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ANOTHER BIG REALTY DEAL.

Beatty Motor Company Purchased Palace Garage and Olewine-Smith Building.

The deal was closed and papers signed on Monday evening whereby the Beatty Motor company became the purchaser of the Palace garage and the Olewine-Smith building abutting on the west end of the McClain block and now occupied by the Republican office and the Centre Social club.

Possession of the latter building will not be secured until the first of April but the company expects to take over the garage in the very near future, Norman R. Wright, from whom the latter was purchased, being willing to surrender the same as soon as the legal formalities can be arranged.

Upon securing possession of the garage the first step of the Beatty Motor company will be to make some much-needed improvements. The machine shop will be extended east to the creek, taking up the rear of the "Watchman" office. This will afford ample space for repair work and the rebuilding of cars.

The Beatty Motor company is the distributor of the Ford cars for the most of Centre county and has done a good business since being established in Bellefonte, while the outlook for 1918 is very good.

News Notes of the Soldier Boys.

Lieut. Nicholas Vincent Taylor, of the 38th infantry stationed at Camp Greene, South Carolina, was home to spend the Holiday season with his father, Col. H. S. Taylor, returning to camp this week.

John F. Smith and Max Wetzel, two of the High school boys who enlisted in the navy last spring and who have of late been stationed at Norfolk, Va., came home on Saturday on a brief furlough.

J. Fred Noll, of this place, who enlisted in the navy some time ago and has been in training at the Great Lakes, Ill. station was recently promoted to the position of liberty yeoman in the executive offices of the station.

James Reynolds Pierpont, a son of Mrs. James Pierpont, of Philadelphia, on Saturday, December 22nd, received his commission as a first lieutenant in the ordnance department and is attached to the work at the League Island navy yard, Philadelphia.

Miss Vera M. Willard, one of Bellefonte's trained nurses, has enlisted as a nurse in the army nurse corps and left on Wednesday evening for Camp Upton, Yaphank, Long Island, N. Y.

Basil F. Mott came home from Camp Meade on a forty-eight hour furlough and spent Christmas with his mother and sister.

Wearing the red chevrons of an assistant yeoman on his coat sleeves Hassell Montgomery came up from Philadelphia and remained over Christmas with his mother.

Jack Montgomery, in training at the Culver military academy, spent his holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Montgomery.

Dr. Peter Hoffer Dale, in training at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., got a holiday furlough which he spent at his home at State College.

Fire Company Officers Chosen.

At their annual meeting on Tuesday evening the Undine fire company elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

- President—P. H. Ghererty. Vice President—Harry Flack. Secretary—W. L. Steele Jr. Financial Secretary—E. J. Gehrett. Treasurer—Joseph Deener. Chief—Robert Kline. First Asst. Chief—Charles Anderson. Second Asst. Chief—John Connolly. Third Asst. Chief—Fred Bryan. Chief Engineer—Lewis H. Hill. Third Engineer—Harry Hang. Chief Fire Marshall—E. J. Gehrett. Trustees—Robert Kline, August Glinz and William Doll.

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WOODS.—It is with extreme regret that we are called upon this week to announce the death of Edward C. Woods, for years one of the most faithful mail carriers at the Bellefonte postoffice. He performed his duties as usual the day before Christmas and that evening complained about a pain in his left shoulder.

Deceased was a son of James and Margaret McMullen Woods and was born at Boalsburg about sixty-six years ago. When a young man he engaged in teaching school, following that profession in the winter and working during the summer months.

He was appointed a mail carrier in the Bellefonte postoffice and how faithfully he performed his work can be told in the fact that in all that time he was not late one day. He was accommodating and courteous at all times and always endeavored to satisfy his patrons along his route.

The funeral services were held in the Catholic church at ten o'clock on Thursday morning by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

Those who were here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rothrock, Harry Garber and Mrs. Schulte, all of Tyrone.

GINGERICH.—On Friday, December 21st, the death angel entered the home of Samuel Gingerich, near Centre Hall, and claimed as its victim his beloved wife, Lizzie A. Gingerich, who breathed her last at 1:30 p. m., after an illness of some months with dropsy.

Deceased was a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Houtz and was born in Harris township on March 31st, 1867, hence at her death was 50 years, 8 months and 21 days old. Early in life she became a member of the Lutheran church and up until her illness always took an active part in all kinds of church work, being a member of the choir and organist for a number of years.

