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Capt. "Dick" Taylor Received Christmas Box Last Week.

Last October Mrs. E. R. Taylor, of Bellefonte, mailed her husband, Capt. "Dick" Taylor, a Christmas box according to the rules and regulations of the War Department then in force. At that time Capt. Taylor was a prisoner of war in the hands of the Germans and confined at Villingen, and his Christmas box was addressed to him there, through the channels of the Red Cross. In the meantime the armistice was signed on November 11th, all allied prisoners were surrendered and among them Capt. Taylor was returned by way of Switzerland to France where he joined his old command and was at once ordered to a base hospital to recuperate.

He spent several months in the hospital before he was assigned to active duty, and after that his unit was moved several times and finally the Twenty-eighth was ordered home in April, arriving in the States early in May. In the meantime Mrs. Taylor's Christmas box to her husband kept following him about but never close enough to catch up with him until last week when it was returned to the sender and also reached the Captain at his home here. The box had been securely wrapped and tied and except for the wear and tear that would naturally show on a package of any kind that had taken a journey of from eight to ten thousand miles through the medium of Uncle Sam's mail route it was still in very fair condition. And on being opened the entire contents of cigarettes, candy and other articles were found to be in as good condition as when packed eight months ago with the single exception of some crackers that had been included in the contents, and they were literally ground to dust.

It was just one year on Tuesday since Capt. Taylor was taken prisoner by the Germans after fighting for twelve hours, and little did he think at that time that in twelve months the war would be over, peace declared, the terms as dictated by the allies signed by the Germans and he back home running for the nomination for Sheriff of Centre county.

Centre County Soldier on Body Guard of President.

It is impossible to keep Centre county out of the limelight and just now the young man who is reflecting honor on the place of his nativity is Harry Gettig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gettig, who live on the Jacksonville road. The young man was one of the two hundred and fifty American soldiers who served as President Wilson's body guard from the time he landed in France until his return home; in fact coming to the States with him on the transport George Washington.

Private Gettig was discharged at Camp Dix on Monday and reached home on Tuesday. He was called into service last summer and trained at Camp Lee. He went over in August and was assigned to the 162nd infantry of the 41st division among the replacement troops. When the President went to France an order was issued to provide him with a body guard of 250 soldiers and the captains of various units were asked to pick their most efficient and dependable men for that honor. Private Gettig was chosen from the unit in which he was serving and was in constant attendance on the President from the time he set foot upon French soil until he landed in the United States on his recent return home.

While the duties of the guard were not exactly arduous yet it was necessary for every man in the unit to keep spruced up and in the pink of condition at all times, and while he don't admit it, we wouldn't be surprised if private Gettig was about the best looking soldier in the bunch.

Soldier Dies in France.

Mrs. Ellen Bennett, of Tyrone, last Friday received a notice from the War Department announcing the death of her son, private John Henry Bennett, in France, "date and cause of death undetermined."

The young man was born at State College on November 6th, 1893, hence was in his twenty-sixth year. When he was a boy his parents moved to Phillipsburg and fourteen years ago the family moved to Tyrone. His youth and early manhood were spent there and shortly before the United States entered the world war he went to Cleveland, Ohio. He was drawn for selective service while working in Cleveland and after a due course of training was sent to France and assigned to Company H, 331st infantry. He was a member of the First United Brethren church of Tyrone and of the Cleveland, Ohio, lodge of Moose.

The young soldier's father died a few years ago but in addition to his mother he is survived by two brothers and two sisters, namely: Frank and Harry Bennett, of Tyrone; Mrs. William Saxon, of Snow Shoe, and Mrs. Fred Mowery, of Phillipsburg. Private Bennett carried \$10,000 war risk insurance in favor of his mother.

HUNT.—A complication of diseases caused the death of Albert C. Hunt on Monday, July 7th, at the home of his uncle, M. L. Jarrard, in Berwick, Pa. He suffered an attack of influenza last fall and instead of recovering therefrom the disease developed into a lingering illness which finally caused his death.

