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Centre County Farm Bureau Now Open.

The Centre county farm bureau was officially opened on Friday of last week with R. H. Olmstead, late of State College, as the farm agent. For the present he will have desk room in the office of the county superintendent on the first floor of the court house but Mr. Olmstead has planned to spend most of the time among the farmers of the county.

That is, as soon as he secures a proper means of conveyance in the shape of a Ford car practically all his time will be spent in traveling over the county and doing what he can to aid the farmers in growing bumper crops to help out the food supply of the year. However, he expects to be in his office every Saturday and of course spend his evenings and nights in Bellefonte.

And now that the farm bureau is an established fact in Centre county the farmers should not hesitate to avail themselves of any and all help the farm agent can give them. His advice and assistance will be free for the asking, and we feel certain that if any farmer in the county has had unusual success in the growing of any kind of a crop and will tell the farm agent just how it was done he will gladly disseminate the information to others. For co-operation in the dissemination of valuable information is just as necessary for universal success in a big farming community like Centre county as it is in any big business line.

Mr. Olmstead can be reached on either phone, by letter, or by a personal call at his office. As stated above, Saturday will be observed as office day. The extension representative may be found in the office on that day and on other days by appointment. Arrangements have been made to answer telephone calls at all times. If he is not in the office when you call leave your name, address and telephone number so that he may get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Mr. Olmstead has personally assured the "Watchman" that whether it be an office call or a personal farm visit the services of the farm bureau are free, and he hopes that residents will co-operate to make it of the greatest value to the county.

Lectures and Demonstrations.

An opportunity for the girls and women in Centre county to become more efficient in patriotic service is offered by the county Y. W. C. A. Plans are being made whereby regular classes may be held or lectures and demonstrations given in any part of the county. Any person is eligible. It is not necessary to be a member of the Y. W. C. A. to have this privilege. There will be no charge, but in classes where text books are required each member, of course, will be required to furnish her own book, note book and pencil.

Anyone wishing to form a class or hear a lecture, can do so by getting enough of people interested then notify the general secretary, telling her what is desired. This may be done by any organization, such as a Sunday school class, a Grange, or an individual. If there is anyone in the community available as a teacher the secretary should be so notified; if there is not one will be furnished by the county Y. W. C. A.

Anyone who is interested in availing herself of these classes should get busy at once and send in a request, in order that a schedule of classes, teachers, lectures, etc., can be arranged. These classes, lectures and demonstrations cover a wide range and a complete list with any other information desired can be obtained by addressing the general secretary, Miss Margaret Hiller, Woman's building, State College, Pa.

Beginning Sunday, May 27th, the evening train east over the Bald Eagle Valley railroad will not stop in Lock Haven, as it does now, but will run direct through to Williamsport, thus obviating the necessity of changing cars at Lock Haven and also doing away with the half-hour layover there. The train is scheduled to arrive in Williamsport at 10:25 o'clock. Thus Bellefonters can leave here at 8:30 p. m., and be in Williamsport in five minutes less than two hours. The train will not lay over in Williamsport but will leave that city at 10:45 and return to Lock Haven, where the night will be spent. This will do away with the train now leaving Williamsport at 8:50 for Lock Haven and intermediate points.

For high class job work come to the "Watchman" office.

Sudden Death of Rev. Father McArdle

Bellefonte has had many sudden deaths of its representative citizens during the past few years but few of them came with such a shock to the community at large as that of Rev. Father McArdle, on Wednesday afternoon. As was his custom he left the parish residence about two o'clock for his customary afternoon stroll. At the corner of Bishop and Allegheny streets he stopped and joked with the men at work digging the foundation for Kelley's new garage. He then leisurely walked down town, stopping for a word or two with a friend here and a friend there. He went out Water street to the railroad then evidently walked the railroad track out towards the furnace. When about opposite where the office of the Standard Scale and Supply company used to be he stepped off the railroad track to the right to allow the Lewisburg train to pass and at the instant, almost, was stricken with apoplexy.

