

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., September 5, 1919.

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Patriotic League meeting this (Friday) evening, September 5th, at 7:30 o'clock, in the High school auditorium. If not a member go out and become one.

Miss Edith Houser last week resigned her position as clerk in the Index stationery store and went to Gamble's mill as stenographer and book-keeper.

Dr. John Sebring on Monday opened his own office in the Montgomery building on Allegheny street and Dr. David Dale took charge of his office and resumed the practice of his profession in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schlow have leased the Tressler home on Howard street and will move into it just as soon as their furniture arrives. Mr. and Mrs. Schlow expect to make Bellefonte their home.

A civil service examination will be held at Bellefonte, State College and Philipsburg to fill the position of rural carrier at Port Matilda and any other vacancies that may occur on rural routes throughout the county.

While working on the new engineering building at State College last Friday Joseph Wolf had the misfortune to run a six penny nail into his right hand, causing a painful injury that kept him from work several days.

Just to show that they can toot the horns with musical sweetness the Odd Fellows band made its appearance on the streets on Tuesday evening and rendered several pieces to the delight of a large crowd of listeners.

Charles H. McVey, president of the McVey real estate company, of Altoona, was in Bellefonte yesterday for the purpose of looking up a suitable location and making the preliminary arrangements for opening a branch office in Bellefonte.

Centre Hall has two women who have passed the ninety year mark in the persons of Mrs. Susanna Spangler, who celebrated her ninety-first anniversary on August 22nd, and Mrs. Mary Dinges, who was ninety years old on August 26th.

The manager of the local aviation field knows nothing of plans for a flight of the Prince of Wales from New York to Chicago a report of which has been circulated in Bellefonte to the effect that his itinerary includes a stop in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, who have been making their home with Mrs. Kelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Campbell, at Linden Hall, since coming from Philadelphia, have taken the flat in Crider's Exchange, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. George Carpeneto.

The "Watchman" has received word direct from Mr. W. L. Malin, who is now in the state sanatorium at Cresson, that his condition is already considerably improved and he feels sure that in the end he will be greatly benefited by his sojourn there. His many friends in Bellefonte will be pleased to learn of his improvement.

There must be something about Pennsylvania that appeals to silk manufacturers. Some weeks ago F. O. Hartman, of Danville, purchased ground in Millheim on which to erect a silk mill and last week he purchased a plot of ground in Centre Hall on which he represents a sixty to seventy thousand dollar mill will be erected.

Dr. James D. Caldwell, the young dentist who recently purchased the office equipment of the late Dr. J. E. Ward, has been in Williamsport this week laying in a stock of supplies and some new equipment for his dental office. He will occupy the old Dr. Ward office which will be entirely done over, and expects to be open for practice in the very near future.

Beginning tomorrow and continuing throughout next week the Methodist church of Warriorsmark will hold a big "home-coming" when all former pastors are expected back to give a message of cheer to their old parishioners. Sunday, September 7th, will be the big day and Bishop William F. McDowell will be present and deliver the sermon in the evening.

On Tuesday Harvey T. Smith, a United States marshal, appeared in Milesburg and arrested Mrs. Blanche Shope, wife of Barney Shope, for having raised a money order from \$1.10 to \$17.10 and getting the same cashed at the Bellefonte postoffice some time last April. Mrs. Shope was held under \$250 bail to appear at the United States court in Scranton on October 20th.

All pictures look good on paper but if you want to see real pictures go to the Scenic and watch the motion pictures as they are thrown upon the screen. Every evening's program presents something new and interesting. The big bills in front of the Scenic don't half tell the story of what you can see inside. There is something good every evening, that's why you should be a regular attendant.

Evidence that Centre county landlords are still pinning their faith on President Wilson is shown in the fact that every one of them who renewed his license for August has again renewed for September. This is the third renewal made without the privilege of selling liquors, and it is only natural to suppose that if the ban is finally lifted Mr. Drinker will have to settle for what the landlords have been compelled to pay out.

COUNCIL WILL PURCHASE PHOENIX MILL PROPERTY.

Borough Council Voted to Exercise Option on Plant at Regular Meeting on Monday Evening.

