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The Bulletin
OF THE
Oxford Second
Presbyterian Church
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
hearts and minds through
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Philippians IV, 6, 7*

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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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Morning Worship

Doxology
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Psalm 19
Hymn 47
Creed and Gloria
Scripture Lesson
Prayer
Anthem
Offering
Hymn 38
Sermon
Hymn 334
Benediction

Prayer

(Forms of Grace before Meat)

"The Lord make us grateful for all his mercies, and add his blessing, for Christ's sake. Amen."

"The Lord bless this food to our use, and us to his service. Amen."

"Lord Jesus be our holy Guest,
Our morning Joy, our evening Rest;
And with our daily bread impart
Thy love and peace to every heart."
(Amen.)

"How our Society Meets Young People's Needs," is the topic for the meeting tonight at 7 o'clock. All come on time.

"The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held in the Chapel at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

---By Secretary

Childrens' Day Exercises next Sunday morning at 10:30.

There will be new songs by the school and the children will recite their pieces and perform their parts in their always charming manner.

The committee in charge of preparation consists of Mrs. Edward T. Green, Miss Myra Radel, Mrs. Laura Seiple and Miss Adelaide Yount.

At this service the Pastor will be ready to Christen infants who may be presented by parents or guardians.

He should be notified before time.

There will be programs for all.

Every body is cordially invited to attend. Come and bring your friends.

Mr. William Cobb, at the age of 88, is one of our oldest citizens, and has the great distinction of being the only surviving Veteran of the Civil War. The past week being Decoration period, the Editor paid his respects to Mr. Cobb, and found him in his usual good health. He entertained us with an account of his war experiences, which began in 1862 when, a resident of Scranton, he enlisted in the Penna. Volunteer militia, and was present at the battle of Gettysburg. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army Signal Corps receiving training at the army school in Georgetown. He was sent first to Tennessee and went with Sherman to Atlanta. Called back to Washington was sent to North Carolina, where at Raleigh, he ended his army life with the end of the war in a dramatic manner. Sherman had arrived at Raleigh from Charlestown, and had brought to bay Joseph Johnson at the head of the last Confederate army. Grant went to Raleigh to settle the terms of surrender.

During their parley Cobb and a sick tent-mate were located in a front yard, and one morning, as Cobb was making coffee, Sherman, Grant and Johnston came riding by and Sherman, who recognized Cobb, rode up to the fence and said to him, "Partner, can you give us some coffee?" Cobb said yes and began to serve it in cups on the fence.

Johnston, objected, saying, "Do you eat the private soldier's mess?" Grant replied, "Yes, if we did not we should have starved." Sherman talked with Cobb, and asked about his tent mate, and when told that he was ill, recovering from yellow fever, Sherman took his tablet and wrote out an order on the Commissary choice food for an invalid.

When the surrender was completed Sherman directed Cobb to go up to the top of the Capitol building where the signal corps had a station, and send up a parachute with many colors proclaiming the end of the war. incidentally, Sherman's flag at the top of the Capitol got caught and a piece was torn out of it, which Cobb got and still treasures as a trophy.

Mr. Elmer Frome was stricken last Sunday night with Paralysis, at his home in Phillipsburg. The last report is that he is recovering. So may it be!

Mrs. Lizzie Hammer of Hackettstown, and Dr. Lewis E. Estler, of Arlington, N.J., are welcome members of our regular mailing list.

Old Oxford Days

The Company Store

By Clinton E. Weston

All roads and by-ways led to the Company store. It was the Hub, so to speak, of the community; for here the entire population and the farmers from the outlying district gathered, not only to buy the necessities of life but for social intercourse as well.

In the prosperous days it was a bustling hive of activity and was probably one of the first of the so-called department stores. The successive store-keepers and the salesmen were of the highest type of men-representative citizens--who for the most part took an active and leading share in the affairs of the town. Still standing it is a large two story brick building erected soon after the iron industry started.

On the door-sill was a plus sign cut by topographical engineers stating the altitude at that point was 480 feet.

The successive store-keepers were: Henry Kingsbury, D.F. Brigham, Elias C. Allen, Charles Creveling, Arjay Davis, Fred'k Fowler, and a few later ones until the store was closed.

Entering the store, at the right was the hardware and shoe department, attended at various times by William Gray, Elias C. Allen, George Searing and Jacob Zapp.

In this department one could buy anything from a fish hook to a shot gun, and anything in foot wear from a button hook or shoe string to copper toed boots. The special attractions for me, when a lad, were the carpenter tools and the show case containing Jack knives. At Christmas times all the toys were on display in this department, which was a delight to young and old.

As may be imagined the noise was deafening, and with the long hours, 7 A.M. to 8 P.M., when the holidays were over, the clerks were well nigh exhausted.

When old post office that was located on the corner leading to Dutch Hill burned the office was located in the store directly at the right as you entered and was in charge of William Searing. There were several numbered boxes, but for the most part mail went into the general delivery.

When Mr. Cole called and found no mail some of the boys would call to the P.M. to look in the coal bin; if Mr. Wood called they would suggest the wood pile; or if Mr. Winter called the ice-box would be mentioned expecting in this case to find postage dew on the mail. (next page)

The Company Store (continued)

At the left counter as you entered were the dry goods where anything in wearing apparel could be had from a darning needle to a wedding trousseau. This department was attended by George Innes, Robert Gray, Fred'k Fowler and Luther Godschalk. Brass tacks were placed in the counter to measure off the yards of cloth. Each clerk carried a small pair of scissors to start the desired length and then "zipp" went the cloth.

It was said at one time that one of the clerks had a dream one night of selling some muslin and ripped off a few yards. When he woke in the morning he found he had ripped in two the bed sheet.

No doubt it was the same clerk who dreamed one night that he was eating flannel cakes and woke himself up chewing the blanket.

(To be concluded)

Mr. George Weber writes:

" I was much interested in Patrick Kempsey's letter about the Oxford Tunnel.

When he stated that it was commenced in 1854, I thought, 'Patty' (that was his name when we were co-workers in the Rolling Mill-Patrick was too dignified) you are wrong, for I remember when it was being put through. But when I read on a little further he said it was completed in 1862 I concluded he was right. I cannot remember when it was begun, but my memory goes back to a few years before its completion.

One of the two contractors who finished the job he says was George W. Weistling.

About that time there was a man by that or a similar name who played the Melodeon in our Sunday School in the old stone Chapel. I am wondering if the contractor and Melodeon player was the same person.

I can not think of any one who may remember unless it would be Mr. D. F. Lukons.

While we are reminiscing, does any one recall the old wood-burner switch or drill locomotive 'Frugality', the passenger locomotive named 'Col. Scranton,' with its highly polished brass bands around the sheathing of the boiler? Locomotive engines in those days were built to have a nice appearance, as well as for utility, or in other words, ornamental as well as useful."

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