W. C. Coxe had been on a fishing expedition on Logan's branch and was coming in the road on his way home. When he was opposite the old furnace site he heard some one cry out as if for help and looking towards the railroad saw the head and shoulders of a man reclining against the bank on the west of the railroad track. His first thought was that the man had been struck by the train and he hurried across but it was not until he arrived there that he discovered that it was Father McArdle. He was lying against the bank with his head propped on his hand and still conscious. He was able to tell that he had not been hit by the train but was very sick and asked Mr. Coxe to get help. Two men were cutting wood on the hill above and Mr. Coxe asked them to run to the nearest telephone and call Naginey's store and tell him to get help and come out as Father McArdle was very sick. Mr. Naginey, and Al Rishel went out at once. In the meantime Father McArdle grew rapidly worse and several times repeated the numbers 284, but by the time Naginey and Rishel got there he had passed away. People living in that vicinity had gathered meanwhile and the body was carried across the road and just then Dr. Dale happened along, stopped and made an examination only to find that Father McArdle was beyond help and that his death was the result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Rev. Father Patrick McArdle was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, on St. Patrick's day, (March 17th) 1843. His boyhood life was spent there and when a young man he received his classical education at St. Patrick's College, Armagh. He later took an ecclesiastical course at the Ecclesiastical College of Maynooth. He then came to the United States and completed his course at St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop McLanahan, of Harrisburg, in 1875, and his first parish was the Catholic church at Lewistown. He remained there five years and on July 15th, 1880, he came to Bellefonte as pastor of St. John's Catholic church. He at once decided to improve the property here by building a new church and the handsome stone edifice on Bishop street is the result. Not content with that he had the old church reconstructed into a convent, erected a new parish house and turned the old one into a parochial school and also erected a home for the Sisters, so that in his almost thirty-seven years' pastorate he accomplished more than the lifetime work of the average man. He was beloved by his church people and was recognized throughout the State as one of the brightest and ablest of Catholic clergymen.

Personally he was a man of delightful character. Easily approached, with a kind and sympathetic nature he never was too busy to listen to the trials and troubles of others and give what assistance it was in his power to give. He was always interested in the welfare of the entire community and ready to take his part in any public movement that was for the betterment of Bellefonte. He will be sadly missed by his congregation, by his church at large and by the people of this community.

So far as known his only surviving relatives are two nieces, Sister Mary Euthrafia and Mrs. Green, both of Philadelphia. Solemn requiem Mass will be held in the Catholic church at ten-thirty o'clock tomorrow morning, after which the remains will be laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

Father J. N. Codori, of Johnstown, has been delegated to take charge of the Bellefonte parish until a new priest is selected.

Friends are specifically requested not to send flowers to either the house or the church.

HILE.—Mrs. Sarah Catharine Hile died at 6:45 o'clock on Wednesday morning at the Otis home at Pleasant Gap after several days illness. She was born at Yeagertown, Mifflin county, on November 13th, 1855, hence was in her sixty-second year. A good part of her life was spent in Bellefonte and vicinity. Surviving her are one

son, George Hile, of Burnham, and the following brothers and sisters: William, of Bellwood; Lawrence, of Axe Mann; Mrs. James Otis and Harry, of Pleasant Gap. Funeral services will be held at the Otis home at ten o'clock this (Friday) morning by Rev. J. K. McKetchnee, after which burial will be made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

CARSON.—James Stevenson Carson died quite suddenly at his home in Bush's Addition at 10:15 o'clock on Tuesday evening. He had been ailing for ten days but his condition was not considered serious until a day or two before his death when his heart became affected and his death followed speedily.

Deceased was a son of William and Margaret Carson and was born in Potter township on July 22nd, 1843, hence at the time of his death was 73 years, 9 months and 16 days old. When twenty-one years of age he enlisted as a soldier in Company D, 98th Pennsylvania infantry and served until the close of the war being discharged on June 29th, 1865. Returning home he engaged in farming a pursuit he followed most of his life, for many years tilling the soil in Spring township. He quit the farm ten years ago and since that time had lived a retired life at his home in Bush's Addition. For a number of years he served as tipstaff at the court house under Judge Orvis.

Mr. Carson was a member of the Methodist church all his life and a good, christian gentleman. In fact it has been mainly through his efforts that the little chapel at Coleville has been kept in a flourishing condition since Missioner Crittenden left Bellefonte. Mr. Carson was superintendent of the Sunday school held in the little chapel and never missed a Sunday when his health permitted him attending, and was also a regular attendant at the weekly prayer meetings.

He was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Susan Armstrong who died three years ago last January. He is survived, however, by the following children: William M., of Haines township; Mrs. Elizabeth Corman, of Boggs township; Clark, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Sarah Aikey, of Boggs township; Mrs. Harry Lyons, of Lyontown; Mrs. John Speary, of Benner township; Mrs. Myra Aikey and Mrs. Oscar Zimmerman, of Bush's Addition, and Mrs. Walter Armstrong, of Bellefonte. He was the youngest and the last surviving member of his father's family.

