

DUNKARDS OBSERVE SOLEMN CEREMONIES AT NATIONAL SESSION

EATON, O., June 5.—Feet washing one of the solemn ceremonies of the church, was observed Sunday, at the National conference of the Old Order Dunkards, which is being held on the Jesse Brubaker farm, three miles south-east of Eaton. The ceremony formed a part of a holy communion service.

Attendance at the conference Sunday was variously estimated from 5,000 to 8,000. The general public throughout Preble county and adjacent territory constituted a large part of the crowd. Hundreds of automobiles were parked in the immediate vicinity of the meeting place.

At the morning service, at 10 o'clock Elder Michael Montgomery, of Fairview, Mo., and Elder Charles Rumble, preached. Elder W. S. Noe, of Astoria, Ill., and Elder Charles Rumble, of Modesto, Cal., preached at an afternoon service, beginning at 2 o'clock. The day's program opened at 6 o'clock with prayer service and worship, followed by serving of the morning meal.

Conduct Communion Service. The communion service was conducted in the evening, the only evening session of the conference to be held. Beginning at 6 o'clock and continuing four hours, the ceremony was attended by a pronounced solemnity. Examination service preparatory to communion, feet washing, serving of the Lord's Supper and other customs of the church were observed. Elders quoted the Scripture while each custom was in the process of performance. The kiss and handshake of brotherly love passed from man to man and likewise from woman to woman.

The preaching services are conducted in a tent having a seating capacity of approximately 3,000. Another tent equally as large serves as an eating place. The communion service was conducted in the dining tent. The public and non-members were privileged at this as all other services making up the conference. Genuinely democratic is the church government and its customs. At the religious service the elders are seated upon either side of a plain board bench or table probably 30 feet in length. The elders occupy the same position as the ministers in the other church denominations. There are upward of 100 elders attending the meeting here.

Feed Large Crowd. Two meals were served Sunday, at which between 3,500 and 4,000 persons were fed. The dining tent seats 720 persons at one time. All the food is prepared upon the grounds, which embraces about 16 acres of pasture land, and is an ideal place for such a meeting, as an abundance of water is available and electricity for lighting purposes is provided.

While Sunday was the big day in point of attendance, Tuesday will be the important day in the affairs of the church, as on Tuesday the business session of the conference will be conducted. Organization for this was scheduled to take place today. A standing committee of 12 members, all elders, and various sub-committees were to be named today. The committees are selected by the 125 or 150 messengers or delegates to the conference. Each church congregation is represented by two messengers. The sub-committees receive the various matters laid before the conference and in turn, they are passed on to the standing committee, which presents them in open meeting for discussion and disposal. Elder Montgomery, of Missouri, is expected to have a prominent part in the business session Tuesday, which will mark the close of the meeting if disposition of all matters coming before the meeting is made.

The church has no moderator or similar head, such as other denominations have. Capability and long service naturally mark some of the elders as leaders, but no one leader occupies a higher position in the church than another.

5,000 in Country. The entire membership of the church in this country is approximately 5,000. Most of the membership resides in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

The messengers or delegates and visiting members are being housed in homes of local county members and otherwise. Barns in the immediate vicinity of the meeting place have been transformed into sleeping places. As many as 100 and 150 are quartered in these buildings.

In preparation for the four or five days' meeting, which opened Saturday, eight beavers were slaughtered. Probably two or three more head will be butchered to meet requirements of the remainder of the meeting, according to those in charge of preparation of the food.

At this time it is not known where the conference will be held next year. It is never held two years consecutively at the same place.

