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Week of Celebration in Bellefonte Presbyterian Church.

The Bellefonte Presbyterian church has been celebrating Mother and Daughter week in an unusual way. On Sunday morning there was a professional of the mothers and daughters from the chapel to the church auditorium.

On Monday evening a banquet was served to the mothers and daughters by the members of the Brotherhood of the church. The celebration was unique in that the banquet was planned, served and even the clean-up work done by the men.

On Wednesday evening "Family night" was observed and the pastor spoke on the influence of the family altar. Friday evening there will be an observance of "Chum night" in the chapel.

The passenger train east on the Lewisburg railroad on Monday afternoon was held in Bellefonte until almost evening owing to a wreck just east of Centre Hall station.

The State Forest commission has granted the application of the Penn Central Light and Power company, of Altoona, for a fifty foot right-of-way through the Logan State forest for the purpose of erecting a high tension electric transmission line across the Seven mountains from its Raystown plant to connect with the Keystone Power Corporation's lines which supply electricity to State College, Bellefonte and many portions of Centre county, including the western penitentiary at Rockview.

KOONTZ.—Mrs. Clara Koontz, widow of the late Charles Koontz, died quite unexpectedly at her apartment in Crier's Exchange, about 5:40 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

She was a daughter of Augustus and Lucy Ann Klinger Cox and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace on August 2nd, 1861, hence was in her sixty-second year.

PETERS.—Howard C. Peters, a native of Unionville, died at the Mercy hospital, Altoona, on Saturday morning, as the result of an attack of heart failure while at work in the Colonial barber shop in that city on Friday.

HOMAN.—Chester Homan, for a number of years past a clerk in Gilliland's drug store at State College, died on Sunday as the result of hemorrhages of the lungs.

BEQUATH.—Mrs. Mary A. Bequath died on Monday at the home of her son, Benjamin Bequath, in Bush's Addition, as the result of general debility.

KEISTER.—George Keister, for many years a well known resident of Aaronsburg, died on Sunday afternoon following an illness of some weeks.

WALKER.—Miss Kate E. Walker, for many years a teacher in the public schools of Williamsport, died at her home in that place on Saturday evening.

CONFER.—Robert P. Confer died at his home at Howard on Saturday morning as the result of arterio sclerosis. He was sixty-three years old and is survived by his wife and six children.

JODON.—John Jodon, a well known resident of Milesburg, died last Friday following a week's illness, aged 74 years.

KOCHER.—Mordecai Kocher, a well known resident of Spruce Creek valley, died at two o'clock on Monday afternoon at the home of his brother Edward, at Graysville, following an illness of over a month with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Henry and Mary Thompson Kocher and was born near Sausburg, Huntingdon county, on July 10th, 1860, hence was not quite sixty-three years old.

CALLAHAN.—John A. Callahan died at his home on Cold Stream, near Philipsburg, last Thursday evening, as the result of a complication of diseases following a paralytic stroke several years ago.

May Court Proceedings.

The May term of court convened on Monday morning with Judge Henry C. Quigley on the bench. John F. Holt, of Unionville, was appointed foreman of the grand jury, and as evidence of his fitness for the job he considered twenty-three bills, finding twenty-one of them true bills, ignored two and completed their work by Tuesday afternoon.

Commonwealth vs. Joe Miko, charged with manufacturing and selling liquor. Defendant plead guilty and sentence was suspended upon the payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. John Messmer, W. C. Showers and Ralph Snyder, indicted for larceny. Defendants plead guilty and on condition they pay the costs within three months were given a parole sentence of one year.

The Atlantic Fruit Co. vs. Frank Balistrere, an action to recover for three carloads of bananas. Verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the sum of \$1076.03.

Demi & Goss vs. Frank Balistrere, an action to recover costs for repair of automobile. Verdict in favor of plaintiff in sum of \$147.06.

Commonwealth vs. Tony Luke, indicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Defendant plead guilty and sentence was suspended upon the payment of costs.

