

Bellefonte, Pa., December 7, 1917.

To Correspondents.—No communications published unless accompanied by the real name of the writer.

THINGS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY

The regular session of December term of court will be held next week.

D. M. Kline has purchased Paul Seano's Buick runabout for his personal use.

Frank Harris, who was out of jail on parole, was arrested at Snow Shoe on Monday on the charge of robbing a woman and brought back to jail.

Don't forget the apron and food sale of the Aid society of the Presbyterian church, to be held on December 13th, beginning at two o'clock.

The big musical comedy at the opera house next Monday night will be a good excuse for motor parties to Bellefonte from the surrounding country.

Mitchell I. Gardner has resigned his position as bookkeeper for the Nickel-Alloys company at Hyde City and is now with the Duffon Hardware company in Clearfield.

Miss Kate Shugert and Mrs. John VanPelt were hostesses at the Country club yesterday, entertaining the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R. at their regular December meeting.

While the local high school football team was defeated last Thursday by the Lock Haven High, they had the satisfaction of drawing a crowd sufficiently large to give them \$510 gate receipts.

Notwithstanding the fact that there was a very fair crop of corn in Centre county very little of it is being offered for sale at the prevailing price of \$1.50 the bushel; farmers are holding for \$2.00 a bushel.

The wedding of Miss Sara Hastings, the younger daughter of Mrs. D. H. Hastings, and Capt. Samuel Fleming, of Harrisburg, will take place in the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte, Tuesday, January eighth.

The condition of L. A. Schaefer, whose recent illness terminated in a slight operation at the Bellefonte hospital, Monday, is so greatly improved that it is now thought he will very soon recover his former health.

Commissioner's clerk H. N. Meyer and family spent Thanksgiving at Mr. Meyer's old home at Penn Hall, and assisted in the family butchering; all of which was very evident when they returned home on Friday.

The Aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold its apron and food sale on Thursday, December 13th, opening at 2 o'clock. Those who are making aprons or other articles will please hand them in as soon as convenient.

Jury Commissioners John D. Decker and Joseph A. Emerick, with R. W. Irwin as clerk, convened in session on Monday to fill the jury wheel for 1918. Only two-thirds the number of names usually put in will be put in this year, owing to the term of court having been cut to one week.

One of the drivers for the Emerick motorbus company came into this office on Tuesday and stated that the item printed in this paper last week about Mr. Emerick giving all his drivers a turkey for Thanksgiving was not correct, because he did not get any. He did admit, however, that all the married drivers were given turkeys.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold its regular monthly meeting this (Friday) afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. An informal tea will follow the program in honor of Miss Eleanor W. Macdonald, a returned missionary from India, who will speak of her work, during the meeting. The women of the congregation are urged to be present.

A treat is in store for Bellefonte theatre goers next Monday night when the LaSalle company will appear at Garman's in "Step Lively," a splendid musical comedy. There are thirty-five people in the cast, are twenty-two song hits, pretty dancing girls and gorgeous costumes. It is one of the big hits of the season and never fails to please. Prices, 25, 35, 50, 75 cents and \$1.00.

Notwithstanding the fact that the United States is embroiled in the world war the very character of our citizenship demands a certain amount of relaxation and entertainment every day and nowhere else can this be found in greater measure than at the Scenic. Watching the motion pictures drives dull cares away and chases worry from the brain. A night at the Scenic is a refreshing rest after a hard day's work. Try it.

Frank Alfred Wendt, the Altoona youth who in October, 1915, murdered constable Michael McGinley when the latter was about to arrest the young man for complicity in a robbery, paid the penalty for his crime on Monday morning when he was electrocuted at the Rockview penitentiary. Wendt was placed in the death chair at 7:03 and after five contacts was pronounced dead by Dr. W. Felker. Among the witnesses at the electrocution was a lieutenant of police, constable and three newspaper men of Altoona. The body was claimed by Walter Wendt, the unfortunate man's brother, who took it to Altoona for burial.

How Bellefonte Soldiers Are Training in Camp.

How Troop L Spent Its Last Week as Cavalry. Big Dinner On Thanksgiving.

(By Corp. Henry Keller.)

Troop L, 101st U. S. Cav., Fort Hancock, Augusta, Ga., Friday, November 30, 1917. "Democratic Watchman."