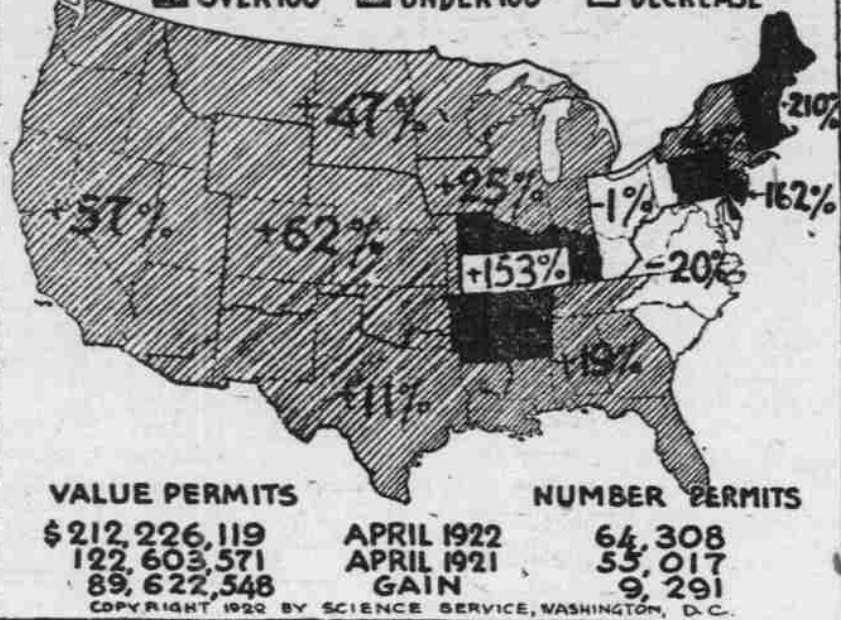
FLOOD DAMAGE \$1,000,000. SCRANTON, Pa., June 5.—The flood which yesterday swept through the upper Lackawanna valley, had subsided today, leaving a trail of wreckage in its path. The total loss is estimated at more than \$1,000,000.

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Politics Assumes Importance

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5.—Throughout the country interest in politics may be lagging. Not so in Washington. Here at the nation's Capital the well known caudron may not be exactly seething as yet, but it is simmering appreciably and before another month has passed it will be bubbling merrily. Thirty-four Senators and every seat in the House of Representatives are the national stakes for which the parties will contend at the polls in November. The Senators and four hundred odd Representatives whose successors are to be chosen are here, and each has his secretaries, clerks, and political hangers-on who are deeply concerned in the result.

Also, the popular verdict in the congressional elections will be hailed as one of approval or disapproval of the Harding administration. Hence the local ferment, and it is not surprising if Washington just now is paying more attention to politics than is in evidence in any other part of the country.

Two notable primary contests during the month of May served to whet the interest of Washingtonians in these political contests. One was in Indiana, where former Senator Albert J. Beveridge wrested the Republican nomination from Senator Harry S. New. The other was in Pennsylvania, where Gifford Pinchot came home a winner in the gubernatorial stakes, defeating Attorney General Alter, the organization candidate. Both results, it may be said, were contrary to general expectation.

Both Beveridge and Pinchot, be it remembered, were Progressives when Theodore Roosevelt was the great figure in the embattled hosts at Armageddon, and their victories against the forces of the party organization in their respective states are extremely significant. Some of the political leaders deny this, but the fact remains that they were not expected to win and they did win. Thermometers that register the political temperature hereabouts made a decided jump when the news came from Indiana after May 2, and another when Pennsylvania was heard from after May 18. The returns from the next primaries will be awaited with anything but idle curiosity as everybody wants to know if there is to be more of the unexpected.

Iowa Comes Next. Iowa comes next with primaries on June 5, to select the party candidates for the senatorship now held by Charles A. Rawson. This is the seat held so long by William S. Kenyon, who resigned a few weeks ago to accept a Federal judgeship tendered him by President Harding. The full list of Senators, candidates to succeed whom are still to be chosen, together with the states and the dates of the party primaries or conventions thus far fixed, follows:

Charles A. Rawson, Iowa, June 5; Park Trammel Fla., June 6; Frederick Hale, Maine, June 20; Frank B. Kellogg, Minn., June 20; Porter J. Mc-