Funeral services will be held at his late home at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, by Dr. E. H. Yocum, after which burial will be made in the Union cemetery.

CHILCOATE.—The venerable Rev. W. L. Chilcoate, one of the veteran ministers of the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Episcopal conference, died at his home in Juniata last Saturday morning. During the winter he sustained injuries in a bad fall on an icy pavement and complications setting in he was confined to bed two months or more.

Deceased was born in Orbisonia on June 5th, 1845; and when a young man enlisted for service in the Civil war, serving in the Ninth Pennsylvania cavalry. Fifty years ago he entered the ministry and was active in the work until placed on the superannuated list five years ago. During his long ministry he served many pastorates in the Central Pennsylvania conference and was well liked wherever located. He is survived by his wife and one daughter. Funeral services were held in the Juniata Methodist church at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Lamberson was in charge and burial was made in the Grandview cemetery.

KNARR.—Edward Knarr, a well known resident of Liberty township, died at his home two miles west of Blanchard last Friday night, after suffering for several months with a glandular affection of the neck and chest. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Knarr, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county, where he was born forty-four years ago. He was a member of the Disciple church since early manhood and a conscientious, christian gentleman.

Surviving him are his parents, his wife and the following children: Russell, Lawrence, Lennie, Verma, Florence, Ralph, Elery, Harvey and Mabel, all at home. Funeral services were held in the Baptist church at Blanchard at 10 o'clock on Monday morning by Rev. Walter L. Dudley, after which burial was made in the Baptist cemetery.

AKE.—Mrs. Edna McClintock Ake, wife of Rev. Merrill H. Ake, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Berwick, died on Saturday morning. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McClintock and was born at Tyrone thirty-three years ago. Surviving her are her husband and five children. She also leaves two brothers and a sister, namely: Emory E. and J. Harry McClintock and Mrs. Rudolph R. Reimschmidt, all of Tyrone. Private burial was made in the Rose Hill cemetery, Altoona, on Tuesday afternoon.

GRiffin.—Mrs. Elmira Griffin, wife of Mr. John H. Griffin, of Stormstown, passed away at her home in that place on Wednesday evening of last week. About a month ago she suffered a slight stroke of paralysis but had almost recovered from the effects thereof when complications set in which resulted in her death.

Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and was born at Milesburg on August 17th, 1843, hence had reached the advanced age of 73 years, 8 months and 15 days. When a child her parents moved to Julian and from there to Stormstown where the greater part of her life was spent. She was a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist church all her life, a kind and neighborly woman and one who will be missed in the community in which she spent so many years.

Fifty-one years ago last Thursday she was united in marriage to John H. Griffin who survives with the following children: Miss Maude, at home; Mrs. H. M. Way, of Lewistown; Joseph C., John B. and W. C., of Tyrone; E. Roy, of State College, and Herman, of Stormstown. Two daughters preceded her to the grave. She also leaves one brother and two sisters, namely: George Campbell and Mrs. Clara Harbridge, of Julian, and Mrs. Josephine Murray, of Richmond, Indiana.

Funeral services were held at her late home at Stormstown at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. Babcock, of the Methodist church, after which burial was made in Gray's cemetery.

WALKER.—Thomas W. Walker, a life-long resident of Miles township, died at his home near Rebersburg on Saturday of last week after a lingering illness of over five years' duration as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

He was born in Miles township on April 3rd, 1849, hence at his death was 68 years, 1 month and 2 days old. From early manhood until overtaken by illness he followed farming and was quite successful in the undertaking. He was a life-long member of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church, a charter member of Rebersburg Lodge, No. 1031, I. O. O. F., and the Rebersburg cornet band. He was a man who had the respect and esteem of his fellowmen everywhere.

On June 1st, 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Elizabeth Loose, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Loose, who survives with the following children: Orvis C., Lloyd B. and Victor I. Walker, all of Rebersburg. Two sons preceded him to the grave. He also leaves three sisters and one brother, namely: Mrs. Amanda Kessler, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Emma J. Vonada, of Hershey; Mrs. Margaret M. Garthoff, of Bellefonte, and Wilson T. Walker, in Dakota, Ill.

Rev. J. M. Rearick, of Williamsburg, had charge of the funeral services which were held on Tuesday morning, burial in the Rebersburg Union cemetery being under the auspices of the Odd Fellows.

BARGER.—Capt. Robert B. Barger, prominent in Bellefonte newspaper circles almost half a century ago, died at his home in Newton, Kan., on April 28th, following a brief illness with acute bladder trouble.

