

F. GRAY MEEK, Editor. Terms of Subscription.—Until further notice this paper will be furnished to subscribers at the following rates:

Another "Old Subscriber." When the "Watchman" last week referred to George M. Harter and J. C. Wilson, of Nittany, as having read this paper for forty-three years it did not mean to slight any other of our "old subscribers," as we have a few hundred on the list who have probably read it longer than that but merely mentioned the incident because Mr. Harter and Mr. Wilson came in at the same time and subscribed after debating for awhile which county paper to take, and the fact that they have continued to take it for more than two score years must be considered good evidence that they have been satisfied with the choice made that day.

And now along comes our friend G. W. Rumberger, of Unionville, who claims a record that can't be beaten by any of our subscribers, as he started with the first issue and has never missed a copy, and he reads it, too, from beginning to end, as the editor has very good reason to know. But we'll leave him tell his tale in his own inimitable way, thusly: Dear "Watchman:"

In one item in your "Purely Personal" column of last week's "Watchman," you say: "Geo. M. Harter and J. C. Wilson, of Nittany, have been readers of the "Democratic Watchman" for 43 years"—a splendid record, truly, but if those two splendid gentlemen and I were competing for an Overland car as a prize for the best record as a long subscriber to your valuable paper I think I could capture the persimmon and have a big slice of my record left.

In 1854, the late Shannon McCormick, father of the Hon. John T. McCormick, being a most enthusiastic Democrat, canvassed part of the county in securing subscribers for a new Democratic paper to be called the "Democratic Watchman." He traveled on horseback. My father then lived on the Green farm, now occupied by Col. J. Dorsey Green. Coming down Buffalo Run valley he, of course, called on my father, knowing him to be an equally enthusiastic Democrat, who without hesitation gave him his name as a subscriber to the "Democratic Watchman." This was before the first copy of the paper was issued. Thus I became a "reader" of your valuable paper 63 years ago and have kept it up ever since.

Five years after—1859—I married, began life on my own hook and when I went to house-keeping I subscribed for the "Watchman" and have taken it ever since—58 years, and looking at my label I find my subscription is paid up to May 15th, 1919. Now, what do you think of that? For 58 years your excellent paper has made its weekly welcome visits to my home and my love for it has not abated in the least. In fact it has increased so much that I would no more think of doing without it than I would think of doing without my daily meals of chicken and waffles, ice cream, et cetera.

"Summary."—I have been a reader of the "Watchman" 26 years longer and a subscriber 15 years longer than the two Hon. gentlemen above named. If you have any other subscribers who can "knock me out" on my record I would be glad if you would trot them out. Now, I have not written this little squib boastfully but when I read the item above referred to I couldn't resist the temptation to let your readers know that "there are others."

G. W. RUMBERGER.

Sale of Thrift Stamps Now On.

The sale of thrift stamps in Centre county is now on and every effort will be made to make the sale universal. The quota for Centre county has been set at \$876,200, and to reach this mark it will be necessary for the public in general to purchase the same. W. Harrison Walker is chairman for Centre county and he anticipates starting a whirl-wind campaign in the near future.

In this connection it might be stated that Secretary McAdoo's unique plan for the sale of war stamps by mail order is ready to be put into effect and householders should be prepared to hear the postman on his round calling loudly, "Any war stamps today?" The sale of these stamps through a system of "cash on delivery" at the home of the purchaser is the latest idea in war financing announced by Mr. McAdoo and it is said to be the first undertaking of any nation to deliver and collect for its securities in the homes of its people.

The plan is to send some 25,000,000 postcards into as many homes appealing for subscriptions to the war savings stamps. To each card will be attached a return card on which the recipient may write the amount of stamps he or she wishes to buy and which may be mailed without cost to the nearest post master. A postman will deliver the stamps and collect for them. It is expected that this method of sale, once established, will continue until the issue of \$2,000,000 is taken. Additional postcards will be supplied from time to time.

The Pennsylvania War Savings committee is contemplating drafting traveling salesmen to sell stamps on their business trips and also to report if the campaign is being well advertised throughout the State and receiving due publicity.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

STROOP.—Following close upon the death of her husband Mrs. Anna M. Strop, widow of George Strop, died at four o'clock on Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank McClure, at Patton. She had been confined to her bed for five months, suffering with chronic nephritis and arterio sclerosis, but the immediate cause of her death was a stroke of paralysis.

