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Interesting Notes of Methodist Episcopal Conference.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of Central Pennsylvania came to a close in Harrisburg on Monday night with the reading of the list of the appointments by Bishop Hughes, the presiding officer. Notwithstanding the fact that many changes were made in the assignment of ministers the only change in all of Centre county was at the Sandy Ridge charge, Emanuel Rodgers being sent there. The only change in district superintendents was for the Williamsport district, of which Bellefonte is a part. Edwin A. Pyles was appointed superintendent to succeed Horace Lincoln Jacobs, who was assigned to the church at Lewistown.

A resolution was passed during the sessions of conference fixing \$1400 as the minimum salary for ordained married men and \$1200 for married supplies, while \$1000 was fixed as the minimum for unmarried men.

The election of pastors and lay delegates to the general conference resulted as follows, the pastors being: The Rev. J. B. Stein, of Altoona; the Rev. E. M. Stevens, superintendent of the Altoona district; Rev. J. S. Souser, superintendent of the Sunbury district; Rev. E. R. Heckman, superintendent of the Harrisburg district; Rev. A. S. Williams, of Roaring Springs, and Lev. H. L. Jacobs, late superintendent of the Williamsport district.

The lay delegates chosen are as follows: M. B. Rich, Woolrich, Williamsport district; J. S. Williams, Roaring Springs, Altoona district; H. T. Ames, Williamsport; George G. Hutchinson, Warriorsmark, Altoona district; E. S. Wallower, Harrisburg, and F. L. Pattee, State College, Sunbury district; alternates, S. W. Dixon, Sunbury; G. B. Keim, Harrisburg, and Mrs. Carrie Jeffers, Newport.

Included in the class of seven young men ordained as deacons were Charles F. Catherman, of Spring Mills, and Matthew Q. Mellott, of Howard.

A Good Deer Story.

Engineer William McCallum, who handles the throttle on the passenger train over the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad, was a few minutes late reaching Lewisburg one day recently and he blamed it on a deer that got on the track and wouldn't get off.

The story the trainmen tell has to do with a deer that was rescued during the winter by the game warden at Paddy Mountain after he had gotten tangled up in a wire fence. Just to show its appreciation to the man who liberated it the deer makes regular visits to the game warden's house, plays with the children and like "Mary's little lamb" follows them to school. On the day in question the deer was taking a quiet stroll on the railroad track just as the train came along and although engineer McCallum blew the whistle and the fireman rang the bell the deer loped leisurely along the track for a distance of half a mile and to keep from killing deer out of season the engineer was compelled to slow down his train and literally crawl along until the deer finally left the tracks. At least such is the story told by the trainmen.

Penn State Baseball Schedule.

The Penn State baseball schedule for the 1920 season is the largest and most pretentious ever signed up for a State team. It includes twenty-six games, twelve of which will be played at home. The team will leave next week on its first trip which will be south. The full schedule follows:

April 2, Yale, away; 3, (open); 5, Catholic University, away; 6, Delaware, away; 7, Navy, away; 8, Maryland State, away; 14, Michigan Aggies, at home; 17, Gettysburg, at home; 24, Swarthmore, at home.

May 1, Lafayette, at home; 4, Fordham, away; 5, Army, away; 6, Colgate, away; 7 and 8, Syracuse, away; 12, Pitt, away; 15 Washington and Jefferson, at home; 18, Yale, away; 19, Princeton, away; 22, Albright, at home; 29, Pittsburgh Collegians, at home.

June 1, Maryland State, at home; 5, Carnegie Tech, at home; 12, Pitt, at home; 14, Pitt, at home; 15, University of California, at home.

Forest Fires in Centre County.

Forest fires destroyed 6474 acres of growing timber in Centre county last year, according to a report issued by Gifford Pinchot, Commissioner of the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry. The estimated damage to the burned area amounted to \$4,000, and George H. Wirt, chief forest fire warden, received reports of thirty-five fires in this county.

Commissioner Pinchot will wage a determined fight against fires in the forests of Centre county this spring. During the dangerous period the full strength of the State's forest fire-fighting force will be thrown into the woods to protect the timberland. Experiments will be made with wireless telephones to determine their value in summoning help to check fires.

Some Movings We Have Not Mentioned.