At a regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening that official body voted unanimously to exercise the option held on the Phoenix mill pumping station and purchase the plant as per the offer of Col. W. Fred Reynolds of July 10th, which gave the purchase price as \$25,000 and terms of payment exceedingly reasonable. The six members present at the meeting were president Walker and Messrs. Brouse, Cunningham, Fauble, Flack and Richard. Mr. Richard, as chairman of the Special committee, recommended the purchase of the plant and Mr. Fauble made a motion that the recommendation be accepted. Mr. Flack seconded the motion and on roll call every councilman present voted aye. The details and arrangement for the payment of the plant will be worked out by the Special committee and borough solicitor and presented to council at a later meeting.

The first business brought before council when it convened was a written communication from both members of the borough police force requesting an increase in salary on the grounds of the unusually high cost of living. Inasmuch as the Fire and Police committee had no recommendation to make no action was taken.

A written communication was received from the Potter-Hoy Hardware company setting forth the fact that contractor R. B. Taylor was indebted to them in the sum of \$1316.28 for material purchased and used in building the state road through the borough and requesting any action that council could consistently give toward securing the payment of the account. Inasmuch as council is already obligated to the Bellefonte Trust company to practically the full amount of any and all moneys yet due contractor Taylor no action could be taken on the above request.

Mrs. A. Sterner, of Philadelphia, requested exoneration of water taxes on a house she owns on east Howard street because of its being unoccupied for a period of two years. The matter was referred to the Water committee.

Mr. Richard, for the Street committee, reported the receipt of ten dollars from Mrs. Morrison, of east Bishop street, for a sewer permit, and ten dollars from Miss Montgomery for repairs to sewer on Allegheny street. The committee also presented a contract with the Gaylord International Engineering and Construction company for the use of the borough steam road roller for which they agree to pay twelve dollars for each and every actual working day it is in use, bills payable monthly. Mr. Richard further reported that the committee had obligated the borough to the extent of one hundred dollars for making a change in the location of the state highway where it intersects with the borough line near Mallory's blacksmith shop, and the action of the committee was approved by council. The report of the borough manager was submitted showing various repairs made on the streets and the collection of \$36.00 for extra work done in front of private properties.

The Water committee presented the report of the borough manager in connection with the water department, detailing various repairs made and leaks in water pipes corrected.

The Finance committee presented the report of the borough treasurer and asked for the renewal of an old note for \$700 and the execution of a new note for \$5,000 for four months to meet current expenditures, both of which were authorized. The committee also presented the report of the secretary of council that the tax duplicate for 1919 has been completed and is ready to turn over to the collector. The total assessed valuation in the borough for the year 1919 is given as \$1,800,962, and the total tax for borough, street and interest purposes \$25,317.52.

The water pumping question so far as the contract between the State-Centre Electric company and the borough is concerned was pretty thoroughly discussed but no definite decision was reached and the matter was continued in the hands of the Special committee.

Bills approximating \$2,400 were approved and council adjourned.

Frank Lynch Taken to Sunbury.

Frank Lynch, the cripple who undertook to work the "crippled soldier" sympathy game on Bellefonte people last week in order to get money from the Red Cross to help him on his journey to New York State, was taken to Sunbury last Friday evening by an officer who came up for that purpose. The man's parents live in Sunbury and he was turned over to them. The Bellefonte authorities were satisfied owing to his confirmed dope habit he was not accountable in any way for what he did.

In a letter to the "Watchman" this week Dr. John Keichline, of Petersburg, states that he has no knowledge whatever of the three prescriptions found on the man bearing the signature "Dr. John Keichline," as he never saw or heard of him until he read the article in the "Watchman" telling of the man's actions in Bellefonte.

Prof. J. S. F. Rauthrauff, who has been superintendent of the Phillipsburg schools for a number of years past, has been elected secretary of the Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce, vice Henry T. Farr resigned. The change took place on Monday morning.

—See Nazimova in "The Red Lantern," Sept. 11th and 12th, Scenic theatre.