Another week has passed and everything is all well at camp. Quite a number of rumors have been heard around camp about breaking up the cavalry again, but as yet we have not been dismembered though every indication seems to point to the fact that we will soon be no more. Of course the order has not come yet, or at least we are still together, and until we are actually separated we hold some hope that we may remain a troop. If we are separated I shall endeavor to find out where everybody is sent, so that the boys may be able to get the "Watchman" as usual.

Our work has been going on as usual. In the early part of the week the men continued with their patrol work and after that was finished regimental hiking was taken up. It was surely a wonderful sight to see the entire regiment come marching in, carrying full equipment, headed by the band. The marches covered from ten to fifteen miles, just part of the morning's work, and all were quite able to do it without any difficulty. No one expressed his dislike for such work nor admitted that he felt the least bit tired.

Our work with the horses has continued just the same. When we started with our equitation work we rode the horses with but a blanket to ride on and kept the horses on a walk. Since then we have trotted, galloped and then placed our saddles on. Now we carry full equipment upon the horses and take quite long mounted hikes. These, of course, are very much enjoyed by the men and we all shall surely miss these rides, if we are broken up and our horses taken from us.

The past few days have been taken up by Thanksgiving time. We had a splendid dinner and all credit is due to cooks Houck, Hendershot and Gaines, as well as "Chub" Beezer and Paul Haag, who voluntarily assisted in the kitchen. Of course all of us would rather have been home for the day, but as that could not be we had to make the best of it here and we surely did.

Thanksgiving was a holiday to us. We, of course, had to stand reveille, which was later than usual, first call sounding at 6:45. Then we had exercises and after that we had the day to ourselves until retreat which sounded at 5:30. The government issued turkeys for us instead of beef, and nearly every organization took advantage of the field bakery and had their turkeys roasted there. I was fortunate enough to assist in getting our turkeys after they had been roasted and had the opportunity of seeing how a mere handful of men can handle several thousand turkeys. It was a wonderful sight and something I shall never forget.

Today, as it is the last day of the month, we were informally inspected by Major Whitesides. Everybody was on hand and so we are once more assured of a prompt pay. That is something every one is glad to see and when the bugle blows the "pay day" march every one manages to be right on hand for his money.

Trooper Charles Scott received his transfer to the arsenal and he is now with my brother Ellis, who was transferred last week. Troopers Cox and Roush have received their discharges and we are all quite sorry to see them go. They no doubt will soon be back in Bellefonte and we surely wish them the best of luck. All of our sick are now getting along splendidly and every one in camp is feeling fine. A few days ago Corporal Crisman returned to us from the hospital. He is looking very well and just now is waiting for his furlough home. He will in all probability arrive there before this letter is printed, and we feel sure that he will enjoy his rest and vacation.

Just now everybody is very quiet. No one really feels very much like enjoying anything for each one dreads the thought of once more being under new officers and among strange men. But everybody is quite orderly and should we go again each man in L Troop will go and fulfill his part, no matter how disagreeable it might be, and live, of course, in the hope that all may be called back once again to the old troop.

Everybody has enjoyed his work here and no one has complained. Johnny Woods was used a little harshly on kitchen police, and he was heard to say that he would get up every morning at four-thirty before he would be sent up to the kitchen again. He at least will not miss reveille for some time to come.

I must close now. Every one joins me in sending best wishes home and hoping that all is well.

(Since the above letter was written the cavalry has been again dismembered. Troop I, of Sunbury, was assigned to the 103rd and the made headquarter's troop. The company was assigned to the 103rd engineers while the corporals and all the privates were assigned to the 103th and 109th artillery, each man taking his mount with him, but whether they will be allowed to keep them or not is not known. Thus the big body of Troop L is still together though under different officers.—Editor.)

The only representative that Centre county has this year at the West Chester Normal school is Jennie H. Bartsge, of Spring Mills.

Go to Garman's opera house tomorrow, matinee and night, and see "Bringing Up Father Abroad," an amusing comedy with "Jiggs" Mahoney as the star. The play is full of laughs, songs and pretty girls. Matinee prices, 25, 35 and 50 cents. Night performances, 35, 50, 75 cents and \$1.00. Children, 25 cents.