Deceased was born in Bloomsburg and was one of the first men to enlist in Company F, Twelfth regiment, of that place, for service in the Spanish-American war. At the close of that brief struggle he was given an honorable discharge and returning home took up the study of electricity with the result that he became quite proficient and worked in Centre county and various sections of the State, everywhere being known as an honest, upright citizen, always willing to give needed assistance of any kind to his fellowmen. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Red Men of Snow Shoe, where he resided prior to his recent illness.

He is survived by his aged father, Albert B. Hunt, of Washington, D. C., and one half-brother, Frank B. Fellows, of New Kensington, Pa. Impressive funeral services were held on Thursday of last week by Rev. S. C. Pottinger, of the Holy Trinity Lutheran church, of Berwick, who paid glowing tributes to the life and memory of the dead. Burial was made in the Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick, the Red Men being in charge of the services at the grave. The many floral tributes mutely expressed the esteem in which the deceased was held.

BUCHER.—Adam Bucher, a former resident of Ferguson township, died on Thursday of last week at his home in Akron, Ohio, following a long illness with stomach trouble, which finally developed into cancer, aged seventy-two years. When a young man he located at Pine Grove Mills and learned the trade of a cabinet maker with Samuel Felty. While living at Pine Grove Mills he was married to Miss Emma Pfeiffer, of Ferguson township. In 1878 he moved to Altoona and engaged in the lumbering and contracting business in which he was quite successful. About ten years ago he moved to Akron, Ohio. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Burial was made in Akron on Sunday.

BATES.—John Miles Bates, for some years past a resident of Clearfield, died quite suddenly last Friday while on a visit with his daughter, Mrs. John Rightmire, at Loveville, this county. He was born in Phillipsburg and was almost sixty-five years old. He is survived by his wife and one son, Albert, of Clearfield. The remains were taken to Phillipsburg where burial was made on Monday afternoon.

Bellefonte's new borough manager, James D. Seibert, is now diligently on his new job and, while it will take some time to show the wisdom of creating the new office there is every reason to believe that the borough manager will earn his salary if he keeps on the go as he started out. And there is no doubt about there being enough things to look after in keeping the streets and water system in good shape to keep one man as busy as a bee all the time. Of course, it will take time to notice the results of the efforts put forth, but every new move must have a beginning and Mr. Seibert has made his in the right direction by making an inventory of all implements belonging to the borough and getting them in such shape that they can be properly taken care of and easy to get when needed.

Conductor George Lentz, who has had the run on the Lewisburg and Tyrone passenger train ever since the retirement of conductor Upton H. Reamer, is looking for a notice of his transfer to the Philadelphia and Erie division with headquarters in Harrisburg. His run will be between Harrisburg and Renovo. Inasmuch as the transfer will necessitate the family leaving Bellefonte the Lentz home on west high street has already been offered for sale and it is understood that station agent Harry L. Hutchinson has first option on it with Fred Craft a good second. When the family leave Bellefonte Miss Hazel Lentz will remain here and continue her work as a teacher in the Bellefonte public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bohn, of Oak Hall, last week received a notice from the War Department announcing that their son, private Alvin A. Bohn, had died in France of wounds received in action in the battle of the Marne on July 19th, 1918. Last September Mr. and Mrs. Bohn received word that their son had been wounded in the above battle, degree undetermined, and since then they had received no further information until the message last week. The young soldier's death is mourned by his parents and three sisters.

The Bellefonte school board has secured Mrs. Daisy Barnes Henderson, of Philadelphia, as instructor in commercial training in the Bellefonte High school the coming year. She will succeed Miss Grace Stevens, who was married recently.

Tuesday was St. Swithin's day and the old saw is rain on that day rain for forty days. But although it rained enough that day it has not rained since and old St. Swithin is now in the same class with Mary crossing the mountain.

Governor Sproul has approved the bill placing the appointment of mercantile appraisers in the hands of the Auditor General and taking that plum away from the County Commissioners.

BELLEFONTE CHAUTAUQUA

Will Open Next Thursday to Continue Seven Days.

