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For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. -----Hebrews 4:15

"Let thy mercy come upon us, O God, in great fulness, even as our sins against Thee have been many; and may thy forgiving love overflow all our transgressions, that they may be covered and blotted out, and we may be purified unto newness of life; for the sake of Jesus Christ who loved us, and died for us. Amen  
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#### Cafeteria Supper March 17th

The Ladies will serve a Cafeteria Supper in the Chapel, on March, 17, 1939.

Also at the next monthly meeting, March 7th, in the Chapel, they will have a covered dish luncheon at noon time.  
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The members of our Congregation should remember that our financial year ends March 31st, and all gifts to the church Benevolent Boards should be paid in before that date. The amount so far is very small, and it is to the honor of our people make it as large as possible. Use the red side of the envelope, or give to the Pastor.  
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from early morning to late night, his feet were properly sore, so that his children have not forgot about it.

Mr. Clinton E. Weston says his parents went to the Fair also, and took him and his sister Millie, who were children at the time. But he remembers many experiences of the trip, even the fact that the waiters in the restaurants wore Fez caps.

Dr. George DeF. Keim, Chairman of the State Commission on Historic Sites, writes to the Editor, saying:--

"The Appropriations Committee is having meetings at the present time, and in the near future our Commission will be called before them regarding our appropriation for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1939.

"The Commission on Historic sites received for the present fiscal year the sum of \$15,000. We made a request for a substantial increase, but the Governor recommended the sum of only \$16,000 for the next fiscal year.

"The work which we are doing is so important that it is vital that we receive proper recognition from the Legislature, and anything that you can do of assistance to us will be very much appreciated. I would suggest that you either write or interview all members of the Appropriations Committee who you know personally, and stress upon the them importance of our Commission receiving the full recommendation of Governor Moore and additional funds if available.

"The members of the Appropriations Committee are as follows:--

#### SENATE

Charles Loizeau, Chairman, Plainfield,  
(Union Co. N.J.)

Winant Van Winkle, Rutherford Bergen  
(County, N.J.)

Homer J. Zink, Belleville, Union Co. N.J.

Hayden Proctor, Astury Park, Essex Co.

Wm. A. Dolan, Newton, Sussex Co. N.J.

#### Assembly

Rocco Palese, Chairman, Camden, N.J.

Constance W. Hand, Orange, Essex Co. N.J.

Walter J. Freund, Bergenfield, Bergen Co.

John N. Karner, Elizabeth, Union Co. N.J.

Peter P. Artesense, Jersey City,  
(Hudson County, N.J.)

"Any thing you can do to assist us

will be most helpful in connection

with Oxford Furnace, as well as the

general work of the Commission."

Friends of Oxford Furnace will not

find this very encouraging. The great

difficulty is the 20 millions relief

to be raised. But yet it may turn

out better than we fear. May we ask

all readers to help as above requested,

by using any influence they may

have with members of the Committee?

## More about Horses and Drivers By Patrick Kempsey

In reading the write-up by Edwin Perkins of the wonderful horses and the men who rode, or drove them, bare-back or with saddle, I was unable to recall many of the horses names.

But I do remember some of the riders and drivers.

There was Jacob Dunberger who in the late sixties clerked in the Company Store. While riding in the saddle he looked like a well trained army General. He retired to a farm at Bridgeville, and died there not so many years ago.

Again take another rider at that time, David Smith, who I think was one of the first Post Masters in Oxford.

He built the home where Mrs. Wildrick and sister now live. I well remember when the post office was there.

Mr. Smith died in Phillipsburg where he lived for many years in the well-known Smith Hotel which he owned, as he also owned many other properties near the bridge there.

Next I take Mr Morgan Sweeney, well and better known as "Hickory".

He built and lived in the house next to the Fairbairn Hotel, and later built

the place where Charley Mensic now lives. Whenever "Hickory" had occasion

to go to the Depot, and that was almost every day, he took a short

cut by driving to the upper end of the rolling-mill, then down the track

till he made connection with the Lackawana main track, and then on to

the Depot.

Now I will take drivers of horses and mules. First the colored drivers

who were Hansen P. White, a jolly good fellow: Johnny Price, who said he

could never buy meat without plenty of bones; the two Jackson brothers;

Joe Steel, who died in Wash. N.J. a few years ago; and John Maquart.

The White drivers were so many I cannot call them all to mind, but

there were James Pike; David Shannon; Charles Lenning, and James O'Brien,

who drove the Store delivery wagon. There were many other good drivers.

Just think what skill a driver had to have to handle 4 to 6 mules hauling

the large foundation stones from the quarry near the top of Mine Hill for the heavy machinery like the

squeezers, (over)

and the large roll engines which had 20 ton balance or fly wheels.

It's worth while for those who never saw these large stones to take a walk to the site of the old mill now while they are blasting the foundations to get scrap iron.

Some of these stones will measure 8 to 10 feet long, 3 feet wide and 2 feet thick. Then, too, anyone can go up to what is called the "sheep rock" and see where these large stones were gotten from the surface of the ground. Those were the days we had stone-masons like Daniel Matthews who had charge of most of the heavy work done in those early days.

Mr. George Weber has something to say on the same subject, he writes:-

"I was amused and interested in Ed. Perkins' letter about some Oxford horses of the long ago. I remember quite a number of them, especially those of Wm. H. Scranton, Charles Scranton, C. E. Weston, S. E. Hill and some more.

My father's black stallion was also in the list. Ed. his name was not General, nor Major, nor Commander-in-Chief, but just plain Barney.

Otherwise your description is correct. We took him to the Belvidere Fair one year. I do not remember that he took a prize, but I do know that I did not see a finer looking horse in any of the stalls there.

In driving father always wanted a horse on which he had to keep the lines drawn tight, and not have to push on them."

The Oxford visitors to the Centennial in 1876, must have included a large per cent of the citizens at that time. Besides those already mentioned, we have heard from several more.

Mr. E. B. Foss tells about his father, Andrew Foss's trip there, and that some of his souvenirs are still treasured in the Foss home. There is a fancy pin, and a cane with a telescope in the handle. To make the trip in style, Mr. Foss, Sr. bought a new pair of boots, and walking in them

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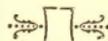
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