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Planned to Welcome the Soldier Boys.

The executive committee of the association organized to arrange for a big demonstration as a fitting welcome home to Centre county's returning soldiers held a meeting on Tuesday evening and discussed tentative plans for the big event.

Edmund Blanchard, of the amusement committee, has formulated plans for a line of attractions in this line that will excel the splendid array of amusements here Old Home week several years ago, while chairman John J. Bower, of the committee on decorations, is planning to make Bellefonte "blossom like a rose" during the two days the soldiers will be with us.

The only uncertain thing so far is the date of the demonstration. The very uncertainty of the arrival home and demobilization of Centre county soldiers has so far rendered it impossible to name the date. But it is hoped by the next meeting of the executive committee, which will be on Tuesday evening, May 6th, such definite information will be at hand which will justify the naming of the date.

The disposition of the committee is to have the demonstration as soon as possible after the bulk of the Centre county boys get home, and as the majority of them have served in the 28th and 79th divisions, and both these are expected home at an early date, it might be possible to arrange the demonstration for the latter part of June, in order not to conflict with the welcome home Phillipsburg is planning for its soldiers on July 4th.

A Nice Little Romance Nipped in the Bud.

About eleven o'clock yesterday morning a stranger walked into the office of the Pennsylvania Match company and inquired if a certain young lady worked there, giving her name. He was informed that she did but it would be impossible for him to see her at that time.

From the Match company office he went to one of the Bellefonte banks and asked to have a check cashed. The paying teller in his suave manner asked for identification on the usual form of "we don't know you."

Now the stranger in question did not look at all like a gay Lathario, being probably anywhere from sixty to sixty-five years old, but the fact finally leaked out that in a box of matches manufactured by the Pennsylvania Match company he had found a slip of paper on which was written the name and address of the young lady he was seeking and an invitation to correspond with the object of matrimony.

Instead of writing the man came to Bellefonte yesterday with the intention of pressing his claims in person. While we were unable to obtain the name of the matrimonially-inclined gentleman he evidently is from Clinton or Lycoming county, as the check he undertook to have cashed was drawn on a bank at Avis.

Prior to reaching the office of the Pennsylvania Match company the man got into another office by mistake and asked if it was the match company office, but no one there had the least idea he was on the trail of a wife and that he could talk as glibly of getting checks cashed as if they were mere scraps of paper, or he might have been induced to stop right there until further investigation.

The First National bank of Bellefonte is this week trying out an automatic cashier which has all the nickel-in-the-slot machines beaten by long odds. It is similar in design to an adding machine with keys numbered from 1 to 99, and all the paying teller has to do in paying out money in sums less than a dollar is punch the right key and the exact change rolls out into a little tray right in front of him.



PATRICK E. QUIRK

Patrick E. Quirk Returns Home to Snow Shoe.

One year ago Patrick E. and Joseph J. Quirk, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Quirk, of Snow Shoe, held good positions as mine foremen with the Lehigh Valley Coal company, having won their jobs through their own perseverance, hard work and strict attention to duty.

Joseph was called for selective service on June 29th, 1918, trained at Camp Lee, went across in August and was assigned to Company I, 363rd Infantry. He made the supreme sacrifice on the battlefield of Lys-Scheid, Belgium, on October 31st.

Patrick E. Quirk was called for service on July 22nd, 1918, trained at Camp Lee and went across about the middle of September. He was assigned to Company A, 28th Infantry, First Division, and was in active service in the Sedan sector. He was also in the army of occupation and was among the first American soldiers to set foot on German soil.

Rev. Charles H. Faust, of the Reformed church, had charge of the services which were held at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning, burial being made in the Hubbersburg cemetery.

GIVEN THE CROSS OF LEOPOLD.

Many Bellefonters remember J. Frank Yealy, who learned his trade as a druggist in the J. Zeller & Son drugstore in this place, and who now conducts his own store at 32 N. Ninth street, Philadelphia.

W. Homer Crissman on Tuesday received a letter from his son Luther dated April 8th, and written at Le Mans, France, in which he stated that the old 28th had all been assembled for transport home.

Murderer Respite.

Robert Loomis, of Northampton county, who was to have been electrocuted at the Rockview penitentiary next Monday for the murder of Berntha Myers, at Easton, on May 4th, 1918, has been granted a respite until June 2nd in order to have his case heard by the board of pardons.

A rather touching incident developed this week in the case of Hardy Dickerson, of Harrisburg, who is to be electrocuted on Monday morning. The man is from Florida and left his native State several years ago.

ERDLY.—Mrs. G. F. Erdly died at her home near Lewisburg on Sunday evening following a week's illness with an affection of the heart.

Having sold her property on Allegheny street to Hazel & Co. Mrs. Herman Holz this week purchased the residence on Spring street known as the Shoemaker flats.

BING.—Mrs. Melissa Iddings Bing, widow of John Bing, and a life-long resident of Unionville, died at 3:40 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Holland, in DuBois, where she went last October to spend the winter.