She was a daughter of James Linn and Elizabeth Jenkin Diven and was born at Landisville, Pa., on July 15th, 1840, hence was in her seventy-eighth year. She was a grand-niece of Rev. James Linn, who was pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church for over fifty years. Mrs. Strop joined the Presbyterian church when a girl and all through her life was an active worker in the church, the Woman's Missionary societies and a teacher in the Sunday school.

She was the mother of three children, two sons who died in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. Frank C. McClure, of Patton. She also leaves two brothers, Dr. James L. Diven, of New Bloomfield, and Edward B. Diven, of Harrisburg. Funeral services were held at the home of her daughter on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock by Rev. Daniel C. Schnebley, pastor of the Mill Creek and Hookstown churches, and yesterday morning the remains were taken to Tyrone for burial in the Grandview cemetery.

MILLER.—William S. Miller, a well known farmer of Huston township, died at his home near Julian at three o'clock last Saturday morning, following an illness of some months, although he had been able to be up and around the day before his death.

Deceased was born in Union county and was in his seventy-second year. He came to Centre county twenty-four years ago and engaged in farming, continuing at that occupation until his death. Forty-seven years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah O. Anderson who survives with the following children: Mrs. Alfred Spotts, of Unionville; Nelson R. Miller, of Bellefonte, and Albert, of Philipsburg. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, T. H. Miller, of Forest Hill; Mrs. Jane Hildebrand and Lot Miller, of Millifinburg, and Mrs. Sarah Hamler, of Lewisburg.

Funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Julian at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. Howard S. Crammer, of the Methodist church, assisted by Rev. Tingue, of the Free Methodist church. Burial was made in the Julian cemetery.

MILLER.—James Shultz Miller, of Tyrone, died very suddenly at the Woomer home at Bald Eagle on Monday morning. Though he lived in Tyrone he had been working on the farm for John Blair, at Fillmore, and had driven to Tyrone to spend Sunday with his family. Monday morning he started on the return trip and when opposite the Woomer home at Bald Eagle he was taken violently ill and died before medical assistance could be had.

Deceased was born at Rock Forge, this county in 1847, hence was in his seventy-first year. Most of his life was spent in Centre county but during the past sixteen years he had lived in Tyrone. He was married to Miss Annie Johnstonbaugh who survives with seven children, all living in Tyrone. Burial was made in the Grandview cemetery, that place, yesterday afternoon.

MEYER.—Mrs. Elizabeth Heinselman Meyer, widow of Wesley Meyer, died at the home of O. N. Stover on Monday night. Being in her usual health Mrs. Meyer had gone to her neighbor's home to help care for a member of the family who was ill, and it was while engaged in this kind deed that she was taken suddenly ill and died before a physician could be summoned.

Mrs. Meyer is survived by one son, Prof. Edward H. Meyer, of Newark, N. J., and one brother, George Heinselman, of Lebanon county. She was for many years a resident of Boalsburg, a member of the Reformed church and the woman's Civic club. Owing to the uncertainty of her son's arrival no arrangements have been made for the funeral at this writing.

BOGGS.—Mrs. Sarah Boggs, an aged resident of Altoona, died on Tuesday morning of pneumonia following a general breakdown. She was a daughter of Abram and Catharine Moyer, and was born at Boalsburg, this county, on December 31st, 1831, hence had reached the advanced age of 86 years and 14 days. She was married to John C. Boggs who died nineteen years ago. Surviving her, however, is one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, of Bellefonte. The remains were taken to Huntingdon on Wednesday morning for burial.

BRIGHT.—Miss Jennie Bright, a former resident of Centre county, died on Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. H. Dornblaser, in Springfield, Ohio. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bright and was born at Aaronsburg sixty years ago. The remains will be brought east and taken to Aaronsburg where burial will be made this (Friday) afternoon.

CRONISTER.—Dorsey Cronister, well known in the western end of Centre county, dropped dead on Wednesday evening while making some purchases in the Bell grocery store, Tyrone.

WAITE.—The body of Mrs. Waite, wife of Dr. J. Herbert Waite, who died in Sydney, Australia, early in December, arrived in Harrisburg on Wednesday and was buried there yesterday, Mrs. John I. Olewinski going down for the funeral. Dr. Waite, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Waite, of Lock Haven, but formerly of this place, was in Australia doing research work for the Rockefeller Foundation, his duties taking him to Papua, which is about sixteen hundred miles from Sydney, where his family lived.

