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Automatic Nail Feed
on cut nail machines

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Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee.—Deuteronomy, 32:7.

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.-----Psalms.

"Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; We yield thee unfeigned thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Thanksgiving Prayer Meeting

This evening at 7 o'clock, there will be a thanksgiving prayer meeting in the church. Miss Alice Bell will be the leader. The service is for persons of all ages, and as it is to be followed by a similar service Thanksgiving morning there should be a large turnout.

The Annual Fair and Chicken Waffle supper will be conducted by the ladies on the 4th of December.

"The Ladies and Gentlemen are asked to come to the Chapel on Monday evening, Dec. 2, at 6:30 to dress chickens and prepare tables, etc..

The solicitors will meet Friday afternoon, Nov. 29, at 3 P.M. at the home of Mrs. L.B. Hoagland. Please be present.

----by the Ladies.

Thanksgiving Morning Meeting

In the Chapel

The Young people are planning for a morning service, thanksgiving, at 7:30 AM.

The public is invited, and good program has been prepared. Persons of all ages are urged to attend.

To The Bulletin Readers
By Mr. George Weber

The Bulletin of 11/17/35 is received and is full of interesting old news. The readers have the B. so I will not make any comments on the interesting letters the issue contains.

The principal object of this letter is to call attention to the fact that bills for supplies and materials for the B. for the coming year will be due and will have to be met if the B. is to continue.

And I am sure there isn't one of the subscribers who would have it die for a lack of funds.

Therefore, to add our own bit, I enclose check for four dollars--two of which Mrs. Weber is sending to be applied on the bills above mentioned, and two dollars for our own subscription for 1936, which will be due in January.

I am very much pleased to note the progress made about the furnace. Credit has been given from time to time to those who have been instrumental in bringing the furnace project thus far to a desirable conclusion. All which is duly appreciated.

But, to date, I feel to have seen any mention made of the part the Editor played in this enterprise (Of course he is too modest to speak of it himself).

I wonder if we realize the amount of time and labor he has put, not only on the furnace proposition, but on the B. in general.

Of course we know, but for the writings efforts of the Editor, the B. would not have been born.

And the facts about the furnace would have remained dead, as the furnace itself for the present, and probably forever.

Remember, as John Reider, the old jeweler used to say, "Small favors thankfully received, and large ones in proportion."

Mr. Humphrey is back in Staten Island, and writes that "the attack" which I had in Phila. was not severe, and after a couple of days in bed, with good care, I "came back" in fine shape, and practically all right again." Mr. Humphrey enclosed \$10.00 for the Bulletin fund, and for mailing it to himself; Rev. L. S. B. Hadley; Prof. Mary M. Belden; Miss Eugenia Henry.

This makes a handsome start on the expense fund of the Bulletin for the next year. If all who possibly can, will help there will be no trouble to meet all the bills.

Nail Making at Oxford
Additional data

By Mr. Edwin C. Perkins

The Bulletin for March 4th, 1934, contained a brief reference by our good friend Mr. George Weber, to Hand-feeding versus the Gould Self-feeding device later used in Nail making at Oxford. The latter, with subsequent improvements, added interesting history to art. I am now able to supply authentic data regarding this process and herewith offer it for your records.

The Self-feeder, so far as perfected by Mr. John C. Gould, was a very creditable machine, but still it had a couple of serious defects; one was said to have been remedied by the late Mr. Warren Ward, the capable Master-mechanic of the Iron Works.

The other defect was the Feed-grip. As a cut nail was tapering, the plate had to be turned over between cuts; the plate was held by a nipper on the end of a flat steel rod, and all passed through a barrel making a half revolution and then a return.

In addition to the turn over, the plate had to be thrust forward under the knives, which was accomplished by a Feed-grip; then the Grip must be freed from the Nipper-rod so the Grip could vibrate backwards for a new hold on the Rod.

The Grip had two rigid jaws, and the wide dimension of the flat Nipper-rod had to be forced into Grip and out again for release by the revolving barrel; these violent wrenchings distorted the nice timing of the several parts of the feeding system, and caused a considerable output of imperfect nails, slivers, etc.

My father, Edwin C. Perkins and his brother, Harrison B. Perkins, both practical nailers of long experience, studied this unstable operation and adopting a new principle, replacing the Gould rigid Grip with one having a movable jaw working against a fixed jaw, making an "open-and-shut" effect, whereby the Nipper-rod was held firmly by the Grip just long enough for the forward thrust and then the Grip relaxed its hold and the Nipper-rod was entirely free to turn with the barrel, thus eliminating all the torsional strain which previously had disrupted the harmonious action of the combined machines, and thus the Feeder, as perfected by the Perkins' Grip, was adopted by the nail Company.

The Perkins Brothers patented their invention, but unfortunately so near the end of the life of cut nails (supplanted by nails made from Wire instead of Plate),

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these inventors realized no commensurate return, and Mr. Weber's timely allusion affords an opportunity to give credit for patient ingenuity, resulting in a success, and bringing benefit to the community through its major industry.

Mr. Frank Bergenback

Oxford has lost another old citizen in the death of Mr. Frank Bergenback, which occurred suddenly November 14th. He was apparently in good health, having spent the day at hard labor, but coming home in the late afternoon he was seized with an attack which proved fatal in a few hours.

He was born in Scranton, Pa., where his father was employed in the iron works.

Later the family came to Oxford to work in the mills here. The young Frank began working at the age of 9, and, with short intervals, had been an employee in the Iron Works here all his life.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Catherine Amendt, who survives him, with two of their three children; Mrs. Jennie Wiseburn, and Lewis Bergenback. Mrs. Anna Trexler passed away four years ago.

Mr. Bergenback was a quiet man who was highly respected by all for his sterling qualities. He was upright, kind, and of a cheerful disposition.

Being blest with remarkable health -- never ill in his life -- he was always a hard worker, and enjoyed it to the end.

His kindness in his home was notable, and in return was deeply loved.

The widow and family have the sympathy and condolence of all the community.

The funeral was from the home on Mine Hill on Sunday afternoon, where, in spite of the severe storm, a numerous crowd of relatives and friends, from near and far, were gathered to pay their last respects to the honored dead.

The interment was in Hill Side Cemetery.

Since last report the Bulletin has the grateful pleasure to acknowledge receipt of the following subscriptions for their renewal :

\$1.00 each from Patrick Burns; Mrs. Wm. Dawes; Miss Eva Bumiller; Mrs. Julius Gleichmann. 50 cents from Mrs. J. Courtright. \$1.50 from Mr. Levi Hoagland. \$2.00 from Mr. Edwin Perkins.



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