

Democrat Watchman

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

The machine gun troop will give a big dance in the armory this (Friday) evening to which the public is invited.

We omitted to mention the fact last week that H. P. Harris had purchased the McDermott property on Bishop street, at the recent public sale.

You can give to the hospital and get your money back in fun and music by attending the Academy minstrels next Thursday and Friday nights.

Fred Bryan moved his family to Philipsburg in the beginning of the week, where he has been employed in the Ledger office for some months.

Our Girls band of Milesburg has been invited to go to Lock Haven on July 4th to help furnish the music for the big welcome home to the Clinton county soldiers to be given at that time.

The Academy minstrels are being given this year for the benefit of the hospital. They are worth going to see any time, but more so when by paying admission you contribute to such a worthy institution as the Bellefonte hospital.

The P. O. S. of A., of Pleasant Gap, will hold a big flag raising and festival at the Gap tomorrow evening. There will be splendid music and good speakers. The festival will be held in Noll's grove, weather permitting. The public is invited to attend.

The big maple tree on High street, in front of the Centre County bank building was cut down on Monday. The tree was partly decayed and fear of its falling against the buildings in that section was one of the reasons for its removal.

It not only rained tranquilly but the utmost tranquility reigned on the streets of Bellefonte last Saturday night. So far as the writer has been able to learn there was not a fight or a disturbance of any kind to cause a diversion among either ladies or gentlemen.

Gehret & Lambert have bought the old Curtin house on the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets. The price paid was \$4,500. No change will be made in the building this year and just what they will do with it ultimately depends upon conditions prevailing a year from now.

While attending the anniversary exercises of the Reformed Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, last week, the Rev. Dr. Schmidt was elected president of the Alumni association, and was toast-master at the annual alumni banquet, which was attended by nearly three hundred alumni and their friends.

The State Highway Department last Thursday awarded the contract for the building of the state highway from Bellefonte to Pleasant Gap, in Spring township, to the Gaylord International Engineering and Construction company, of Scranton, at their bid of \$249,332.33, it being the lowest bid submitted for the work, which is to be begun in the very near future.

The big crowds at the Lyric night after night is evidence that the kind of pictures manager Brandman is now offering the public are the kind that please the people. They include the best work of the foremost film producers in the country today. New pictures and quick releases make up the Lyric programs and every evening you stay away means missing something good.

Some time ago the Bellefonte High school nine journeyed to Altoona where they were defeated by the High school team of that place. Tomorrow (Saturday) Altoona High comes to Bellefonte. The game is to be played on Hughes field at 10 a. m. If you wish to see the Bellefonte boys average themselves go to the game. Your support is solicited and will be greatly appreciated.

Memorial day is just two weeks away, but no special celebration of the day will be held in Bellefonte owing to the fact that every energy will be devoted to preparation for the big welcome home on June 29th and 27th. But the old soldiers will not be forgotten as the customary exercises will be held under the auspices of Gregg Post, as has been done for many years past, and the complete program for the day will be published next week.

The weather conditions which made it impossible to continue individual work in cleaning the town last week, may be the reason for the remaining unsightly spots. While many are still in evidence, and to those who seem lacking in civic pride we make another appeal, to not only do their bit, but their duty by Bellefonte. No resident of the town is excusable for ignoring unsightly conditions, for which he is responsible, about his property. Clean up before you are personally asked to do so.

The new state highway out Willowbank street will be a great improvement when completed, but owing to the big fill from the bridge over Logan's branch to Holmes street it will be necessary for automobilists and others to stick to traveling the straight road. The fill at some places is over three feet deep and a machine that gets off the edge of the brick road is liable to have a bad spill. And just how the residents along the north side of that particular stretch of highway are going to get their coal in without having it carried is a question that is puzzling most of them.

WELCOME TO THE SOLDIERS.

Centre County Planning to Make the Big Time a Memorable One.