Dr. Waite left Australia on December 15th with his wife's body and had a rather uneventful trip until he reached the United States when he was held up several days west of Chicago by the big blizzard. His wife leaves two infant children—twins—a boy and a girl, who were left at Sydney in care of a competent nurse and who will bring them to this country when they are old enough to stand the journey.

PATTERSON.—Mrs. Mabel Patterson, wife of Roy Patterson, of Beaver Falls, died on Wednesday of diabetes, after a brief illness. She was a daughter of Robert and Ellen Gentzel and was born in Bellefonte twenty-seven years ago. She was married to Mr. Patterson five years ago and he survives with a baby boy a week old. She also leaves her parents, two brothers, Frank and Harry, and one sister, Grace, all of Beaver Falls. She was a member of the Methodist church and a most estimable woman whose death will be deeply mourned by a large circle of friends. Her grandmother, Mrs. Henry Bartley, and her aunt, Mrs. Charles M. Heisler, will go to Beaver Falls today to attend the funeral, which will be held at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon, burial to be made at that place.

TRESSLER.—Mrs. Catharine Tressler, one of the oldest residents of east Ferguson township, was found dead in bed on Wednesday morning of last week at the home of her son, Fred Wibley. She was born in Germany on March 7th, 1831, hence was in her eighty-eighth year. She came to this country when a child, and most of her life had been spent in Centre county. She was twice married, her first husband being David Wibley, by whom she had five children. In 1888 she married Isaac Tressler, of Linden Hall, who died in 1903. Her only survivors are one son and a daughter, Fred Wibley, of Ferguson township, and Mrs. William Wolf, of Avoca. The funeral was held last Friday morning, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

HAINES.—Mrs. Harriet Haines, widow of Marcus Haines, died on Sunday night at the home of her son, Calvin Haines, of Woodward, following a brief illness with pneumonia, aged 82 years and 6 months. She is survived by seven children, namely: John, Elias, Calvin, William and Mrs. Samuel Styers, of Woodward; Luther, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Clyde Vonada, of near Rebersburg. She was a life-long member of the Evangelical church and Rev. H. P. Maneval will have charge of the funeral which will be held this morning, burial to be made at Woodward.

SNYDER.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Snyder, wife of Samuel Snyder, of Tyrone, and mother of Charles E. Snyder, of State College, died on Friday night as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lose, was born at Beech Creek, and was in her sixty-second year. She is survived by her husband, two children and a number of brothers and sisters. Burial was made in the Grandview cemetery, Tyrone, on Tuesday afternoon.

WINKLEBLECK.—An abscess on the neck caused the death on Monday of George W. Winklebleck, son of the late Solomon Winklebleck, at his home near Wolf's Chapel. He was aged about sixty years and is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles Lingie, of Huntingdon, and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert, of Aaronsburg. Burial was made at Wolf's Chapel yesterday morning.

UNDERWOOD.—Charles, a twin son of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman Underwood, of Unionville, died last Saturday afternoon of Bright's disease, aged 3 years and 6 months. Burial was made on Monday morning.

McMillan.—Mott.—Alvin Graham McMillan, of Harrisburg, and Miss Mary Barbara Mott, only daughter of Mrs. Odillie Mott, of Bellefonte, were married in Altoona last Friday by Rev. Father Richard Walsh, secretary to Bishop Eugene O. Garvey, of the Altoona diocese. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple went to Harrisburg where they will live on North Second street. The bride is well known in Bellefonte, and being a splendid musician is quite popular among the younger set. The bridegroom is a native of Georgia and for some months was connected with the Palace garage in this place, but is now with the Ford agency in Harrisburg.

—What ought to be an exciting game of basket ball will take place in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium tomorrow (Saturday) evening, at 8:45 o'clock, when the Bellefonte Academy five will play the strong Windber athletic club team. John Lochrie, for three years a star on the Academy team, will be with the visitors and this fact alone should prove a good drawing card. Admission, 25 cents.

Here is Your Opportunity!

Good Reading at Small Cost.

We have had so many inquiries recently as to whether the Watchman would continue the Magazine Clubs it used so satisfactorily last year that we have completed arrangements whereby we can again offer our readers and the public in general the clubs grouped below at the low prices quoted.

Select the Club you prefer, mail or bring the price quoted to the Watchman office, Bellefonte, Pa., stating the address to which you want the paper and magazines mailed and you will be assured of a selection of reading matter that will give you all the local news of the county, a lot of delightful fiction, house-hold hints, fashions and scientific information.

