

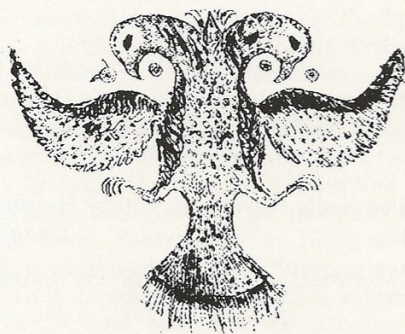
Commemorating the 269th Anniversary
of the Family's Arrival in America

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REUNION
Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

PLAINS MENNONITE CHURCH

Orvilla Road, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Sunday, June 13, 1976



Our Bicentennial Bird

During this year of America's bicentennial, we are seeing numerous visual representations of the American Eagle, our national symbol. To this collection, we add a representative of our own Pennsylvania Dutch species, the double-headed eagle. The eagle here represents also the Goschenhoppen region and the Kulp family, since it is reproduced from the diary of Henrich Kolb, blue dyer, of Skippack, during the early nineteenth century. The original is to be found in the Goschenhoppen Museum, Green Lane, Pennsylvania.

Bicentennial celebrations, as all birthdays, are double-headed things, like the double-headed eagle of our Pennsylvania Dutch folk iconography. The double-headed eagle was an important folk religious symbol, because with one head he could look into the past and with the other head he could look into the future, all the while having his strong talons firmly attached to the present. In all of creation these are, perhaps, the rarest of animals. Too often, historians look backward into time for such a long period that they become transfixed and are no longer able to see where they are or where they are going. Too often, bleary eyed liberals are hypnotized by visions of alabaster cities shining in the future, so that they are totally oblivious to the fact that they have stumbled forward, off the solid rock of tried and true tradition and are sinking in the quagmire of so-called "progress."

As we enter the celebration of our national birthday in this bicentennial year, it is the services of this mythical two-headed bird that we need so desperately.

The proper use of history as a schoolmaster, an instructor to teach us not only to celebrate and emulate the glories of our past, but also to avoid its errors, is a skill too often lacking in our leaders and philosophers. We should seek to restore the good things of the past that have been lost, preserve the good that is still with us, and use these things as building blocks upon which to rear the edifice of the future.

Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation	The Rev. James G. Penlington
<i>America the Beautiful</i> , one stanza	The Assembly
Greeting by the President	Abram C. Hunsicker
Reunion Day Song	The Assembly
Report of the History Committee	A. Moyer Kulp
Awarding of Prizes	The President
Report of the Nominating Committee	A. Moyer Kulp
A. Moyer Kulp, Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr., John B. Kulp, Jr.	
Election of Officers	
Report of the Secretary	Dorothy M. Kulp
Report of the Treasurer	John B. Kulp, Jr.

—Offering—

Woodwind Quartet	Merrilee Kolb, Kay Haas, Cindy Heinbach, Cheryl Rhoads
Devotions in German	Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.
Tribute to Deceased Members	The Rev. Amos L. Seldomridge
Minute of Silence	
Memorial Hymn: <i>Abide with Me</i> , one stanza	The Assembly
Address	The Rev. John E. Lapp
Reunion Day Hymn: <i>Praise to the Lord</i>	The Assembly
Prayer and Benediction	The Rev. Elmer G. Kolb
History "Workshop", Games, Supper, Fellowship Hour	

Reunion Day Song

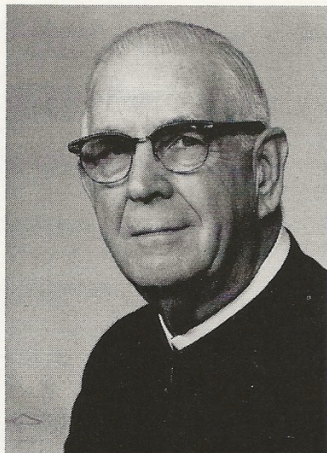
Tune—"Is This the Crowning Day?"

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| 1. Happy-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
God's own redeeming love
Sheds radiant light from above
In welcome to all today. | 3. Glorious-reunion day!
Glad day! Glad day!
May we the past review;
Ancestors loyal and true,
Their mem-ries live on today. |
| 2. Friendly-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
As we together meet;
Friendship and fellowship sweet
Are mingled with love today. | 4. Sacred-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
May the "Kulp" family live;
Honor and praise e'er to give
To "Him" who reigns on for aye. |

REFRAIN: Glad day! Glad day!
This is reunion day;
Our ancestors came to this free land,
For truth and right they dared to stand;
Glad day! Glad day!
This is reunion day.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER

John E. Lapp, a bishop in the Franconia Mennonite Conference of the Mennonite Church, is a lifelong resident of the Lansdale area. Born in Lansdale where he spent the first thirty-three years of his life, he has lived in Towamencin Township during the last thirty-seven years. He is a graduate of Lansdale High School, class of 1923. He is in a very real way a son of the Plains Mennonite Church, where he was baptized on June 9, 1921, and was nurtured by this congregation in the Faith of the Anabaptist-Mennonite Heritage. Here he was ordained a minister on June 22, 1933, and on June 1, 1937, was ordained a bishop in the Franconia Mennonite Church for the middle district of the conference. He served the Franconia Conference as moderator from 1953 to 1969. He has served on the Peace Problems Committee of the Franconia Conference and the Peace Problems Committee of the Mennonite General Conference (later Committee on Peace and Social Concerns) from 1941 to 1971. He was a speaker at the Mennonite General Conference (now General Assembly) on seven different occasions, the latest being in 1975, and has preached the Gospel in more than twenty-five states. He has travelled extensively in Latin American countries and has visited Mennonite Missions in Cuba six times and Mexico four times. He attended the Mennonite World Conference at Basel, Switzerland, in 1952, and Amsterdam, Holland, in 1967. He toured countries of western Europe on four different occasions and has visited the Holy Lands one time. He is married to the former Edith R. Nyce of Harleysville, and they are the parents of five sons and four daughters.



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OUR THANKS again go to Robert Wenger for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.

The sympathy of the family is extended, on the occasion of his death, to the family of LeRoy H. Kolb, Gilbertsville, who contributed generously to the success of past reunions. For some years, he provided and transported the organ played for our pleasure by his daughter, Merrilee.

Reunion Day Hymn

Praise to the Lord

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng, Psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How all those needest hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath breath join with Abraham's seed to adore him!
Let the "Amen"
Sum all our praises again
Now as we worship before him. Amen.

In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
Ray Wright, Skippack, Pa.	February 25, 1973	86 years
Harry K. Umstead, Spring City, Pa.	August 31, 1974	80 years
Lillian A. Wadsworth, Royersford, Pa.	March 17, 1975	78 years
Mabel J. Walters, Royersford, Pa.	March 18, 1975	78 years
Wallace G. Kulp, Obelisk, Pa.	March 25, 1975	72 years
Annie E. Kulp	April 24, 1975	81 years
Stella L. Kulp, Nazareth, Pa.	May 20, 1975	86 years
Sara L. K. Stauffer, St. Petersburg, Fla.	May 20, 1975	71 years
Bernice M. Kulp, Red Hill, Pa.	May 26, 1975	50 years
Richard R. Kulp, Ambler, Pa.	July 8, 1975	44 years
LeRoy H. Kolb, Gilbertsville, Pa.	July 18, 1975	53 years
Clara M. Kulp, Red Hill, Pa.	July 28, 1975	62 years
William F. Kulp, Telford, Pa.	July 29, 1975	79 years
Sadie E. Kulp, Telford, Pa.	July 31, 1975	83 years
Lizzie K. Moyer, Trappe, Pa.	August 4, 1975	78 years
S. Raymond Bauer, Spring City, Pa.	August 12, 1975	65 years
Lydia K. Culp, Pottstown, Pa.	August 13, 1975	83 years
Russell E. Kulp, Quakertown, Pa.	August 19, 1975	71 years
William L. Kulp, Birdsboro, Pa.	August 24, 1975	82 years
Beulah V. Kulp, Lansdale, Pa.	August 29, 1975	57 years
Lewis W. Culp, Hollywood, Fla.	September 13, 1975	
Edna W. Savacool, Allentown, Pa.	September 14, 1975	73 years
Clifford M. Hoff, Telford, Pa.	September 27, 1975	68 years
Verna E. Buehrle, Quakertown, Pa.	October 3, 1975	72 years
George H. Kulp, Sr., Phoenixville, Pa.	October 12, 1975	87 years
Harry S. Hartman, Lansdale, Pa.	October 29, 1975	80 years
Ella F. Culp, Gilbertsville, Pa.	November 20, 1975	74 years
Eva J. Smith, Pennsburg, Pa.	November 28, 1975	78 years
Emma Reigner, Gilbertsville, Pa.	November 28, 1975	75 years
John F. Palmer, Lafayette Hills, Pa.	December 15, 1975	63 years
William I. Kulp, West Point, Pa.	December 18, 1975	92 years
Laurel L. Cressman, Green Lane, Pa.	December 21, 1975	40 years
Ray W. Wenger, New Britain, Pa.	December 29, 1975	52 years
George F. Ervin, Perkasio, Pa.	January 1, 1976	60 years
Warren D. Kulp, Perkiomenville, Pa.	January 4, 1976	75 years
Bessie K. Bechtel, Pottstown, Pa.	February 1, 1976	72 years
Joseph M. Kolb, West Virginia	February 4, 1976	61 years
Joshua S. Kulp, Perkiomenville, Pa.	February 12, 1976	83 years
Eleanor E. Myers, Doylestown, Pa.	February 17, 1976	60 years
Yvonne A. White, Perkasio, Pa.	March 2, 1976	43 years
Richard Kulp, Bristol, Pa.	March 14, 1976	18 years
William B. Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	March 14, 1976	93 years

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

Henry F. Lyte, 1847

William H. Monk, 1862

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