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## Council Postponed Purchase of Fire Fighting Apparatus.

The usual six members were present at the regular meeting of borough council on Monday evening. A resolution was presented by the Undine fire company requesting council to purchase for their use a triple combination chemical truck and pumper. The Street committee reported that a new light had been placed on north Potter street, various needed repairs made on the streets and presented the treasurer's receipt for \$120.00, being payment in full from the Gaylord International Engineering and Construction company for the use of the borough steam road roller. The committee further reported that new guy wires had been put on the smoke stack at the old steam heating plant, putting it in a safe condition for the present.

The Water committee presented the report of the borough manager showing various repairs and improvements made, and also reported the treasurer's receipt for \$20.00 from the Gaylord Construction company for water used.

The Finance committee presented for renewal four notes, \$2,000 dated December 2nd; \$600 and \$500 dated December 6th, and \$3,000 dated December 21st, all for a period of six months, which was authorized.

Mr. Cunningham stated that in making the water assessment this year it was discovered that there are fifty-six motor washers in operation in Bellefonte, and a computation showed that the water consumed ran from three to ten cents a wash, according to the size of the wash, and the committee recommended an assessment of six cents a wash, or \$3.00 a year for all motor washers. The committee also recommended that a price of \$2.00 a year be fixed for all private garages, in addition to the hydrant charge of \$2.00, which will make \$4.00 per year for the garage. Both recommendations were approved by council.

Mr. Flack, of the Fire and Police committee, reported that he had interviewed all merchants in Crider's Exchange relative to W. G. Emerick's request for reserved space on both sides of the street at that point for loading and unloading his auto busses, and instead of there being any objections the merchants are all very willing to have him do so. The result was Mr. Emerick was granted permission, he to put up and take down the "no parking" signs necessary to keep the street open at all times.

Mr. Flack further reported that a majority of the Fire and Police committee recommended the purchase by council of a triple combination chemical and pumper for each fire company. Mr. Cunningham, the minority member of the committee put himself upon record as against such action by council; not because he isn't in favor of giving the fire companies the best fighting apparatus possible, but because of the enormous cost to the borough when there is no money to meet it. He advocated the purchase of chemical trucks instead, which will not cost over half or two-thirds as much as the pumps and with the present equipment of two good engines will give the borough good protection for years to come. President Walker stated that the purchase of additional fire fighting equipment was a very important matter and he would much prefer having every member of council present when action was taken. For this reason he suggested holding final action until the next meeting night when the new council will be organized and in session. Mr. Cunningham therefore made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Flack, that the matter be postponed until next meeting night, and it was so ordered.

Secretary W. T. Kelly presented the plans of the State Highway Department for the building of the state road from Allegheny street on Bishop, Spring and Pine to the borough line, which the Department requested council to approve by ordinance, etc. The matter was referred to the Street committee, borough manager, borough solicitor and borough engineer for consideration and report at next meeting.

Bills to the amount of \$1347.68 were approved and council adjourned.

—Men's \$12.00 tan Russia calf shoes, \$6.50 at Yeager's. 50-1t

—While Harold Hess, who has been chosen captain of the State football team for 1920, resides at Belle Vernon, he was born in Centre county, at Philipsburg, and we therefore reflect a little of the honor that is his in having been made the leader of the strongest football aggregation of the year. Harold is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hess and is a great nephew of the late Michael Hess, of this place. If he makes as good a leader for his team next season as his Dad did when he was playing politics in Philipsburg and Rush, State will more than repeat her remarkable performances of 1919.

## CELEBRATED 92nd BIRTHDAY.

Bellefonte Academy Honors Rev. Hughes, the Veteran Emeritus Principal.