Col. Noll Retired. Col. Emanuel Noll was officially relieved of his duties as baggage master at the Pennsylvania railroad depot in this place, when an auditor came here from Philadelphia and after examining his books and accounts and finding them o. k., checked him out. Joseph W. Undercoffer was appointed as Col. Noll's successor with Thomas Lamb assistant and William Klingler helper.

Thus ends thirty-six years of faithful and continuous service of Col. Noll goes onto the payroll for a retired officer enjoying a well earned season of rest.

Auto Thieves Made Things Lively.

In a letter to his home folks C. C. Shuey, who has been up at Kingston selling motor trucks, told of an exciting experience he had on Monday night while staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Donachy. Two young men attempted to steal a car standing on the street near the Donachy home but could not get it started. They then went to the Wilcox garage where Mr. Shuey had his car, but fortunately it was in back of several others. Mr. Shuey, however, had left the key in his car and taking it out the young men tried to fit it into another car, but could not. They then started to push another car from the garage but hit the side of the door and the noise gave the alarm so that they were frightened away before they could get the car going.

The moral of the story is, however, never go away from your car and leave the key in it, as it affords too great a temptation to would-be auto thieves.

Bellefonte friends yesterday received the first direct word from Miss Bertha Laurie since her departure for war work in France early in November. Her letter was written from Paris where she was detained a week or more having the necessary uniforms made before proceeding to the front. She had an uneventful voyage over, was sick the first two days out but after that had a wonderful trip arriving at their port of entry without molestation by subs. In Paris she met Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed, the latter formerly Miss Pansy Blanchard, of this place, and who you will recall, was on missionary work at Beirut, Syria, when the war broke out and experienced so many hardships before her escape to France. She also met a young military man named Wolfe, who saw her name on the roster and called to see her because he knew of Bellefonte through acquaintance with Miss Kathryn Allison, of this place. As a matter of special interest to the ladies her uniform will be gray whip-cord sports suit, with French blue cords and long military cape of the same with gray campaign hat; the insignia being Y. M. C. A., U. S.

Why the Y. W. C. A. is Campaigning for Millions.

The government's social and preventive and social work for our soldiers and sailors heads up in the federal commission on training camp activities. In addition there are at least three agencies, the relationship of which should be analyzed, the Y. M. C. A., the national playground and recreation association of America and the Y. W. C. A.

To the first the government has turned over the encampment for men, both here and abroad, a blanket request, which sent the Y. M. C. A. before the public to ask for \$35,000,000 for its war work alone. This campaign closed the eighteenth of November with fifteen million dollars over the request.

To the playground and recreation association is assigned the community work near the encampments. This association is appealing for \$3,750,000, or about three dollars for every man in the service, to be raised this fall.

In close co-operation with the federal commission on training camp activities and the playground and recreation association, and with the federal endorsement of the commandant concerned, the Y. W. C. A. is being asked to go into one camp after another with hostess houses, and in adjoining communities with emergency housing and constructive social activities for younger girls. The Y. W. C. A. is also urged by committees of women in France and Russia, and by many prominent workers in Europe to pour both money and leaders into the first line of defense for womanhood over there. The national board of the Young Woman's Christian Association is therefore asking for \$4,000,000, which must be secured by the middle of December.

Bellefonte is to have an opportunity of aiding financially in the splendid work that the Y. W. C. A. has undertaken. The campaign for our share will close on the eighth.

The Woman's club has assumed the responsibility of raising part of this money. On Saturday others will be given the opportunity of contributing to this fund. Young women will be stationed in prominent places in the town and will gladly receive your contribution. Every man and woman of Bellefonte should be interested and should consider it a privilege to give.

BIG FIRE NEAR JULIAN.

Horses, Cattle and Hogs Perish in Fire Which Consumed the Mills Alexander Barn.

Six head of horses, ten head of cattle and 38 hogs, as well as all of the year's crops and all the farming implements were burned in a fire which destroyed the big barn on the Mills Alexander farm just east of Julian at an early hour last Friday morning. The entire loss is estimated at \$10,000, with only \$1,900 insurance on the barn and none on the crops or stock.

The farm and buildings belonged to the Mills Alexander estate, the widow now living at State College. The farm is tenanted by Kyle Alexander, who has occupied it the past two years. He garnered big crops this year and with his large drove of hogs about ready for butchering was feeling well satisfied over his year's work, and the financial results he would reap as the result thereof.

