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## Doings at the "Y."

The committee appointed at the last meeting to nominate men for a permanent board of directors have posted a list of names for directors and trustees. The election will be held on Monday, April 24th, from 2 to 9 p. m. Members are requested to call and cast their ballots at that time. Soon after the election a meeting will be called and officers chosen and committees appointed.

Baseball plans are now being made for the boys and with prospect of a place to play in sight considerable enthusiasm is already manifest. The national game is always a popular sport and some great times are in store for the boys this summer. The physical director is also making plans for both baseball and track events after the close of the gym classes this month.

An exhibition of the physical activities will be held in the gymnasium Friday evening, April 28th. Representatives of all the classes will participate and an interesting program is being arranged.

Hiking is proving quite popular among the boys, and from the way they are already taking to it, it will doubtless be one of the leading activities this summer. Trips have been made to the Eagle's Nest, Point McCoy and the House of Lords.

The bowlers have chipped in and purchased four new sets of pins for the alleys and presented them to the Y. They are adding greatly to the interest and higher scores. Go and see the men enjoy the game.

## Boalsburg Boy Scout News.

The Boalsburg Boy Scouts had a good turnout at their meeting last Wednesday evening. Eugene Charles, Frank Roberts, Nevin Fisher and Abner Acker have completed their second-class requirements. A few of the boys have started their first class requirements, one of which is a fourteen mile hike. The trip last Thursday evening was a success. The boys went up to the foot of the mountain and took the last of the second-class requirements, which consisted of tracking and cooking. Scout master Paul Coxey, with a scout assistant, went into the woods and made a trail by marking trees and bushes and piling stones. Ten minutes later the troop started on the trail and had no trouble finding them.

The cooking requirement consisted of cooking meat and baking potatoes over an open fire without the ordinary utensils. Most of the boys succeeded fairly well in doing this. A number of new members have been added and it will soon be necessary to organize another patrol. The troop now consists of three patrols, with the following officers: Scoutmaster, Paul Coxey, with Mr. Weller his assistant; Richard Goheen, secretary, and Kenneth Ishler, treasurer. The patrol leaders are Richard Goheen, Russell Bohn and Charles Ream. An assistant secretary will be elected at the next meeting. Paul Roberts has been chosen scout scribe.

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Our Troop, No. 1, of Bellefonte, had no meeting last Friday night, but expect to have an out-door meeting tomorrow afternoon. A committee was chosen to select a place to go. The stag patrol, under the permission of the scoutmaster, took a hike Saturday to the old Masonic camp near Curtin. They had many misfortunes, one boy falling into the creek, who fortunately got out all right. We are glad to know that the Troop recently started in Boalsburg is writing for the paper. Our Troop would like to play them baseball. Do not forget about jobs. If you have any call Bell 306, or Mr. Maynard, at the Bush house.

DAVID GEISS, Scriber.

## District Sabbath School Convention.

The annual convention of the ninth district Sabbath School association will be held in the Methodist church at State College tomorrow (Saturday). There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening. Among those who will attend and take part in the program are W. G. Landis, secretary of the State Sabbath School association; Mrs. McGirk, county superintendent of the children's department; Rev. David R. Evans, of Bellefonte, who will have charge of the young people's conference, Prof. O. F. Smith and Prof. F. L. Pattee. A luncheon will be served in the basement of the church at 5:30 p. m., at a cost of 50 cents.

KELLER.—The venerable Jacob Keller, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Ferguson township, passed away at his home in Pine Grove Mills at ten o'clock on Sunday evening as the result of arterio-sclerosis, with which he had suffered for many months.

Squire Keller, as he was more familiarly known, was a son of Jacob and Mary Bottorf Keller, early settlers near old Monroe furnace, where he was born on June 23rd, 1843, hence was not quite seventy-nine years old. His boyhood life was spent on the farm but when he grew to manhood he learned the carpenter's trade, an occupation he followed until 1900, when he embarked in the coal business at Pine Grove Mills. When his health failed several years ago he turned the business over to his son, John Keller, and had since lived a retired life. He served three terms as a justice of the peace in Ferguson township and was re-elected for the fourth term but was compelled to resign on account of failing health. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church and served as a trustee for a number of years. Politically he was a Democrat of the true-blue type and never missed an election. He was always among the first to identify himself with any movement that was inaugurated for the betterment of the community in which he lived.