Her maiden name was Melissa J. Iddings and she was born near Unionville in September, 1832, hence was in her eighty-seventh year. Living for four score and six years in one community she was known and revered by every man, woman and child.

Her husband died upwards of thirty years ago but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Wilda Sensor, of Reynoldsville; Mrs. A. P. Holland, of DuBois; Joseph, of Akron, Ohio; Ellsworth, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. McClear, of St. David's, and Mrs. Clyde Lever, of Philadelphia.

The remains were brought back to her old home at Unionville where funeral services were held at four o'clock yesterday afternoon by Dr. W. K. McKinney, of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, after which burial was made in the upper cemetery at Unionville.

CARNER.—James H. Carner, a life-long resident of Walker township, died at his home in Hubbersburg on Friday of last week as the direct result of a stroke of apoplexy. Over eight years ago he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis which left him partially helpless and his only means of getting around in all that time was by the aid of a wheeled chair, yet he bore his affliction with manly fortitude and a cheerfulness born of faith in the Ruler of all things.

He was a son of John and Barbara Wood Carner and was born in Walker township on August 26th, 1848, hence was 70 years, 7 months and 23 days old. When a young man he engaged in farming an occupation he followed all his life until his retirement a number of years ago.

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DOWNES.—John Downes, father of Rev. Father William E. Downes, rector of St. John's Catholic church of Bellefonte, died at his home in Tyrone on Tuesday morning as the result of an attack of heart trouble.

CARDON.—Fred M. Cardon, ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, died last Saturday as the result of a complication of diseases with which he was ailing for several months, aged almost seventy-nine years.

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HUGG.—Enoch Hugg, one of the oldest residents of Milesburg, died on Wednesday afternoon as the result of a week's illness with pneumonia. He was born in Union township on February 7th, 1834, hence was a little past eighty-five years of age.

ROYER.—Mrs. Christie Royer, wife of Daniel Royer, and an aunt of mail carrier J. F. Garthoff, of Bellefonte, died at her home in Valley Falls, Kansas, on Tuesday of last week, after a year's illness.

WALKER.—Mrs. Nannie B. Walker, a native of Centre county, died in Altoona on Friday following an illness of several weeks. She was born in Nittany valley and was a little past seventy-two years of age.

A Happy Family Gathering. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Orr, in Marion township, was the scene of a happy family gathering on Easter, when all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Orr were home to spend the day.

Nurses to Graduate This Evening. The people of Bellefonte and vicinity are cordially invited to attend the graduating exercises of the 1919 class of nurses of the Bellefonte hospital which will be held in the court house this (Friday) evening at 8:15 o'clock.

Ammerman—Stump.—John T. Ammerman and Miss Mary K. Stump, both of Bellefonte, were married at the Presbyterian manse in this place last Saturday morning by the pastor, Dr. W. K. McKinney. Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman for the present will make their home with the bride's mother, Mrs. Jeremiah Stump, at Centre Hall, inasmuch as Mr. Ammerman has secured employment at that place.

Lucas—Miller.—Andrew N. Lucas, of Howard, and Miss Alma C. Miller, of Williamsport, were united in marriage at Grace Methodist parsonage, Williamsport, at 10:30 o'clock last Thursday morning by the pastor, Rev. J. V. Adams. They will reside at Howard.

Marriage Licenses. Clyde L. Johnsonbaugh, Bellefonte, and Gladys F. Glenn, Curtin. John T. Ammerman and Mary K. Stump, Bellefonte. James O. Crater and Katherine Gentzel, Spring Mills.

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Jury List for May Court.

Following is the list of jurors drawn for the May term of court which will begin on the third Monday, or May 19th:

- LIST OF GRAND JURORS: Bush, Arvin, machinist, Phillipsburg; Davis, Joe, merchant, Rush; Ertley, Guyer, laborer, Marion; Gentzel, Benjamin, laborer, Spring Grove; W. E. farmer, College; Gater, Edward, printer, S. Phillipsburg; Hazel, J. B., merchant, Miles; Hunter, Robert F., Ins. Agt., Bellefonte; Hoffman, J. H., manager, Millheim; Hutchinson, Harry, agent, Bellefonte; Hofer, Benjamin, merchant, Phillipsburg; Keplart, J. Frank, merchant, Phillipsburg; Loy, M. F., farmer, Burnside; Lloyd, John, laborer, State College; Musser, Cornelius, saddler, State College; Mann, Harry T., laborer, Liberty; Martz, George, retired, College; Musser, William B., laborer, Gregg; Moore, Hiram, laborer, S. Phillipsburg; Noll, Blaine L., farmer, Howard; Pletcher, C. L., farmer, Burnside; Boggs; Rossman, L. E., gentleman, Gregg; Reese, A. W., merchant, Worth.

