MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH  
SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Church Worship, 10:30 a. m.

Young People's Meeting, 7 p. m.

The Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

The Ladies Aid Society meets on the first Wednesday of the month, at 2:30 p. m.

The Lord's Supper is observed at Easter, and on the second Sundays of July, October and January.

The Annual Business Meeting comes in last week of March.

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Secretary—Helen Snyder.

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Organist—Mrs. Benjamin Zapp.

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Morning Worship

Doxology and Invocation

Psalm 86 sel 30

Hymn 24

Creed and Gloria

Scripture Lesson

Prayer

Anthem

Offering

Hymn 126

Sermon

Hymn 240

Benediction

Prayer

"Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assail and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Mrs. Andrew Staugaard, after a long illness, passed to her reward August 17th, at her home in Oxford.

Andrea Mascna Anderson was born in Denmark, in 1870, and landed in this country on her 18th birth-day. For many years she lived in the home of Selden T. Scranton, and was married to Andrew Staugaard June 6th, 1891. The latter died in 1910 leaving a family of children to whose support and upbringing she gave her life and devotion. She was held in affection and high esteem by all who knew her.

The surviving children are: Peter Staugaard, Oxford; Mrs. George Sanford, Patterson, N. J. Christian Staugaard, Fair Lawn, N. J. Jens Staugaard, Buttzville, ; Jesse Staugaard Oxford; and Mrs. John Beers, Oxford. Also a sister in Iowa, and a brother in Mass.

The sympathy of all is extended to the family in sorrow. The funeral was from the house August 21st, 1934, with burial in Hillside Cemetery.

The Rev. Dr. G. C. Mouldsdale; Miss I. C. DeWitt and Miss Rosalie Sarson came from Belvidere to worship with us last Sabbath Morning. Also Mr. Henry Race and son; Mr. Peter Aaroe, of Perth Amboy, nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Peterson, besides friends in Oxford not of our congregation. Their presence was a great pleasure to all of us.



The Lukens Band  
by George Weber  
(Suggested by the reference to the  
Empire Band in last issue)

I have a photograph of the Lukens Band which antedates the Empire Band by several years; just how many, I don't know.

There are 13 in the group, and the names follow:--

Front row seated; W.L. Lukens, Elmer Thompson (\*), J.R. Searing, and Ben Walton (\*). Second row----

P.J. Zapp, (\*) Theodore Cottle (?). Ezra Estler (\*), Edwin C. Perkins (\*), Harry Perkins (\*), Henry Weber (\*).

Rear row, standing.-- Thos. Reese (\*), W.L. Hornbaker, Philip Radle (\*), Frank Owens, Jay Huffman (\*), Geo. Weber, Louis Estler, and Chris. Zapp (\*).

Those marked with a star (\*) have passed on to the great beyond. There are 11 thus checked. One member--Theodore Cottle--I don't know whether he is among the living or not. I haven't heard from him for a long time.

I think that before one in ten bands knew what a saxophone was, Mr. Lukens had 4 imported from Paris--2 sopranos--he and Louis Estler played them-- one tenor. Jay Huffman had that, and I was given one alto. The Band met for practice in Mr. Lukens' house, in the large front room. We each have our instruments, so I could give the name of the kind each played, but I fear it would take up too much space.

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(The Harris Mine concluded from the last page)

Believe me, we did some quick work, for the only thing at hand was a pail and we worked fast and got the fire out in a short time. If the building had burned down we would have had many cold nights before getting another shelter from the cold.

As far as I know I am the only man living who helped open the Harris mines. The date I think was 1873.

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Last Tuesday the Manse was made glad by a call from Mr. C.E. Weston with his mother and sister from Hackettstown. They went to Hope and Blairstown to call on Mr. Searing and Mrs. Everitt, but were disappointed in not finding them at home. The latter will read this with similar feelings.

Joseph W. Shippen's Letter

We have found a letter written in the old manor house 164 years ago by Joseph Shippen, who lived in this house from the time it was built about 1760 to his death in 1795. It was addressed to the County clerk, Mr. Thomas Anderson, asking him to try to save the lives of two negro slaves, one of Shippen's and another of Ben Depui's. The penalty for stealing then in force was death. Here is the letter taken from the original, and first printed in Snell's History of Sussex and Warren Counties (1881), page 63.

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"Dr. Sir,--The bearer has a negro of Ben Depui's and another of mine, under commitment to Sussex Gaol, from Mr. Van Horne, for a theft from Mr. Hoops, which cannot be tried conveniently unless he was at home, and then, I imagine, we might have them tried by three or four Magistrates, and an end made to the affair without taking their lives. Pray send me your advice what will be the best way for me to act in the matter, and I will thankfully reward you for it and whatever trouble you may take in obliging me. One thing more, I beg that you will please to order such refreshments for him while he is there as you think proper. I will pay it. I am sick in bed, unable to ride up or I would come myself and consult the matter fully with you.

Know, however, that I will most assuredly reward you to your satisfaction. I can't at present tell you the affair exactly, but will as soon as I can see you. Excuse this very incorrect scrawl, as I write in the greatest pain lying in my bed.

I am Sr. Sir,

Your ready Friend and very Humbl  
Sevt.

Joseph N (W). Shippen  
Oxford, 27 June, 1770.

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Joseph Shippen was at the time of this letter 33 years of age and it shows a man of fine feelings and noble principles. No wonder he became popularly known as "Gentleman Joe."

The Ben Depui named above was probably a brother of Aaron Depui who had store at Old Oxford (Hazen). He and Shippen were neighbors and probably friends.

Aaron Depui started his store in 1741. said to have been the first store in all the region, not only in this county but in Easton and even Bethlehem.



Opening the Harris Mine (concluded)  
By Patrick Kempsey

I told in my last letter about the flood of water which was held back on account of the mouth of the drift being sealed tight by mud and of the in-rush it made when the man poked the iron bar into the mud. After many days and nights of pumping the water was brought to the low level. Then Mr. Repp took me as his companion and we started to explore the long tunnel which was more than a thousand feet long.

We found several piles of mud and sand which had been washed down from the surface through the stulls, as they were called. They were heavy timbers set at an angle from the foot wall to the hanging wall. They were then covered with heavy lagging or timber to catch any falling rock that might cause injury to the men at work. Such was the method of mining at that time. Today they run levels and leave pillars to act as timbers.

However, we found that all the old timber were well preserved.

On the exploration trip Mr. Repp had a large miner's lamp on a long pole or staff to examine over-head. Every little while Mr. Repp would sit down and watch the candles, (which I held in each hand) burn to find if the air was fit, as there were a great many small places, due to the wash-in from the surface, and these small pockets might contain foul air.

I was too young to know foul air from good air, but Mr. Repp did, for he was a wonderful man and a thorough-bred miner in his day.

We found a few tools and broken shovels, a wooden wheel-barrow. The most important of all were a few short drills which were greatly eaten away by the sulphur in the ore. They were like chalk and could be broken very easily. I gave mine to Col. John Schoonover, and he sent them to a museum in Philadelphia sometime in the eighties, and I think it is still there.

It was late in the fall before the boiler and engine-house were built, with the doors and windows still to be put in. One night after the night-men had gone home the engineer, good Albert Stelter, put a large quantity of coal on the fire under the boiler and we both had slid under the grate to keep warm. In a short time my friend Albert grabbed me and said, "Get up the building is on fire!"

(see page two)

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