On March 5th, 1868, he married Miss S. Jane Irvin and for fifty-four years they trod life's pathway side by side. Twelve children were born to them seven of whom preceded their father to the grave. Those surviving are Irvin H., J. Milton and William W. Keller, all of Pittsburgh; John, of Pine Grove Mills, and Miss Etta, at home with her mother. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Stopping, of Newark, N. J., as well as twenty-one grand children and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Lutheran church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning by Rev. Wilson P. Ard, of Bellefonte, after which burial was made in the Unionville cemetery.

MATTERN.—Dr. Franklin G. Mattern, a native of Centre county, and for many years a practicing dentist in Milesburg, died on Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Franklin Shields, 121 Maplewood avenue, Germantown, at the age of 81 years. Dr. Mattern served during the Civil War as a musician in Company D, 148th volunteers, under General Beaver. He was mustered into service on August 28th, 1862, and while the regiment lay at Camp Hancock, Va., during the winter following he was seriously ill for many weeks and on August 10th, 1863, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps and never rejoined his regiment, owing to poor health. Returning home he studied dentistry and for many years practiced his profession in this country. Fifteen or more years ago he left Milesburg and moved to Germantown.

He is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. Shields, of Germantown; Roy B. Mattern, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and Walter G. Mattern, of New York city. Funeral services will be held at the Shields home at four o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, and burial will likely be made at Germantown.

GATES.—Mrs. Lois Gates, wife of J. Frank Gates, died at her home at Stormstown last Friday, as the result of an abdominal tumor with which she had suffered for some years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Booth and was born at Pine Hall in 1859, hence was about 63 years old. She was a member of the Presbyterian church at Graysville for forty years and until her health failed was always a regular attendant. In 1882 she married J. Frank Gates, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and practically all their married life was spent on a farm in Ferguson township. Just last month they quit the farm and moved to a comfortable home in Stormstown, but Mrs. Gates did not survive long to enjoy it.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, William, of near Bellefonte, and Mrs. Belle Bullock, of Centre Line. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. George Wilson, of Centre Line, and four grand-children. Funeral services were held at her late home at Stormstown at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

WITHERITE.—Augustus H. Withitere died at his home at Chestnut Grove on Wednesday, April 5th, at ten o'clock, after being an invalid for thirteen years as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was sixty-eight years old and had been a member of the United Brethren church for thirty-four years. He was a kind and loving husband and father and a conscientious citizen. His wife passed away five months ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. W. H. Watson, Mrs. W. H. Walker, Mrs. Edward Walker, Fred Withitere and Mrs. S. P. Shirk, of Runville; Jesse Withitere, of Bellefonte, R. F. D.; Joseph, of Fleming; Mrs. Orvis Lucas, of Yarnell; Clair H. Jacob M. and Jennie, at home. He also leaves twenty-eight grand-children and one great grand-child.

Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church at Runville on April 7th, at 10 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Sparks, after which burial was made in the Advent cemetery.

O'REILLY.—Mrs. Nell Furey O'Reilly, wife of Edward B. O'Reilly, of Philadelphia, died at the Hahnenmann hospital in that city last Wednesday morning of exhaustion, following an operation the Monday previous. Her maiden name was Nell Foster Furey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Furey, and she was born in Bellefonte upwards of fifty years ago. Her father for many years was associate editor of the "Democratic Watchman" and her childhood life was spent here. In September, 1886, the Furey family moved to Lock Haven and there she grew to womanhood and married Mr. O'Reilly, moving to Philadelphia a few years ago. In addition to her husband she is survived by her mother and one sister, Mrs. William P. Mitchell, of Ithaca, N. Y. The remains were taken to Lock Haven for burial.

BENNER.—Miss Sarah Benner, of Woodward, died at the Danville hospital on Sunday, where she had been a patient the past two years, aged 66 years and 9 months. She is survived by three brothers and one sister, namely: D. G. and Thomas Benner, of Woodward; William, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Amelia Williams, of Monessen. Burial was made at Woodward on Wednesday afternoon.

## Marriage Licenses.

Harry Thomas Wilson and Mabel Casher, Sandy Ridge.

David A. Bailey, Larry's Creek, and Elsie Lowmiller, Linden.

James F. Crater and Eve C. Confer, Rebersburg.

Bryan W. Edmonds and Mary E. Hinney, North Bend.

John M. Tice, Fleming, and Leoda W. Swisher, Julian.

James H. Parks and Veldia M. Gill, Bellefonte.

Orvis W. Orndorf, Woodward, and Mildred E. Waite, Aaronsburg.