The Bellefonte Chautauqua is not an innovation but a thoroughly tried out and interesting source of entertainment. It has been given in Bellefonte successfully for a number of years past and the people of the town and community have full knowledge of what a mental feast it always has proved in the past and there is every reason to believe that this year's Chautauqua will be no exception to the general rule. Everybody who has attended the Chautauqua in the past years will want to hear the good things provided for this year, and the best way to do this is to buy a season ticket so you can attend every entertainment during the week it will be here. The complete program for the week is as follows, beginning next Thursday afternoon:

First Day—Afternoon.
2:30—Series Lecture, Chautauqua Superintendent.
Concert, Pietro Mordella company.

EVENING.
7:30—Concert, Pietro Mordella company.
Lecture, Chancellor Bradford on "Sun-crowned Manhood."

Second Day—Afternoon.
2:30—Concert, Overseas Quartette.
Series Lecture, Chautauqua Superintendent.

EVENING.
7:30—Concert, Overseas Quartette.
Lecture, Ross Crane, "Dollars and Sense for Your Town."

Third Day—Afternoon.
2:30—Lecture, Carlton Chamberlayne, "Tomorrow."

EVENING.
7:30—Drama, "Polly of the Circus."
Full cast, five sets of scenery.

Fourth Day—Afternoon.
2:30—Concert, 1919 Revue company.
Series Lecture, Chautauqua Superintendent.

EVENING.
7:30—Concert, 1919 Revue company.
Lecture, Frederick William Wile, on "John Bull and Uncle Sam."

Fifth Day—Afternoon.
2:30—Concert, Brooks Orchestral club.
Lecture, Miss Welthy Honsinger.

EVENING.
7:30—Opera, "Robin Hood," Chautauqua's greatest musical success.
Full cast, chorus, and orchestra (35 people).

Sixth Day—Afternoon.
2:30—Pageant, "The Wop," presented by the Junior Chautauqua.
Concert, Hawaiian Concert company.

EVENING.
7:30—Concert, Hawaiian Concert company.
Lecture, Dr. Thomas E. Green, "The Salt of the Earth."

Course tickets, adults, \$2.50; children, \$1.00; party tickets, \$3.00. General admission, 35, 50 and 75 cents. Sacred concert and address on Sunday at an hour to be announced and free to the public.

JUNIOR CHAUTAUQUANS.
A meeting is called for Saturday morning, July 19th, at 10 o'clock, at the High school building, for all who expect to be Junior Chautauquans this summer. The junior officers of last year are especially urged to be present, but as there are duties and pleasures for all, all will be needed to be boosters and workers.

The program for the juniors is especially fine and the leaders come with superior recommendations.

The local leaders are Misses Overton, Weston, Sebring, Bower, Grauer, Parker and Taylor.

Road Closed Between Bellefonte and Axe Mann.

On Wednesday the State Highway Department closed the road between Bellefonte and Axe Mann owing to the rebuilding of the pike into a permanent state highway, and put up detour signs for the benefit of travelers. The latter have the option of two routes. Coming to Bellefonte from State College they should keep the back road over the hill past the Hoy farm, and into Bellefonte by the Misses Valentine farm. From Pleasant Gap to Bellefonte travelers have the option of going around by the penitentiary and coming into Bellefonte on the back road as above detailed or they can keep to the main road as far as Axe Mann then go up Irish Hollow and come into Bellefonte over the old turnpike road past the brick school house.

Just how long the road will be closed will depend entirely on the force of workmen the Gaylord International Engineering and Construction company will be able to keep on the job in building the state highway. It is their desire and intention to push the work as fast as possible and as soon as the stretch between Bellefonte and Axe Mann is completed it will be opened for traffic and that portion of the road between Axe Mann and Pleasant Gap closed.

Governor Vetoes Bill in Interest of R. B. Taylor.