Another meeting of the executive committee of the Centre county welcome home association was held on Monday evening. In the absence of Judge Henry C. Quigley, chairman of the association, vice chairman W. Harrison Walker presided.

J. Will Conley, chairman of the Finance committee, reported that so far he had received voluntary contributions amounting to fifty dollars and that he had his sub-committees all lined up ready to begin work at once on raising the necessary money to pay the expense of the celebration.

Edmund Blanchard, of the amusement committee, reported that while he has no definite engagements scheduled he has been in communication with the Sam Spencer carnival company which is exhibiting in DuBois this week and he has hopes of securing it.

On Tuesday Mr. Blanchard closed a contract with the Carnival company above mentioned to appear in Bellefonte the week of June 23-28. The company carries eight separate shows and is said to be high-class in every particular. As to the free attractions Mr. Brady has offered to furnish Mr. Blanchard is of the opinion that the cost, \$600, is too much for two days and he will likely report against booking them.

On Wednesday Mr. Blanchard received word from the War Department at Washington assuring him that the Department will send two armies of planes to Bellefonte for special evolutions during the two days of the celebration, and while this may not be such a wonderful sight to the returned soldiers, it will afford the people of Centre county an opportunity to see the kind of planes our army used against the Germans. Mr. Blanchard has also written Otto Praeger, second assistant postmaster general, asking if the Postoffice Department will detail two or more planes to give exhibition flights, but so far he has received no reply to his communication.

John J. Bower, of the decoration committee, reported that he had been in consultation during the day with Mr. J. M. Nichols, of Syracuse, N. Y., regarding the street decorations, and that gentleman submitted a plan of decorations for High street from the depot to the Diamond and including the open space about the court house; Allegheny from Bishop to Howard; Bishop from Spring to Penn; Howard from Spring to Penn; and Spring from Bishop to Howard, all of the latest design, and with floodlights to show the decorations at night, at an estimated cost of \$1500, which will also include the decorations in the armory for the reception and dance.

Mr. Nichols was present and submitted his plans to the committee which were carefully examined. Mr. Bower further stated that Mr. Nichols was the only professional decorator he has been in communication with that can give Bellefonte that date. After discussing the matter briefly a motion was passed empowering the committee to use its discretion in making a contract with Mr. Nichols for the decorations.

Mr. Bower further reported that the State-Centre Electric company has agreed to furnish free all electricity used in the street decorations.

Robert F. Hunter, of the Parade committee, had nothing special to report so far as the parade is concerned, as that will have to be worked out definitely when there is more certainty as to the number of Centre county soldiers who will be at home at that time and the units they belong to in service. He did say, however, that it was his idea to make the military end of the parade the predominating feature.

At this juncture Mr. Hunter called attention to one very important fact that so far had been overlooked in arranging the program for the big time, and that is a memorial meeting for those Centre county soldiers who gave their life in the great cause. The question was deemed a very important one and as a result a memorial meeting, which it was decided shall be held at ten o'clock on Friday morning, various members expressed the sentiment that there ought to be something in the street decorations to symbolize the sacrifice made by Centre county boys. It was also the sentiment of the committee that inasmuch as the celebration is a county affair, and the memorial meeting for the fallen heroes will also be a county affair, that it will be rendering only due reverence to the memory of these noble boys by suspending all business while the memorial services are being held, not only in Bellefonte but in every village in the county and through the country districts as well. In this connection it was decided that the burgess of every borough in the county be requested to issue a proclamation to the above effect. Chairman Walker also stated that he would request Mr. Quigley, association chairman, to appoint a committee to arrange for the memorial meeting and do any other work in connection therewith that may be deemed necessary.

George R. Meek, chairman of the Publicity and Printing committee, asked for the executive committee's idea as to the publicity campaign, expressing the fact that he did not believe it necessary to spend money for the printing of large bills, etc., as the gathering has already been widely advertised through the newspapers and he felt that newspaper publicity would be sufficient to acquaint everybody with all the facts. The committee agreed with him and left the publicity part of the affair up to that committee.

