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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT. Twenty-Five Young Men and Women Awarded Diplomas.

Twenty-five young men and women were awarded diplomas at the final graduation exercises of the Bellefonte High school last night, the smallest class to graduate since 1912 when the class numbered 21. In 1913 there were 39; 1914, 41; 1915, 39; 1916, 44, the largest class ever graduated; 1917, 31, and 1918, 40, so that the decrease in the number of graduates this year is about 35 per cent. below the average for the past six years. The cause for this falling off in the number of graduates has not been assigned to any specific reason.

The commencement exercises began last Friday evening with the alumni reception and dance tendered the graduating class in Bush Arcade hall. It was largely attended and proved a most pleasing event. On Sunday evening the graduates, clothed in cap and gown, marched to the Presbyterian church where Dr. W. K. McKinney preached the baccalaureate sermon. In his talk to the young graduates he proffered much good advice which, if followed, cannot fail to profit them in years to come.

On Monday evening the junior declamatory contest for the W. Fred Reynolds prizes was held in the High school auditorium. Of the Junior class of forty-eight students ten contested for the prizes, as follows:

- Music High School Orchestra "Jean Deprez" - Service Elizabeth Shugert "Our Reconstruction Period" - Adapted Malcolm W. Yeager Music High School Orchestra "Toussaint L'Ouverture" - Phillips Myra Miller "A Message to Garcia" - Hubbard Paul J. Rider "The Hell Gate Solosons" - Kaufman Thelma S. Hazel Music High School Orchestra "American Nationality in Our Time" - Adapted Hugh K. Johnston "John of Arc" - Twain Estelle L. Grauer "The Run Away Cannon" - Huzo Mahlon Foreman Music High School Orchestra "Belgium Shall Rise" - Mercier Cadella Alexander "Ursus and the Aurochs" - Sienkiewicz Jack Decker "Marguerite" - Schroeder Caroline M. McClure

The judges were James R. Hughes, Rev. M. DeP. Maynard and Miss Margaret H. Cook, and at the conclusion of the exercises they awarded the girls' prize to Thelma S. Hazel, with honorable mention for Estelle L. Grauer, and the boys' prize to Jack Decker, with honorable mention for Hugh K. Johnston.

On Wednesday morning the schools in the brick building in the South ward held their closing exercises, and notwithstanding the hot weather the attendance was quite large. In the afternoon of the same day the intermediate schools at the High school building held their closing exercises, and in this connection we want to add that patrons of all the schools who failed to go to the High school building this week and view the handiwork of the pupils in the various grades are lacking in interest as to what their children are doing. The public schools of today are not satisfied in teaching merely "reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic," but instruct the pupils in material things, such as drawing, sewing, mechanical arts, home economics, which includes dressmaking and cooking, and such things as will lay the foundation for a more successful career on the part of the student.

In connection with the closing exercises of the grade schools certificates are always awarded to those with the highest average and at the High school building the awards were as follows:

- 8th Grade—For general excellence, William Keller; arithmetic, John Dubbs. 7th Grade—General excellence, Elizabeth Hunter; arithmetic, Martha Geiss. 6th Grade—General excellence, Elizabeth Zerby; arithmetic, Grace Cohen. 5th Grade (Miss Underwood)—General excellence, David Geiss; arithmetic, Charles Bullock. 5th Grade (Miss Lentz)—General excellence, Charles Mensch; arithmetic, Nannie Woodring. 4th Grade—General excellence, Philip Wion; arithmetic, Catherine Farley. 3rd Grade—General excellence, Rebekah Dorworth. 2nd Grade—General excellence, Jane Daggert. 1st Grade—General excellence, Jean Blanchard.

The awards for the schools in the South ward building were as follows: 8th Grade—General excellence, Dorothy Coxy; arithmetic, Christine Spicer. 7th Grade—General excellence, Virginia Healey; arithmetic, Sarah Haag. 6th Grade—General excellence, Emily Parker; arithmetic, Berenice Lose. 5th Grade—General excellence, Ruth Miller; arithmetic, Alice Hoover. 4th Grade—General excellence, Virginia Hughes; arithmetic, Alan Katz. 3rd Grade—General excellence, Eleanor Evey and Sarah Spicer. 2nd Grade—General excellence, Robert Coder. 1st Grade—General excellence, Caroline Kallu.

Those pupils making two grades during the school year just closed with the grades they made are as follows: William Brauchbill, 1st and 2nd.