Among the bills vetoed on Tuesday by Governor Sproul was one to allow R. B. Taylor, the Bellefonte contractor, to bring suit against the State to recover an alleged sum of money due on a contract for state highway which he built in Washington county several years ago. The Governor vetoed the bill on the ground that it was special legislation, and further because Mr. Taylor has ample redress under the act of 1811.

The amount at issue is between twenty and thirty thousand dollars and Mr. Taylor has been held up for the same ever since he completed the contract.

Comparatively few bass have been caught on lower Bald Eagle creek since the opening of the bass fishing season on July first, but it is likely on account of inauspicious conditions and not because the bass are scarcer than usual.

Rentschler—Ward.—Two hundred guests, including relatives of both the bride and groom, and intimate friends, attended the wedding of Miss Ruth I. Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Musser Ward, of Akron, Ohio, formerly of Stormstown, this county, to George D. Rentschler, which took place Tuesday afternoon, July 8th, in the Trinity Lutheran church, in Akron. Mrs. A. L. Hibbard gave a half hour organ recital before the ceremony and Miss Maude Shook sang, "I Love You Truly." Rev. E. W. Simon, pastor of the church, officiated. Pink and white oleanders decorated the altar.

The bride, attired in a gown of white georgette, made with a short draped skirt, white georgette hat and carrying a shower bouquet of white roses, entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage. She was attended by her sister, Miss Sara Ward, who wore a pink organdie gown, white leghorn and lace hat, and carried Ophelia roses. A younger sister, Mabel, as flower girl, wore a frock of white embroidered voile and carried a basket of pink and white sweet peas, carrying out the color scheme. Raymond G. Lutz was best man and the ushers were Charles Wright and Ernest Mager.

A reception and wedding supper followed at the home of the bride's parents, 152 Central street, where ferns and pink and white garden flowers formed the decorations.

The young couple are now on a two week's trip to Mackinac and Snow Island. The bride's going away suit was of blue serge with which she wore a smart black lace hat. After July 25th Mr. and Mrs. Rentschler will be at home at 78 Cuyahoga street, Akron.

Until her marriage the bride was a stenographer for Burch and Adams, attorneys. Mr. Rentschler is with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company.

Graham—Keller.—Robert O. Graham and Miss Daisy M. Keller, both of State College, were married at the Reformed parsonage in this place, at noon last Thursday by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt. The double ring service was used and the ceremony was witnessed by the bride's mother and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of State College. The bride is a daughter of the late George Keller and both she and her husband have been employed in the telegraph office at State College and have a host of friends who unite in hearty good wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

Valens—Grazier.—Evans Gladstone Valens, an army aviator of New York city, and Miss Mabel Grazier, a sister of Mrs. H. A. Leitzel, of State College, were married last Thursday evening at the Leitzel home by Rev. J. W. Long, pastor of the Lutheran church at the College. Lieut. Anglin, one of the aerial flyers located in Bellefonte, is a personal friend of the bridegroom and as a compliment to the young couple flew to State College and dropped flowers on the Leitzel home as the ceremony was being performed.

Harshberger—Bowers.—Harry Harshberger and Miss Rena Bowers, of Spring Mills, were married on Tuesday evening at the parsonage of the Temple Lutheran church in Altoona, by the pastor, Rev. F. P. Fisher. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Harshberger. Immediately following the ceremony they left on a wedding trip and when they return will take up their residence in Altoona, where Mr. Harshberger, who only recently returned from service in France, is a member of a dairy company.

Brock—Bottorf.—Robert E. Brock, of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Helen C. Bottorf, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bottorf, of Centre Hall, were married in the Congregational church at Milroy on Friday of last week. They are now on a wedding trip of ten days at the expiration of which they will take up their residence in Detroit, where Mr. Brock is employed by the Cadillac Motor company.

Price—McClincy.—Franklin W. Price and Miss Ruth McClincy, both of Bellefonte, went to Tyrone on Tuesday morning where they were united in marriage at the parsonage of the United Brethren church by the pastor, Rev. Sawyer. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McClincy and during the past year had been linotype operator in the office of the Centre Democrat.