Chairman Yarnell, of the invitation

AIRPLANE SWAMPED IN MUD.

Machines Going Through Bellefonte Daily. Big Marker to be Put Down on Point McCoy.

Shortly before six o'clock on Thursday evening aviator G. G. Budwig arrived at the Bellefonte aviation field with another DeHaviland plane he had driven here from New York. Budwig, with pilot John L. Miller in another plane, left New York Thursday afternoon and both men got out of their course far enough to reach Hollidaysburg. At that place Budwig got his bearings and flew to Bellefonte making one of the nicest landings that has been made on the Bellefonte field.

Miller was compelled to land near Hollidaysburg on account of a shortage of oil and gas, and unfortunately the field he came down in was low and soft. But at that he thought the ground solid enough to make a flight from. After he had secured a supply of oil and gas he made an attempt to fly but unfortunately got onto softer ground and his machine turned on its nose, breaking a propeller. A call was sent to the Bellefonte aviation field and mechanics and repairs were sent to Hollidaysburg and the machine repaired. But in the meantime Friday and Saturday's rain had literally swamped the airplane in a sea of mud and water so that it was impossible to start from where it lay and just as impossible to get to it to haul it out. The only thing to do was to put a guard over it and pilot Miller was ordered to come to Bellefonte to take the machine brought here on Thursday on through to Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Budwig having returned to New York in the evening of the same day he arrived here. On Sunday pilot Max Miller came to Bellefonte by train to take the machine he fell with two weeks ago through to Cleveland. Pilot John L. Miller left for Cleveland on Monday afternoon but pilot Max Miller did not go until Tuesday.

Two additional planes reached Bellefonte about three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from New York, having left that city after dinner that day. Both came through without mishap, and the two of them left for Cleveland on Wednesday. Ten more planes are to be taken through for the service between Cleveland and Chicago, which was inaugurated yesterday.

As evidence that the service will be inaugurated on this end of the route in the near future is the fact that this week the Postoffice Department made the request that a conspicuous marker be placed on one of the mountain tops near Bellefonte as a guide for the airmen. Permission has been given to place the marker on Point McCoy and at first it was the intention to put down a monster white cross of lime, but as this was not deemed permanent enough it has now been decided to put down a marker that will endure for all time. It will be in the shape of a cross two hundred feet long each way and the legs will be twenty feet in width. Ditches will be dug of the above dimensions and the same filled in with big flat stone. The stone will then be heavily coated with white enamel paint, which will make a sign that can be seen for many miles.

Point McCoy is one of the highest points in the Bald Eagle mountain range and from its peak, where the big white cross will be placed, a person with the aid of a glass can see Lock Haven on a clear day, and that city is almost thirty miles away. So to a birdman a mile in the air this mountain guide post should be visible many miles away and will stand out as a signal to the landing field.

Call for Threshermen's Meeting.

A special meeting of the Centre county Threshermen and Farmer's Protective association will be held at the court house, Bellefonte, Saturday, May 17th, at 10 a. m., to protest against the passage of House bill No. 1374, now in committee, which prohibits traction engines with cleats going over improved highways and bridges, and largely increases the license fee.

Every thresherman, saw mill man and farmer, who must hire his threshing done whether he is a member of the association or not, should attend this meeting and sign the petition to the Legislature now in session remonstrating against the passage of this bill.

Bill No. 1374 will authorize officials of every township, borough or city having improved roadways or bridges to arrest every driver of a traction engine with cleats. The detachable cleat suggested in this bill will cost every owner of a traction engine \$150 to \$200, and be a nuisance to handle. It practically means the confiscation of from four to five thousand traction engines in the State as the enactment of this bill into a law will render them useless and threshing the crops impossible, as ninety per cent. of the grain in Pennsylvania is threshed by these rigs.

If you want the bill killed it will take prompt and vigorous action.