Herbert Rossmann, 2nd and 3rd. Blanche Grove, 2nd and 3rd. Masson Harden, 2nd and 3rd. Paul Miller, 4th and 5th. Mary Elizabeth Sloop, 5th and 6th. Elwood Spicer, 5th and 6th.

The final exercises of the High school were held in the High school auditorium last evening and were largely attended. The customary class exercises were omitted and following the opening music by the High school orchestra the commencement address was delivered by Hon. Emerson Collins, of Williamsport, deputy attorney general.

Following the address Dr. M. J. Locke, president of the Bellefonte school board, awarded the diplomas to the class of twenty-five graduates and announced the prize winners, as follows:

General Excellence, \$10 contributed by Col. W. Fred Reynolds—Firt, Della Bezer; second, Henrietta Sebring; honorable mention to Mildred Wagner.

Biographical Essay, \$10 contributed by Mrs. R. S. Brouse—Henrietta Sebring. Junior Declamatory, \$7.50 each contributed by Col. W. Fred Reynolds—Jack Decker and Thelma Hazel, with honorable mention to Hugh Johnston and Estelle Grauer.

W. C. T. U., \$5.00 each contributed by W. C. T. U. of Bellefonte—Joseph Katz and Louise Miller.

General Courtesy, \$5.00 contributed by George R. Meek—Mary Sebring, with honorable mention to Myra Miller and Howard Wetzel.

Book-keeping, \$5.00 contributed by Geo. R. Meek—Mary Smith.

Hygiene, \$5.00 contributed by Dr. John M. Keichline—Esther Hines.

Business Efficiency, \$5.00 each contributed by William P. Humes—Sue A. Murray and Martha Haines.

Household Arts, \$2.50 each contributed by Mrs. John S. Walker—Carolyn VanValin and Mary Dale.

Manual Training, \$5.00 contributed by Charles F. Cook—Mahlon Smith.

History, \$5.00 each contributed by A. C. Mingle—Marjorie Hill and Carolyn VanValin.

Senior Prize in Household Arts, \$5.00 contributed by Mrs. M. E. Brouse—Lannie Shuey.

Picture Study Prize, a framed picture contributed by Miss Anne Dashiell—Elizabeth Shugert.

First honors were awarded Miss Della Bezer and second honors to Miss Henrietta Sebring, with honorable mention for Miss Mildred Wagner. The list of graduates follows:

- Gertrude Bender, Della Bezer, Linnette Bilet, Daisy Cole, Emily Crider, Mahlon Eberhart, Clara Eckenroth, Parker Glenn, Isabel Grove, Martha Haines, Clayton Kilpatrick, James McConnell, Sue Murray, Malcolm Musser, John Nason, Henrietta Sebring, John Shope, Mahlon Smith, William Selg, Lannie Shuey, Mildred Wagner, Marjory Wagner, Howard Wetzel, Rebekah Yeager, Van Zimmerman.

At the last meeting of the school board Eugene Weik was elected principal of the High school. The only other change in the teaching force next year so far as known will be by the voluntary resignation of Miss Anna Shuey and Miss Dashiell, and so far there are no applicants for the vacancies thus created.

A Big Family Reunion.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Budinger, of Snow Shoe, over the weekend and Sunday and it proved a big affair. This was the first time in many years when all of the members of this well known Centre county family managed to get home at one time and just how big the reunion proved to be can be gathered from the fact that there were present Mr. and Mrs. Budinger's six sons and seven daughters, four sons-in-law, four daughters-in-law, fifteen grand-children and one other guest, Mrs. Mary Marsh, of Brookville, Pa. Those present were as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. John Seeds, daughter Elizabeth and son John, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vorhis and daughter Edith, of Canton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellis Harvey and son Ellis Jr., of Orviston; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mann and daughters, Maude Elizabeth, Louise and Edith, of Milesburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Budinger and daughters, Genevieve, Pauline and Sarah, of Snow Shoe; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Budinger and daughters Patsy and Christine, and sons Arthur Jr. and Thomas, of Snow Shoe; Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Budinger and son, Thomas Jr., of Haskell, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Budinger, of Snow Shoe; Philip Budinger, of Pottsville, Pa.; Karl, a student at State College, and Helen, a student at Birmingham Seminary.

Philadelphia Girl Wants to Fly Across Ocean.