Commonwealth vs. George Barko, indicted for selling liquor without a license. Defendant plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and serve three months in the county jail.

Commonwealth vs. Sandy Fedor and Joseph Schimo, charged with assault on two young girls. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and the young men were sentenced to the Huntingdon reformatory.

Charged with assault and battery William Hale was acquitted by the jury but required to pay the costs in the case.

Lulu Fye was also acquitted of the charge of cruelty to animals but required to pay the costs in the case.

There was quite a heavy frost yesterday morning. Roofs in Bellefonte were white as if under a light fall of snow at 5 o'clock in the morning. Does anybody remember how many fogs we had in January?

At the recital given Saturday afternoon by Miss Rebecca Lyons' music pupils, at the home of Miss Linn, sixteen dollars and fifty cents was realized. This was the children's contribution to the Near East.

Over four hundred members of the Modern Woodmen of America in Centre county were guests of the Bellefonte Camp at a big initiation of new members held in the armory last Friday evening.

The condition of Miss Jane McCalmont, who has been ill for a month or more at her home on north Allegheny street, has become exceedingly grave within the past forty-eight hours.

Academy Minstrels a Great Success.

The Academy minstrels of 1923 have set a record that future amateur entertainers from the noted old institution on the hill will find it hard to keep pace with.

Their annual appearance at the Garmann theatre, last Thursday and Friday nights, revealed that there is splendid talent in both music and comedy among the students. Certainly it was the most finished and entertaining show they have ever produced and the two large audiences that greeted them were enthusiastic in their reception of the various acts.

The singing and instrumentation were executed with the harmony and style of professionalism, while several of the specialties in the olio were clever enough to make good on a "big time" vaudeville circuit.

The ballads "Pal o' Mine" sung by William Schmidt; "My Buddy" by Jack Yeager; "God sends a little gift of roses" by Addison Parsons; "Flander's Requiem" by Cecil Walker and "Faded Love Letters" by James Parish, were all tuneful and rendered with such confidence as to elicit frequent encores.

The quartette: Cecil Walker, W. Fred Reynolds Jr., James Seig and Clarence Williams made a distinct hit with their rendition of "Forsaken Am I," "Little Cotton Dolly," and the encores they were called to respond to.

Providing the comedy for the first part were Herbert Beizer, Earl McCreehy, William Korber, Edward Coleman, William McCabe and William Mosco, on the ends, four of them real singing comedians. "Aggravatin' Papa" by Herbert Beizer and "New Orleans" by Earl McCreehy were the hit songs of the burnt-cork entertainers. They had a lot of good pitter-patter and jokes, but failed to get some of them across, as so many amateurs do, they dropped their voices so that many in the audience didn't get them.

Outstanding in the specialties were the character sketch by Paul N. Van-Hee and the novelty symposium staged by the Academy orchestra. The dancing of Gale Mitchell, Herbert Beizer and Frank Reynolds, of course, was far more finished than was to be expected from amateurs but Mr. Van Hee, both by voice, action and stage grace revealed marked talent as a serio-comic actor.

The orchestra that had been playing so smoothly throughout the evening concluded the show with a stage appearance showing the versatility of the young musicians. Every member doubled in the various instruments, piano, violin, saxophone, clarinet, banjo, traps and marba. Solos, duets and full orchestra numbers were all executed with technique that was surprising. George Johnson, leader, and Sam Dibert, who will probably succeed him since this is Mr. Johnson's last year at the Academy, certainly showed rare talent.

The two night's performances netted close to \$550, which is to be used in providing a continuous flow of fresh water through the Academy's great outdoor swimming pool.

Bellefonte Academy Reflections.

With a fund of over five hundred dollars on hand as the result of the minstrel performance headmaster James R. Hughes feels very grateful to the merchants and business men of Bellefonte, the Odd Fellows and Wetzler's band, and all those who in any way contributed to the success of this year's performance.

The swimming pool on Hughes field has been thoroughly scrubbed from top to bottom and end to end, and on Wednesday the work of filling it with fresh water was begun in anticipation of warmer weather and the opening of the bathing season.