Harry E. Clevenstine will move from the Cole property on Bishop street to the apartments over the bakery, Earl Tibbens taking the property he vacates. Mrs. Mott, who leaves the bakery apartments, will go to those over the Mott drug store; John Watson moving from there to the apartments in the Pierpoint building across the street, which will be vacated by the Brandmans, who go to Philadelphia late in April.

Thomas Caldwell and his family will leave their own home below town to go into the Schad property vacated by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Morris Jr., who have rented the east side of the Cooke double house on Linn street; Mr. and Mrs. Ridge, who leave this house will go to their own home on Curtin street. Mr. and Mrs. John Mc-Nichols will go to the Caldwell house.

Mrs. Showers will occupy her new home on Spring street, Mrs. James Toner going from there to the apartments over Miss Snyder's store, vacated by the O'Leary's, who move to Lamb street, to the house Cyril Moerschbacher leaves; the Moerschbachers going to the house on Logan street they purchased from the Thal estate.

Clarence Rhoades will move from Coleville to the apartments over the Potter-Hoy Hardware store, vacated by Frank Weavers, who go to one of the Haag houses on Pine street.

William Doll and his family will go to their new home on Bishop street, Mr. and Mrs. Life Olsen taking their apartments in the Kelley flats.

Miss Mollie Musser from the Strickland house to the Stickler parlors, Mr. and Mrs. William Derstine taking the apartments Miss Musser leaves.

Thomas D. Gray and his family moved to State College last week from Bloomsburg.

Mary Martin from the Rhoads house on Lamb street to the property on Pine street vacated by A. Fetzer and family, who will go to the home they purchased on Lamb street, recently vacated by Charles L. Gates and family.

Paul Witmer will move from Coleville to the Decker property, vacated by John Coakley, who with his family go to the home they have purchased on Beaver street, and now occupied by A. Heverley; the Heverleys going to their new home on Logan street.

George W. Beezer and family moved this week from Spring creek to their new home in Bush's Addition, purchased from George Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Bell and her niece, Miss Alice Tate, will leave the old Curtin home on the corner of Allegheny and Howard streets, to go to the apartment over James C. Furst's office, and vacated by S. D. Ray and his family, who will go to their new bungalow on Curtin street next week.

The Wilbur Baney family will move into their bungalow next week, William Houser and his family going from Willowbank street to Curtin street, into the house the Baney's vacate. P. B. Hartman and family will move from their farm just outside of town, to the house he purchased, and vacated by the Housers.

J. Harvey McClure Moving Up.

The many Bellefonte friends of J. Harvey McClure, son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. McClure, of Bellefonte, will be interested in learning of another big advance he has made in the business world. From general manager of the street car and lighting service in Oil City and Franklin he has been promoted to vice president in charge of operation of the Ohio Electric Railway company, with headquarters at Lima, Ohio, a city of fifty thousand population. The Ohio Electric company controls over five hundred miles of road, both city and interurban, and operates in both Ohio and Indiana. Mr. McClure, who has been a resident of Oil City since 1913, will go to Lima on April first to take charge of his new position. As evidence of his good work in Oil City and Franklin, and the regret felt by the business interests of those places at his departure, the Oil City Derrick last Friday devoted almost two columns to telling of the improvements he had made in the service in the six years he had been there. The "Watchman" not only wishes but predicts equal success for Mr. McClure in his new undertaking.

Not in many years has the spring season opened with such a bright outlook for a big demand for labor in Bellefonte as this year. In addition to the various industries in and around Bellefonte, which are all running to capacity limits, the Gaylord International Engineering and Construction company is in the market for a large force of men to work on their state road contract between Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap. The Turner Construction company will need a big force to complete their state road work from Milesburg to Runville. Another big force of men will be needed on the building of the state road through the southern portion of Bellefonte and both mechanics and laboring men will be needed in the erection of the new silk mill. Verily it would seem that there will be no reason for any loafers in and around Bellefonte for a good part of the summer, at least. The present scarcity of houses in Bellefonte and vicinity will be the most deterrent factor in preventing an influx of new families and consequent increase in the population of the town.



Bellefonte High School Basketball Team.

Reading from left to right in above picture the players are: Top Row—Merle Wetzel, Manager; Richard Herman, Forward; Hugh Johnson, Forward; Thomas Mensch, Forward; E. C. Stock, Coach.

Bottom Row—Phillip Johnson, Guard; Jack Decker, (Capt.) Centre; Olin Tinguo, Guard.

