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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.



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The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. Isaiah 32:17

"Almighty God, we would worship thee in spirit and in truth. We come in deep humility, since thou art so high and exalted, and because thou beholdest the proud afar off. We come in tender penitence, for a contrite heart is the only dwelling. We come in the name of Jesus, our Lord, to make our wills one with thine. May we be clothed with a sound mind and the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of thy name forever. Amen

Next Sabbath, July 12th, will be Communion day with us. Let us prepare for it by self-examination in the sight of God; for we are all poor and needy before him, and our only hope springs in his divine grace.

Opportunity will be given for baptism and admission to Church.

Special Notice

A Supper will be given in the Chapel next Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The supper will be furnished by an agent for cooking utensils, at no cost to the church. There will be no charge but all diners will be given a chance to contribute what they think the repast is worth, and all money goes to the church. The agent will donate \$5.00 to this fund if 40 or more are present.

These suppers have been served in surrounding communities, and, can say, all reports give them high praise. We can thus assure our friends who partake a fine supper

The agent will need the help of several women to prepare the food and to serve the meals. All will be served at the same time. The profit to the church will depend wholly upon the support of our members and friends.

Miss Josephine Mahon of Caldwell, N.J. visited the Manse last Wednesday to inquire about the Old Furnace history in which she became interested by reading articles on it in the news papers. She is an artist and much interested in Colonial structures. She and her companions were shown the furnace, the old Church and the Mansion house, given some information about them.

She also gave us an interesting account about some descendants of Joseph W. Shippen and Martha Axford living in Caldwell. It seems that a son of Joseph Shippen, John Blair Shippen, born and raised in Oxford, moved to Hamburg, and later to Caldwell, where some of his family have lived ever since. John Shippen married a Miss Decamp of Caldwell, a member of a fine old family there, and resided in a historic homestead. We should like much to get in touch with these people.

In the party also was a Mr. Henry Hawk, who in 1875 worked on a dairy farm in Jackson Valley, just South of the tunnel gap. The farmers name was Kitchen, and some of our readers may recall the name. Mr. Hawk delivered milk in Oxford, and remembers it as a very lively place. He was here when Company Store burglary took place, in which Uncle Billy Searing, the watchman, was the hero, and has a vivid recollection of it.

Mr. Hawk's original home was in Phillipsburg, as was also the case of Mr. Kitchen.

We were glad to meet these good people, and rejoice that interest in Oxford's historical relics grows and spreads far and wide.

A card has been received from Mrs. Laura Seiple who has been on a visit with her son, Jesse, in Watertown Mass, for some weeks, and is gaining in strength from her long illness due, last winter, to a fall in which her thigh bone was broken.

She expects to return to Oxford in a few weeks.

We are glad to add to our mailing list the name of Miss Josephine Mahon, and thank her for \$2.00 for the expense fund.

A New Fourth of July

By Mrs Ella Nelson Merrill

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Bob Atwells Speech made a deep impression on the people. It gave them a new slant on patriotism which appealed to their local pride.

And after the speeches were all concluded, a conference was held and suggestions made for the good of the town. Then Bob announced a plan which he had discussed with the young people, and which they had favored quite strongly. He said, "You know the large lot where base ball games are played; now the ball ground occupies only a small part of the lot which is in a conspicuous part of the town, and by the main highway over which thousands of people pass daily. In its present condition it is not at all attractive. Now our idea was to make a beautiful park of this lot. It need not require a large outlay of money, for our plan is to work it out on a cooperative basis. In the first place there could be a background of maple trees in the rear, and on the highway side the sloping bank could be cleaned and perhaps some nice rock steps put there, with flowers and shrubbery at the sides. Maples can be found in abundance, and many homes could spare shrubs of all kinds to plant in the park. We would not interfere with the ball ground for that is an important part of the park. There is in fact plenty room for tennis and other games. Let us therefore

make our town as attractive as possible so that other people will want to come and live here; all this will in time tempt new industries to locate here and help build up financially. We have a beautiful setting and the possibilities are great."

A motion was made and carried to put the plan in operation. A committee was appointed with Bob Atwell as Chairman, and instructed to go ahead immediately with the work.

The next item was the dinner, and the women had bountifully prepared the big occasion. The tables were tastefully decorated and the fifty girls served gracefully and quickly. They were charming in their white uniforms, and caps, with

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tiny flags pinned on top.

After dinner there followed a general good time, the children and young folks games of all kinds, old and new; others visited together and renewed experiences of other days.

Then came the ball game. The local club had arranged to play with one of the strongest teams of a near by town, and the joyful spirit of the day so moved them that they out did themselves and won the game handsomely.

It had been a wonderful day all around; fine weather, splendid dinner, great sports, and nothing occurred to mar its harmony.

Plans were laid to go on with the park improvement and making the town as beautiful as mountains around it.

The following two or three weeks were busy times for Bob and his many helpers; trees and shrubs and flowers were planted and tended carefully. A stadium or at least benches for the ball ground were started, and a band organized and other features planned for the future. And so the work was making progress and a new spirit of hope and good-will pervaded the town.

They no longer seemed to feel that they were in a hole, and had to stay there. They seemed, on the other hand, to be, on the 'up and up,' and going higher.

The editor regrets that only an outline of Mrs. Merrill's fine story could be given here. The details have mostly been omitted for lack of space, and yet they are very interesting. But this is but one of a series of stories which the author expects soon to publish in book form.

Mr. Edwin Kintner and Miss Nora Acker were united in marriage at the Manse on Saturday evening, June 27th. Mr. Kintner was born and bred in Oxford, and attended our Sunday school from childhood. The Bride comes from Liberty Township. They are excellent young folks and have the best wishes of all for a long and happy life together.



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