

## A WARM WELCOME, EVERYBODY!

Make yourself acquainted—some folks don't know you, but would like to, and that way you will get to know them, too. This is YOUR reunion. Enjoy yourself—and help all the relatives present to have an enjoyable day—that's why we're all here.

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### OPLINGERS AT EDMONT PARK, SEPT. 5, 1914

Picture on page 2 by H. A. Benninger, Walnutport, Pa., taken Sept. 5, 1914 at Edgemont Park, Harpers, Pa., shows part of the 400 people who attended our first family reunion. The first reunion register, signed by 145 relatives present, is in our historical files. Presiding was Reuben R. Oplinger, the first president. Only survivors of original officers are vice president Thomas A. Oplinger, secretary, treasurer and historian, Elwood E. Oplinger, and assistant historian, William H. Rinkenbach.

Near front, left side, are Revs. H. M. Wingert and D. S. Manning who addressed the gathering. To left of them, three rows back, is Prof. Abner H. Buck who gave the address of welcome. In front of Prof. Buck is Elwood E. Oplinger who gave the first historical facts to the relatives, gathered from memories and papers of oldest living relatives at that time.

Photo is by courtesy of Elwood E. Oplinger who has placed the original in the family historical archives in his home.

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### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Florence P. Minnich, 63, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 3, 1949  
Clifford Kraemer, 63, Weissport, Pa., Nov. 26, 1949  
Richard F. Oplinger, 79, Danielsville, R. 1, Pa., Dec. 4, 1949  
George H. Schaffer, 57, Weaversville, Pa., Dec. 24, 1949  
Robert Kichline, 72, Jan. 28, 1950  
Mrs. Mary H. Oplinger, Northampton, Pa., Feb. 1, 1950  
Charles Collins, 55, East Orange, N. J., Feb. 3, 1950  
Mrs. Ella Young Oplinger, 85, Slatington, Pa., Feb. 13, 1950  
Earnest Oplinger, 50, Lansdale, Pa., Feb. 20, 1950  
Miss Emma F. Buck, 51, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 21, 1950  
Mrs. Nettie O. Bartholomew, 85, Klecknersville, Pa., Mar. 3, 1950  
Rev. Walter J. Dech, 79, Myerstown, Pa., Mar. 19, 1950  
Stewart Weiss, Nazareth, Pa., May 29, 1950  
Golden Wolmesdorph, 10, Alden, Pa., June 15, 1950  
Mary E. Wainwright, 85, Warsaw, Indiana, June 21, 1950  
Charles Easterday, 66, Cherryville, Pa., Aug. 19, 1950  
Enset H. Oplinger, 74, died 1950

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Any historical data you may have—old documents, books, letters, pictures, etc.—will be appreciated by our historians to note for our permanent historical records. If desired, such will be returned to you when copies or records have been made.

## THIRTY-SIXTH REUNION

# Oplinger Family

1724 — 226 Years in America — 1950

The pioneer of four annual  
Oplinger-Uplinger-Oblinger Family Reunions—  
three in Pennsylvania and one in Ohio

President .. Elwood E. Oplinger, 825 Liberty St., Allentown, Pa.  
Vice Presidents: Arthur J. G. Oplinger, RFD, Hellertown, Pa.,  
Warren G. Hangen, Northampton, Pa., Harvey N. Oplinger,  
Allentown, Pa., John D. Watkins, Rumson, N. J.  
Rec. Secy. .... Claude Eckert, 211 N. 6th St., Allentown, Pa.  
Corr. Secy. .... Wm. Hahn, Lehighton, RFD #3, Pa.  
Treasurer .. Mrs. Emma J. Minnich, Danielsville, RFD #1, Pa.  
Historians: Wm. H. Rinkenbach, 336 West Main St., Rockaway,  
N. J., John D. Watkins, 3 Parmly St., Rumson, N. J.

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Elwood E. Oplinger, Chairman  
Alvin D. Oplinger, Jeremiah D. Oplinger, Mrs. Clifford Kraemer,  
Oliver O. Oplinger, Mrs. Tilghman Easterday, Newton Oplinger,  
Clarence Weaver, Paul Oplinger, Raymond E. Oplinger, Miss  
Tessie Oplinger, Rev. Gordon W. J. Oplinger, and Officers.

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Reception .. Arthur Oplinger    Program .. Elwood E. Oplinger  
Memorial .... Claude Eckert    Prizes .. Miss Tessie Oplinger  
Badge .... Warren G. Hangen    Music .. Rev. Gordon Oplinger

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1950**  
**Edgemont Park                      Harpers, Pa.**





## AFTERNOON PROGRAM

(1:30 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time)

Opening Songs ..... Use Reunion Song Sheet

Prayer

Words of Welcome ..... President Elwood E. Oplinger

Accordian Selection ..... Lamont Hahn

Vocal Duet—"He Is a Wonderful Saviour to Me"—

Rev. & Mrs. Elmer J. Rutman

Business Session: General Business

Report of Nominating Committee

Election and Introduction of Officers

Greetings and Remarks from our 'Family Circle

Three Recitations ..... Ruth Anne Person, Norma Lee Bachman,  
and Ronald Bachman

Awarding of Seven Prizes:

Oldest Man Present

Longest Married Couple

Oldest Woman Present

Most Recent Married Couple

Youngest Relative Present

Largest Family Present

Coming Longest Distance

Piano Duet ..... Nancy and Anne Oplinger

Remarks ..... President-Elect

Awarding of Badge Prize

Collection ..... (entire income depends on YOUR loyal support)

Remembering Sons and Daughters in Military Service

In Memoriam for Our Departed ..... Claude Eckert

Vocal Duet—"Some Golden Daybreak" .. Rev. & Mrs. Elmer J. Rutman

Closing Announcements and Songs

Prayer and Benediction ..... Rev. Elmer J. Rutman

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FREE TREATS for all relatives, age 14 and under, after program. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform and receive their ticket from Claude Eckert.