ISAAC UNDERWOOD, Sec'y.

Penn State Will Admit 800 Freshmen Next Fall.

Next year's Freshman class at The Pennsylvania State College will be limited to 800 new students. No applicants will be admitted with entrance conditions. This announcement was made on Tuesday.

The limitation will be imposed because of the crowded conditions in all parts of the institution. With more than 1,100 Freshmen this year and a Sophomore class numbering well over 500, the college authorities believe the classrooms will be filled to their capacity next year by the hundreds of former students returning from military service.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Mrs. W. H. Page is spending the week in Williamsport, having gone down Monday.

—Dr. and Mrs. Maloy are spending the week at their former home in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. David Steele, of Tyrone, is in Bellefonte visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Shook.

—S. O. Mallin, of Baltimore, visited the week-end with his brother, W. L. Mallin and family.

—Miss Helen Schaeffer is spending several days in Philadelphia, a guest of Dr. and Mrs. George Risher.

—Leo Toner was in Bellefonte to spend the week-end with his mother, Mrs. James Toner, of Spring street.

—Mrs. Ulrich, of Montoursville, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Musser, at her home on Academy Hill.

—A. J. Cook and his daughter, Miss Margaret attended the funeral of the late James K. Boak, at Hughesville, Sunday.

—Orin Ishler, of Tacony, Pa., was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Paul Forney, while making a short visit to Bellefonte a week ago.

—Mrs. H. L. Baldwin, who had been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Daggett for two months, left Tuesday to return to her home in Tioga.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Seal, of Paxtang, left the early part of the week on a drive to the Pacific coast. Mrs. Seal is a daughter of Mrs. Martin Fauble.

—Mrs. Sara Satterfield left Tuesday for a visit in Philadelphia, going down to attend a wedding and to be present at the reception of the 28th Division.

—Mrs. W. C. Cassidy and her sister, Miss Anderson, were in Tyrone Wednesday, going over to attend the funeral of Mr. Cassidy's cousin, W. F. Hiller.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morris and their daughter, Miss Elizabeth, went to N. S. Pittsburg, Monday, to attend the wedding of Mrs. Morris' cousin, Lyon Logan.

—Prothonotary D. B. Foreman was summoned to Franklin, Venango county, on Monday to give evidence in a case being heard in the courts there in which some Bellefonte parties are interested.

—Isaac Mitchell and his daughter, Mrs. John Porter Lyon, started Tuesday afternoon for Greenwood, Miss., for a three week's visit with Mr. Mitchell's youngest son, Malcolm A. Mitchell and his family.

—Mrs. F. W. Topelt came to Bellefonte Sunday from Brooklyn, leaving the train at Lewistown, Mrs. Topelt motored over the mountain with her mother, Mrs. R. S. Brouse, who with a party had driven over to her.

—Mrs. Della Miller will go to Washington next week for a visit with her daughter, Miss Lucy Miller, in the government telephone service. Mrs. Miller will be her daughter's guest from the time she leaves Bellefonte until her return.

—Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Plymire, of York, Pa., are here for a week's visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sager, on east High street. Mrs. Plymire before her recent marriage was Miss Helen Jury, a sister of Mrs. Sager.

—W. P. Humes, his sister, Miss Mira Humes and Miss Sadie Caldwell will leave Bellefonte the middle of the week for Atlantic City, where they will be at Galen Hall for a month or more. Mr. Humes' health is the reason for their visit to the shore at this time.

—Mrs. A. G. Archey, with Mrs. Randall Dunlap, Cherry Tree, and her two children and Mrs. Katherine Dunlap, of Pine Grove Mills, as driving guests, motored to Bellefonte Wednesday, spending the day here in the shops, visiting and looking after some business.

—Mrs. W. L. Daggett went to Elmira yesterday and from there intends going to New York to join Mrs. Maynard Church, Cleveland, for a visit with Miss Georgia Daggett. Before returning to Bellefonte it is probable that Mrs. Daggett will spend some time at the Shore.