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ECKENROTH.—J. Thomas Eckeneroth, a well known resident of Unionville, died at his home in that place last Wednesday following two month's illness as the result of a general breakdown.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Eckeneroth and was born near Oak Hall on December 22nd, 1850, hence was in his seventy-second year. He followed farming most of his life, for a number of years occupying the Valentine farm near Bellefonte and later buying a farm in Union township, where he lived until his retirement some years ago.

He married Miss Clara Cox, of Curtin, who survives with the following children: H. E. Eckeneroth, of Tyrone; C. E., of Unionville; J. W., of Spring township; Mrs. E. J. Williams, of State College; Mrs. A. M. Rishel, of Bellefonte; and Mrs. G. A. Calhoun, of McKeesport. He also leaves one brother and two sisters, James Eckeneroth and Mrs. Margaret Tressler, of Pleasant Gap, and Mrs. Sarah Miller, of Bellefonte.

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THOMAS.—Mrs. Robert Thomas died at 7:45 o'clock last Thursday evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. Reuben Miller, near the Jewish cemetery, Bellefonte, following a week's illness. A short time ago she went down to Lock Haven to visit her daughter, caught cold and returning home complications developed which caused her death.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Miller and was born in Spring township about forty years ago. She married Robert Thomas who died five years ago but surviving her are three children, Mary, Robert and Thelma. She also leaves her mother, three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Robert Klinger, of Bush's Addition; Mrs. Marie Wilson, of Pleasant View; Lizzie and Daniel at home.

She was a member of the Methodist church, and Rev. E. E. McKelvey had charge of the funeral services which were held on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

ZETTLE.—After suffering for several years with an affection of the heart William Jennings Zettle passed away last Saturday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zettle, at Centre Hall. He was born in Georges valley and was 25 years, 9 months and 22 days old. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Irvin E. Zettle, Mrs. Crider Frank, Mrs. Fred Stover and Sarah Zettle, all of Centre Hall; Archie, of Berwick; Mrs. M. W. Nale and Mrs. W. B. Nale, of near Lewistown, and Hayes Zettle, whereabouts unknown. He was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. M. C. Drumm had charge of the funeral services which were held at his late home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, after which burial was made in the Holy Cross cemetery in Georges valley.

HOCKMAN.—Roswell Grim Hockman, a former resident of Madisonburg, died at his home at Flemington on Wednesday of last week as the result of a stroke of apoplexy, aged 68 years. He was born and raised in Brushvalley but moved to Flemington about eleven years ago. Surviving him are his wife and three children, Mrs. Burley Bottorf, of Flemington; Mrs. C. M. Gramley, of Rebersburg, and R. E. Hockman, of Flemington. The remains were taken to Madisonburg where burial was made on Friday.

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## Citizens, Attention!

Next Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock, a religious canvass of Bellefonte will be made by a large committee of men. Every house in the town will be visited and it is hoped that the residents of the town will be free in giving such information as the canvassers need. Should you be away from home during the afternoon, please leave the following information, plainly written on a card of sheet of paper, posted on the front door, so the canvassers can find it.

—Give the names of all the members of the family, including domestics.

—Give the ages of all the children under twelve years of age.

—Do all these children attend Sunday school?

—State church attended or preferred.

—George W. Rumberger celebrated his 85th birthday anniversary at his home at Unionville yesterday with a family homecoming.

—Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Walker are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

—Real Estate Transfers.

Louisa Bush to Earl B. Grove, tract in Spring township; \$325.

Samuel C. Hoy to Edward E. Bailey, tract in Centre Hall; \$3,425.

Samuel C. Hoy to Irvin M. Bierly, tract in Spring township; \$18,000.

Roland Mann, et ux, to Bessie Hastings, tract in Curtin township; \$1.

Bessie Hastings, et bar, to Clair Richner, tract in Curtin township; \$750.

Sarah J. Kerlin, Admr., to John Dashem, tract in Centre Hall; \$2,125.

James W. Lucas to Thomas Smoke, tract in Snow Shoe township; \$280.

Mary Ann Boal's heirs to John H. Boal, tract in Benner township; \$330.

Pearl C. Gray to Grant Hoover, tract in Huston township; \$1,000.

Clement Dale, Exr., to L. H. Musser, tract in Huston township; \$611.

W. H. Stuart, et al, to John A. Jacobs, tract in Harris township; \$1,200.

Adam H. Krumrine, et ux, to Christine M. Gardner, tract in State College; \$1.

Sarah E. Elmer, et al, to Cora A. Kerstetter, tract in Penn township; \$1.

Margaret Weaver, et al, to James M. Weaver, tract in Haines township; \$50.

David W. Miller to John C. Miller, tract in Ferguson township; \$1.