

**The Weekly Bulletin**  
*of the*  
**Oxford Second Presbyterian**  
**Church**

OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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PASTOR

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One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.—Psalm 27:4.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.

Church Worship, 10:30 a. m. - 7:30 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.

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Doxology  
Invocation and Lord's Prayer  
Psalm 19 sel.5  
Hymn 26  
Creed and Gloria  
Scripture Lesson Matt.12  
Prayer  
Anthem  
Offering  
Hymn 164  
Sermon The Christian Conquest  
Hymn 149  
Benediction

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TEXT

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen;  
my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased.  
I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall  
show judgment to the Gentiles.  
Matt. 12:18

"Almighty God, be gracious unto us, and  
enable us, while we labor for the life  
that now is, ever to have regard unto the  
heavenly life promised unto thy children.  
Defend us in body and soul from all harm.  
Show thy loving-kindness unto all men and  
women and little children, according to  
the need of every living soul, especially  
those whom we love, and those who are in  
any kind of trouble or distress. Protect  
our country, and prosper our Church; Bless  
all who do good in the world, and restrain  
and convert all who do evil; through our  
Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

The monthly union meeting  
to-night at the Methodist Church, at 7:30  
We trust our people will show their kind  
interest by attending.

The Young People's meeting at 7 P.M.  
prompt. The Leader is Miss Ritzer, and the  
Topic is "The great Commandments."

The Ladies Aid meets at the Manse  
next Wednesday to consider action on the  
pension fund. The Pastor will be entitled  
to receive a life pension, beginning on  
Feb. 24th, if the Congregation completes  
its payment to that date. The amount  
required from April last including interest  
is \$ 119:59. A full attendance is  
requested.

The Old Oxford Band again.

Mr. George Weber, in a letter to the Bulletin, says: "I find something interesting in every Bulletin;—the one of Jan. 31st Mrs John Vosseller, in a letter, mentions the Oxford, Band of which Mr. Vosseller was a member, caused me to look up an old photograph of a Band of which I was a member. It was called The Lukens Band.

It may interest the surviving members of that organization to see the names of those who composed the Band, printed in the Bulletin. So if they do not take up too much space I would be glad to have them printed. Old Timers, not members doubtless would be pleased, too, but I leave the matter of printing to your discretion. As a rule, I put date on such things, but I find this must be an exception, as I find nothing on the back of the picture, and have nothing, by which I can fix the date it was taken. The names are as follows:

Theodore Cottle	Philip Radle
Ezra Estler	Thomas Reese
Louis Estler (son)	G.R. Searing
Wm Hornbaker	Elmer thompson
Jay Huffman	Bon Walton
E.T. Lukens (Leader)	George Weber
Frank Owen	Henry Weber (Bro)
E.C. Perkins	Chris Zapp
Harry Perkins (son)	P.J. Zapp (Bro)

To those of the above who will see this I will say, Boys, I still play the Saxophone and am a member of the Lyndhurst Municipal Band. To all my old friends in Oxford and those now elsewhere too, I remain Sincerely, George Weber."

This list of the members of the Band is the same as that sent in by G.R. Searing and printed in Bulletin # 95, with only one exception,—Mr. Searing's list contains the name of John Vosseller in addition to all the others given above. Mr. Weber does not account for the omission.

The existence of a photograph of this old Band is of real importance, and we trust that in time it will find a permanent home in some Oxford Historic Museum which we hope to see established in the near future.

The Bulletin acknowledges the receipt of another generous supply of clippings from Mr. Searing, which will be used in later issues.

## The New Oxford

Slowly but surely Oxford is entering a new era in its history. For nearly 200 years the community was wholly dependent upon the mining industry. They flourished and languished together. This condition has gradually been changing for many years, and is now less true than ever before.

Thirty years ago there were only half a dozen commercial houses, apart from the Company Store. The latter no longer exists but in its place more than twenty business houses have sprung up. Again, in former times there were no other industries here to give employment to men than the iron mines and works, now we have several plants giving regular employment to our citizens. The Lime stone Quarries, the Silk Mill, the Enamel works, the Saw Mill, with many minor means of livelihood, beside the large number who have daily work in neighboring towns;—all which combine to give most of our citizens business and employment at all times. Of course when the Iron Mines are active they greatly stimulate local business and life. — But Oxford is learning that it can prosper even when the mines are inactive, as they have been for the past ten years, excepting during 1930.

Another marked evidence of a new civic life and prosperity, is found in the public improvements in the last ten years. Beginning with the fine new School Building, there have been new residences erected, with a great many more remodeled, improved and repainted. And even as this is written two new residences, and a new store-room are in process of erection. Then too, the streets have all been macadamized, various other local improvements have been effected. So new life and hope for a better town is now displacing the despair of past years.

We can confidently look for more small industries to locate here in the future, providing more work and business, adding to the gradual growth and prosperity of the community. The most pressing need in the way of business development is some form of local banking facilities.

This is sure to come in time, and more than anything else will make for prosperous conditions in the future.

When business prosperity returns in the country, Oxford will not lag behind other small communities<sup>in</sup> healthy and permanent welfare and activities.

Last Sabbath afternoon in the Church the Pastor baptized the infant son of Wm C. and Helen A. Stange, of Astoria, L.I.

The child was Christened : William Francis. They were accompanied by Mr and Mrs Clifton Ditzel, of Roselle Park, N.J., and Miss Bertha Lapelt.

Mrs. Ditzel was formerly Miss Bertha Potts, who grew up in Oxford and was long a member of our Church. She recently ask for and received her letter of dismissal to the Roselle Park Presbyterian Church, N.J. Our good wishes go with her in her new Church life.

The Young People's new Play, is called "The Wild Oats Boy," and the time is March 7th. They are earnestly at work on the preparation for that date.

Mrs. Jane McNear has given a large old family Bible to the Church for use in the Chapel, as future occasion may require. It belonged to her brother Theodore who bought in the year 1880 from Mr. George Weber, according to an inscription on the inside of the front cover. The Book is in good condition and the print is very large and clear, and will serve a good purpose in the years to come.

We are pleased with a note from Mrs. Wm. H. Belden, of Elmira, N.Y., written by her daughter Mrs. Ellen S. B. Taylor, inclosing a contribution for the Bulletin, which will be mailed to her regularly with deep satisfaction to the Pastor. For Mrs Belden is one of the two surviving Charter members of our Church, and her husband was a Minister, and a Missionary. We thank her for her sympathy and interest in the Church, of her girlhood days, so kindly expressed in the letter, and also for her intimate remarks for the encouragement to the Pastor.

Mrs. Taylor adds: "She wants you to know that if she were able she would love to contribute to the Oxford Church. She is happy here in the sweet home she and my twin sister have together."

Mrs Taylor's Sister is a professor in the Woman's College of Elmira.

The Bulletin sends greetings of the Oxford Church and the many old friends to Mrs Belden, with the prayer for her continued good health and happiness.

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