Her only child died in infancy but surviving her are her husband and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Ellen Ross, Linden Hall; Mrs. Mary Cunningham, Bellefonte; George N. Houtz, of Toledo, Ohio; Elmer N. Houtz, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. Lillie Houser, of Linden Hall.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church at Centre Hall on Monday morning by Rev. Kurtz, after which burial was made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

PACKER.—Mrs. William Packer, of Blanchard, died last Friday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Fravel, of Blanchard, of uraemic poisoning. Although she had been ailing for ten days she with her husband and little daughter went to the home of her parents for Christmas. She was taken suddenly worse last Wednesday night and died on Friday morning.

Deceased was but nineteen years of age and had lived at Blanchard all of her short life. She was a member of the Baptist church and Sunday school. In addition to her husband and little daughter Esther she is survived by her parents and four sisters, namely: Mary, Olive, Catharine and Edna. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the Fravel home after which burial was made in the Baptist cemetery at Blanchard.

ETTERS.—David Etters, the fourteen months old son of Hugh and Bertha Mease Etters, died at the home of its grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Mease, of State College, on Wednesday morning of last week.

The child came with its parents from their home in Cambridge Springs, Pa., to State College on December 22nd to spend Christmas and the Holidays with Mr. Etters' parents, Supt. and Mrs. D. O. Etters, and Mrs. Etters' mother, Mrs. Mease, at State College. It was in splendid health until Monday evening when it was taken sick while at the Mrs. Mease home and died on Wednesday morning. It was the only child and the parents feel the loss quite heavily. Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. H. Traub after which burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

BATCHELET.—William A. Batchelet, a well known farmer living on the Divide, near Marsh Creek, died very suddenly on the evening of December 18th at the home of his brother, Samuel Batchelet, near Beech Creek. He with his wife had been at Beech Creek in the afternoon and on their way home Mr. Batchelet was taken sick. He was taken to the home of his brother and a physician sent for. His ailment was diagnosed as an attack of acute indigestion, which was followed by a stroke of paralysis resulting in his death at eight o'clock.

Mr. Batchelet was about seventy years of age and was born in the eastern part of the State. When a young man he went to work for the Pennsylvania railroad company and was eventually promoted to the position of an engineer, for a number of years running a passenger engine on the Philadelphia division. He finally gave up railroading and about thirty years ago bought a farm in Liberty township and engaged in farming. Mr. Batchelet had filled a number of township offices and for a number of years past was a director of the Bald Eagle Telephone company. He was a member of the Reformed church at Romola and a man who had the esteem of all who knew him.

Surviving him are his wife and five sons, namely: Charles and Frank, of Philadelphia; William, of Renovo; Philip and Lewis, at home. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters: Samuel Batchelet, of Beech Creek township, Clinton county; Jacob, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Julia Hoffman, of Mt. Eagle; Mrs. Mary Shaw, of Williamsport; Mrs. Adam Bitner, of Lock Haven, and Mrs. Annie Stevens, of Woolrich.

Funeral services were held in the Beech Creek Presbyterian church on December 22nd by Rev. Goss, after which burial was made in the Hayes-Fearon cemetery.

ARMSTRONG.—The venerable Robert Armstrong died at his home on east Howard street shortly before five o'clock on the morning of December 24th, following several week's illness as a result of a general breakdown.

He was a son of John and Jane Armstrong and was born in Ireland on July 5th, 1839, hence at his death had reached the advanced age of 78 years, 5 months and 19 days. He came to this country when a young man and located at Lewistown where he remained a few years, coming to Bellefonte over fifty years ago. He had been in Bellefonte only a short time when he went to work for the Bellefonte Gas company and for more than thirty years had charge of the gas plant. He was a conscientious and faithful employee and only retired when his declining age made it necessary for him to do so. He was a member of the Episcopal church most all his life.

In 1880 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Clark who survives with one son, Walter C. Armstrong. He also leaves one brother, James Armstrong. Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon by Rev. M. DePue Maynard, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

SMITH.—Mrs. Elizabeth B. Smith, widow of the late George W. Smith, died on December 23rd at the home of her daughter, Dr. Irma H. VanNortwick, at Marceline, Linn county, Missouri, of cerebral hemorrhage.

She was a daughter of Charles and Eliza Beck and was born at Lamar, Clinton county, on June 15th, 1840, being at her death 77 years, 6 months and 8 days old. The early part of her married life was spent in Pennsylvania but later the family came to Bellefonte and she was a resident of this place many years. Her husband died in August, 1910, as the result of injuries sustained when struck by an automobile near the Pennsylvania depot in this place and her only survivor is her daughter, Dr. VanNortwick. The remains were brought to Bellefonte on Wednesday morning of last week and laid to rest in the Union cemetery beside those of her husband.