The Bloomsburg Normal baseball nine will be the Academy's opponents on Hughes field at 2:30 p. m. Saturday, May 26th. It ought to be a good game as these two schools are in the same class. The Academy lost its games to the Pitt Freshmen and the Pittsburgh Collegians, owing to inability to hit when hits were needed.

DeMolay Institution Monday Night.

Arrangements for the institution of the Penn-Centre chapter of the Order of DeMolay, which will take place in the opera house next Monday evening under the auspices of Constans Commandery, Knights Templar of Bellefonte, have been practically completed. Members of the Commandery will meet at the Masonic temple at seven o'clock. They will be dressed in full Templar regalia and under escort of Wetzler's band, of Milesburg, and followed by the candidates for the new order, will march down High street to the Bush house. There they will meet Ralph C. Minehart, deputy grand councillor, of Pittsburg, and Charles T. Derick, commander of the Tenth division, of Bellwood, and escort them to the opera house, where the work of passing the young candidates through the two degrees will be done by the Commandery degree team. W. I. Fleming, a past commander of Constans Commandery, is chairman of the board of advisors. A large number of Masonic visitors are expected to be present.

Bellefonte, Millheim and Spring Mills Athletes Winners in High Schools Meet.

Athletes from all over the county gathered here on Saturday to decide track and field supremacy among High schools of Centre county.

Bellefonte High school boys won the honors in the Class A events for boys with a total of 53 points; State College was second with 37, and Spring Mills was third with 9. The boys from class A schools ran some wonderful races and lowered the marks in a few of the events. Bellefonte athletes outclassed their opponents and scored in every event except the high jump and baseball throw. State College was strong in the field events winning the discus throw, baseball throw and high jump. Shope was the high scorer for Bellefonte, total ten points, Thomas second with eight points.

With the Class B schools, Millheim High school, who lost out by one point last year, came back with a determination and won nine first places out of a possible ten in the boys' events, and lowered four previous records. Walker township (Hubbersburg), came from behind in the latter part of the meet and took second place away from Centre Hall, Centre Hall being the winners for the last two years. Cable, Hosterman and Burd were the outstanding stars for Millheim while Faust was the high scorer for Centre Hall, scoring twelve of Centre Hall's twenty-one points. Cable featured the meet by breaking three former records—the shot put with a heave of 47 feet 7 inches, former record 43 feet. He won the baseball throw at a distance of 313 feet, and the broad jumper with a jump of 17 feet, 1 inch, former record 16 feet, 8 inches. The girls from Walker township and Port Matilda took the first places in all their events and helped the boys pile up their score.

The meet went off like clock work, every event timed to the minute. This was due to the students from the Rural Life club, from Penn State, led by Hank Kauffman, Varsity track man. These eighteen seniors from the College were given entire charge of the meet. "Will" Payne, a member of this group, was official announcer. Too much credit cannot be given this group of students for the efficient way in which they conducted the meet. The Boy Scouts, led by Rev. Maynard, sold programs, soft drinks, acted as messengers, ticket takers, and police, and certainly were a great help to the officials.

In the girl's events for Class A, the contest was close, the relay race deciding the winner. However, Spring Mills vocational girls put the strongest relay team in the field and won the beautiful cup given by the State College Business Men's association. This cup becomes permanent property of that school. The summaries:

TRACK EVENTS.