These offers are open to any subscriber to the Watchman and others who may desire to become subscribers. No matter to what date your subscription to this paper is already paid if you send the price of the Club you prefer your credit here will be extended one year more and the magazines will date from the time your remittance is received.

Owing to the fact that the prices of large, illustrated publications, such as are included in these Clubs are continually advancing we can hold this offer open only a limited time.

Magazine Club Bargains. SEND in your cash renewal to our paper now and you can have your choice of any of these splendid magazine clubs at the special prices shown below. This offer is open to both old and new subscribers. If you are already a subscriber to any of these magazines, your subscription will be extended one year from date of expiration.

- The Watchman and Home Life, 1 year \$1.69
The Watchman and McCall's, 1 year 1.91
The Watchman and The Peoples Home Journal 1 year 1.91
The Watchman and Woman's World, 1 year 1.77
The Watchman and To-day's Housewife, 1 year 1.91
The Watchman and Farm and Fireside, 1 year 1.65
The Watchman and The Tri-Weekly World, 1 year 2.15

Killed On His Saw Mill.

J. Wells Smith, of Howard, met instant death about four o'clock on Friday afternoon on his saw mill on Wallace run, about fifteen miles from Montoursville, Lycoming county. He was engaged in sawing lumber when the belt came off of the saw shaft. He endeavored to put it on without stopping the machinery and was caught on the shaft and whirled around several times, being dead when found by the other three men who worked on the mill.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Smith, and was born in Lycoming county almost sixty-three years ago. As a young man he engaged in teaching school, following that profession a number of years. Later he located in Howard township and engaged in farming but the past thirteen years had been in the lumbering business. He was a member of the Methodist church all his life.

He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and five children, namely: Mrs. Olive Schenck, of Howard; Mrs. Tillie Bechtel, of Albion, Pa.; Mrs. Maggie Forshey, of Shireleysburg; Clara, at home, and Melvin, of Mt. Union. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Edward, of Orbisonia; Frank, of Sunbury; Thomas, of Elmira, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Yeager, of Williamsport, and Mrs. Ella Council, of Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were held at his late home near Howard at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Charles W. Rishel, after which burial was made in the Schenck cemetery.

Box Social and Festival at Rebersburg.

The Miles township High school will hold a box social and festival in the High school room at Rebersburg on Saturday evening, January 26th, at 7 o'clock, for the benefit of the Senior class. Special features of the evening will be comic dialogues, readings, duets and songs by the school. Everybody is invited to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening.

—Call the operator, call the Bush house, call a White Line taxi. Buy a six trip ticket \$1.00.

Bellefonte Schools Organize Junior Red Cross.

A Junior Red Cross has been organized in the public schools of Bellefonte and a total of eight hundred members enrolled, which includes practically every pupil in attendance. The object is to become a school auxiliary of the Bellefonte Chapter and to do any work which they may be called upon to do and which can be successfully done with the time the pupils have at their disposal.

Bellefonte High Wins at Basket Ball.

The Bellefonte High school basketball team defeated Lock Haven High on Saturday evening by the score of 26 to 23. Though the local team had not been together in three weeks it was one of the best games of the season, and played against a heavier and better drilled team. The summary: Bellefonte—Lock Haven: Decker, Forward; Rathgeber, Sieg; Forward; Russel, Shelden, Centre; Hitter, Kline, Guard; McCormick, Wetzel, Guard; LeBarron. Field goals—Decker 1, Shelden 3, Sieg 4, Hitter, Russel, Bathgate, Four goals—Shelden 10. Referee—Walker. Timekeepers—Smith and Korney. Scorekeeper—Ethensmith. Time of halves—20 minutes.

Local Institute at Spring Mills.

A teachers' local institute for District No. 1 will be held at Spring Mills Friday evening and Saturday, January 18th and 19th. The sessions will be held in the Grange hall and the speaker this evening will be Prof. J. T. Marshman, of the department of public speaking, State College. The program for tomorrow (Saturday) is as follows:

- MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.
Invocation.....Rev. G. L. Miller
"How to Correlate the Study of History to the Life of the Community".....Prof. D. P. Stapleton
Discussion.....Prof. C. R. Neff
"The First Year in School".....Harry Ziegler
Discussion.....Miss Maude Stover
AFTERNOON SESSION.
"Uniform Course of Study in Rural Schools".....Prof. W. V. Godshall
Discussion.....C. E. Kremer
"Relation of Vocational Schools to Other Schools".....Prof. W. W. Reitz
Discussion.....C. E. Royer
Music throughout the program.