On Thursday afternoon of last week the Jacob Mitchell threshing outfit moved to the Alexander barn and threshed out thirty-five bushels of buckwheat before quitting time. When the men left the barn in the evening they made the customary inspection to see that everything was all right. The fire in the threshing engine was carefully banked, but at that it stood so far from the barn that there was no danger of fire from it.

At two o'clock Friday morning Mr. Alexander awakened with a sense of something wrong and jumping out of bed discovered the barn entirely enveloped in flames. In fact by the time he got his clothes on and got out it was impossible to go near it for the heat, and it was owing to this fact that all his stock was burned. In fact everything he owned outside of his household goods and wearing apparel was burned, and not a cent of insurance on any of it. Mr. Alexander had intended butchering most of his hogs this week, and had arranged for their disposal in the Phillipsburg markets.

How the fire originated is unknown but it is the candid opinion of Mr. Alexander and the public generally in that locality that the barn was set on fire but by whom is the mystery.

Community Day and Gregg Township Institute.

In order to bring the public in closer touch with the public schools the teachers and pupils of Gregg township will hold a community day and institute at the Vocational school at Spring Mills, Friday and Saturday, December 14th and 15th. It will also provide an opportunity for the citizens of the township to observe the nature and extent of the work undertaken by the Vocational school.

A competitive exhibition by the teachers and schools of the township will also be a feature of the Friday afternoon session. Exhibits listed will be as follows: Corn, 10 ears; popcorn, 5 ears; potatoes and apples, 5 of each variety and as many varieties as possible; beets and turnips, 3 each; rutabagas, cabbage and any curious or scarce vegetables. In the school work is included wood work, crocheting, needle work, drawings, etc. The exhibits will be grouped, judged and ribbons awarded. There will also be a program of music and short talks by the county superintendent and prominent educators from State College and the State Department of Education. Friday evening Dr. Byron King, of Phillipsburg, will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church at Spring Mills on "Dreams and Visions." Saturday's program will be as follows:

MORNING SESSION. Song by School—"Pennsylvania." Devotional Exercises—Rev. Williams. Music.

Discussion—"How to Get Pupils to Enter High School." Opened by W. W. Godeschall.

Music by Male Quartette. Discussion—"Daily Questions of Teachers and How to Confront Them." Opened by Harold Stover.

Music by Male Quartette. Address—"The Teacher's Kingdom." Dr. Byron King.

MUSIC. AFTERNOON SESSION. Song by the Schools. Discussion—"Value of Graded Course of Study." Supt. D. O. Eiters.

Music. Spelling Contest by Pupils of the Township. Address by Dr. Byron King. Music and Dismissal.

Judge Quigley Doled Out Sentences. At a brief session of court last Friday afternoon Judge Quigley imposed the penalty of the law upon five offenders, namely:

Joseph Kubina, of Osceola Mills, who hit Mrs. Mary Mosser on the head with a dipper, fracturing the bones of her skull which resulted in her death, plead guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to not less than two nor more than three years in the penitentiary.

Edward Emel plead guilty to robbing W. O. Fleck, of Snow Shoe intersection, of a sum of money and was sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than two years.

Minnie Auman, of Bellefonte, plead guilty to keeping a disorderly house and was sent to jail for three months.

Newton Whippo, of Bellefonte, plead guilty to furnishing liquor to men of intemperate habits, and owing to some mitigating circumstances sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

W. M. Hunt, a colored man of Phillipsburg, plead guilty to assault and battery, the prosecutor being Alberta Austin. Owing to the fact that the prisoner has already paid all damages incurred by the plaintiff sentence was suspended during a period of six months upon payment of the costs.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Barber, of Millinburg, has been a guest for the past week of Mr. and Mrs. F. Potts Green.

Judge Henry C. Quigley has been out in Washington county this week presiding at a regular term of court.

Mrs. William E. Gray left Tuesday for Washington, D. C., for a visit with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Gray.

Col. H. S. Taylor spent Sunday at Shamokin, where he made the memorial address at the annual Lodge of Sorrow of the Shamokin Elks.