Deceased was born in Bald Eagle valley upwards of eighty years ago. He served during the Civil war and for a time was captain of Company H, Fifty-sixth regiment, which was made up mostly of Centre county soldier boys. In fact he was one of Capt. W. W. Brown's successors, Mr. Brown also being a Bellefonte newspaper man. Returning from the war Capt. Barger worked in the various newspaper offices here until 1870 when he purchased the "Bellefonte National" from R. A. Kinsloe and merged it with the Bellefonte "Republican," published by Capt. W. W. Brown. In 1872 the latter publication was sold at sheriff's sale.

Some time after this both Capt. Brown and Capt. Barger went west and in 1861 the latter located in Newton, Kan., and opened a job printing office. In 1887 he accepted a position as foreman in the office of the "Kansas Republican" where he remained for many years, but the last few years of his life had been spent as a book-keeper in the office of the A. Moore Construction company. His wife and one daughter survive his death. Burial was made at Newton on April 30th.

WALKER.—Edward Walker, formerly a resident of Kato, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Matthias Walker, in Beech Creek borough, last Saturday evening, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. He was sixty-eight years of age and is survived by seven children, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Swan, of Waterville, N. Y.; Mrs. Nancy Miller, of Painted Post, N. Y.; Mrs. Matthias Walker, of Beech Creek; Mrs. Anne Deitz, of Snow Shoe; Miss Sudie Walker, of Zion; Oscar Walker, of Bath, N. Y., and George, of Orviston. Funeral services were held at the Walker home in Beech Creek at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Walter L. Dudley, after which burial was made in the Disciple cemetery at Blanchard.

A Busy Evening for the Borough Dads.

An unusual amount of business was brought before borough council at the regular meeting on Monday evening. In the absence of the president, John S. Walker, Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff was elected president pro tem.

Burgess Blanchard was present and again called the attention of council to the urgent need of a fire alarm, but under existing circumstances in Bellefonte the question seems a hard one to settle, so the matter was again left to the Fire and Police committee. The burgess also asked the action of council in the matter of keeping a guard over the reservoir at night. Mr. Blanchard also called attention to his recommendation of a month or more ago that a monument or marker, be erected in the triangle in the Diamond and a red light be installed thereon as a guide for automobilists. M. R. Johnson has designs for a suitable marker and the matter was referred to the Street committee.

W. Harrison Walker Esq., was present and presented another ordinance covering the sale of the Pruner property in Tyrone, explaining that the one presented at the last meeting was defective in several sections but that the one he presented had been approved by the U. S. district attorney. The ordinance passed first reading.

A written communication was received from the street commissioner complaining about the filthy condition of the gutters on several streets in the town, stating that the employees on the street refused to clean them on account of the stench. Mr. Harris, of the Street committee, suggested that property owners in the district complained about be given ten days in which to tap the sewer, and failing to do so that the work be done by the borough at the expense of the property owner plus twenty per cent. of the cost thereof. The matter was finally referred to the Street committee and borough solicitor with power to act.

A communication was received from policeman H. E. Yarger asking for an increase of ten dollars a month in salary, owing to the high cost of living. Referred to the Fire and police committee for investigation and report.

A letter was received from the Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania notifying council that they had accepted the provisions of the ordinance passed at the last meeting of council granting them the privilege of laying conduits, ducts, etc., to install an underground wire system.

A letter was received from the State-Centre Electric company making complaint about the condition of the pump at the Phoenix mill pumping station, claiming that it is woefully lacking in efficiency, and that unless other arrangements are made the company will terminate its contract for pumping the water on July 1st, the end of their fiscal year. The company also presented various bills for labor, supplies, etc. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the Special committee with the suggestion that superintendent H. J. Thompson be asked to appear before council at the next meeting and make a satisfactory explanation of the points at issue.

Chairman Harris, of the Street committee, reported a general cleaning up and presented the request of all the street employees for an increase in wages. At present the street commissioner is paid \$2.00 per day, laborers \$1.75 and the street sweepers \$1.45. The matter was referred back to the committee for further investigation and report at next meeting.

Chairman Seibert, of the Water committee, reported that the efficiency of the pump at the Phoenix mill pumping station is as great now as at any time within the past year. He stated that Mr. Thompson had furnished him a list of new parts which he claims the pump needs badly, but to get them will cost \$776.00, and he declined to recommend them as needed at this time. He further stated that if the pump is given more careful attention it will be all right.

The Fire and Police committee presented the burgess' check for \$25.00 for fines and licenses collected. Mr. Flack further reported that he had called the attention of the police to the non-observance of the traffic ordinance by automobilists and the police told him they are working under the orders of the burgess.