LUCAS.—William Lucas was brought to the Bellefonte hospital last Wednesday suffering with a bad attack of asthma and his condition proved so serious that he died on Thursday evening. He was a son of William Lucas and was born at Runville about forty-five years ago. He was a laborer by occupation and since growing to manhood had spent much of his time in Phillipsburg and Tyrone. He never married but is survived by his father, a half sister and two half brothers, namely: Mrs. James Stott and James Stine, of Phillipsburg, and George Stine, of Port Matilda. The remains were taken to Runville where funeral services were held in the church on Monday afternoon by Rev. Orledge, after which burial was made in the Advent cemetery.

OTTO.—David Otto, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Manor, Westmoreland county, on December 22nd, following a light stroke of paralysis sustained three days previous. He was born near Boalsburg on November 9th, 1844, hence was 73 years, 1 month and 13 days old. In 1881 he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Pennington who died in 1912. They had seven children, four of whom survive as follows: John, Benner, Robert and Mrs. Howard Goodman. He also leaves ten grandchildren. Burial was made at Millport, Clearfield county, on December 26th.

MARTZ.—Mrs. Mary M. Martz, wife of Charles H. Martz, died at her home in Pine Grove Mills on December 23rd, following a month's illness with pneumonia. The morning of the day she died she appeared greatly improved but a sudden collapse resulted in her death very unexpectedly.

She was a daughter of George and Eliza Billetts, and was born at Lamar on October 1st, 1851, hence was past sixty-six years of age. She was united in marriage to Mr. Martz on July 11th, 1872, and for the past quarter of a century they have made their home in Pine Grove Mills. She was a member of the Methodist church for more than fifty years and a woman whose kind and genial disposition made her many friends.

In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Oscar, of Cincinnati; Paul, in Minnesota; McKinley Martz and Mrs. Merrill Shultz, of Cleveland, Ohio; Emma, of Pine Grove Mills, and Miss Claire, at home. She also leaves three brothers, George, of Lamar; Wesley, of Lewistown, and Taylor, of Tyrone.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Pine Grove Mills at ten o'clock on the morning of December 26th, by Rev. Victor Nearhoff, after which burial was made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

STUART.—Harry M. Stuart died at his home in Tyrone on Monday evening of last week following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases. He was a son of John and Patience Stuart and was born at Martha Furnace, this county, sixty-two years ago. Since going to Tyrone he had been employed in the paper mill at that place. He was a member of the Baptist church all his life and a good, christian gentleman.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth McDonald who died four years ago. Surviving him, however, are the following children: Mrs. J. R. Williams, of Julian; Alda Stuart, of Altoona; Mrs. Hannah Devine, of Johnstown; Bardeus Stuart, of Philadelphia; John, of Tyrone; Gilbert, of Philadelphia; Edith, of Johnstown, and Harry, a member of the Nineteenth engineers, a member of the navy in France. A letter now in receipt from the latter just twelve hours after the father passed away. One brother and a sister survive, namely: James M. Stuart, of Richmond, Cal., and Mrs. M. E. Richards, of Erie. The remains were taken to Julian on Thursday where funeral services were held in the Baptist church after which burial was made in the Williams cemetery.

GARBRIK.—Mrs. Mary Garbrick, widow of the late Daniel Garbrick, of Marion township, died last Friday at the home of her son, George T. Garbrick, at Lancaster, following an illness of two years. She was a daughter of George and Catharine Boyer Corman and was born in Harris township, this county, on October 31st, 1846, hence was in her seventy-second year. Her entire life was spent in this county until the death of her husband about two years ago, since which time she has lived with her children. She was a member of the Reformed church all her life.

Surviving her are four children, John N., of Bedford; Mrs. Della Stewart, and Miss Cora, of Christiana, and George T., of Lancaster. She also leaves three foster children, Albert Garbrick, of Boalsburg; David Kuhn, of Christiana, and Mrs. Harry Bennett, of Zion, as well as one brother and a sister, Andrew Corman and Mrs. J. D. Horner, of Spring Mills. The remains were taken to Boalsburg on Wednesday where the funeral was held and burial made.

GEPHART.—Harry E. Gephart, of Rebersburg, died in the Bellefonte hospital last Friday following an operation for abdominal trouble. He had been ill only six days.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gephart and was born in Miles township on December 19th, 1879, being at his death 38 years and 9 days old. He was a laborer by occupation and so industrious that he acquired two properties and up until his mother's death four years ago was her main support, providing for her wants in every possible way. He never married but is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Samuel T. Gephart, a merchant in Rebersburg; Mrs. Charles, of Rebersburg; Mrs. Cora Schroyer, of Maple Park, Ill.; Mrs. Ed. Greninger, of Rebersburg; and Mrs. Stella Diehl, of Wilkensburg. The funeral was held at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. Rev. Hunsicker, of the Reformed church, officiated and burial was made in the Rebersburg Union cemetery.