Workmen are already engaged in fixing up the room in Temple Court formerly occupied by the post-office for F. P. Blair & Son's jewelry store. A new ceiling will be put in and the room painted and freshened up throughout. When it is ready for occupancy Blair & Son will equip it with mostly new furnishings of an up-to-date character and their store then will be difficult to reconcile with their present establishment.

Following a year's service in the army, both at home and abroad, Dr. M. W. Reed has been discharged and returned to Bellefonte this week to resume his practice at his former office in the Masonic Temple. Dr. W. U. Irwin, who had charge of Dr. Reed's practice during his service in the army, will remain in Bellefonte and be associated with Dr. Reed in the future. With Dr. Reed's return to Bellefonte all the Bellefonte physicians who were in service are now back on the job with the exception of Dr. S. M. Huff.

Moving a postoffice from one building to another is not a very easy job, a fact that can be substantiated by the entire force in the Bellefonte postoffice. Notwithstanding the fact that they started moving in earnest on Saturday morning it took until Tuesday to get the screen properly set so that the lobby could be kept open for the use of the general public while there is likely to be considerable changing around inside for some time yet in order to get everything arranged so that the work will be most convenient for all the employees.

The weekly community sing which some of the enterprising and musically-inclined people of the town attempted to inaugurate last Thursday evening didn't inaugurate. Sammy Bryan, the well known band man who was to have been on hand with his cornet, failed to materialize and with no music to lead the singing the movement died a-borning' and the small bunch of enthusiasts who had gathered in the Diamond to lend their voices in sending forth sweet songs of melody went home in disgust. As it looks now no further effort will be made in this line.

The court has refused a new trial in the case of J. C. Condo vs. D. H. Shively and ordered judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$554.00, the amount of the verdict returned by a jury at the December term of court, with interest from that date. The case was an action brought by Mr. Condo against Mr. Shively to recover damages for a threshing engine that had blown up while being used by the defendant, the gist of the plaintiff's evidence being that the explosion was caused by the engine not being level at the time thus exposing the crown sheet to the mercy of the hot fire in the fire box.

The House of Lords has literally been lifted up and transplanted from the top of Nittany mountain to a point on Muncy mountain above Valley View, not far from the Burnside cabin. The House of Lords was built upwards of twenty years ago by less than half a dozen young men on the very brink of the mountain above Gregg station. For years it proved a pleasant retreat for Bellefonte people when they grew weary of the strife and turmoil of town life, but the onward march of progress in the shape of the Rockview penitentiary took up all the surrounding land for use as a water shed, and the Lords fell by the wayside one by one until the Nittany mountain retreat was almost bereft of patronage. Recently the idea was conceived to transplant the cabin onto a delightful spot on Muncy mountain and Monday was utilized as moving day. In its new location the House of Lords will probably again grow in popularity and it will hereafter lack that wonderful view across the broad expanse of Pennsylvania that was one of its greatest charms as a place for a summer day's outing.

Last Friday evening Miss Ruth Badger was in Katz & Co's store doing some shopping and while waiting for her change laid her purse down on the counter. When she looked for it, it was gone and a hasty examination failed to reveal it anywhere. There were two colored women in the store at the time and one of them made the remark that she supposed they'd be blamed for stealing the purse. Miss Badger did not mind losing the purse, as she had only a little change in it, but there were one or more articles in it she didn't want to lose. The colored women left the store before she did and walked down High street. Miss Badger followed them down and told her father, Harry Badger, at Twimire's store, and he called policeman Elmer Yeager, who was across the street, and the two of them overtook the two women near the Bush house and demanded the purse. Both vehemently denied having taken it or seen it, and the men finally walked away. After they had gone the women turned around and at the bridge one walked ahead of the other and when the one in the rear reached the side of the bridge near Water street she was seen throwing something into the creek, at the same time dropping some torn paper on the pavement. She then hastily walked up street. A number of men soon gathered on the bridge and the torn paper on being pieced together proved to be a receipt that Miss Badger had in her purse while the purse and a dime were found on a large stone that juts out from the high wall along the creek, but the special articles that Miss Badger particularly cared for could not be found.

REUNION OF BOAL TROOP.

Held at Boalsburg Saturday, When Monument Was Dedicated to Dead Heroes.