Victorious Basketball Tossers.

The "Watchman" this week presents to its readers the above group picture of the Bellefonte High school victorious basketball team, which gives every promise of being the winners in the Mountain High School league. Up to date the boys have played twenty games and have won eighteen of them. Of the above number eleven of them were league games and ten of them were victories. The only league game lost was that last Friday evening to the Hollidaysburg High school at Hollidaysburg when the score was 40 to 22. While the Bellefonte players are not kicking over the result they ascribe their defeat principally to the small floor—considerably smaller than they have been used to playing on. On Saturday evening they defeated the Lock Haven Normal on the armory floor by the score of 30 to 20. In their entire series of games the High school has run up a total of over two hundred points more than their opponents.

The last league game that Bellefonte will have to play will be with Houtzdale. This game was originally scheduled for tonight but has been postponed until Friday night of next week. But there will be a game this evening between the Bellefonte High school girls and the Phillipsburg girls. The Bellefonte girls have not been very victorious so far this season, but they have indulged in some hard practice this week and expect to give a good account of themselves this evening. The game will be called at 8 o'clock. Admission, only 25 cents. Don't fail to see it.

New Rates of Bell Telephone Co.

The new Bell telephone rates, which are to go into effect on May 1st, were filed with the Public Service Commission at Harrisburg on Saturday by The Bell Telephone company of Pennsylvania. New rates have been worked out for every exchange in the State. Bellefonte will be asked to pay as follows after May 1st. The old rates are given for comparison:

MONTHLY BUSINESS BASE RATES.		
	New	Old
Individual	4.00	3.00
Two-Party	3.50	3.00
Four-Party	3.00	2.00
Multi-Party	3.00	2.00

MONTHLY RESIDENCE BASE RATES.		
	New	Old
Individual	3.00	2.00
Two-Party	2.50	2.00
Four-Party	2.00	1.50
Multi-Party	2.00	1.50

New toll and long distance rates are also introduced. As a matter of fact the schedules in use prior to December 1, 1919, are re-introduced with slight modifications. This provides uniformity within Pennsylvania and makes the State conform with the system in use for interstate calls. Night rates will again be in effect.

Strouse—Ralston.—Harry LeRoy Strouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Strouse, of Pine Hall, and Miss Helen Jane Ralston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ralston, of Struble, were quietly married at the Lutheran parsonage in Pine Grove Mills on Thursday of last week by the pastor, Rev. A. M. Lutton. They were attended by Miss Esther Ralston and Dr. W. M. Neidigh. Following the ceremony the happy couple motored to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The young couple will embark in farming on the Strouse farm on April first.

Orth—Stamm.—The wedding of Charles Daniel Orth Jr., of New York, and Miss Katherine Bullock Stamm, daughter of Mrs. A. Carson Stamm, of Harrisburg, took place in the Grace Methodist church, Harrisburg, at noon last Saturday and was quite a social event. Miss Stamm was born in Bellefonte and spent her childhood days here.

Public Sale.

Saturday, April 10th, Pearl C. Gray and Mina R. Goheen, at Julian Station, will sell live stock, full line of farm implements, household goods, etc. Sale at 11 o'clock a. m. This will be a clean-up sale. 13-2t

In the Churches of the County.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
 Sabbath services as follows: Morning worship at 10:45. Evening worship at 7:30. Sabbath school at 9:45 a. m. Prayer service every Wednesday evening at 7:45. A cordial welcome to all.
 Rev. W. K. McKinney, Ph. D., Minister

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.
 Christian Science society, Furst building, High street. Sunday service 11 a. m. Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. To these meetings all are welcome. A free reading-room is open to the public every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4. Here the Bible and Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. Subject, March 28th, "Reality."

