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And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. -----Matthew 21:10,11

"All loving and patient Redeemer, who for our sakes was found in fashion as a man, humbling thyself and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross; Grant the same mind to be in us as was in thee, that we may follow the example of thy great humility and patience, and also be made partakers of thy resurrection to the honor and glory of thy holy name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Next Sabbath is Easter and at the morning worship the Holy Communion will be observed by our Congregation as has been our custom for many years.

Opportunity will also be given for baptism and for uniting with the Church. The Session will meet after Sunday School those who so desire.

At the Congregational meeting on April 3rd, Abram Pittenger and Emmanuel Kelsky were elected to be Elders. And Lewis E. Green, Benj. L. Green and Hayden Docker were chosen Trustees.

The Officers of the Sunday School elected on March 27th, for the coming year are:-

Supt.	Elder E. B. Foss
Asst.	Kenneth Bell
Secretary	Alvin Renner
Treasurer	Virginia Zapp
Organist	Florence Wildrick

The Church has lost ten members by death the past year, nearly all of advanced ages. They were Miss Jane Hoagland; Wm. Hornbaker; Joseph Dillman; Edward Sharps; Oscar Johnson; Charles La Pelt; Mrs. Raymond Rush; Anton Peterson.

Appropriation for Furnace

Last Wednesday the Editor received this brief but significant note from Dr. George DeB. Keim, Chairman of the Historic Sites Commission.

" I want to thank you so much for coming to Trenton, yesterday, and addressing the Appropriations Committee regarding Oxford Furnace.

I am sure that the talk you gave, as well as that given by Dr. Humphrey, had a great deal to do with their approving our budget request for the Furnace."

This is the first official information we have had that the budget requested had been approved by the Joint Committee of the Senate and House, as we did not remain in Trenton after the hearing on the Furnace budget was completed.

As the sum allowed was that fixed by the Governor's Bill of appropriations, there is now no doubt of it being enacted into a local appropriation before this Session closes.

Mr James Odsted who attended the hearing had a talk with Senator Dawes, Warren County's experienced member of the Legislature, and he was told that the State Appropriation amounted to \$750., of which \$500. was to sponsor \$2000. from the WPA.

Mr. Odsted thinks the WPA will cooperate as it is in line with the special object of that bureau. For most of the money will be spent for labor and there are many unemployed in this community.

It was a happy circumstance that Mr. Humphrey was able to attend the hearing. He came from New York for that sole purpose, and that he made his usual favorable impression on the Budget Committee is evident from Dr. Keim's statement. Mr. Humphrey was the first person to suggest to the writer that the old furnace should be preserved as a historical monument. That was 6 or 7 years ago!

What a happy and worth-while fight it has been?

The Old Wigwam Forty Years Ago By Claude Crarup

There are many people alive in Oxford to-day who remember the old Wigwam, located on the hill just back of the old Furnace. The building was used as a stock-house when the railroad ran in back of the Furnace, and until the latter was finally blown out in 1884.

At the time of which I am writing it was used as the Town Hall, theatre etc. That was around 1900.

I well remember about forty years ago when all the children, and all the grown-ups, looked forward to summer and the coming of the medicine shows held in the Wigwam.

The pie contests, with boys and girls eating prune pies with the pits in them, with \$.1.00 for the winner. The winner being the first one to eat the pie and whistle. The next night would be the bologna contest. A clothes-line was stretched across the stage and five or six boys lined up under the line with their hands tied behind their backs, and a chunk of bologna hanging on a piece of string in front of each boy's face.

The chunks were kept in motion by someone in the wings shaking the rope. The first boy who could get the piece of bologna with his mouth and eat it and whistle was the proud possessor of \$1.00.

We also remember the 'wonderful' soap that was offered for sale. It could be used for the baby's bath, for shaving, for removing unwelcome visitors from the human head and also fleas from the pup.

They also sold an Indian Herb remedy--a real cure-all, only 50% alcohol; so it did not sell so well at \$1.00 a bottle. Because you could get pure alcohol strong enough to knock your hat off at Jim Allen's for 80¢ a quart.

Then came the man with a horse and buggy who placed a box against the old Grist Mill in front of the old Furnace, and put a machine on it.

He turned a crank on the side of the machine and placed a black plate on it, and lo and behold,

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the thing commenced to sing. It was the first Victor disc talking machine to be heard in Oxford.

He sold all kinds of medicine or anything you wanted—or did you?

Rev. L. E. Wright, with the Boy Scouts, is making a collection of rare or beautiful rocks in the neighborhood, and requests all who may have samples of the kind to let him know of it. He has also been tracing out the route of the first railway through Oxford before the Tunnel was completed, and making a map of it, and is seeking for a drawing or picture of it at the earliest date. The Bulletin is pleased to know that the historic spirit is spreading in Oxford. It is very fascinating, and this is a rich field for research.

Robert Bush died very suddenly last Sunday morning, April, 3rd. He had been working regularly at his job with the Dye Works, and no one suspected failing health.

He was born in Oxford about 70 years ago, and since boyhood most of his life was spent working for the Iron Company, in the Nail Factory and many other jobs. He was always respected for his honesty and ceaseless industry. He could always find work to do, and this generation will not forget his old horse and wagon to be seen on the streets every day.

He leaves a Widow, and one daughter Mrs. Ada Deacon, and three sisters; Mrs. Margaret Head, Mrs. Warren Taylor, and Mrs. Charles Scudder.

He became a member of our Church in 1909. The funeral was last Wed. from the home, with burial in Hazen Cemetery.

We had a pleasant visit with Mr. Charles Aitkin at his office in the State House, Trenton, while there last Monday. For about forty years he has been assistant Secretary of State in charge of all official documents. He told of bringing two men to the Reunion last year who were much interested.



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