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IN MEMORIAM

Charles A. Opplinger, 77, Northampton, Pa.July 6, 1964
Tessie M. Oplinger, 58, Walnutport, R. D. 1, Pa.November 14, 1964
Mrs. Ralph Hangen, 66, Northampton, Pa.October 30, 1964
William S. Hangen, 81, Treichlers, Pa.December 29, 1964
Mrs. Galen Oplinger, 83, Allentown, Pa.December 31, 1964
Albert Hill, 63, Parryville, Pa.April 27, 1965
William H. Rinkenbach, 71, Allentown, Pa.June 29, 1965

THE FAMILY CREST

The heraldic crest of the Uberlinger family, as printed on our badges since 1947, was researched by Historian William H. Rinkenbach. He also drew the sketch for the engraving.

This is our Family crest. It is registered on the rolls of the Society "Zur Katze" in Constance, Switzerland as of 1547.

A framed, hand drawn, colored sketch is on display at the historical exhibit at the eating pavilion. The shield of red, white and blue, is surmounted by a helm, topped by a head of a white greyhound with red and blue mantle.

The colored sketch as displayed, and pictures of the memorial stones erected at Klein Meeting House and on Indianland Cemetery, are frontispages to our official Family history as now on file in public libraries in Oplinger-Oblinger-Uplinger communities.

Fifty-first Reunion

Oplinger Family

241 Years in America

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 1965

Edgemont Park Harpers, Pa.

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In Memoriam



WILLIAM H. RINKENBACH
Historian



TESSIE M. OPLINGER
Vice President

Each year we observe the passing of members of our Family; but this year we pay special tribute at the passing of two of our executive officers.

WILLIAM H. RINKENBACH (left photo), our Historian for the past 28 years, died unexpectedly on the morning of June 29, 1965 at age of 71 years.

Born in Jim Thorpe, Pa., the oldest son of Leopold and Ella-manda (Oplinger) Rinkenbach. He was the grandson of Elias Oplinger, Harpers, Pa., great grandson of Daniel Oblinger, great-great grandson of Isaac Oblinger, and great-great-great grandson of Nicholas Oblinger.

He is listed in "Who is Who in America" and had won national recognition as an explosives expert and commercial chemist. He was the holder of several patents on explosives and chemical processes.

He was a writer on explosives for encyclopedias, industry and government bulletins. He contributed articles on fishing and hunting to sports magazines, and papers on ichthyology and genealogy. He compiled various family histories including the Oplinger Family which he released at our 50th Reunion.

A graduate of Perkiomen Seminary and Cornell University, he received his Master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh; lectured on industrial chemistry at University of Pittsburgh, and on travel and popular sciences in various cities. He was a member of various scientific and historical societies.

With the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., he was a chemist 1915-18; with U. S. Bureau of Mines 1918-27 assistant explosives chemist; U. S. Army Picatinny Arsenal 1927-50 served as chief chemist the last five years. Since 1950 he was a consulting chemist for various explosives firms and had among his clients agencies of the U. S. Government, railroads and air lines. His interests took him to South America and many parts of the United States and Canada.

His principal hobby was family history research which he did for many different clans. His main sparetime interest was compilation of the Oblinger-Uplinger-Oplinger Family History which he completed for the first five generations in 1964. This was a monumental and laborious job. He personally typed the 110 pages for all the fifteen copies which he released to 12 public libraries of five States. He also collated and bound each copy.

His intense interest and devotion to the Family Association can only be appreciated by those who worked closely with him over the years. He was constantly in touch with the other Oplinger Reunions and relatives in all parts of the world. He visited many graveyards and traveled hundreds of miles in many States in search for Family history. His knowledge and service to our Association cannot be replaced.

As he wrote in the following Memorial Tribute to Tessie Oplinger we, too, say: "So it is with (much) affection and (deep) sorrow that the Family Association salutes (him) as an outstanding member. Ave et vale!"

TESSIE M. OPLINGER (right photo on front page) died on November 4, 1964, at age 58 years, 7 months. For 35 years she was one of the mainstays of the Family organization as Secretary, Assistant Historian, and lastly as a Vice President. Her service to the Association was exceptional, her public educational career was an inspiration to others, and her personality endeared her to the community.

The recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree from Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., for 38 years Tessie taught in the Lehigh Township public schools. During twelve of these years she was the Principal of the new Township School near Cherryville, Pa. This was a visible evidence of her personal success in the educational field.

Born in Danielsville, Pa., she was the daughter of Oliver and Sadie (Redline) Oplinger, a granddaughter of William Oplinger, great granddaughter of James Oplinger, great-great granddaughter of Daniel Oblinger, and great-great-great granddaughter of Isaac Oblinger.

Her dedication to the welfare of her pupils, and her service in St. Paul's Indianland Church were the basis of the general esteem accorded her by the community. So it is with affection and sorrow that her Family Association salutes her as an outstanding member. Ave et vale!

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:15 o'clock

SPORTS and GAMES for young people and adults. Prizes for winners. Committee: Lena Kistler, Mrs. Emerson Weiss, Mrs. John W. Kardos, Ervin Oplinger.

2:15 o'clock

Opening SongsLena Kistler, directing

Words of WelcomeElwood E. Oplinger, President

Opening Prayer

Greeting visiting relatives

Letters from other Reunions and Relatives

Business Session: Date and Place of Next Reunion

Nominating Committee Report

Election of Officers

Awarding of Merchandise Prizes

1 Oldest Man Present

5 Longest Married Couple

2 Oldest Woman Present

6 Most Recently Married Couple

3 Youngest Baby Present

7 Largest Family Present

4 Coming Longest Distance

Collection(entire income depends on YOUR contribution)

Awarding of two \$5.00 Cash Badge Prizes

Remarks and AnnouncementsPresident-Elect

Memorial Roll CallDonald S. Oplinger, Vice President

Closing SongsLena Kistler, directing

Prayer and BenedictionRev. Ralph T. Bailly

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A 25c FREE TREAT after program to all relatives and their guests age 15 and under. Young folks will gather at speaker's platform to receive their quarter from Vice President Donald S. Oplinger.