

Commemorating the 276th Anniversary of the Family's Arrival in America

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION

Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family

EAST GREENVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 12, 1983



A Year of Anniversaries

Anniversaries are very special events because they serve to remind us of who we are and where we have come from and without this knowledge we cannot know where we are now or where we are going.

This year we celebrate several important anniversaries firstly, the Tercentenary of the arrival in America of the first ancestors of the Mennonites, as well as of the Pennsylvania German people in general, in the year, 1683; and secondly, the 275th Anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Brethren in Schuearzenau, Germany in 1708.

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Program

Call to Order—2:30 P.M. D.S.T.

Invocation The Rev. James G. Penlington
Devotions and Greeting by the President Dorothy M. Kulp
Reunion Day Song The Assembly
Report of the History Committee Abram C. Hunsicker
Awarding of Prizes The President
Report of the Nominating Committee Rev. Jesse Hoffman
Shirley Miller, Ross Oberholtzer

Election of Officers

Report of the Secretary Ruth K. Oberholtzer
Report of the Treasurer Harold W. Miller
Greetings from Chester County Kulps S. Harvey Kulp

— Offering —

East-Penn-Hill Hobo Band

Remembrance of Our Religious Heritage

Devotions in German Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.
Tribute to Deceased Members Isaac Clarence Kulp, Jr.
Minute of Silence

Reunion Day Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* . . . The Assembly

New Facts About the Early Kulp Immigrants Rev. Dr. John L. Ruth

America the Beautiful, one stanza The Assembly

Prayer and Benediction The Rev. Paul Kulp
Song Leader, The Rev. Jesse K. Hoffman

History "Workshop", Games, Covered-Dish Supper, Fellowship Hour



Reunion Day Song

Tune—"Is This the Crowning Day?"

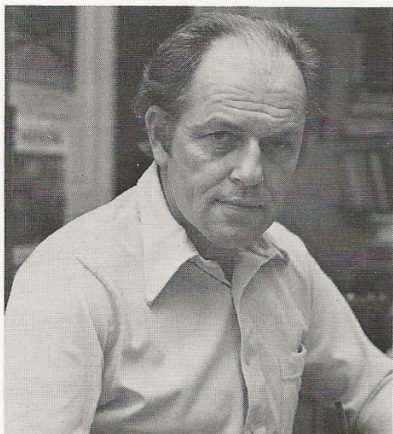
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| 1. Happy-reunion day,
Glad day! Glad day!
God's own redeeming love
Sheds radiant light from above
In welcome to all today. | 3. Glorious-reunion day!
Glad day! Glad day!
May we the past review;
Ancestors loyal and true,
Their mem-ries live on today. |
| 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.

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We also celebrate an anniversary which is closer to us and to our time, the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Bishop John E. Lapp of Lansdale to the ministry in the Mennonite Church. Bishop Lapp is a Kolb descendant and a highly esteemed spiritual leader in our community. Our cover picture is of a fractur painting honoring Bishop Lapp, done by another Kulp historian, the late John D. Souder, in 1941. Bishop Lapp was our reunion speaker in 1976. "Let us now praise distinguished men, our forefathers before us . . ." Sirach 44:1 (Goodspeed Version).



Our Speaker

In this special anniversary year we bring back one of our most popular guest speakers, Rev. Dr. John L. Ruth, Mennonite Minister, historian and author of Vernfield, Pa. Brother John addressed our reunion in 1971. Since 1971, he has continued to produce numerous books, films and dramatic productions, namely, "History of the Indian Valley and its Bank," published in 1976, and the widely known multiple award-winning film, "The Amish, People of Preservation," in which he tells the story of the Old Order Amish Com-

munity of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

During the past several years John has been engaged in intensive historical research in preparation for a forthcoming volume on the history of the Franconia Mennonite Conference. The fruits of this research include important newly-discovered facts concerning our early eighteenth century Kolb immigrant ancestors and their families. Brother Ruth will share this fascinating information with us in the setting of this year's Tercentenary of the arrival of the first Mennonite/Pennsylvania German settlers in America.



We gratefully thank Robert Wenger, once again, for lending, installing, and operating the fine sound amplification equipment used during this reunion.



Reunion Day Hymn

**Now Thank We All Our God
(Nun Danket Alle Gott)**

1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His earth rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father, now be given,
The Son and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven;
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore!

In Memoriam

Names Submitted to the Association

Name and Address	Died	Age
Anna L. Kulp, Phoenixville, Pa.	May 8, 1976	87 years
Mary Kulp Beard, West Lawn, Pa.	1980	years
Fannie Kulp Gingerich	1980	years
Allen E. Kolb, Mill Valley, California	October 23, 1980	years
Morris Kerver, Green Lane, Pa.	1981	years
Rev. Elias W. Kulp, Barto, Pa.	1981	years
Orville S. Kulp, Allentown, Pa.	1981	years
Emma Saylor, Pennsburg, Pa.	June 15, 1981	years
Caroline Bear, Reading, Pa.	March 28, 1982	79 years
Estella S. Kolb, Benfield, Boyertown, Pa.	April 5, 1982	73 years
Mary E. Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	April 15, 1982	82 years
Elmer N. Kulp, Monrovia, California	May 20, 1982	83 years
Helen K. Kulp, Telford, Pa.	May 23, 1982	81 years
Abram A. Ruth, Harleysville, Pa.	July 9, 1982	71 years
Morris E. Davidheiser, Stowe, Pa.	July 15, 1982	83 years
Calvin Schaffer, East Greenville, Pa.	July 25, 1982	68 years
Blanche W. Kulp, Doylestown, Pa.	August 1, 1982	73 years
Emmerson Newton Kolb, Hazelton, Pa.	August 15, 1982	years
Harvey E. Bossert, Zieglerville, Pa.	September 3, 1982	67 years
Kate L. Oxenfield Johnson, Laureldale, Pa.	Sept. 23, 1982	87 years
Clarence W. Kulp, Red Hill, Pa.	Sept. 23, 1982	83 years
Homer T. Rosenberger, Waynesboro, Pa.	Oct. 5, 1982	years
Sarah Kulp Longacre, Bally, Pa.	Oct. 7, 1982	80 years
Clarence K. Steeley, Perkasio, Pa.	Oct. 18, 1982	86 years
J. Wesley Bechtel, Telford, Pa.	Nov. 30, 1982	80 years
Horace R. Kulp, Pottstown, Pa.	Dec. 2, 1982	60 years
Linneaus F. Kulp, Harleysville, Pa.	Dec. 30, 1982	89 years
Florence Boyer, Gilbertsville, Pa.	Jan. 8, 1983	70 years
Helen M. Hess, Gabelsville, Pa.	Jan. 6, 1983	77 years
S. Robert Kolb, Boyertown, Pa.	Jan. 7, 1983	71 years
William S. Hessler, Trappe, Pa.	Jan. 16, 1983	67 years
Emma S. Kolb, Red Hill, Pa.	Feb. 7, 1983	95 years
Barbara T. Detweiler, New Britain, Pa.	Feb. 26, 1983	75 years
Lee A. Kulp, Plumstead Township	Mar. 12, 1983	16 years
Theodore K. Keyser, Lansdale, Pa.	Mar. 28, 1983	55 years



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