Miss May Kitson, the nineteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kitson, of Philadelphia, but who a number of years ago were residents of Bellefonte, is anxious to attempt a non-stop flight across the Atlantic ocean with Capt. Jack Alcock, of that city, in his Vimy-Vickers bombing plane. The young woman is a devotee of all kinds of outdoor sports and has always had an enthusiastic desire to try flying and now she is anxious to be the first woman to attempt a flight across the ocean. Miss Kitson had three brothers and two cousins in service during the war and tried to get in herself as an ambulance driver when but seventeen years old, but was refused on account of her age and sex.

The big "welcome home" banner was hung to the breeze again on Monday, having been returned from the factory where it was repaired as much as possible, and while a large number of Centre county soldiers returned home while it was down, those who return from now on will no doubt see the banner in their first glimpse up High street from the railroad station.

They are all good enough, but the "Watchman" is always the best.

HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

Modern Health Crusade in the Public Schools.

One of the important activities of the Woman's Club for the last half of the club year has been financing the "Modern Health Crusade" in the public schools of Bellefonte. The Crusade, a system of health education intended to arouse and grip the child's interest until health practices become habitual, although founded by the National Tuberculosis Association, is not limited to tuberculosis but relates broadly to the upbuilding of health. Modern Health Crusaders are children between 6 and 16 years of age who qualify by doing the official health chores and by agreeing to the pledges printed on the certificate of enrollment and who receive this certificate from organizations or adult workers promoting the crusade. The crusader's health rules printed on the back of the certificate are:

CRUSADER'S HEALTH RULES.

1. Keep windows open or stay outdoors when you sleep, play, work or study. Breathe fresh air always and through your nose. Take ten deep breaths every day.
2. Eat wholesome food, including fruit and vegetables, and chew it thoroughly. Avoid greasy fried food, soggy breads, heavy pie and cake. Eat little candy; none that is impure. Drink plenty of pure water and use your own cup. Drink no tea or coffee. Never take beer, wine or other alcoholic drinks or soft drinks containing injurious drugs. Do not smoke or use tobacco in any form.
3. Make sure that everything that you put in your mouth is clean. Wash your hands always before eating or handling food. Wash your ears and neck as well as your face and clean your finger-nails every day. Bathe your whole body twice a week at least and shampoo often. Brush your teeth thoroughly twice every day, after breakfast and supper. Have all cavities in your teeth filled. Consult a dentist twice a year.
4. Play and exercise every day in the open air. Sit and stand up straight. Have a regular time every day for attending to toilet and each need of your body. Whenever you cough or sneeze, turn your head aside and cover your mouth with your handkerchief. If you must spit, spit only where it will be removed by person or fly can touch it. Have a complete medical examination each year.
5. Get a long night's sleep. Get up smiling. Keep your clothes neat. Brush your shoes before going to school. Keep hands and feet clean and cheerful. Be helpful to others.

In order to become eligible as a Crusader and receive a certificate of enrollment, two weeks of the following health chores, as a preliminary test, must be performed, properly checked upon the official "Health Chore Folder" and submitted to the crusade master for approval:

CRUSADER'S HEALTH CHORES.

1. I washed my hands before each meal today.
2. I washed not only my face but my ears and neck and I cleaned my finger-nails today.
3. I tried today to keep my fingers, pencils and everything that might be unclean out of my mouth and nose.
4. I drank a glass of water before each meal and before going to bed, and drank no tea, coffee nor other injurious drinks today.
5. I brushed my teeth thoroughly in the morning and evening today.
6. I took ten or more deep breaths of fresh air today.
7. I played outdoors or with windows open more than thirty minutes today.
8. I was in bed ten hours or more last night and kept my window open.
9. I tried today to sit up and stand up straight, to eat slowly, and to attend to toilet and each need of my body at its regular time.
10. I tried today to keep neat and cheerful constantly and to be helpful to others.
11. I took a full bath on each day of the week that is checked (x).

After these health chores have been satisfactorily performed for two weeks, the probationer is enrolled as a "Modern Health Crusader" with the title of Page in Health Knighthood. To rise to higher ranks and be entitled to the different pins the crusader must do, at least, 64 chores each week for the following number of weeks:

- For Squire, 3 weeks after becoming Page, a total of 5 weeks.
- For Knight, 5 weeks after becoming Squire, a total of 10 weeks.
- For Knight Banneret, 5 weeks after becoming Knight, a total of 15 weeks.

Appropriate pins or badges are awarded upon proper completion of the above periods and the crusader's names are enrolled upon the Health Knighthood charts which in this case were supplied to each grade above the third in both the North and South ward schools. It was not considered advisable at this time to enlist pupils of the first, second and third grades but the children of the first and second grades were supplied with the child Health Alphabet, published by the Child Welfare Organization and the children of the third grades were given the Health First Reader.

