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OXFORD, NEW JERSEY



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Pastor

*Be careful for nothing; but in everything
by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your
requests be made
known to God*

*And the peace of God, which passeth all
understanding, shall keep your
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Christ Jesus
Philippians IV, 6, 7*

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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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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 33 sel. 11
Hymn 48
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Hymn 184
Sermon
Hymn 30
Benediction

Text

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint
---Isaiah 40:31

" Grant O Lord, that this day which thou hast given unto us in mercy, may be returned unto thee in service. May all our tasks be gladly and faithfully done, as in thy sight; may our burdens be not too heavy for us, because thine aid and comfort are with us continually; and in nothing may we displease thee, or injure one another. For all our shortcomings O God, let thy fatherly wisdom correct us, and thy divine love amend our fault, and infinite mercy forgive us; though Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen!"

The Young People's Meeting to-night at 7 P.M. The Topic will be "The Blessings of Repentance."

Once every six years Christmas falls on Sunday, and such is the case this time. The services of the day next Sabbath will all bear upon the Christmas thought and meaning.

The choir will give us special music, and the Sermon will be suited to the occasion.

The Sunday School exercises will be held on Monday night, 26th, and the usual features will be carried out.

Forty of the children will have a part in it, and there will be a tree and Santa Claus, and the School treat.

The Young People plan to hold a new year's watch social on the evening of the 31st in the Chapel, with a small charge to pay for refreshments will be made.

The Choir accompanied the Pastor last Sabbath afternoon to the Synodic Home for old folks at Belvidere, and were warmly received by the fifty or more members of the home. A full devotional service was held. The choir rendered an anthem, and led in the singing of the hymns. It was a cold snowy day but we all were glad to go and help in their worship. Our church is asked to conduct this service two or more times each year.

The next issue of the Bulletin will reflect the Christmas spirit of good will and joy. The special article will be furnished by our gifted contributor, Mr. Clinton L. Weston. It will consist of several humorous incidents occurring in the old Oxford days.

We have to thank Mr. J. L. Searing for several clippings from old local news papers. From an Oxford letter in the Warren Daily News, March 19th, 1897, we take these items:-

The following are the officers who were elected at the Presbyterian Sunday school on Wednesday evening to act for the next term: Superintendent, J. A. Jones, Asst. Supt., S. J. Cooper, Treasurer, G. P. Breisbach, Secretary, Corlana Cook, Librarian, John Cooke Chorister, G. P. Albright Organist, Amanda Perkins."

Another item: "The ferrifiers base ball club reorganized last evening, and the following are the players: a, Walter B. Ventnor; p, Fred Fox; lb, Robert Thompson; 2b, John Thompson; 3b, John Wright; ss, Milton Burd; rf, John Abram; cf, William Hornbaker; lf, Steven Miller. The first game will be with the Oxford base ball team in April."

Other notes tell of the funeral services of Mrs. Matilda Shaffer, at the Methodist church, Rev. Hubch officiating. - Banquet by the J. O. S. Society, which was "a grand success." - And a party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Kimple, with music furnished by Prof. Lewis' orchestra.

Mailed copies of the Bulletin sometimes fail to reach their destination.

Whatever the cause we are always pleased to be notified, and promptly send another copy.

The First Store in Warren County

Mrs. Robert C. Lanning of Washington N. J. sends the following excerpt from an historical work, "Northwestern New Jersey," Volume II., by A. Van Loren Honeyman:-

"There is no question that the first settlers to come down the Delaware as far as Warren County, after the early Dutch miners left about 1664, were the family of Nicholas Lepui, who arrived in New Amsterdam in October, 1662 from Artois, France. He followed the old mine road to its end and found improvements in the shape of apple orchards and cleared land at what is now Shawnee, above Water Gap.

This mine road was an old Indian trail from the Hudson river to the Delaware, and very much improved by the Dutch to get their ore to New Amsterdam (New York.)

"Nicholas Lepui bought this improved land and islands from two Indians then in possession of it, Wauganlenoggea and Pennogue, and lived there with his sons, Samuel, Daniel, Aaron and Benjamin.

"Aaron Lepui came on down as far as Oxford and started the first store in Warren County in 1741, long before there were any stores in Easton, Phillipsburg or Bethlehem. People came as far as thirty miles to do their trading. Nicholas Lepui sent his Indian Boys Mark Anthony and Parinesa from Shawnee with orders for goods to this store at Oxford, New Jersey.

"The old ledger of this store, beginning with 1743, is still in existence, being in the possession of one of the Lepui descendants, Mrs. M. J. Croascale, of River Farm, at the Delaware Gap."

Also an account of the Old Furnace from the same volume, which is here given with some omissions:-

"Jonathan Robeson came to Oxford from Quaker town and built a charcoal furnace that produced its first iron on March 9th 1743... At first the product was only two tons a day, which needed 700 bushels of charcoal for its production. In 1800 the furnace was making three tons a day, and the use of so much charcoal laid bare all the hills within hauling distance, so that the furnace discontinued between 1809 and 1831. At the latter date, owing to the completion of the Morris canal, fuel was again obtainable, and the furnace was started under the management of William Henry, Esq. who as early as 1834 used the hot blast and obtained the patent for it..."

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"During the Revolution the Tory owners Dr. William Shippen, shut down their works, but the iron was needed more than ever before for cannon and balls, so the new government did not hesitate to take charge and operate them by men who were excused from military duty for so doing.

Mr. Henry the inventor of the hot blast for iron furnaces, went from Oxford to Scranton, Pa., to build a new furnace in the coal fields. His partner dying, he secured assistance from the Scrantons, P. H. Mather, of Easton, and Sanford Grant, of Belvidere, to found the great Lackawanna Iron and Coal Co. there and gave the city its name, Scranton, which is thus a daughter of Oxford, N. J."

Mrs. Lanning is looking up the history of the Lanning family writes that she has found that "the parents of Steven Lanning, who was born in Oxford in 1800, were Daniel Lanning and his wife Fanny Bainbridge of England. Their children were Eliza, Fanny, May, Sarah Ann, Mahalah, Charles, Stephen, Daniel and Jonathan Oxford. Now I must find the dates of their birth and if they assisted at the furnace or supplied charcoal at the time of the Revolution. I mean Daniel I."

Laringer - Ziech

Mr. Earl L. Ziech and Miss Vinnet L. Laringer were united in marriage last Thursday afternoon, December 15th, at the Manse. Mr. Ziech is a native of Wisconsin but for two years has been living with a relative in Washington, N. J. where he is employed. He is a young man of fine character and his future is full of promise. The Bride is one of Oxford's charming young ladies, a member of our church, and for several years Organist of the S. School. All their friends wish for them a long and happy life together. They go to housekeeping immediately in Washington N. J.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of postage money for the Bulletin from Mrs. Ellen Griffin, of Yonkers, N. Y. She formerly lived in Oxford, and her Husband (John Griffin) was a puddler in the Rolling Mills.

Mrs. Griffin has long been a reader of our paper, and likes to read of old Oxford days and people.

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