IRVIN.—Mrs. Jane Irvin, widow of the late Joseph Green Irvin, died at 3:30 a. m., December 26th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas F. Johnston, of Crafton, Pa. She was the daughter of Daniel Riley, a pioneer citizen of Centre county, and was born near Boalsburg on February 19th, 1856. She lived a long and useful life in Oak Hall. After the death of her husband, eight years ago, she made her home with her two daughters, Mrs. William T. Mitchell and Mrs. Thomas F. Johnston. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Kreamer, of Newton Hamilton, and a brother, Calvin Riley, of Mount Union.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. W. K. Harnish, of Arch Springs, were held in the Lemont Presbyterian church, of which she was a life-long member, last Friday afternoon, interment being made in the family plot in the old Branch cemetery.

GRENINGER.—George E. Greninger, a well known resident of Miles township, died at his home in Rebersburg on December 24th, after an illness of ten days with pneumonia.

A son of Jacob and Elizabeth Greninger he was born in Miles township on March 10th, 1868, hence was 49 years, 9 months and 14 days old. When a young man he went west and located on a farm near Orangeville, Ill., where he spent between fifteen and sixteen years. He proved quite successful and having accumulated a competence sold out and returned to Centre county. In politics he was a Democrat all his life. He was a member of the Evangelical church and a good, christian gentleman.

In 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Hess who survives with three children, Edna, Paul and Blanche, all at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: McClellan Greninger, of Freeport, Ill.; E. K., of Rebersburg; Mrs. Geo. Winkiebleck, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. John Graden, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. George Wise, of Rebersburg. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning of last week. Rev. Mannville had charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. Hunsicker. Burial was made in the Rebersburg cemetery.

ROGERS.—Mrs. Jennie Powers Rogers passed away at the home of her sisters, the Misses Powers, on East Lamb street, at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon following an illness of several months with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Powers and was born and spent her early life in Bellefonte. She was married to James T. Rogers, of New York city, who preceded her to the grave. Surviving her, however, are the following sisters: Mrs. C. T. Massey and Mrs. W. R. Taylor, of Philadelphia; Misses Annie and Eva Powers, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services will be held in St. John's Catholic church this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. Father Downes, after which burial will be made in the Catholic cemetery.

YORK.—Carlton N. York, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey F. York, of Detroit, Mich., died on Sunday evening as the result of an attack of appendicitis for which he had undergone an operation two weeks previous. The case was a very aggravated one and while at first he seemed to improve he took a turn for the worse the latter part of last week and passed away at the time above stated.

The child was born at Warriorsmark, Huntingdon county, on January 23rd, 1907, hence was almost 11 years old. He was a bright and attractive little boy and his death is quite a blow to his parents as well as his grandfather, Col. Emanuel Noll, of this place. Miss Rebek Noll went out for the funeral which was held on Wednesday, burial being made at Brooklyn, Mich.

DeVICTOR.—James C. DeVictor, a retired passenger conductor of McElhattan, was found dead on Saturday, December 2nd, at the home of his son, Oliver J. DeVictor, at State College. He was fifty-eight years old and had been in ill health for several years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, a brother and two sisters. Funeral services were held at the home of his son at State College last Wednesday morning and the same afternoon the remains were taken to McElhattan for interment.

KSENITH.—Hilley Ksenith, a young Austria-Polander, was found wandering around in a dazed condition in Spring township last Thursday and taken to the Bellefonte hospital. He was so famished for want of food and proper clothing that he died on Saturday. He gave his age as 23 years. Burial was made on Monday.

SMITH.—John Smith, an aged resident of Snow Shoe, died at the Bellefonte hospital on Tuesday of general debility, aged 88 years. He was brought to the hospital about a month ago. The remains were taken to Snow Shoe for burial.

A Milk Condensary for Centre Hall.

A meeting of business men and farmers of Centre Hall and vicinity was held in the grange Arcadia last Friday evening to consider the proposition of Charles F. Sheffer, of Dewart, to establish a milk condensing plant at that place. In the light of Mr. Sheffer's statement the proposition looked so enticing that a company was organized and arrangements made for the establishment of the plant. The old creamery building will be taken over, enlarged and equipped with the necessary machinery and everybody interested is sanguine over the outlook for a good paying industry.

Col. Reynolds Appointed Food Representative for Centre County.