In each grade there was placed a Daily Health Guide Chart for Boys and Girls, Standing Posture Chart and a Class Room Weight Record Chart. Pupils were all measured and weighed by the superintendent of schools and the results together with the normal weight tabulated on these charts.

The relation of weight to height, according to a recent editorial in the American Medical Journal (May 3, 1919) is the best index of successful or satisfactory nutrition and growth for the young. A recent critical review of selected data bearing on the subject has been prepared by Holt, of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons as a result of which he says: "The weight-height index fixes the child's status in nutrition; the annual increase in size indicates his progress."

The organization of the crusade was achieved only in time for pupils to complete five weeks of health chores and thus receive the title of

Squire. The pins were presented at the closing exercises of the schools and the list of those receiving this title will be published in next week's "Watchman."

Ten clubs in all were formed in the grades, the officers of which are:

- HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING. 8th Grade. Captain—William Keller. Lieutenant—Stella Cohen. Herald—Evelyn Showers. 7th Grade. Captain—Elizabeth Hunter. Lieutenant—Mahlon Robb. Herald—Martha Geiss. 6th Grade. Captain—Betty Zerby. Lieutenant—Charles Dorworth. Herald—John Curtin. 5th Grade. Captain—Catherine Meyer. Lieutenant—William Potter. Herald—Charles Mensch. 4th Grade. Captain—Franklin Schand. Lieutenant—Catherine Farley. Herald—Philip Irvin.

BISHOP STREET BUILDING.

- 8th Grade. Captain—Dorothy Coxy. Lieutenant—Kryder Rocky. Herald—Russell Hill. 7th Grade. Captain—Sarah Haag. Lieutenant—Faxon Smith. Herald—Joseph Herman. 6th Grade. Captain—William Garbisch. Lieutenant—Fred Fisher. Herald—Jean Bodle. 5th Grade. Captain—Donald Morriss. Lieutenant—Rexford Lilledahl. Herald—Ruth Glenn. 4th Grade. Captain—Ben Herr. Lieutenant—Alan Katz. Herald—Tom Morriss.

These officers will serve until the end of 1919. It was voted to suspend meetings, etc., during the summer months as so many children are away for vacations, but the Crusade will be actively resumed at the opening of the fall sessions when officers for the combined clubs or Health League will be elected. These officers are grand marshal, grand herald, marshal of school, while the superintendent of health or his adult appointee becomes the grand master and the principal of the schools the master of the league.

The money provided by the Woman's club for furnishing literature was mostly procured through the sale of Red Cross stamps and was mainly the result of Miss Helen Overton's efforts. Miss Overton is chairman of the public health committee of the Woman's club but was unable to devote the necessary time to this new work in the schools and it was given into the charge of Elizabeth B. Meek, who was assisted by Genevieve Bible Walker (Mrs. Robert Walker) formerly teaching of physical education in the Springfield, Mass., High schools. Permission was given by Mr. Arthur V. Sloop for a fifteen minute talk in each grade weekly and these talks were given under two headings, (1) The relation of cleanliness to health, by Elizabeth Meek, (2) The relation of posture to health, by Mrs. Walker.

Under the former, particular attention was given to care of the oral and nasal cavities because as Rosenau puts it, "Perhaps 90 per cent. of all infections are taken into the body through the mouth. The fact that the great majority of infections are taken by way of the mouth gives scientific direction to personal hygiene." The proper way to brush the teeth was demonstrated by Miss Wyden, the community nurse, and Miss Margaret Elder, superintendent of the hospital, talked on routes of infection other than the mouth and nose. What bacteria are, was explained and illustrated by a lantern slide talk given by Elizabeth Meek, while the presence of these ubiquitous micro-organisms in the air of the school room, on fingers, hairs, etc., was demonstrated and the fingers, as the chief vehicle for the conveyance of nasal and oral secretion from one to another, impressed as a reason for early acquiring the habit of keeping the hands clean.

Mrs. Walker's talks were divided into three, (1) good posture, (2) good posture in sitting, standing, walking and lying, (3) correct breathing and the relation of posture to breathing, under which subject she discussed ventilation and the necessity for good air.

These weekly talks were given only with the idea of helping to stimulate the interest of pupils in personal hygiene as the very excellent Health Series of Physiology and Hygiene, by M. V. O'Shea and J. H. Kellogg with Blaisdell's Physiology are already a part of the school's curricula.