Miller—Brown.—Franklin E. Miller, of Allentown, and Miss Estella E. Brown, of Cortland, N. Y., journeyed to Bellefonte on Monday of this week and the same afternoon were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Ambrose M. Schmidt.

Tyrone has secured the services of a paid booster to boost that town and in a recent issue of the "Tyronian," the medium through which the boosting is done, the paid booster stated that a greater effort was to be put forth to secure for Tyrone proper recognition in the aviation world and not allow all such favors to go to small towns on the side line, or words to that effect, all of which was no doubt intended as another knock at Bellefonte. In the meantime the planes come and go from Bellefonte with almost clock-like regularity and if the man who is to build the big radio station here will only add a sounding board it is probable that our neighbors in Tyrone and Lock Haven will be able to hear the hum of the motors as the big birds of the air go whizzing by just far enough away from those places that they cannot be seen.



TAKING A SUN BATH.
Emancipated children sunbathing at the Court of Etchimidzin (Russian Caucasus).

Buy a "Save a Life" Bond and help give these children a home. Bonds from \$5 to \$1000 can be obtained through any Sunday School in the county or from Miss M. H. Linn, Bellefonte, County Chairman of the American & Syrian Relief.

How the Emericks are Enjoying Their Motor Trip.

The "Watchman" a month ago told of the auto house in which W. G. Emerick and family, of this place, are making their trip to the Pacific coast and just to show under what conditions they are traveling and how they must be enjoying the trip we publish the following letters written to a friend in Bellefonte by one of the party:

Twelve miles from Santa Fe, New Mexico, July 10th, 1919.

Well, we are all alive but sometimes pretty bum. News is scarce but mud, rain and bridges swept away by cloudbursts are quite plentiful. There have been cloudbursts along our route most every day for a week, and we always get there three or four hours after it happened and find the bridges gone. Yesterday we traveled forty-one miles and crossed two creeks where the bridges had been swept away. They were about the width of our yard (50 feet) and one had water in it while the other was dry. During the cloudbursts they are raging torrents but four or five hours later the water is all gone.

We were stuck two hours in the sand in one creek but managed to get out ourselves. That was about six miles from where we had dinner yesterday. Last evening we came to a creek washed so deep we could have tumbled three big buses into the hole, so we camped for the night right in the road near the washout, as there are no trees around here.

It is now eleven o'clock and we are on our journey. We had to go a half mile to get around that big washout, and across the creek. Now we are in the sand until the differential rests on the sand and rock so we are backing the house for a new start. It is awful traveling but the people tell us that we are about over the worst roads. Hope so, at least. We all look like Mexicans but Paul and Annie, they are burned red.

As for getting fat, we eat enough, but the bumps shake all the fat off. We are all well as usual. One day we traveled 165 miles and all along the road with the exception of ten or fifteen miles through villages and towns it was nothing but wheat fields—wheat as far as the eye could see on each side of the road. We have seen some corn but not very much.

Albuquerque, N. M., July 11. We started yesterday noon at ten o'clock but stuck in the sand in the river six hours. There were four bridges out from the cloudbursts just ahead of us. Hope we don't get into any. It is now 11:20. We are getting ice then going to the postoffice and intending to do a little shopping.

We have only had one meal at a restaurant so far, and it cost \$4.00 for six people, so we eat our own grub. We have eaten in the car only about a dozen times on account of rain. Other times we ate outside in the road, alongside the car or behind it. We sleep fine. No one stands guard, and everybody we have met so far has been civilized. Sometimes a cat or a pig strolls around during the night, but nothing larger or more ferocious. Now we are getting gas and soon will be on our journey again, so good bye.

Why is it that notwithstanding the fact that raspberries and huckleberries are reported as unusually plentiful this year few of them are being offered for sale in the Bellefonte markets? There might be some cause for the reason assigned by some that the berries are going to waste because of the lack of pickers, but this is not the true reason, because dozens and dozens of crates are shipped through Bellefonte to Altoona, Johnstown and other places. Most of the berries, especially huckleberries, are shipped from Coburn and are picked on the mountains in that vicinity by men, women and children. Just what the pickers are paid per quart is not definitely known but it is stated that the sum is sufficient for them to make good money at it. Huckleberries are reported quite plentiful on the Bald Eagle mountain but there are no pickers and consequently none are brought into Bellefonte for sale.