The students, the faculty and the other members of the Bellefonte Academy household spent a most delightful afternoon on Monday, December 15th, in the main assembly hall, doing honor to the aged and revered principal emeritus of that historic institution, the Rev. James Potter Hughes. All the afternoon classes were dispensed with and a most interesting program carried out to celebrate the ninety-second birthday anniversary of the man who, in the late sixties, became principal of the Academy of which we are all so proud, and laid down the principles of scholastic thoroughness and christian character that have resulted, after many years of keen competition and struggle, in bringing our Centre county institution to the forefront of secondary schools, not only in scholastic standing but in the matter of beautiful and well-equipped buildings. Members of the faculty and of the student body were selected to make addresses and all these were interspersed with inspiring music furnished by the Academy orchestra. The two piano and violin duets by Mrs. J. C. Hess and Louis Levinson were beautiful and richly deserved the applause they received. The complete program was as follows:

1. Overture by the orchestra, consisting of William Borches, banjo-mandolin; Fred Johnston, banjo-mandolin; Conrad High, piano; Raymond Fox, drums, and Louis Levinson, violin.

2. Speeches by Harold Cochrane, of Pittsburgh; Fred Leonard, Blightman, N. Y., and Frank Valentine, Jersey City.

3. Music by the orchestra.

4. Speeches by Charles Dandolis, of DuBois; Joseph Brodie, Philadelphia, and Adelbert Arter, of Youngstown, Ohio.

5. Violin and piano duets by Mrs. J. C. Hess and Louis Levinson.

6. Addresses by Misses Helen Overton and Isabelle Hill and Prof. D. L. Harsline.

7. Music by the orchestra.

8. Address by Prof. James R. Hughes and the chief guest of the day—Rev. Mr. Hughes.

9. Music by the orchestra.

The remarks of the speakers were of a high order and touched upon the many features of Mr. Hughes' life—sportive, social, educational and religious—that are well known to the citizens of Bellefonte and Centre county.

Mr. James R. Hughes opened the program with a few lines of verse which ran as follows:

Time's chariot has run its annual course again;

His scythe has cut down myriads of men;

And yet today we greet you, Father Hughes,

Drinking a little at the fountain of the muse.

To you we offer our sincere felicitations,

Sparing not our very best congratulations

That you are healthy, well and active, too,

Attaining the grand old age of ninety-two.

Your years have been a history of noble deeds

And thoughts and plans and words for others' needs.

Never once you've cringed in face of duty;

Your life has been an exemplary one of beauty;

Our hearts all beat this day with one desire.

That you may reach the goal to which you aspire;

That many happy returns of natal day

May come to you and make your spirits gay.

After the other speakers had found peculiar pleasure in paying their happy tribute to the "grand old man," Mr. Hughes responded in a wonderful address replete with interesting reminiscences and information and witticisms. The celebration was a thrilling surprise, but Mr. Hughes, with the coolness and nerve that have made him famous, sized up nobly to the occasion.

## JOEL JOHNSON 89 YEARS OLD.

The venerable Joel Johnson, one of Bellefonte's sturdy, old-time citizens, celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary last Friday and as a complement to the aged gentleman a family reunion was held that day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Johnson, on north Spring street. In the party were Mr. Johnson's six children, M. R. Johnson, Curt Johnson, Harry Johnson and Mrs. W. C. Coxey, of Bellefonte; Mrs. H. B. Mallory, of Altoona, and Mrs. William Hendricks, of Coon Rapids, Iowa, who came east especially for the reunion and will spend some time here among her friends. Mr. Johnson has thirty-two grand-children and fourteen great grand-children, and all but five were present at the reunion, the total number of guests being forty-eight. Mr. Johnson, although somewhat enfeebled with the weight of his advancing years, enjoys splendid health otherwise, and was very happy to have his children all together again.

—Prices on Women's shoes reduced until Christmas, at Yeager's. 50-1t

—Charles Sanford Laird, the youngest son of Robert Laird, a well-known Bellefonte carpenter of twenty-five years ago, has gone to the fore in musical circles in Minneapolis. He was but a lad when the family moved from Bellefonte but he is a man now and possessed of a bass voice that has made him the leading soloist of his home city. The Elks club of Minneapolis gave a testimonial concert in his honor last Saturday night. It was preparatory to his departure for New York, where he has contracted to sing for two years for a record producing company.