Cumber, N. Dak., June 28; Charles A. Culberson, Tex., July 22; James A. Reed, Mo., Aug. 1; Claude A. Swanson, Va., Aug. 1; Howard Sutherland, W. Va., Aug. 1; Atlee Pomerene, Ohio, Aug. 8; John B. Kendrick, Wyo., Aug. 8; John Sharp Williams, Miss., Aug. 15; Gilbert M. Hitchcock, Nebr., Aug. 18; Hiram W. Johnson, Cal., Aug. 29; Henry L. Myers, Mont., Aug. 29; Key Pittman, Nev., Sept. 5; Robert M. La Follette, Wis., Sept. 12; Henry Cabot Lodge, Mass., Sept. 12; Charles E. Townsend, Mich., Sept. 12; Carroll S. Page, Vt., Sept. 12; William M. Calder, N. Y., Sept. 19; J. C. Frelinghuysen, N. J., Sept. 27; George P. McLean, Conn., Date not fixed; Coleman DePont, Del., Date not fixed; Joseph I. France, Md., Date not fixed; Andrew A. Jones, N. Mex., Date not fixed; Peter G. Gerry, R. I., Date not fixed; Kenneth McKellar, Tenn., Date not fixed; William H. King, Utah, Date not fixed.

Interest centers largely in these senatorial contests for many reasons. In the first place, they, together with Indiana and Pennsylvania, will be staged in the most important states of the Union. Secondly, the Senate is the greatest parliamentary body in the world today. It deals directly not only with the most vital problems of the American people, but with those of great international moment, and its personnel is important.

Moreover, some big men are involved. Lodge, of Massachusetts, is the Republican leader of the Senate and the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations; McCumber, of North Dakota, is the chairman of the great Committee on Finance which has jurisdiction over tariff-making and taxation; La Follette, of Wisconsin, has long been the stormy petrel of the Senate and of Republican national politics; and Johnson, of California, once Progressive nominee for Vice President and more recently candidate for Republican presidential honors, looms large from any political viewpoint.

Interest in Missouri Struggle. On the Democratic side, Culberson of Texas, is one of the veterans of the Senate; and Hitchcock, of Nebraska, Pomerene, of Ohio, and Williams, of Mississippi, are recognized minority leaders. Reed, of Missouri, in the fight he is making to retain his seat, probably arouses more interest than any of the Democrats.

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COMPLETE FORMING OF PREBLE CENTERS FOR SALE OF CREAM

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The organization of Camden producers has the following officers: Earl Erbaugh, president; Clarence Barnhart, vice-president; finance committee, Arthur Morton, Sam Boomer-shine, Charles Burd; equipment committee, Harry Bergemeyer, Lee Feris, Merle Elliott; sales, George Grothaus.

At Lewisburg, the following officers were chosen: Charles Stockschlager, president; John Warnke, vice-president; John Penrod, Joseph James, Ed Slinger, finance committee; equipment committee, Herbert Albert, Charles Her, Gus Brown; sales, Forrest, Harry and Ray Smith.

A meeting of the sales committees of the three organizations will be called in the near future, to arrange for a unified plan of marketing. Bids for the product of members may be received from consumer companies at that time.

Reports of membership show about 200 contract singers in the Harrison township, Somers, 63; Dixon, 30; Twin 90; Monroe, 28; Washington, 64; and Gaspar, 46; with smaller numbers in other townships, where no membership campaigns have been put on. Harrison and Twin townships will market their cream at Lewisburg; Washington, Gaspar and Dixon will sell at Eaton.

Several Farm Meetings

Schedulade For Week

Farmers' meetings scheduled for the week include a meeting of the Wayne county farm bureau directors on Saturday, June 10, at the courthouse in Richmond, a meeting of the Center township association on Monday night, of the Campbelltown grange and the Webster township association on Thursday night. The Preble county farm bureau officials will attend a district farm bureau meeting at Hamilton, Ohio, on Saturday, June 10, also. The special subject for discussion will be the construction and maintenance of roads, and Director Herrick, head of the Ohio road department, has been invited to speak.

WILL BROADCAST PURDUE NEWS

(By Associated Press) LAFAYETTE, June 5.—News of the gala week festivities at Purdue university will be broadcasted by radio Friday evening, June 9, according to plans devised by G. A. Ross, general alumni secretary.

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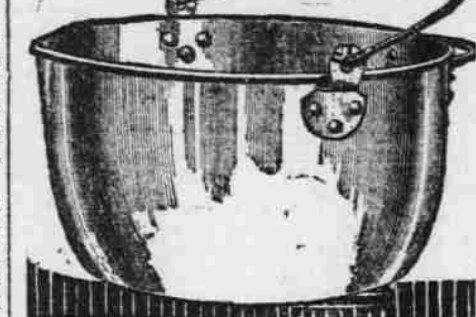
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