Notwithstanding that Saturday morning was rainy and threatening the weather cleared up somewhat by Saturday afternoon and the result was over one thousand people assembled at Camp Boal, at Boalsburg, to witness the first reunion of the old Boal troop, which served in France as Company A, 107th machine gun battalion and take part in the dedication of a monument to those members of the troop who gave their lives for the cause. The people of Boalsburg and vicinity took advantage of the occasion to hold a picnic on the grounds during the afternoon and evening and thus helped to swell the crowd. Music was furnished by the Modern Woodmen's band, of State College.

About seventy-five members of the troop were present at the gathering and these ex-soldiers, headed by the band, marched from the camp to the newly erected monument promptly at five o'clock, the hour for the exercises. The program included an invocation by Rev. Father O'Hanlon after which Mrs. W. F. Leitzell sang a very appropriate solo, the accompaniment to which was played on a French piano captured in a German dugout by the members of the troop and brought back to this country by Major Boal as a trophy of war. Immediately following Mrs. Leitzell's solo the monument was unveiled and was dedicated to the memory of the dead heroes by Major Theodore Davis Boal in a very neat presentation speech. It was accepted on the part of the troop by Major Wilbur F. Leitzell.

The monument consists of a cross taken from one of the battlefields in France set in the breach of a captured German "77," and mounted on a native limestone base with a Boche machine gun at the bottom. On the base of the monument are carved the names of the thirteen young men who gave their life for the great cause, as follows:

Hayes M. Wilson, Clearfield.
Claude Kahle, New Castle.
Daniel J. Halpin, Pittsburgh.
William C. Conway, Wheeling, W. Va.
Lewis Crossvold, address unknown.
James Thorpe, address unknown.
George Simcox, Phillipsburg.
Ralph I. Dunlap, Pine Grove Mills.
Daniel J. Halpin, New Castle.
William C. Conway, Wheeling, W. Va.
Lewis Crossvold, address unknown.
James Thorpe, address unknown.
George Simcox, Phillipsburg.

The roll of the honored dead was called by second lieutenant Donald Zimmerman and as each name was read out a little girl dressed in white advanced with a wreath and placed it on the base of the monument. Following the above dedication exercises there were brief addresses by Major General William G. Price, who commanded the artillery of the Twenty-eighth division in France, and Col. David Davis, chief of staff of the 28th, both of whom told of the fighting and bravery of the soldiers of Pennsylvania in the great world war.

Later an American flag which had been carried through the campaign in France and later floated over the American army headquarters at Goshen, Germany, was flung to the breeze from the top of an iron flagpole presented the troop by Christopher Morgan, general manager of the Pittsburgh Steel company. At the close of the exercises a buffet supper was served the soldier guests and the entire crowd enjoyed a picnic supper furnished from the well laden baskets of those present. The evening was devoted to a reception, an inspection of the Boal museum and a dance.

Bellefonte Taxi Driver Unwittingly Helped Prisoner to Escape.

The "Watchman" last week contained a brief item relative to the escape of L. C. Stetler, of Altoona, from the western penitentiary at Rockview on Wednesday morning but the manner of his escape did not leak out until Saturday.

Stetler made his getaway from the gang he was working with some time Wednesday morning and walked to Pleasant Gap. There he represented himself as a telephone lineman and asked an automobilist coming to Bellefonte to give him a lift into town. The man very obligingly did so. Arriving in Bellefonte Stetler walked boldly up to the Brockerhoff house and accosted one of the well known taxi drivers of Bellefonte on a proposition to take him to Tyrone. He told the same story about being a telephone lineman and that he had just received word that his wife was very sick in Bellwood, but if he could get to Tyrone he could take the trolley from there to Bellwood. The taxi driver asked ten dollars to make the trip and the escaped prisoner pulled out one dollar, gave him that and told him when they got to Tyrone he would go into the office and get him the other nine.