The Finance committee presented the report of the borough treasurer which showed a balance in the treasury on May 1st of \$2,885.02. The treasurer also asked for the renewal of a note for \$5,000 dated May 5th for six months, one for \$1,500 dated May 5th for six months, and one for \$600 dated May 5th for one year, all of which were authorized. As chairman of the Finance committee Dr. Brockerhoff presented a statement showing that for the year 1916 the borough receipts were a little over four thousand dollars in excess of the expenses, and inasmuch as the finan-

ces are now in better shape than ever he gave it as the recommendation of the committee that the interest tax be reduced from 5 to 4 mills, the street tax to remain at 6 mills and the borough 4 mills. The recommendation was accepted and approved by council. Dr. Brockerhoff further stated that he understood the poor department will reduce its tax one mill, which will make a two mill reduction in the tax rate in the borough.

The Water committee recommended that the water ordinance presented at a recent meeting be laid on the table and it was so ordered.

On motion the hitching post ordinance presented at the last meeting was held over until the next meeting for further action.

The question of a guard at the reservoir was taken up and discussed. One or two members of council thought the place ought to be guarded, others that a cover be built over the reservoir and others that a strong barbed wire fence be erected around it. The matter was finally referred to the Water committee for investigation and report at next meeting.

Bills to the amount of \$1,310.41 were approved and council adjourned.

District Sunday School Convention.

District No. 4 will hold a Sunday school rally this (Friday) afternoon and evening at Unionville, for which the following is the program:

- 2 P. M. Devotions, Rev. W. F. Carson, Bellefonte, Unionville. Word of Welcome, Rev. I. B. Hawks, of Unionville. Response, Rev. Geo. Prentice, of Milesburg. Remarks by the Dist. Pres., Rev. W. A. Lepley, Milesburg. Address on Sunday School Work, Rev. W. F. Carson, Bellefonte. Address on Sunday School Work, Rev. C. W. Rishel, Howard. Address on Sunday School Work, Rev. A. T. Orledge, Runville. 7:30 P. M. Devotions, Rev. C. C. Shuey, Bellefonte. Elementary Department Work, Miss Bess Miles, Milesburg. Remarks by the County President, Mr. H. L. Harvey, Orviston. Remarks by the County Treasurer, Rev. C. C. Shuey. Address, Rev. J. Still, Centre Hall. What is Required of the Sunday School Today, Dr. W. M. B. Glanding, Bellefonte.

Betz—Platts.—C. E. Betz and Miss Mabel Lucille Platts, both of Wilksburg, were quietly married at the home of the bride in the latter place, on last Thursday evening, by Rev. S. W. McKelvey, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church. The bride is the third daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. Allison Platts, and is well known by many in Bellefonte. Mr. Betz is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and a graduate of the University of Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Betz will make their home in Wilksburg.

Klinger—Meyer.—Jacob D. Klinger and Miss Edna M. Meyer, two well known young people of Lemont, were married at the Reformed parsonage in this place, at noon on Wednesday, by the pastor, Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meyer and the bridegroom a son of the late Jacob Klinger. They will reside at Lemont.

Landis—Pillbury.—Word has been received in Bellefonte of the marriage in Bloomsburg last Saturday, of Earl Landis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Landis, of this place, and Miss Effie Pillbury, of Bloomsburg. The young couple will reside in Bloomsburg where the bridegroom has been located the past five years.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Archdeaconry of Williamsport, a branch of the great missionary society for women in the Episcopal church, will hold its spring meeting as guests of St. John's parish, Bellefonte, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15th and 16th. Representatives will be in attendance from all the parishes and missions in the central section of the State. The chief events of interest to the general public will be a splendid missionary service on Tuesday evening, May 15th, in the church, followed by a reception to the visiting members of the Auxiliary in the parish house. The men of the community are as cordially invited to this service and reception as are the women.

"Balanced Rations," by Dr. Guy C. Given, Associate Professor of Experimental chemistry, The Pennsylvania State College, will be next in the "Health and Happiness" series. In language devoid of technical phrases and simple enough for anyone to understand, Dr. Given will explain the difference between "repair" and "energy or heat-producing foods." This will be followed by other articles on food values, the aim of which is to give scientific knowledge of nutrition that will be of practical service to our readers.

R. B. Spangler and his family are arranging to move from Barnesboro back to their former home here. Mr. Spangler is a brother of Col. J. L. Spangler and since leaving Bellefonte has succeeded well enough to permit his retirement from active business. He will probably rent the Episcopalian rectory.