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PASTOR

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.
The Annual Business Meeting comes in last week of March.

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Morning Worship

Voluntary
Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 119 sel. 45
Hymn 20
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 126
Sermon By Dr. H. L. Bowlby
Hymn 239
Benediction

"Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and to do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may, by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen "

"Things that never Fail," is the topic for the Young People's meeting tonight at seven oclock. Mrs. Charles Dux will lead.

The Lord's Supper will be administered next Sabbath Morning, October 9th. Those who may wish to unite with the Church should speak to the Pastor before that service. Opportunity for baptism will be given for infants and adults.

Preparatory Services will be held in the church this coming week, and three evenings, of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The following ministers will preach for us:.....

Wednesday Oct. 5th, Rev. M. H. Looloian
of Stewartville.

Thursday Oct. 6th, Rev. A. C. Kellogg
of Delaware.

Friday, Oct. 7th, Dr. Charles Overstreet
of Greenwich.

Let all plan to attend all or some of these evening services. The music will be lead by the Choir. We have deep need for these meetings, for the Communion and for our spiritual quickening.

The Ladies Annual Fair and Supper
on Thursday evening, October 27th.

Next Wednesday the Ladies will hold a Covered Dish Luncheon at the Chapel.

They will meet at noon sharp, and all the Ladies of the congregation are urged to attend, for very important business will come before them.

On next Thursday October 6th, the semi-annual meeting of the Presbyterial, the Ladies Missionary Society, of the Presbytery, will convene at Stewartsville for an all day meeting.

The Young People will hold a business session after the meeting tonight.

New officers have been elected as follows:

President--Mrs. Charles Lux
Vice Pres.-- Chris Seiple
Secretary--Miss Helen Snyder
Treasurer--Miss Alice Seiple
The Society has contributed \$25.00 to the church fund.

The Choir has been giving us splendid music lately, which is much enjoyed by the congregation. The musical features last Sabbath were unusual, for in addition to the Anthem there were three instrumental numbers by Earl Held, Chris Seiple and Alice Seiple, with the flute, violin and piano. The large audience was very appreciative.

Dr. Franklin H. Perkins, of Lancaster Mass. sends a contribution for the expenses of the Bulletin, saying "I trust it will help a little toward preserving the life of your most interesting bulletin....."

"I recall with a great deal of pleasure my visit to Oxford last June and enjoyed very much meeting you and viewing scenes of my boyhood. As you know, we lived next to the parsonage for a good many years and my principle chum at that time was Jimmy Cline, the son of the minister. While I know I was a very apt pupil, like the proverbial minister's son, he played considerable part in my education."

Dr. Perkins conducts a very interesting type of sanitarium for children, called "The Perkins School of Adjustment" in which he makes use of the newest methods of treatment. We thank him heartily for his letter and interest in the Bulletin.

Oxford in 1874

We have before us an Atlas of Warren County, published in 1874, by F.W. Beers of N.Y. City. It belongs to Miss Emma Scot who lives on Mine Hill. It is a very fine example of cartography, and the map of Oxford Furnace is drawn on a large plan, 24 rods (396 feet) to the inch. All the buildings and lots are indicated, and the owner or occupant named. The main streets are Mechanic, Little York Road (now Buckley Ave) Washington Ave., and Belvidere Ave.

Lincoln Ave., and Church street (in Pittengerville) are the only other streets named. Wall Street, is indicated but not named and without stores, except the Company store, a shoe shop opposite it, and cabinet Warehouses of Matthews, near the Wilkinson house.

The greatest surprise to the present generation would be in the fact the concrete highway did not then exist even as a road or street. To get to the depot from tunnel hill it was then necessary to go from the junction of the highway with Mechanic street down to Green Row, thence along the latter to a little beyond the highway at the crossing of the R.R. switch, thence to Wall street, to the Company store, and follow the present road to the Depot.

The Churches are the Presbyterian, with old stone Chapel, and Manse, the Methodist in old building; the German Reformed; and the Catholic, at that time located in the lot with the present Catholic cemetery.

The Schools houses were the one in Pittengerville, the one on School street and the Catholic school next to the Church.

The old and new furnaces are shown, and all the mills and company buildings.

At the old furnace we find marked the cast house, the stock house, the engine house, and Grist Mill. Across the streets are the carpenter shop and the Old Car Wheel Factory. Eastward are the outlines of the Foundry, Machine Shop, stove Factory, Rolling Mill, Nail Factory and Ware House, Keg Factory and Dry House. Above the Company store are The Boarding House (the Fowler House) and the Residence of Wm. Scranton. The residences of S.T. Scranton and Charles Scranton are given. The ground plan of all these buildings are plainly marked. Two Mine heads are shown, One called the Upper Mine, located above the old school house, and the other West of the road but higher up Mine Hill, next to the Kimple place. (Over)

(Oxford in 1874 continued)

The residents on Washington Ave, from Furnace creek, East, were I. F. Ward; E. T. Henry; E. T. Lukens (the large Lukens house is not indicated). Above the Manse are H. Kingsbury; J. C. Schoonover; J. H. Lukens; J. W. Peacher.

West side Wash. Ave. were J. Stout; Dr. Dearborn; and James Nolan.

Denmark and Jonestown are not given on this map because of lack of space, as also upper Mine Hill.

In Pittengerville, are many familiar names and other now unknown. At the top of the hill there was a harness shop, marked John Kessler. Further on was Dr. W. M. Hartpence. Opposite the latter lived J. Pittenger, and at the Methodist Parsonage was the home of D. Vosseller. The Radcl store is not shown. West of the Avenue was the Beer Saloon and the Brewery of F. Swartz. Up the Avenue lived T. Stout; S. D. Lanning; P. Repp; E. Baumgartner; and just South of the School house; Dr. Eagan.

On Tunnel hill was D. Sweeney, several Calls, and Mountains.

At the Swamp we find the names of M. Axford; Wm. Axford; O. N. Perry; Wm. Stout;

On west Belvidere avenue are the Cobbs, Repps; Boofmans; Euler; Melberger and others

On Buckley ave the first house was a store by J. D. Kern. Further on lived the Edingers; T. Buckley; J. Sarson; E. Cooper; M. Weber; N. J. Burd; J. Baylor; S. and J. Hartman; T. Williams; T. E. Cowley.

In giving the streets names we overlooked Hill street, and Elm street (Between B. Zapp and Abram Pittenger); and Henry street.

On School street there was a shoe shop kept by M. Mountain, and a shoe maker, H. Hays

These names and citations will help those who resided in Oxford at that time to recall many persons and objects of interest. This Atlas should be kept in Oxford, as an unequalled map of the place at that time. Oxford needs a museum to keep these and many other items and objects of historical interest.

In this connection we have just received an interesting letter from Mr. G. S. Humphrey saying that he with three mining friends interested in historical affairs of iron mining, would be in Oxford on Friday October 14th, to look over the old Furnace and make plans if possible for its better preservation. It should be converted into an historical museum, that is the Engine house of course.

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