Native of Centre County Dead in France.

John C. Gates, a member of the United States railway engineering corps is dead in France and his parents in Tyrone were so notified on Saturday by Adjutant General McClain, the notification merely setting forth the fact that his death was "from an undetermined cause."

The young man was a son of Isaac A. and Nancy Ellenberger Gates and was born at Gatsburg, this county, on August 28th, 1892. When a young man he went to work for the Pennsylvania railroad and for some time had been employed at the Tyrone scales. On September 7th, 1917, he enlisted in Company A, Twenty-first regiment railway engineers and was trained at Rockport, Ill. Early in December he sent a brief furlough at his home in Tyrone and shortly thereafter his regiment was sent to France.

He was a charter member of the Century club of Tyrone and was quite active in athletic circles, having been manager of the Y. M. C. A. basket ball team of Tyrone. He was also a member of the First Lutheran church and Sunday school of Tyrone. In addition to his parents he is survived by these brothers and sister: Wilson Gates, of Altoona; Isaac, of Harrisburg; Edith, Edgar and Samuel, of Tyrone. Efforts will be made to have the body brought to this country for burial.

Bellefonte Chapter Red Cross Enrolled 3003 Members.

The Christmas membership campaign conducted by the Bellefonte Chapter of the American Red Cross, resulted in the enrollment of over 3000 members, which exceeds the quota for the Chapter by 1000. The delay in making public these results was due to the extreme cold and heavy snow interfering with the work throughout the country and many of the auxiliaries continued their campaign for a longer time than originally planned, but such results as the following are well worth waiting for:

- Bellefonte.....2080
Aaronsburg.....81
Rebersburg.....51
Zion.....75
Pleasant Gap.....151
Blanchard.....47
Howard.....112
Hubbersburg.....16
Port Matilda.....47
Unionville.....221
Millsburg.....211

Total.....3003. The manager of the campaign wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the committee and all those who assisted in the work, as it was due to their efforts that the above results were achieved.

The Bellefonte Steam Heat Question Acute Again.

The local steam heating company is flying distress signals again. Announcement was made yesterday at its office that unless all the consumers who have put in their own plants can be persuaded to return as consumers from the central plant it will have to stop furnishing heat. The only alternative would be raising the rate away beyond the point that those who remain could pay.

The executive committee of the Board of Trade met the officers of the company yesterday and after going over the figures discovered that the plant is being operated at a loss that it is unreasonable to expect any company to take.

A committee has been appointed to visit all former consumers with a view to inducing them to become patrons again and if it fails in its mission the probability is strong that the plant will close, after due notice.

At the Scenic Next Week.

The Scenic is going to outdo itself next week and give the public the best program of motion pictures ever presented in Bellefonte, with a matinee every day. Read the list:

- Monday—The great Vitograph play, "Within the Law," by Alice Joyce.
Tuesday—"Rise of Jennie Cushing," an Artcraft by Elsie Ferguson.
Wednesday—Mary Pickford in "The Little Princess," another Artcraft.
Thursday—Theda Bara in "Dubarry," a Fox feature.
Friday—"The Slacker," by Emily Stevens, a Metro super-film.
Saturday—Douglas Fairbanks in "Down to Earth," an Artcraft.

In addition there will be Fox comedies Tuesday and Wednesday, making a week's program that everybody should see.

W. C. T. U. Thimble Bee.

The next W. C. T. U. Thimble Bee will be held at Mrs. W. F. Carson's home, on Reynolds's avenue, this (Friday) afternoon. A large attendance is desired. The call for the special many-tailed bandages, which the W. C. T. U. makes for the British emergency aid is urgent and at this time the making of these will be resumed, as well as other articles. Latest suggestions for war relief work from the National W. C. T. U. will be given with data to whom to send and what is most needed. All women most cordially invited to attend.

—Free, \$1.50 self-filling fountain pen absolutely free with every sale of \$3.00 or over at Yeager's on Saturday, January 19th.

—John L. Nighthart is confined to bed with a bad attack of the grip, having been unable to work all week.

—"Send him a photograph"—Mallory Studio. 39-4f

—Senator Vore has again read Senator Penrose out of the Republican party. But the Republican party may take a different view of the subject.