

The BULLETIN

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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.

"The Dawning

A Pageant of the Resurrection" was presented in the Church last Sunday evening, by over forty of our young people, supported by the Choir. The music and the drama are very fine, representing the persons and events connected with the Resurrection of our Lord. It is also a rather difficult pageant to put on properly. But the general impression is that it was very well done. The large audience listened spell bound as the sacred events were reproduced, and a deep religious impression was evident.

It was truly a major event in our Church life, and will bear much fruit in days to come. This is specially true of those taking part, for they learned much of the Bible history, and the facts of the Resurrection were deeply printed in their minds.

The church was filled with a greater audience than for many years, and there were many visitors.

The Pastor of the Buttzville M.E. Church, Rev. H.B. Wright came with a goodly number of his congregation. Members of our local churches, and citizens in general were good enough to attend and lend the encouragement of their presence.

Too much can not be said of the large body of those taking part, especially the young folks who made up almost the whole cast.

For nearly two months they met and practiced the words and music, and entered into it all with their young enthusiasm.

Of the merits of the individual acting we can only say that they all did remarkably well, as many of them never had experience of the kind. However all the players are agreed that the Centurion's role taken by Kenneth Bell was outstanding in merit. Infact a visitor was heard to remark that he was an imported actor from N.Y. City! Well, Oxford does not have to go to the City for talent of this kind.

The greatest credit for the production of the Pageant belongs to Mrs. Edward T. Green, Chorister, and Manager in general. Long weeks of hard, patient toil in preparing for the pageant, cannot be too strongly stressed. (see back cover)

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Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

---I Peter 1:23

"O Thou who hast founded the Church for thyself, and hast promised to dwell in it forever; Enlighten and sanctify it, we beseech thee by thy Word and Spirit. Bless all who serve thee in the rule of thy Church; in the ministry of thy praise, and in the teaching of thy young. Strengthen them in their labors; give them courage to witness a good confession, and cause thy Church to increase more and more; though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

The Ladies Aid will hold their monthly meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 in the home of Mrs. Benjamin Green.

The Annual business meeting of the Congregation meets on next Thursday even' at 8.P.M. in the church, for election of officers and annual reports.

The annual canvass for pledges will be made next Sunday afternoon, April 11th, by the Trustees.

The Easter Sabbath was a great day in our Church. A large audience was present at the morning worship and Communion. Miss Josephine Meyer was received into the Church. The large Choir rendered fine music, and a deep spiritual interest was manifested in the service.

Last Sabbath afternoon the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Vorbach was christened with the name, Nancy Janice, in the home of the Grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Foss. They live in Trenton.

The Presbyterial, (women's missionary society of the Presbytey will meet in the Second Presbyterian Church of Belvidere, April, 8.

NOTICE FOR BULLETIN

I wish to express, through this powerful little broadcasting station (The Bulletin), my grateful thanks to our Oxford friends who sent such cordial greetings to my mother, Mrs. Harriet E. Perkins, on her ninety-fifth birthday. She was made very happy by these kindly expressions and wishes she could personally thank each one who remembered her on her day.

Mrs. Amanda P. Nelson

The Bulletin is glad to print this message, at the request of Mrs. Nelson. She adds, "I am enclosing two dollars to renew my subscription to that wide awake little journal.

I, for one, am truly grateful to you for giving those of us who have scattered far, this means of contact with our friends of long ago."

The Bulletin is pleased to be of service to its readers in this and other ways, and to be told that it is appreciated. Perhaps if the notice of Mrs. Perkins' approaching birthday had reached the Bulletin earlier, even more might have sent their greetings. This is a hint for others.

All will be glad to know that Mr. Weston will again be Chairman of the afternoon meeting of the reunion.

We are relieved and thankful that he has consented to do so. He writes thus:- "I consider it an honor and a pleasure to act as Chairman of the afternoon meeting on May 16th so you can count on me for the strenuous job." "I had a luncheon date with Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Henry to-day, to talk over the program and other things in general. Mr. Henry could not be there at the last minute, but asked what I had in mind for the schedule, and I mentioned for one number, I thought that Mr. Humphrey and I would sing a Duel. With a look of disgust he said when he went to the reunion he wanted to go for pleasure and refreshment and not to be tortured. (see last page)

Personal Reminiscences

By Mrs. Elise Zapp

The sight of the ruins of the Furnace and the desolate site of the former Rolling Mill, brings back to me memories of scenes of great activity here in Oxford. My first visit was to the nail factory--such a noisy place; you had to almost shout if you wanted to speak to the men.