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
 Sunday school 9:30. Morning worship with confirmation service 10:45. "Empire Builders of Tomorrow." Evening worship, with Palm Sunday sermon, "The King of Kings." Visitors welcome.
 Rev. Wilson P. Ard, Minister.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
 Bible school, 9:30. Sermon, "Prepare the Way," 10:45. Appropriate musical numbers, one of which will be "The Palms," by Mrs. Krader. Junior League, 2 p. m. Senior League, 6:30 p. m. Sermon, "Numbered with the Transgressors," 7:30. Special music by choir and solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," Mrs. Krader. The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

Coleville—Bible school, 2 p. m. Sermon, 2:45. Alexander Scott, Minister.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST.
 Worship and preaching at 10:30 and 7:30. Bible school at 9:30. Junior C. E. at 2 p. m. and Senior C. E. at 6:30 p. m. The men's chorus will meet Thursday at 7:30 for rehearsal and organization. The C. E. business meeting will be held on Friday evening at 7:30 in the Aid room. The delegates to the Allegheny Branch C. E. convention, to be held in Johnstown, June 15, 16 and 17 will be elected at this meeting.
 Geo. E. Smith, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).
 Palm Sunday will be observed with appropriate services to which the public generally is invited. At 11 a. m. will take place the blessing of the palms and the procession of the palms preceding the Holy Eucharist. Faure's famous anthem, "The Palms," will be sung. At 2:30 the children will present a Mortality play in the church illustrating the teachings of the catechism. At 7:30 p. m. a service commemorating the sorrows of the B. V. M., based on the "Stabat Mater" of Rossini. Holy week will be observed by services every morning and afternoon or evening. On Good Friday the services will be at 8:30 and 9 a. m., the three hours' devotion from noon until 3 o'clock, and at 7:30 p. m. Visitors cordially welcome, especially so at this solemn season when christians will wish to attend the church's services with especial frequency and devotion.

A special musical service will be held Palm Sunday evening, March 28, at 7:30 o'clock. Selections from Rossini's "Stabat Mater" will be given as follows:

- 1—"Introduction to the Orotorio"—Organ.
- 2—"Cujus Animam," tenor—R. Russell Blair.
- 3—"Fac ut portem," contralto—Mrs. R. Russell Blair.
- 4—"Pro peccatis," baritone—Mr. William Lilling, of the Bellefonte Academy Faculty.
- 5—"Infamatus," violin—Mrs. Louis Schad.

Rev. M. DeP. Maynard, Rector.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH.
 Palm Sunday services, confirmation and reception of members at 10:45 a. m. Special music, "The Palms." Evening service at 7:30, "The Last Words of the Cross." Also the demobilization of the war service flag, with appropriate music. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. and C. E. meeting at 6:45 p. m. Services every evening during Holy week except Saturday. Monday evening, address by the pastor. Tuesday evening Rev. Dr. W. K. McKinney; Wednesday evening Rev. Malcolm DeP. Maynard; Thursday evening, Rev. Thomas W. Young. Friday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock, and Friday evening, the pastor.

Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D., Minister.

PORT.—Mrs. Eliza Port, widow of the late W. D. Port, of Pine Grove Mills, died on Tuesday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Earl Smith, of Juniata, following an illness of one week with acute nephritis. She was the third daughter of James and Mary Johnstonbaugh and was born at Rock Forge, this county, on August 11th, 1841, hence was in her seventy-ninth year. All her married life was spent at Pine Grove Mills but since the death of her husband two years ago she had made her home with her daughter. In addition to the above daughter she is survived by one son, Rev. W. C. Dunlap, of Louisville, Ky., and one sister, Mrs. M. E. Stover, of Bellwood. Brief funeral services were held in Juniata on Wednesday evening and yesterday the remains were taken to Pine Grove Mills for burial, Rev. A. M. Lutton officiating at the final services.

LOHR.—Mrs. Rebecca Lohr, widow of the late Solomon Lohr, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grant Haldeman, near Roopsburg, last Saturday night of chronic nephritis. She was born in Schuylkill county on August 9th, 1834, hence was 85 years, 6 months and 11 days old. The family originally lived at Boalsburg where Mr. Lohr died nine years ago and for five years or more Mrs. Lohr made her home with her daughter. Her surviving children are James Lohr, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Haldeman, at Roopsburg, and Ellis, in Ohio. Burial was made in the Union cemetery on Tuesday.

MILES.—Mrs. Vera Symmonds Miles, wife of Wilbur Miles, of Milesburg, passed away at the Bellefonte hospital on Tuesday evening as the result of a mastoid. A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miles several weeks ago, and the mother was fast recovering her strength when she caught a cold and a mastoid developed. Her condition was too weak to warrant an operation and she died at the time above stated.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Symmonds and was born in Walker township about twenty-five years ago. Prior to her marriage to Mr. Miles a few years ago she lived in Bellefonte. In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, Richard and a three week's old babe; her father and a number of brothers and sisters. She was a member of the Episcopal church and a good, christian woman.