—The reductions on shoes for women just hold good until Christmas, at Yeager's. 50-1t

## Why We Need the Money.

There are quite a few more than one thousand persons on our list whose subscription is not paid up to 1920. Most of them are about a year in arrears; a few are more. When you stop to think that the "Watchman" is about the only item of expense that you have that hasn't increased during these days of inflation and, at the same time, has maintained its superior form in typography and paper, you must wonder how we do it. To be perfectly candid it is being done at the sacrifice of what has heretofore been only a meagre profit and we find it impossible to break even unless all subscribers who are not paid up to next July, at least, remit at once.

Please don't wait for us to send you bills or expect receipts after you have remitted. Both cost money that we hope to save and unless we can make small savings of this nature we can't continue to publish the paper at its present price.

Surely we are not asking much and we have such great faith in our subscribers that we feel that every one of you will meet this call as promptly as possible.

## The Close of the Hunting Season.

The hunting season is over for all kinds of game except raccoon. It closed on Monday and as a grand finale seventeen Bellefonte gentlemen went out bright and early to clean up what game there was left down in the Little Sugar valley section. They left town at seven o'clock, motored to Hecla park and made the drive from the Hecla gap, where a portion of the crowd had gone as watchers. The drivers trudged along the mountain and through Little Sugar valley but nary a thing did they chase out to the watchers. One of the drivers alleges he saw a doe and a fawn and this was the only game seen all day, though every man worked hard to get something, at least. Lawrence McMullen had three other gentlemen, of Hecla, made a drive over a portion of the territory before the Bellefonte crowd arrived and chased up a big bear, but it got away. The Bellefonte crowd did not get home until late in the evening, and they were a tired bunch.

Lawrence McMullen and his companions had nine shots at the bear, which was very large, but none of them reached the mark and bruin escaped to the Brushvalley side of the mountain.

Mike Hazel went out on Monday to wind up the season with a rabbit chase and was successful in bringing home a bunch of five cottontails.

So far as the deer season is concerned, it was the most successful in years. While it is impossible to give the exact number of deer killed in Centre county for the reason that many hunting parties in the Seven mountains may have killed some of their deer in Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, yet it is pretty certain that the number was in excess of any season for years past. At least a dozen parties got their limit, while many others got from two to five deer. In fact the figures given the latter part of last week showed over two hundred deer killed in the Seven mountains alone, while thirty or more were killed in the Alleghenies. One thing most emphatically shown by the season's hunt was that the Seven mountains are now the best deer section in this part of the State.

As an indication of the total number of deer slaughtered in the Seven mountains forester Charles R. Meek, of Coburn, compiled a record of those killed in the eastern section of the county and it totals just 117 deer up to the close of the season on Monday evening. Hunters in the region of the Bear Meadows, in the Boalsburg district and on west to the Huntingdon county line were equally successful in their killing, so that the grand total will easily run over two hundred.

## THE BEAR HAD SORE FEET.

The two cub bear that the Grenoble party at Hecla shot last week were not large, weighing possibly sixty pounds each. Their captors discovered that both of the cubs had worn their feet almost to the bone running over the mountains ducking hunters. One of the party said that the feet of the bear were so raw and bleeding that he could not see how they could travel at all.

—Women's \$7.00 shoes reduced to \$5.00 at Yeager's. 50-1t

—Members of the Patriotic League are preparing to sing "The Feast of the Red Corn," an Indian operetta full of pretty music, good dancing and pleasing stage effects. According to present plans it will be put on late in January, in the Garman opera house, with a chorus of from forty to fifty voices.

—The Shiloh Lutheran Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment Sunday evening, December 21st, at 7:30 o'clock. All are welcome.

## Doings of Huntingdon Presbytery.

Sixteen ministers and six elders attended an adjourned meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery held in the church at Tyrone on Monday morning. Among the business transacted was the following of interest to Centre county people:

Rev. Louis V. Barber requested that the pastoral relation existing between the churches of Spring Creek, Pine Grove Mills and Buffalo Run be dissolved, giving reasons. Messrs. E. C. Ross and John H. Bailey representing Spring Creek and Pine Grove Mills respectively, stated that the congregations had taken action acquiescing in the request. After due consideration, and remarks of regret had been heard, pastoral relation was dissolved, and Mr. Barber was granted a letter of dismissal to the Presbytery of Northumberland, and will go this week to his new pastorate at Mill Hall and Beech Creek.