- 100 yd. dash: Class A, won by Shope, Bellefonte; second, Thomas, Bellefonte; third, Murfott, State College; time 10.2—new record.
Class B, won by Hosterman, Millheim; second, Brooks, Centre Hall; third, Faust, Centre Hall; time 10.1—new record for meet.
50 yd. dash, girls, Class A, won by Mary Katz, Bellefonte; 2nd, T. Hosterman, Spring Mills; 3rd, A. Winkleblich, Spring Mills; time 7.0.
Class B, won by T. Williams, Port Matilda; 2nd, M. Cunningham, Millheim; 3rd, P. Womer, Pleasant Gap; time 7.2.
200 yd. dash: Class A, won by Shope, Bellefonte; 2nd, Waite, Bellefonte; 3rd, Myers, Spring Mills; time 21.1.
Class B, won by Hosterman, Millheim; 2nd, tie, Faust and Brooks, Centre Hall; time 22.4.
440 yd. run: Class A, won by Immel, Bellefonte; 2nd, Waite, Bellefonte; 3rd, Edmundson, State College; time 56 seconds.
Class B, won by Stover, Millheim; 2nd, Patton, Port Matilda; 3rd, Emory, Centre Hall; time 1.25.
1/2 mile run: Class A, won by Hoy, Bellefonte; 2nd, Hicks, State College; 3rd, Willard, State College; time 2.14 1/2.
Class B, won by Burd, Millheim; 2nd, Hoy, Hubbersburg; 3rd, Faust, Centre Hall; time 2.25.
1 mile run: Class A, won by McGargle, Bellefonte; 2nd, Willard, State College; 3rd, Poorman, Bellefonte; time 5.12.
Class B, won by Burd, Millheim; 2nd, McAuley, Hubbersburg; 3rd, Beaver, Millheim; time 5.28.
1 mile relay: Class A, won by Bellefonte—(Thomas, Waite, Hoy, McGargle); 2nd, State College; 3rd, Spring Mills; time 3.54.
Class B, won by Millheim—(Stover, Cable, Burd, Hosterman); 2nd, Hubbersburg; 3rd, Centre Hall; time 4.9.
3/4 mile relay, girls: Class A, won by Spring Mills; 2nd, Bellefonte; 3rd, State College.
Class B, won by Port Matilda; 2nd, Millheim; 3rd, Centre Hall.
FIELD EVENTS.
Shot put: Class A, won by Gordon, Bellefonte; 2nd, Hollabaugh, State College; 3rd, Zettle, Spring Mills; distance 45.1.
Class B, won by Cable, Millheim; 2nd, Faust, Centre Hall; 3rd, Cowher, Port Matilda; distance 47.7—new record.
High jump: Class A, won by Harts-wick, State College; 2nd, Murfott, State College; 3rd, Lee, Spring Mills; height 4.9.
Class B, won by Faust, Centre Hall; 2nd, Dorman, Hubbersburg; 3rd, Burd, Millheim; height, 4.9.
Broad jump: Class A, won by Thomas, Bellefonte; 2nd, Zettle, Spring Mills; 3rd, Braucher, Spring Mills; distance 18.7.
Class B, won by Cable, Millheim; 2nd, Wolf, Millheim; 3rd, Dorman, Hubbersburg; distance 17.1—new record.
Standing broad jump, girls: Class A, won by E. Markle, State College; 2nd, M. Katz, Bellefonte; 3rd, L. Hosterman, Spring Mills; distance 6.9.
Class B, won by R. Lee, Hubbersburg; 2nd, M. Myers, Millheim; 3rd, Yarnell, Hubbersburg; distance 6.6.
Baseball throw: Class A, tie between Fletcher and Musser, State College; 2nd, Swabb, Spring Mills; distance 273 feet.
Class B, won by Cable, Millheim; 2nd,

Cowher, Port Matilda; 3rd, Dorman, Hubbersburg; distance 312 feet—new record.
Baseball throw, girls: Class A, 1st, R. Heckman, Spring Mills; 2nd, M. Resides, State College; 3rd, M. Furey, Bellefonte; distance 159.
Class B, 1st, Carner, Hubbersburg; 2nd, B. Bower, Millheim; 3rd, Snyder, Centre Hall; distance 153.6.
Discus throw: Class A, R. Fletcher, State College; 2nd, Gordon, Bellefonte; 3rd, Musser, State College; distance 83 feet.

TOTAL POINTS SCORED.