Thereupon the taxi man headed it for Tyrone. He made good time up the valley and when they reached Tyrone the prisoner directed the taxi man to the telephone office building and told him to wait and he would go in and get him his nine dollars. The taxi driver waited and waited and waited until almost an hour and a half passed and then he went into the office to make inquiries for his man, only to learn that he was a fake. There was nothing left for the taxi man to do but return home and it was not until two days later that he learned that his passenger to Tyrone was an escaped prisoner and that he had fifty dollars (the reward for his return) within his clutches and didn't know it.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Joseph Ceader and her daughter, Miss Helen, will leave tomorrow for Newark, New Jersey.

—Lawrence Brown returned to Girard College, Philadelphia, on Saturday after spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Benjamin Brown.

—Mrs. Edward L. Gates and daughter Betty, of Philadelphia, came over on Tuesday evening and will finish the week among their Bellefonte friends.

—Miss Margaret Mignot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mignot, will leave tomorrow for Scranton where she will enter college for the coming school year.

—Jacob Hazel, of Goshen, Ind., who is past eighty-five years old, and his brother, Simon Hazel, of Kalamazoo, Mich., are visiting their many relatives in Centre county.

—Mr. and Mrs. Selmas motored here from Philadelphia this week for their daughter, Hortense, who has been visiting with her grandmother, Mrs. Charles Smith, of Bishop street.

—H. A. Pearce, his mother and his two sons, Donald and Douglass, were at the Brockerhoff house last week, coming here from Milford, Delaware, to spend several days in Bellefonte.

—Miss Olive Marks, of Derry, Westmoreland county, is a guest of her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Marks, of west High street. Miss Marks came to Bellefonte yesterday.

—Mrs. Fred Gregg and four children are spending this week in Bellefonte visiting Mrs. Gregg's sisters, Mrs. H. F. Miller, on east High street, and Mrs. Edward Nelson, of Ridge street.

—Francis and Margaret Rouxoux, of Williamsport, returned home last Friday after spending two weeks very pleasantly at the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Mignot.

—Miss Ruth Badger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Badger, will leave tomorrow to join the Emerick family in the middle west and make the return trip to Bellefonte with them in their house-car.

—Mrs. Andrew Engle and Andrew Jr. left last Saturday morning to spend two weeks with Mr. Engle in Wheeling, W. Va., making the visit at this time in order to take in the big Wheeling fair.

—John A. Lane Jr. has been in Bellefonte for a part of the past week, coming here in charge of the work from the Arts and Craft Guild, of Philadelphia, which has been on display at the Basket Shop on Linn street.

—Dr. and Mrs. Finley Bell, of Englewood, N. J., and their son, S. A. Bell, motored here after the part of last week to spend a short time with Dr. Bell's mother, Mrs. William Bell, whose condition is very much improved. Mrs. Bell's oldest daughter, Mrs. Brooks, is now with her mother for an indefinite stay.

—Rev. John R. Woodcock, of Syracuse, and his three children, stopped in Bellefonte this week for a two day's visit with Mr. Woodcock's mother, Mrs. John A. Woodcock, on their way home from Alexandria, where they had been for the month of August. Mrs. Woodcock joined them Wednesday afternoon, after a short visit at State College and Centre Furnace, all leaving from here Thursday morning for Syracuse.

Red Cross Baseball Season Will End Tonight.

The final game of the Red Cross baseball season will be played on Hughes field this (Friday) evening between the North and South ward teams, and owing to its growing dark much earlier now than it did a month ago the game will be called promptly at 6:30 o'clock.

Last Friday evening the West ward defeated the North by the score of 4 to 1 and while there are a number of postponed and tie games between the various teams that compose the league the only two now figuring in the pennant are the North and South wards and as there is only one game in which they both figure it has been agreed by all the managers to make that game this evening, and thus close the season, as the evenings are now too short to prolong the series.

Therefore go out to Hughes field this evening and see the North and South fight for the pennant. It is sure to be a battle royal, and may the best team win.

Wanted.—Three girls, cashier and two clerks. Address P. O. box 450, State College, Pa. 35-12

—See Nazimova in "The Red Lantern," Sept. 11th and 12th, Scenic theatre.

Sale Register.

Thursday, Sept. 25.—At the residence of Mrs. A. Wilson Norris, on west Curtin street, a full line of household furniture. Sale will begin at 1:30 p. m. S. H. Hoy, auctioneer.

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