The call from the Sinking Creek church for Rev. L. V. Barber was returned to the church. Rev. R. P. Miller was made moderator of the Spring Creek and Pine Grove Mills churches.

A call from the church of Philipsburg for Rev. John T. Scott, promising him a salary of \$2,000 in regular monthly payments, cost of moving, the free use of the manse and annual vacation of four weeks was read, found in order and retained in the hands of presbytery pending Mr. Scott's arrival.

A call from the congregation of Moshannon and Snow Shoe for Rev. S. R. Brown for approximately one-third of his time with a minimum of two Sabbath services a month, in the Snow Shoe church and at least one in the Moshannon, promising him a salary of \$400 per year in regular monthly payments and a month's vacation, it being understood that the presbytery through the Presbyterial and Home Missions committee will this year contribute to the support and that it will continue to contribute as long a time and such amounts as it may be persuaded the field may need during the time of his pastorate, was read, found in order and retained by presbytery.

A call from the church of Milesburg for Rev. S. R. Brown, promising him a salary of \$300 per year in regular monthly payments with use of the manse and a month's vacation, it being understood that presbytery will contribute to the support, was read, found in order and held by presbytery.

Rev. R. P. Miller gave a partial report on the salary increase which showed a long list of churches which had already made an advance. Presbytery adjourned to meet on January 12th in the Tyrone church.

## Final Sale of Christmas Seals.

A final round-up of the sale of Christmas seals will be made on Saturday of this week. If those who are selling seals will make a special effort during the remainder of the week the few unsold seals will find buyers and place Bellefonte two thousand over the top.

Miss Overton and the young ladies of the Patriotic League will be at the Scenic and Lyric theatres on Saturday afternoon and evening to give any who have not purchased seals an opportunity to do so.

The seals can be secured from many merchants who have had them since the sale began. Ask for them; only a penny apiece. One man said he would willingly give to charity so bought one seal. How many have you bought?

—The Centre county club of State College will give a dance in Bush Arcade hall, Bellefonte, Monday evening, December 29th. Pattee's orchestra, of State College, will furnish the music and the subscription will be \$2.25, including war tax.

## NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

(Continued from page 8 column 6).  
—Mrs. George Lose will leave Tuesday for a week's visit with her son and daughter, in Philadelphia.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor's honor guest for Christmas will be their son, Reynolds Taylor, of Akron, Ohio.

—Hard P. Harris will go to Harrisburg next week, and from there to Reading, for a short holiday visit with each of his brothers.

—Miss Kate Shugert and John McCoy went to Clearfield Wednesday, called there by the serious illness of Miss Shugert's brother Frank.

—Earl Orr, of the Bellefonte Trust Co., will spend his short vacation next week with his family, at their home in little Nittany valley.

—Miss Gerginski, who has been head nurse and acting superintendent at the Bellefonte hospital, left Wednesday for her home in Johnsonburg.

—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Toner, of Hyde City, will divide their Christmas visit between Mr. Toner's home in Bellefonte, and Mrs. Toner's home in Snow Shoe.

—The Misses Martha and Helen McClure will come in from Pittsburgh Wednesday, to visit until early in January with their mother, Mrs. William McClure.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Nihart, of Dover, Minn., were in Bellefonte Thursday, on their way to Mr. Nihart's former home in Nittany valley, for a holiday visit.

—Francis E. Thomas, with the Phoenix Bridge Co., of Phoenixville, Pa., will be home next week for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thomas.

—Mr. and Mrs. Willis Grove, of Reynolds avenue, and their family, will join a party at Christmas given by Mr. Grove's parents, at their home near State College.