- LIST OF TRAVERSE JURORS: Allison, A., merchant, Bellefonte; Adams, Wm. A., farmer, Howard; Beightol, Bert, laborer, Burnside; Bargas, Charles, clerk, Gregg; Beddel, D. Floyd, farmer, Liberty; Boezer, Edward C., manufacturer, Phillipsburg; Carney, Harry, laborer, Rush; Coble, John K., shoemaker, College; Craft, Harry, moulder, Phillipsburg; Custard, W. D., gentleman, State College; Decker, James E., clerk, Bellefonte; Eberts, O. D., farmer, Huston; Fulton, John E., agent, Phillipsburg; Gehret, William, laborer, Bellefonte; Hille, Harry, plasterer, Spring Hill; Hard P., undertaker, Bellefonte; Haupt, Henry P., gentleman, Milesburg; Horan, Geo. E., horse dealer, Millheim; Irwin, Benj. J., merchant, Unionville; Kaup, Reuben, laborer, Spring Hill; Lambert, Elmer, farmer, Penn; Lakin, R., caretaker, Rush; Long, C. P., merchant, Gregg; Musser, H. N., merchant, Fergusson; McDaniel, Samuel, farmer, Worth; Neidigh, N. C., farmer, Fergusson; Nelson, Andrew, tinner, Phillipsburg; Orndorf, S. D., farmer, Haines; Patterson, Garland, clerk, Curtin; Pletcher, Christian H., carpenter, Howard; Rode, Thomas H., miller, Penn; Rhoads, George E., contractor, Spring; Roebuck, George, farmer, Spring; Robinson, Edward, laborer, Worth; Rider, George, farmer, Benner; Steele, W. B., book-keeper, Phillipsburg; Stover, Harry, farmer, Walker; Smull, Charles H., farmer, Miles; Struble, J. D., laborer, State College; Sweetwood, R. H., carpenter, Gregg; Stover, Ray, farmer, Miles; Strunk, John, laborer, Bellefonte; Stott, George, agent, Phillipsburg; Teller, Herbert, paper-hanger, Phillipsburg; Welsh, Jacob, farmer, Curtin; Walte, George, foreman, Bellefonte; Yeager, Leon, sawyer, Milesburg; Zeiler, C. E., salesman, State College.

The "Watchman" devotes considerable space this week, both in the advertising and news columns, to boosting the Victory Liberty loan; and we do it conscientiously, as it is one of the best investments that any person with a little spare money can make.

Secretary W. T. Kelly read the report of Burgess W. Harrison Walker in which he submitted quite a list of things reported to him by the police which should have prompt attention, including items within the jurisdiction of the Street, Water and Sanitary committees, and they were referred to said committees with power.

John J. Bower was present to find out what council was going to do regarding the request of the Logan Fire company in connection with equipping their Pierce-Arrow car as a chemical truck, but inasmuch as the Fire and Police committee had no recommendation to make and so few members of council were present it was deemed inexpedient to take any definite action at that meeting, but Mr. Bower was informed that an extra effort would be made to dispose of the matter at the next regular meeting.

Bills to the amount of \$507.46 were approved and council adjourned. The "opening week" of Bellefonte's clean-up campaign will be the week of May 5th. Public places of all kinds, business houses and private homes are all asked to co-operate in this effort for a cleaner and better Bellefonte.

Gen. Alvarez is Shot Dead at Vera Cruz. Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 22.—General Francisco Alvarez, of the anti-government forces was executed shortly before midnight last night. He met death at the hands of a firing squad with the utmost bravery.

Alvarez was sentenced to death by a court martial here Monday. He was captured here last Tuesday in the battle in which General Aureliano Blanquet, minister of war in the Huerta cabinet was killed.

Alvarez had been sentenced to die at an earlier hour, but on orders received from the Supreme court the execution was held up. The War Department, however, ordered compliance with the sentence of the court martial and the prisoner was brought out to face his executioners.

Business Transacted by Borough Council.

Only five members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. J. S. McCargar was present and requested council to take some action relative to the building of the state road from the intersection of Allegheny and Bishop streets on Bishop to Spring, south on Spring to Pine and out the latter street to the borough line to intersect with the section of highway to be built from Bellefonte to the foot of Nittany mountain.

The Water committee reported an additional amount of \$38.13 collected on delinquent water taxes for 1917, which now reduces the total of delinquents to a comparatively small amount. The Fire and Police committee reported a fire at the Casper home on east Curtin street on April 10th.

A written request was received from John Blanchard for exoneration of a portion of his water tax for 1918, amounting to \$10.50, on account of his property not being occupied for some months.

The question of requests for exoneration of water taxes has been pretty thoroughly discussed in council for some time and the sentiment of that august body is that they are unjust and should not be preferred. For instance: A family will close their house and go to a hotel or boarding house for the winter season and then ask a rebate on their water taxes, when they are using just as much water as formerly for themselves and have the same advantages of fire protection for their property as formerly.

Under such circumstances council is inclined to think it unfair to ask any exoneration and the members are disposed to take a stand against granting any exonerations under any and all circumstances. As Mr. Blanchard's request is the first one preferred for 1918 taxes the matter was referred to the Water committee and borough solicitor for a definite recommendation in the matter.

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