—Miss Sarah Stevenson, of the U. S. army, doing service as a nurse at East View, N. Y., is home on a furlough, visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Stevenson, of Wadelle. The hospital in which she is working has eight hundred patients, with a capacity of one thousand beds.

—Mrs. C. K. Hicklen, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. D. Zerby for the past ten days, at her home on Curtin street, drove to Bellefonte with Mr. Zerby upon his return from a business trip to Philadelphia the early part of last week. Mrs. Hicklen expects to return home this week.

—Mr. W. M. Grove left Spring Mills Monday for Berwick and accompanied by his grand-daughter went on from there to North Carolina, where he had been summoned on account of the very critical illness of Mrs. Grove, who is with her daughter, Mrs. M. P. Cummings, at Reidsville.

—Mrs. A. Frank, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived in Altoona Sunday, coming on to Bellefonte Monday for a visit with her sister, Miss Hannah Newman. During her stay here Mrs. Frank, who will be remembered as Miss Josephine Newman, has been a house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Martin Fauble.

—Mrs. Thomas Shoemaker and her daughter, Miss Martha Shoemaker came to Bellefonte the early part of the week from Atlantic City, where they had been, owing to Miss Martha's ill health, due to overwork in her profession as a nurse. Mrs. H. E. Fenlon, who accompanied Mrs. Shoemaker to the Shore, remained east for a visit.

—A. G. Morris with his daughter, Miss Lida Morris and Mrs. Samuel Sheffer, expect to leave Tuesday on a motor trip through the western part of the State. The first stop will be made at Franklin, from there they will go to Freeport, Pa., for Memorial day, then to Pittsburgh and to Coshocton, Ohio, leaving from the latter place for the return drive.

—Mrs. D. G. Bush and her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Callaway, will leave Atlantic City the early part of the week, Mrs. Bush going to Philadelphia for a visit with her sisters, while Mrs. Callaway will spend a week or ten days with her daughter, Mrs. Garber, on Long Island. Arrangements have been made for their return to Bellefonte the first of June, when they will open their home on Spring street for the summer.

—Mrs. Harold Thompson and her two children, Lewis Frederick and Margery Belle, arrived in Bellefonte Wednesday night, from Cleveland, Ohio, to spend the summer with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McGinley. Mrs. Thompson was met in Tyrone by her sister, Miss Eleanor McGinley, and Mrs. Charles Kitching, having made the first part of her journey alone. Mr. Thompson will join his family here during the summer, to spend his vacation in Bellefonte.

RECEPTION FOR MISS BERTHA LAURIE.

Miss Bertha Laurie has returned from France and Germany and will spend a few days in Bellefonte. In order that her many friends and numerous acquaintances—to say nothing of the grateful hearts—may have an opportunity to greet her, the Women's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will hold an informal reception in her honor at the chapel this (Friday) evening, May 16th, at 7:30 o'clock, and a cordial invitation to attend is extended to all who are interested in her work "over there." It will also be an opportunity to bid her a "God speed," for she expects to continue her sacrificial service on the "field of mercy and honor."

All Work and No Play Makes Jack a Dull Boy.

So many fathers forget their boyhood days. The delight they took in the old swimming pool, the baseball games and other sports. Some parents forget how easy it used to be to add up a column of figures and can't understand why they must have the light just so or the figures look blurred and indistinct. Too much work without help makes strong eyes weak and weak eyes weaker. CASEBEER (registered optometrist) glasses will relieve all eyestrain and make weak eyes strong. Price moderate. Satisfaction guaranteed. Brokerhoff House block, Bellefonte. 20-1t

Don't fail to attend the Bellefonte Academy minstrels next Thursday and Friday, May 22nd and 23rd.

Wanted.—Girl for cooking or general house work; small family and good wages. Address X—Care of "Watchman" office. 19-3t

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