While we heartily endorse Governor Sproul's determination to have the best in educational matters, even if he had to go to New York to secure it and could have hoped that he might have found it in our own great State, it is a matter of gratification that since the new Commissioner of Education has announced one of his two great aims to be perfecting a system of physical education, this new movement of the Woman's club would indicate to him an already aroused community interest.

ONE OF OUR TEACHERS SETS A HEALTHY PACE.

One of the features of the closing exercises of the second grade, Bishop street building, of which Miss Anna McAffrey is teacher, was the recitation of the child Health Alphabet which is written in verse and had been memorized by the children of this grade. The last verse

Now March for it, children, With drum and with fire, Z is the best Which Health Gives to life.

was the signal for a spirited and most creditably executed march to a military marching air played on the vic-

trol. Miss McAffrey is to be congratulated upon teaching her children to commit to memory such well-worth-acquiring-knowledge as is found in the Health Alphabet rather than the nonsensical rhymes with which their little brains are so often and so foolishly over-crowded.

Another of her exercises was a little playlet, "The Germ Fairies," and it is in just this happy way that many little health truths of value may be impressed upon a child's mind. After all, could even Hans Anderson's fairy tales do more wonderful or more fascinating things than the tiny plants we commonly call germs and a more intimate acquaintance with which should be both interesting and helpful to little ones. Miss McAffrey says she wanted something new for this year's exercises, hence introduced these "health" features. Would that more teachers were so wise in selecting and following after the right sort of new things!

Ward—Barnhart—Harold S. Ward, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Ward, of Bellefonte, and Miss Irene Barnhart, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Barnhart, of near Greensburg, were married at the home of the bride's parents at 7:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening. Quite a number of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony, among them Dr. and Mrs. Ward and daughter Isabelle. Mr. and Mrs. Ward will come to Bellefonte the latter part of the week and go to State College for the commencement exercises and a reunion of Mr. Ward's fraternity, expecting to be here until June 14th or 15th, when they will leave for their future home in Churchland, Va.

In addition to being a prepossessing young lady the bride is highly educated and for several terms has been principal of schools in her home town. Mr. Ward is a graduate of State College class of 1916 and now holds a position as superintendent of a government shell and munition plant at Pig Point, Va.

Oellig—Elder—Miss E. Margaret Elder, superintendent of the Bellefonte hospital, was married to Mr. Edwin J. Oellig, of Coraopolis, at Harrisburg on Saturday evening, May 24th, by the Rev. J. M. Wagner, pastor of the Church of God.

Miss Elder is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Elder, of Altoona, and came here to take charge of the hospital just about a year ago. She and her husband were school mates. They had been engaged for a long time and his recent return from service in France precipitated a wedding that had been planned for a later date.

Mr. Oellig is a pharmacist of Coraopolis, being the head of a chain of drug stores in nearby towns. Miss Elder will not sever her connections with the Bellefonte hospital until September 1st, and not then unless a satisfactory successor has been found.

Norris—Marshall—George R. Norris, of Juniata, and Miss Etta May Marshall, of Benner township, were united in marriage in Hollidaysburg last Saturday morning by justice of the peace, C. Irvin Lewis. The young couple will reside in Juniata, where the bridegroom follows the occupation of a teamster.

Two Near-Date Weddings.

Miss Julia Gregg Curtin, youngest daughter of the late James C. Curtin, of Bellefonte, and Eugene Earl Staley, of Philadelphia, will be married in the Bellefonte Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning of next week by the pastor, Dr. W. K. McKinney. Only the relatives and most intimate friends of the bride will be invited. Mr. and Mrs. Staley will leave Bellefonte immediately following the ceremony for their new home in Philadelphia.

On Wednesday, June 18th, John Orvis Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keller, of Bellefonte, will be married to Miss Mary Lyon Gans, of Connelville, a daughter of John L. Gans, managing editor of the Connelville Courier. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents at three o'clock in the afternoon, and will be quite a social event. Included among the attendants will be the prospective bridegroom's brother, Lieut. Henry Keller, as best man. The prospective bride and groom have planned a delightful little wedding trip after which they will be at home in apartments already engaged at State College where Mr. Keller is an instructor in industrial engineering and has assurance of being awarded his advanced degree at the coming commencement.

The collection of pictures of the American Water Color Society which comprises their annual exhibit and has just been shown in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, is now hung in the galleries of State College, on the second floor of Old Main building, and open to the public until after the 12th of June. The best known artists of America are represented and the College is most fortunate to obtain this, their best annual exhibit of water color. Prof. Koehler and his staff will be in the rooms to assist, and will gladly welcome all visitors.