Mrs. Samuel Harris, of Mill Hill, has closed her house and gone to Shamokin, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Hartsock.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black, of Clearfield, spent Thanksgiving in Bellefonte with Mrs. Black's mother, Mrs. Martin H. Haines, on east Curtin street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sherry came in from Pittsburgh to spend Thanksgiving and make a week's visit with Mr. Sherry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sherry.

Miss Rebecca Rhoads has been in Washington, D. C., representing the county at the W. C. T. U. and Anti-Saloon League convention in session there this week.

Mrs. Charles Saxton and her two children, Charles Jr. and Pauline, are spending this week among friends in Altoona, while Mr. Saxton is off on his annual hunting trip.

Miss Genevieve Bible spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Mrs. George P. Bible. Miss Bible is the instructor in physical culture in the schools of Springfield, Mass.

George N. VanDyke, who has been ill at his home here for a number of weeks, was able to leave Bellefonte Wednesday, to resume his work with Anderson Bros. at Clarksville, Pa.

J. A. Snook, of Elkhart, Indiana, who had been visiting with friends in the vicinity of Millinburg and Shamokin, spent Saturday in Bellefonte, stopping here on his way back to the west.

On coming here from Kingston to spend Sunday with his family, C. C. Shuey will be accompanied on the drive by Mr. and Mrs. Donachy and their two children and Miss Stella Pickett.

Mrs. Seth Daggett, of Wellsboro, came to Bellefonte last week for a visit with her son, a student at Penn State, both being guests for Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. Wells L. Daggett, at the Bush house.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Gerberich, of Shamokin, and Mrs. Jennie Rank, of Lebanon, were guests last week of C. T. Hennig, of Hyde City, and that they are so badly in need of it that they are going out to Pittsburgh that afternoon to see if it wasn't possible to work out some way that the company can be assured of getting the material it is so much in need of. Speaking of the condition of the company at present last week's Clearfield Republican said:

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J. Mac Heinele went to Philadelphia on a business trip on Wednesday evening.

Richard Lutz, of Winbury, spent Thanksgiving with his family at their home on Howard street.

Mrs. D. G. Knox, of Buffalo Run, was in Bellefonte yesterday doing a little shopping and attending to some other business matters.

William Rice left Wednesday to accept a position in Philadelphia, after spending several weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harper Rice.

Mrs. E. S. Hibbs and her daughter, Miss Hibbs, who have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richard, returned to Philadelphia the fore part of the week.

Joseph Cook, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Marshall Cook, a member of the U. S. mounted signal corps in training at Camp Dix, N. J., spent Thanksgiving and Sunday with their father, Charles F. Cook.

Corporal Luther Crisman arrived home from Camp Hancock on Wednesday evening on a thirty days' furlough to enable him to recuperate after undergoing an operation for appendicitis. Trooper Paul Haag came home on Tuesday on a fifteen days' furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Beezer are entertaining Mrs. Margaret Shay Topphanian of New York city, who has been here since the death of her husband a short time ago. Mrs. Topphanian is contemplating making her home in California, where much of Dr. Topphanian's money was invested in vineyards.

Miss Myrtle Feidler, of Seattle, who is spending her vacation in Pennsylvania, came to Bellefonte a week ago and has been a guest of the Misses Helen and Roxy Mingle. Upon leaving here she will go to spend a short time with relatives in the neighborhood of Coburn. Miss Feidler is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Feidler, former residents of Bellefonte.

Mrs. Grant Pifer, of Wilkesburg, and Mrs. Austin Shuey, of Prospect, Ohio, have both been guests for the past two weeks, of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hoy. Mrs. Pifer returned home yesterday, while Mrs. Shuey will remain for an indefinite time. Although Mr. and Mrs. Hoy are among the oldest residents of the community, they are in perfect health, conversant with all the topics of the day and have retained much of the vigor of earlier years.

This Nickel-Alloys Co. Scrap. Last week the "Watchman" published an item relative to fourteen cartloads of scrap iron being embargoed on the siding near Curtin and on Friday afternoon Dr. C. T. Hennig called at this office and stated that the scrap belonged to the Nickel-Alloys Co., of Hyde City, and that they are so badly in need of it that they are going out to Pittsburgh that afternoon to see if it wasn't possible to work out some way that the company can be assured of getting the material it is so much in need of. Speaking of the condition of the company at present last week's Clearfield Republican said:

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The following are the closing prices of the Philadelphia markets on Wednesday evening:

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