Private funeral services will be held at her late home in Milesburg at one o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, after which burial will be made in the Union cemetery.

Michael Gafigan Recaptured.

Michael Gafigan, who escaped from the western penitentiary at Rockview on September 19, 1919, was recaptured on a lumbering job away back in the mountains of West Virginia on Sunday and brought back to Bellefonte for sentence. Gafigan was serving an eight years' sentence and had a little over two years yet to serve. He is still a young man and had been such a model prisoner that he was considered one of the most dependable trustees at the institution. But he took advantage of the faith imposed in him and walked off. He managed to get away and after being out six months evidently thought he would never be found in the wilds of the West Virginia mountains, but the fingers of the law are long and reached him even there, with the result that he was brought back for sentence.

When his mother learned of his recapture she came to Bellefonte with her daughter and made a strong plea for clemency on the ground that she has to take in washings to make a living and the main reason for her son escaping was to get work so he could help her, which he has been doing during the time he was at liberty. Gafigan was taken before the court on Wednesday afternoon and after listening to a plea in his behalf made by S. D. Gettig Esq., Judge Quigley sentenced him to the penitentiary for not less than four nor more than five years, to date from the expiration of his original sentence.

Don't get an idea into your head that because warmer weather is here there are better places of amusement than the Scenic, because there are not. No better motion pictures are shown anywhere, and every evening you stay away you miss something worth seeing. Be a regular and see all the good ones.

The conspirators who defeated the peace treaty would better have finished the job sooner. President Wilson's strength is returning rapidly and his power of speech has never been impaired.

C. C. Shuey, of Bellefonte, has been named county director in charge of the Interchurch World Movement financial campaign which will be conducted the week of April 25th to May 2nd.

PLEASANT GAP.

Mrs. Pease, of Tyrone, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed. Houser.

Fred Hile moved into the Frank Baemes home on Monday last.

Mrs. John Meyer fell and broke her arm while shopping in Bellefonte on Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Herman is visiting with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. McKechney, at Austin, Pa.

Miss May Eckenroth purchased the lots near the cross roads from Walter Clark, of Bradford; consideration \$400 cash.

Lester Baumgardner, who is holding down a remunerative position at Tyrone, is spending a few days with his parents.

Quite a number of our people took in the dance at Grange hall, at Centre Hall, a few evenings ago. From all reports they had a most enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lex, of Bitumen, arrived at Pleasant Gap and are giving their abandoned home a general cleaning up. The probabilities are that they will return in a few months with a view of making this their permanent home.

Clayton Gettig will re-open his meat market Saturday next, which is gratifying news to his many old patrons of the Gap. A well conducted meat market is an essential commodity to any community, more especially since the meatless days are a thing of the past.

Auctioneer Siney Hoy seems to be gaining in the way of patronage here. He had two sales on Saturday last and another one is billed for him on the last day of the month. The great demand for his services was explained to the writer by a woman a few days ago. She said he was so exceedingly genteel and polite, and that is why we like to buy from him. That settles it.

Mrs. Joseph Tressler sold her farm at the cross roads to Frank Keller, a few days ago. The tract contains 78 acres, and the consideration was \$8000, which is considered a very good price. The late John Sweeney some years ago sold the same farm for \$1600, since which time some sixty lots have been sold from the same tract. Thomas Williams has operated the farm for some years, and has naturally improved it.

Our registration assessor, Ward Showers, spent two full days last week, as the law directs, at the voting place of the south precinct of Spring township. Not one voter showed up. When the election takes place, and some of the voters find their name don't appear on the list, pandemonium will reign. The average voter is extremely careless in this respect. If the voter loses his vote, the assessor should not be held accountable any more than the voter.

Our genial vender of merchandise, Samuel Noll, after serving in his present capacity since his school graduation, concluded that working at one and the same thing all the time became monotonous, so decided to make a change. He proceeded to Harrisburg and arranged with the aviation corps to go to work forthwith, at the princely salary of \$140 per month, and ten dollars per hour when flying in the air. On his return home the air became sulphurous, there was "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." His father and numerous other friends prevailed upon Sammy to countermand his contract, and according to recent reports, the genial young man will stick to the mercantile profession for the present, at least.