The Rolling Mill was more cheerful, with the number of small furnaces, each one attended by a man and his helper, with whom you could have a quite a chat if you wanted to.

The Furnace, though, was the most interesting place, and every one more or less, would go down there, especially in the evening to watch the castings. And a grand spectacle it was; when, after much hammering and shouting on the part of the men, the hole was opened, and the glowing, molten ore came gushing out; running down the sand-run and dispersing it self into the moulds prepared for it. Men with wooden soles on their shoes and long bars would walk over these, opening up new channels and directing the flow of the fluid. Sand was then

thrown over it, and the hose turned on to hasten the process of cooling. Afterwards the "Pig-Iron Bars" were loosened, previous to being removed, ready for shipping.

The first time my husband took me to watch the casting, a minor explosion occurred; men ran, stars and the sparks flew up in all directions, and we retreated to a safe distance outside. After it was over, Mr. Tom Harling, who was the furnace boss in those days, came to us and said, "were you afraid?" I said "No, I thought it belonged to the show."

Years after, when a young girl from the City with her brother visited us, we took them down to see the casting. When it was over, my boy told us that Ferdinand Linneman who was in charge, of taking the hot cinders out to be dumped, offered to take us along if we wanted to go; and ready for any additional excitement, we accepted, and all piled into the engine. All would have gone well if the car had not skidded at the crossing near the Laboratory, (over)

spilling a lot of the cinders. While we were wondering about this Mr. Siever Jones, the Superintendent, came running up and on seeing us said, "I have to ask you people to get off." We scrambled down with more haste than elegance, and did not find our voice till we reached Church street, when I said, "That was rather short notice, was it not?" We had to laugh then, and the tension was broken. A few evenings after when we stopped at the Company Store to speak to my husband, Mr. Jones came in. My husband said, "Mr. Jones let me introduce you to my wife." I said, "Pleased to meet you Mr. Jones, but, please do not put us off the car again." He apologized, and said he did not know who it was at the time, "All I saw was a lot of women and children in the car, and it stood in a very dangerous place, so close to the Laboratory." I thanked him then for having guarded us from "possibly getting blown up"

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"Without being told, I could see that my suggestion did not meet with instantaneous approval; so without further ado, that number was at once deleted. However, I think we will be able to have something that will be interesting." "I was very much amused at Mrs. Godschalk's article.

There are a number of women who could give interesting articles if we could only get them started."

Mr. Weston says he would welcome any suggestions for the reunion program, and asks them to write to him direct. (105, West 40th, st. N.Y.C'y

Local vandals recently began to strip the old Furnace of the great iron binding rods, but the attention of our citizens soon put a stop to it. One was arrested and returned to the State Reformatory from which he had been released on parole. The indignation this attempt to dismantle the furnace aroused in our people shows how much at heart they have the preservation of the historic relic.

The motive was simply to sell the old iron for the little gain it would bring.

Characters in The Pageant

Apostles	
John	Edward Green
Peter	George Bell
James	Sammy Sadlon
James the Less	Graham Kintner
Matthew	Edmund Oram
Andrew	Wilbur Johnson
Philip	Tommy Badrow
Thaddeus	Clara Kruegel
Simon Zelotes	Mrs. Chefko
Bartholomew	Mrs. Ritzer
Thomas	Mrs. Yount
Roman Soldiers	
Longinus, Centurion	Kenneth Bell
Junius	Graham Kintner
Privates	Mary Poch
	Irene Mehawk
	Mildred Sadlon
Women	
Mary Magadlene	Mrs. Oram
Rhoda	Mrs. Hunt
The Other Mary	Josephine Meyer
Salome	Margaret Snyder
Joanna	Mrs. Rennie
Jerusalem Women	Wanda Rush
	Beth Green
	Jeanne Oram
Disciples	
Joseph, Arimathea	Merrill Foss
Nicodemus	Willard Dux
Cleopas	Marie Rennie
Other Traveler	The Pastor
Lame Man	
Jerusalem Girls	
Fannie Miller	Florence Wildrick
Betty Jane Green	Nancy Badrow
Dorothy Ritzer	Mabel Ritzer
Jerusalem Boys	
Donald Bell	Donald Oram
Richard Badrow,	Gerald Green
Lawrence Meyers	
Cross Bearer	Gerald Green

The special director of the play was Miss Helen Stone. She gave the benefit of years of experience in training our public school children in such matters. For the success of the music, we are indebted to her sister, Miss Evelyn Stone, who presided ably at the piano.

The actors were all in uniform and the preparation of these was a large task, but our good women, under the lead of Mrs. Yount, achieved the difficult job with great success.

But above all, let God be thanked.

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