While in Philadelphia last week Walter Cohen closed the deal with Rev. William Potter Van Ties for the purchase of the Van Ties properties on Spring street, which included the house already occupied by Mr. Cohen and family and the house occupied by Mrs. Olewine. It is understood the papers will be executed and delivered this week.

The seventh annual reunion of the Bierly families in Pennsylvania, descendants of Melchior Bierly, 1743-1919, will be held in Smull's grove, Rebersburg, on August 20th.

The ladies of the Methodist church of Waddle will hold a festival on the church lawn, Saturday evening, July 19th. Everybody is most cordially invited to attend.

The annual dues social of the W. C. T. U. will be held in their room in Petrikin hall this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock. All the members are urged to be present or send their dues.

The Bellefonte machine gun unit in command of First Lieut. Roy Grove left Bellefonte about ten o'clock last Friday morning for the ten day's mid-summer encampment at Mt. Gettysburg. They traveled on their four machine gun trucks and one big covered truck for their troop equipment and commissary. They anticipated reaching Mt. Gettysburg some time Friday evening.

Both Mrs. Maize E. Brouse and Mrs. Caroline Gilmour have filed nomination papers, both Democrat and Republican, as candidates for another term as school directors in Bellefonte. Both ladies have served eight years on the school board and the fact that not only the other members of the board but everybody connected with the borough schools are anxious to have them renominate and elected it is evidence that they have made good in that office, and this is a point the voters should carefully consider.

BIRTHS.

Caldwell.—On June 3, to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Caldwell, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Helen DeSales.

Weber.—On June 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Weber, of Walker township, a daughter, Anna M.

Rhoades.—On June 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rhoades, of Coleville, a daughter.

McNichols.—On June 7, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McNichols, of Bellefonte, a daughter, Betty Marie.

Shultz.—On June 9, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Shultz, of Spring township, a son.

Corman.—On June 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Delbert W. Corman, of State College, a son, Harold Edward.

Hunter.—On June 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hunter, of State College, a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth.

Justice.—On June 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Justice, of Spring township, a daughter, Betty Marie.

Wheland.—On June 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Wheland, of State College, a son, Merrill W.

Lee.—On June 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee, of Coleville, a son, Miles Harvey.

Tessender.—On June 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Allen Tessender, of State College, a son, James H.

Beightol.—On June 28, to Mr. and Mrs. William Beightol, of Marion township, a son, Milford H.

Nolan.—On July 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nolan, of Bellefonte, a daughter.

Pennington.—On July 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pennington, of Bellefonte, a son.

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Mrs. Blanche Hess attended the funeral of her old friend, Adam Bucher, at Akron, Ohio, last Sunday.

James Kustaborder and son Harry came over from Houserville the other day to look over their farm and see how the work is progressing under the management of farmer Fred B. Tate.

Dr. C. T. Aikens and wife, of Selinsgrove, are spending their summer vacation at State College where the doctor has many business interests which he is looking after. His many friends are always glad to see him, as well as Mrs. Aikens.

George Houser, who went west fifteen years ago and has made money in farming and dairying, greeted old friends in this section the early part of the week, having been called east to see his mother who is suffering with a stroke of paralysis but is now somewhat improved.

William Whitmer Felding, of Staten Island, N. Y., made a brief visit among his Centre county friends last week. Mr. Felding is a mounted police sergeant and was able to secure only a short leave of absence. The clan had a get-together meeting on Sunday at the Boyd Williams home at Houserville, and all who had the good fortune to be present enjoyed themselves to the utmost; and especially at the big dinner prepared by Mrs. Gertie Williams. Mr. Felding is married to a Centre county girl, his wife in her maiden days being Miss Sadie Keichline, in her time one of the best known and most efficient of Centre county school teachers.