The old farm house popularly known as "The Cabin" on the McMullen estate at Hecla, can be rented furnished for the months of June and July. A bath, furniture necessary for camp life, and its location, makes it an ideal place for a short summer vacation. More detailed information can be gotten from Lawrence McMullen or at the "Watchman" office.

Butcher L. H. Gettig is seriously considering an offer to purchase the George H. Richards meat market in Philipsburg, and if he does so he will probably move his family there.

Memorial Day Properly Observed in Bellefonte.

Memorial Day this year was more strictly observed in Bellefonte and throughout the county than it has been for a number of years. A good many of the stores in Bellefonte were closed all day while all of them closed during the afternoon and evening. The crowd was the largest that has attended Memorial day services in Bellefonte in a number of years. The parade, which formed at 1:30 o'clock, moved promptly at two o'clock. In the line were all the public school children in Bellefonte, Our Girls band of Milesburg, old soldiers in automobiles, Spanish-American war veterans, soldiers of the recent war, the Logan fire company, Odd Fellows' band, Undine fire company and P. O. S. of A.

The usual ceremonies were held in the cemetery and in addition Col. H. S. Taylor made a brief address to the soldiers of the world war in which he congratulated them on the work they did over there and exhorted them to see that the great cause they fought for is cherished in this country as well as overseas. Returning to the court house Rev. M. DeP. Maynard delivered the memorial address which was greatly appreciated by those who heard it. The speaker paid tribute not only to the soldiers of the Civil war but to American soldiers generally who never yet have gone down to defeat before an enemy.

Scholarship Examinations.

County superintendent D. O. Etters announces a competitive examination for the McAllister scholarship and also for the Mrs. M. Elizabeth Olewine scholarship in The Pennsylvania State College will be held at the court house in Bellefonte on Saturday, June 21st, 1919, at 10 a. m. The subjects will include arithmetic, algebra to quadratics, plane geometry, English, civics and U. S. government. The McAllister scholarship, paying \$90.00 for the first year in college, is open to both sexes. The Olewine scholarship, paying \$100.00 for the first year in college, is open to women only. Inquiries may be addressed to County Superintendent D. O. Etters, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

To Organize American Legion.

All soldiers, sailors and marines in Centre county who served during the world war are requested to meet in the G. A. R. rooms in Bellefonte next Monday, June 9th, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of organizing a branch of the American Legion, the new organization of all men who saw service during the war. A full attendance is desired at the meeting in order that an organization can be perfected by the election of temporary officers and a charter secured before Centre county's big welcome home on June 26th and 27th.

Watch for Mickey.

Flushed with the success that attended his three night's entertainment in Bellefonte supervising principal James R. Hughes took his Bellefonte Academy minstrels, minus the two young lady singers, to the Rockview penitentiary last Saturday evening and gave an entertainment before the six hundred inmates. The minstrel delegation some seventy strong left Bellefonte in donated trucks and automobiles at 7:15 o'clock in the evening, journeyed to the penitentiary, gave their performance in the big dining hall, where a temporary stage had been erected by the inmates and were back in Bellefonte by 9:15 o'clock. An inmate of the prison officiated as pianist for the minstrels and never made a break. Warden Francis and deputy warden Healey as well as a number of other prison attaches were in attendance and they appeared to enjoy the performance as much as the inmates, and they voiced their appreciation by liberal applause at all the good points in the performance.

Capt. "Dick" Taylor, whose announcement as a candidate for the nomination of Sheriff of Centre county appears in this issue of the "Watchman," gave a forty-five minute talk before the students at the Bellefonte Academy on Wednesday afternoon, in which he told them in a rather graphic manner many interesting things about the world war and related some of his experiences while a prisoner in Germany, which attracted the closest attention of the entire student body.

The big room in Petrikin hall will be opened on Saturday, June 14th, as a rest and recreation room for returned soldiers and sailors, and kept open as such until after Centre county's big welcome home demonstration. The room will be provided with the daily and county papers and all returned soldiers in the county are invited to use it at their convenience.

Mrs. August Glinz, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, was slightly improved on Wednesday and her family feel more hopeful as to the result. Mrs. Glinz is a patient in the Bellefonte hospital.

The annual summer reunion and basket picnic of the Centre county association in Philadelphia will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Bellmont Mansion, Fairmount park, rain or shine.

The Bruce Peters home at Milesburg was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday afternoon. The loss is about \$900, with some insurance.

In twenty days we'll have the soldier boys with us.

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