—Miss Jane Miller will leave today to spend the remainder of the winter in Greensburg, with Mrs. J. D. Lambert, and with George Miller and his family in Pitscairn.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles McClure and their daughter, of Philadelphia, and J. Harvey McClure, of Oil City, will be guests for Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. James McClure.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bible are anticipating celebrating Christmas with their three grand-daughters in Altoona, going over to be guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Bowles.

—Miss Tillie Wasson, who has been in Harrisburg since October, will spend the winter vacation in Bellefonte with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wasson, of Allegheny street.

—Mrs. George Benner, Miss Mary Fisher and her niece, Miss Lulu Ulrich, were among those from Centre Hall who spent Wednesday in the shops of Bellefonte, doing some buying for Christmas.

—Mrs. Ray Acheson will come from Elmira, N. Y., and Mrs. Malcolm Heine from Philadelphia, to be with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy Jr., for the coming holiday season.

—Miss Luella Shook and her brother Leonard, both having positions in Pittsburgh, will come home next week to be with their mother, Mrs. Sara Shook, of south Allegheny street, for the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Garthoff returned Sunday from Huntingdon, where Mrs. Garthoff had been for two weeks visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. Lina Blackford and the family, Mr. Garthoff joining her there Saturday.

—Miss Emily Crider, Gordon Montgomery, Elliott Morris and Thomas Totsock, all studying in Philadelphia, and Jack Montgomery, at school at Tomb Institute, Port Deposit, Md., will be among those to come home next week.

—Mrs. Rachel Harris' family home party will include Mr. and Mrs. John Van Pelt and their daughter Rachel, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, of Pittsburgh; Guy, of Washington; George, of Baltimore; and Mrs. Calvin M. Sanders, of Vicksburg, Pa.

—Mrs. R. G. H. Hayes will return from Hackensack, N. J., this week, to open her home for the holidays. Miss Ellen Hayes, an instructor at Wesleyan College, Ohio; John, of Penn State, and Thomas, at Lafayette, will be among those whom Mrs. Hayes will entertain.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mallory, of Altoona, who with Mrs. William Hendricks, of Coon Rapids, Iowa, came to Bellefonte last week for the birthday celebration of Joel Johnson, visited here from Friday until Sunday, Mrs. Hendricks remaining here, expecting to spend the greater part of the six weeks she will be east with her father and the family in Bellefonte.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shields will come from Jackson, Miss., to spend the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shields and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galbraith. To complete the Shields' family party they are hoping to have with them, Miss Theresa Shields, in training for a nurse at the Georgetown hospital at Washington. Miss Elizabeth Galbraith, who has been in Mississippi with her sister since the late summer, will return home with Mr. and Mrs. Shields.

## Attention, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines.

You will shortly receive a card from the local chairman of the American Legion. Please observe carefully and do not hesitate to fill it in and return in the next mail.

This organization needs you, and you need it. Are you going to see the other boys affiliated with the Legion, which sprang from the great world war, and you a soldier but yet alone?

In a few years this is going to be one of the strongest, best organized and best governed outfits you could hope to tie up to. Don't go A. W. O. L., because it needs your voice to help make it grow. You were not a slacker then, so why be one now?

If some one has not asked you to buy a ticket to the big masquerade dance at the armory, New Year's night, find out why. Instead of letting him sell you one, make him work and sell you two.

For Women Only.—Leap year starts with the dance. Show him how much you appreciate what he has done for you the last four years. Take him.

—Women's \$10.00 shoes reduced to \$8.00 at Yeager's. 50-1t

## DR. THOMAS ORBISON UNDER FIRE AT RIGA.

(Continued from page 1 column 5).  
are very appreciative and thankful, Dr. Orbison's letter says.

"It has been delightful to learn the regard and appreciation of this city for the American people. My room is filled with flowers and I have received dozens of letters full of respect to America. We are carrying on our work as usual. Some of our kitchens have been hit and very few of our children killed. This country will need a lot of help. Snow has already fallen and the children need shoes, stockings and warm underwear and clothes."