Class A, Boys: Bellefonte High school - 53, State College High school - 37, Spring Mills Vocational school - 9.
Class B, Schools: Millheim High school - 62, Hubbersburg High school - 25, Centre Hall High school - 21, Port Matilda High school - 17, Pleasant Gap High school - 1.
Class A, Girls: Spring Mills High school - 15, Bellefonte High school - 12, State College High school - 9.

West Susquehanna Classis.

The sixty-seventh annual meeting of the West Susquehanna Classis of the Reformed Church, which includes the churches in Union, Snyder, Centre and Mifflin counties, was held in the church at Boalsburg on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The opening sermon was by the retiring president, Rev. W. E. Harr, of Lock Haven. Classis organized by electing the following officers: President, Rev. Roy Moorehead, of Montgomery; vice president, Rev. Harry M. Hosterman; corresponding secretary, Rev. F. A. Ruple, D. D., of Lewistown; stated clerk, Rev. H. H. Rupp, of Lewisburg.

On Tuesday evening Rev. Thomas M. Diekert, D. D., pastor of St. Stephen's church, Reading, and president of the Eastern Synod, gave an address on the children's christian education foundation, and the Rev. C. B. Schneider, D. D., pastor of St. John's church, Shamokin, talked on home missions. On Wednesday evening Rev. John H. Poorman, of Philadelphia, gave an illustrated lecture on foreign missions. On Tuesday evening the ladies of the Boalsburg church gave a reception to the members of Classis. Refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was the result. Rev. W. C. Rittenhouse, of Williamsport, was toastmaster and responses were made as follows: Rev. Dr. A. M. Schmidt spoke on "Our Classis"; Rev. H. H. Rupp, "Our Bachelors and Our New Preachers"; Rev. A. M. Keiffer, "The Ladies"; Rev. E. H. Romig, "Jokes from Reading"; Prof. C. M. Oldt favored the gathering with a splendid recitation.

Classis decided to hold one or more young people's christian life service conferences in the fall. The body adjourned on Wednesday evening to meet in its sixty-eighth annual session at Selinsgrove May 19th, 1924.

Copping Shows Here Next Week.

The Harry Copping shows, which will exhibit on the fair grounds all of next week for the benefit of the Brooks-Doll Post of the American Legion, are if anything, bigger and better than when they visited Bellefonte last year. The show travels in its own special train of fifteen cars and will arrive on Sunday morning. The features include four sensational riding devices, an animal circus, dog and pony show, automatic city, athletic arena, big Georgia minstrel, circus side show and annex, war show of Flanders battle field, and a crazy house, combining fun and frolic for old and young. Absolutely clean throughout. Many Midway attractions for ladies and children. All of next week on the fair grounds.

Members of the Veteran Railroaders' association of the Williamsport division, to the number of about eight hundred, were taken on an excursion to New York on Friday night, given a boat ride on the Hudson and East rivers and returned home Sunday morning. Twenty-six excursionists were employees off of the Lewisburg division between Bellefonte and Montandon.

Clarence Newson, colored, of Philadelphia, was electrocuted at the Rockview penitentiary on Monday morning for the murder of Hattie Bailey, his common law wife, in September, 1921. This was the second electrocution to take place since Gifford Pinchot became Governor.

The Bellefonte postoffice will be closed for all business except the dispatch of outgoing mail on Memorial day. There will be no deliveries by carriers and no window service.

Mrs. Kate Conley, formerly of Centre Hall, and mother of the late J. Will Conley, merchant of this place, is quite ill at the home of her son James, at Sioux Falls, Dakota.

You Cannot Think of Two Things at the Same Time.

Your think-box is large enough to record enough thoughts which if placed on Victor records would reach around the world. The faculty of the human mind by which it comprehends the ideas communicated to it by five senses is limited by the impressions made. Seeing makes the deepest impression. So it is very important that one should see clearly, distinctly and accurately. If in doubt about your vision consult me. Dr. Eva B. Roan, Optometrist. Licensed by the State Board. Bellefonte every Wednesday afternoon, and Saturday 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. Rooms 14 and 15 Temple Court building. State College every day except Saturday. Both phones. 68-1