The federal food administrator for Pennsylvania has appointed Col. W. Fred Reynolds federal food representative for Centre county. Any person in the county who knows of irregularities practiced by any food distributor or manufacturer, or have complaints to offer against dealers in food supplies, their patriotic duty is to communicate immediately with the county representative, whose business it will be to have the matter corrected.

The County Commissioners this week announced the appointment of George M. Harter, of Marion township, as mercantile appraiser for the year 1918.

Fetzer—Murray.—R. C. Fetzer, a son of Austin Fetzer, of Curtin, and Miss Edna E. Murray, a daughter of Thomas Murray, of Wingate, slipped quietly away early in December and going to Wellsville, York county, were married on December 4th by Rev. C. W. Hipple, of the Evangelical church. Returning home a few days later none of their friends even suspected the happy affair and this item may perhaps be the first public announcement of their marriage. Miss Murray is quite popular in her home community and since the death of her mother a number of years ago has kept house for her father. Mr. Fetzer is a telegrapher by occupation and is the second trick operator in the tower at Snow Shoe Intersection. The young couple will make their home with the bride's father.

Gill—Aikens.—Private Boyd Roy Gill, of Pleasant Gap, a member of Company G, 110th Pennsylvania infantry at Camp Hancock, and Miss Rosanna Christina Aikens, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Aikens, of Altoona, were married at the home of the bride's parents at eight o'clock last Wednesday evening by alderman William C. Shuff. A bountiful wedding dinner was served immediately after the ceremony. The next morning private Gill left for his company at Camp Hancock, the bride intending to remain for the present with her parents.

Woleslagle—Lauck.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized in the United Brethren parsonage at eleven o'clock on December 20th when Howard H. Woleslagle, of Milesburg, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lauck, of Snow Shoe, by the pastor, Rev. T. Hugh MacLeod, the ring ceremony being used. The attendants were Newton Lauck, a brother of the bride, and Miss Maude Walker, of Runville. Others present at the ceremony were Mrs. Woleslagle, Mrs. Lauck, and Miss Emma Woleslagle, of Unionville.

Bohn—Yarnell.—George J. Bohn and Miss Ruth Yarnell, both of Boalsburg, were married at the Reformed parsonage at that place on Monday, December 24th, by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Yarnell and is a splendid young woman. The bridegroom has for some time past been a clerk in Ross' store at Lemont and is a steady and industrious young man. Their many friends are now extending congratulations.

Johnstonbaugh—Scanlon.—William Johnstonbaugh, of Niagara Falls, and Miss Rachael Scanlon, of Axe Mann, were married at the parsonage of St. John's Catholic church on Monday evening by Rev. Father Downes. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Jersey Shore where they will spend a week with the bridegroom's parents before taking up their residence at Niagara Falls.

Wetzel—Taggart.—Paul L. Wetzel, eldest son of Mrs. J. Henry Wetzel, of Bellefonte, and Miss Lila Taggart, daughter of Mrs. John Taggart, of Buffalo, N. Y., were married in that city on Saturday, December 22nd. They will make their home in Erie where Mr. Wetzel now holds a responsible position with the Lake Shore railroad.

Wehley—Homan.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Homan, of State College, was the scene of a happy wedding at noon on Christmas when their daughter, Miss Ruth E. Homan, became the bride of Raymond E. Wehley, of Meadville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Traub, of the Lutheran church. The young couple will make their home in Meadville.

Shawley—McCartney.—On Thursday, December 20th, at the Reformed parsonage, Bellefonte, Blair L. Shawley and Miss Agnes M. McCartney, both of Fairview, were married by the Rev. Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt. The best wishes of a host of friends will follow the bride and groom on their journey through life.

Breon—Stover.—Stewart M. Breon, of Millheim, and Miss Esther Stover were married on Sunday, December 23rd, at the home of the bridegroom's brother, Robert Breon, of State College, by Rev. W. H. Traub, of the Lutheran church.

Shot With His Own Gun.

Henry Bower, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bower, who live in Little Nittany valley about six miles below Jacksonville, was accidentally shot with his own gun on Wednesday morning. The young man was but nineteen years old and since winter set in has been engaged in trapping for fur animals. Wednesday morning he started out to inspect his traps, taking with him his gun and dog.

Failing to return at the noon hour his mother started out to hunt him and with some difficulty trailed him to what is known as Fox Hollow, on Little Nittany mountain. There she found his body already cold in death and a gaping wound in his right breast was evidence of how he met his end. Just how the accident happened will never be known but it is believed the boy must have slipped and in falling the gun was discharged with the above tragic result.

State Highway Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil has extended the time in which the 1917 auto tags are good until January 10th, owing to the inability of the Department to supply the tags as fast as applications are received.

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