Dr. Orbison holds the rank of captain in the American army. He went to Russia at the end of the hostilities with Germany, and in the spring of 1919 was stationed at Libau, where he was placed in charge of the distribution of food to 65,000 civilians and 19,000 children. Later he organized all the kitchens in the district, started medical clinics and was instrumental in organizing all branches of the relief work.

HARPSTER.—Mrs. Anna M. Harpster, of Pennsylvania Furnace, wife of John O. Harpster, died at the Altoona hospital on Sunday morning of cerebral apoplexy. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Powley and was born at Graysville, Huntingdon county, on April 7th, 1872, hence was 47 years, 8 months and 7 days old. When a child her parents moved to Marengo, this county, and it was there she grew to womanhood and was united in marriage to John O. Harpster, of Gatesburg. Most of her married life had been spent at Pennsylvania Furnace. In addition to her husband she is survived by eight children, namely: Oscar, Mrs. Charles Gunsallus, Lawrence, Howard, David, John P. and Rosella, all at home; also one adopted daughter, Mrs. Ruth Powley; one sister, Mrs. Stewart Ellenberger, of Marengo; a brother, George Powley, of Graysville, and a half-sister, Mrs. Nora Carson, of Tyrone. The remains were taken to her late home at Pennsylvania Furnace where funeral services were held on Tuesday, burial being made in the cemetery at Ross' Methodist church, of which she was a life-long member.

SAMPLE.—F. B. Sample, a native of Pine Grove Mills, passed away at his home in Seattle, Wash., on November 22nd, following a brief illness with heart trouble. Franklin Bryson Sample was the youngest son of Alexander and Margaret Furey Sample and was born at Pine Grove Mills fifty-six years ago. When a young man in his teens he took Horace Greeley's advice and journeying toward the setting sun located in Seattle where he engaged in lumbering and carpenter contracting, meeting with considerable success. He was a member of the F. O. E. and Knights of Pythias. He leaves a wife and one son, also the following brothers and sisters: James C. Sample, of Denver, Col.; Robert F. of Uniontown; Mrs. Sally Fleming, of Connelville; Mrs. Marie Musser and Mrs. George W. Eaton, of Freeport, Ill. Burial was made in Seattle on November 26th.

LAMBERSON.—Rev. Alexander Lamberson, pastor of the First Methodist church of Juniata, died at the Altoona hospital last Thursday evening of pneumonia, the result of varnish poisoning when his parsonage was done over in September. He was a native of Fulton county and was in his sixty-seventh year. He was ordained to the ministry in Williamsport in 1884, and during his thirty-six years of active ministry in the Central Pennsylvania conference had numerous appointments and always met with good success. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and a brother. Funeral services were held in Juniata on Monday afternoon.

Hahn.—Miss Elizabeth Hahn died in the Clearfield hospital on Wednesday from the effects of a cranial hemorrhage.

Deceased was a daughter of Henry Hahn and was born in the vicinity of Boalsburg, this county, 68 years ago. When a child her parents moved to Milesburg at which place her father was interested in the Baird tannery. After leaving Milesburg she conducted millinery shops in Oseola Mills, DuBois and Clearfield. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. George Stockdale, of DuBois, and one brother, Wilson Hahn, of Williamsport. Burial will be made at DuBois today.

CHARLES.—Sarah R. Charles died at her home in Walker township on Wednesday of last week of valvular heart trouble, following a year's illness. She was a daughter of Thomas and Christina Weaver Hubler and was born on July 5th, 1839, hence had reached the age of 80 years, 5 months and 5 days. The funeral was held on Saturday, burial being made in the Hublersburg cemetery.

JESSOP.—Raymond R., the two month's old son of Edwin and Anna Albright Jessop, of Benner township, died on December 8th and was buried in the Shiloh cemetery on December 10th.

The Charity committee of the Woman's club ask the co-operation of the charitably inclined people of Bellefonte to give the children a Merry Christmas. Contributions of money may be sent to Dr. Edith Schad or Mrs. Brouse. Candy, toys, etc., can be sent to the W. C. T. U. room in Petrikin hall, before December 24th.

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