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Centre County Always First to Aid Penn State.

Just as Centre county is now leading all others in the State in support of The Pennsylvania State College emergency building fund for \$2,000,000 so did the county lead sixty-five years ago when the first effort was made to raise funds for the College, then "The Farmers' High School."

In this first campaign, when almost \$20,000 was received in cash contributions from 785 subscribers, Centre led all others with a total of \$8806.81 from 487 subscribers.

Residents of fourteen different counties subscribed to the early campaign when a total of \$19,568.43 was raised.

Clinton county stood fourth, contributing \$1,645, from 109 subscribers, which is four times the number of Clinton county pledges so far received in the present campaign.

Many Prominent Speakers for World Missions' Conference.

Plans are nearing completion for the World Missions' conference to be held in Centre county June 17th and 18th, and in which all protestant denominations will be represented.

Big Special Dance at the Armory Tomorrow Night.

The Mulford orchestra coming direct from New York city will play for the dance at the armory tomorrow, (Saturday) night.

This musical organization has never been heard in Bellefonte but it is reputed as being one of the best in the country and has played all the best hotels in New York city, among them the Commodore, Waldorf-Astoria, Pennsylvania, and at Madison Square Garden.

The dance is public and an admission of only seventy-five cents will be charged ladies while the price for men will be one dollar. These prices include the tax.

This engagement has been made possible by a week's interruption of a month's engagement that the Mulford Seven have been playing in Williamsport, to which city they will return from here.

The class of '97, Bellefonte High school, held their reunion at the Hazel bungalow up Spring creek yesterday. Of the fourteen members of the class, ten had accepted the committee invitation, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Irwin being the only ones from a distance here.

WIRTS.—Mrs. Elizabeth Wirts, wife of John D. Wirts, died at her home at Houserville at six o'clock on Sunday evening.

She was a daughter of Jacob and Mary A. Behrs and was born in Germany in 1860, hence was about sixty-three years old. When a child the family came to this country and settled near Waddle.

Rev. M. C. Piper had charge of the funeral services which were held at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Shiloh cemetery.

KENNEDY.—Miss Elizabeth Hartwick Kennedy died at her home at State College, at four o'clock last Thursday afternoon, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident almost two weeks previous.

She was a daughter of Thomas Franklin and Susan Musser Kennedy, deceased, and was born in State College on March 30th, 1878.

LOSE.—Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Lose, widow of the late Isaac Lose, died last Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. R. Summerson, at Renovo, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy.

She was a daughter of Decatur and Katherine Keith Stewart and was born near Pittsburgh seventy-three years ago.

ARNEY.—Mrs. Bertha Ellen Arney, wife of I. Mervin Arney, of Centre Hall, died at nine o'clock on Tuesday evening following a week's illness with pneumonia as the result of an attack of the flu.

She was the youngest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth St. Clair Lingle, and was born in Potter township on May 18th, 1868, hence was a little past fifty-five years of age.

AMMERMAN.—Robert S. Ammerman, of Danville, but who was well known in Bellefonte because of his connection with the Ammerman family of Bellefonte and the fact that he had appeared as counsel in Centre county courts on various occasions, died at his home in Danville last Thursday night following a long illness with a nervous breakdown.

committee that investigated the capitol graft scandal, in Harrisburg. He also served four terms as a Democratic member of the State Legislature.

IRVIN.—Mrs. William Irvin, a former resident of Pleasant Gap, died at Punxsutawney last Thursday aged 75 years. Her husband died in 1918, but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. William Peters, of Niagara Falls; Frank, of Pleasant Gap; Archie and Mrs. D. F. Campbell, of Tyrone; Mrs. W. H. Lender and Mrs. Frank Bell, of Punxsutawney.

MITCHELL.—Mrs. Jennie Mitchell Gilliland, widow of Sterrett Gilliland, died near Reedsville on Tuesday night as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

—Fred D. Loveland has resigned his job as a clerk in C. C. Keichline's cigar store to go to Williamsport where he has secured a better position.

—The wives of the postoffice employees, an organization numbering from twelve to fifteen women, were guests of Mrs. John Knisely at the Masonic camp, Tuesday afternoon, being joined by the men after supper, the party motoring home late in the evening.

—Charley Roth has been made district superintendent of agents for Knight and Bostwick, nurserymen and seedsmen, of Newark, N. Y. He is organizing a selling force for Centre county and has a good proposition to offer any who should like to enter the business.

—The Boy Scouts of town plan to hold an ice cream festival on Tuesday evening, June 26th. The public will undoubtedly support this undertaking of this great patriotic and character-forming organization for boys.

—On Thursday of last week Carl Weaver sold the Weaver grocery store in this place to Bayer & Gillam, of Tyrone, who took charge on Friday and placed Christ Young in charge as manager.

—The "Watchman" devotes considerable space this week to the commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High school, and at that it is only possible to give meagre details.

—The federal grand jury at Williamsport on Tuesday ignored the bill of indictment against Gordon Montgomery, of Bellefonte, charged with transporting liquor.

—Walking down town last Friday morning the editor of the "Watchman" noticed considerable smoke rolling up out of the gap in Muncy mountain above Roopsburg.

—Upwards of eight hundred kiddies have already registered at the Elks home for the second annual kiddies day picnic which will be held at Hecla park next Thursday, June 14th.

—A very important meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. has been called for this (Friday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

—Germany's dodging obligations is costing France a lot of money but it isn't getting Germany anywhere.

Prominent Washington Clergyman Takes Own Life.

Dr. James McBride Sterrett, a widely known Episcopalian clergyman and university instructor, shot and killed himself at his home in Washington, D. C., last Thursday morning.

He was a graduate of Harvard University and the Episcopal Theological school in Cambridge, Mass. In his early life he held pastorates at Bedford, Pa., and Wellsville, N. Y.

—Writing to the "Watchman" of the venerable clergyman's death Walter I. Lemby, of Washington, says: "I have known Dr. Sterrett for many years, and I wish to say that in his normal mind such a thing as self-destruction would have been wholly repulsive to him, and would never have occurred to his mind."

—The annual reunion of the officers' club of the Twenty-eighth division A. E. F., will be held at Camp Boal, Boalsburg, beginning today and continuing over Sunday.

—The annual convention of the Centre county Sabbath school association will be held at Orviston, June 27th and 28th.

—The first of a series of progressive card parties will be given by the Catholic Daughters of America, at their new club rooms, Wednesday evening, June 13th, playing to begin at 8:15.

—The C. D. of A., are preparing for a food sale, which will be held in Fauble's store on Saturday, June 30th.

Little Girl Killed in Auto Accident.

Two year old Jane Claney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murdock P. Claney, of Wilkinsburg, was instantly killed about 11:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, on the William Penn Highway near Cresson, while on their way from Wilkinsburg to Bellefonte.

They left Wilkinsburg early in the morning and got along all right until coming down the mountain near Cresson when the brakes on the car refused to work. They were within a quarter of a mile of the steep grade but the car was getting beyond control and Mr. Claney became alarmed and pulled into a bank at the side of the road with the result that the light car turned over two or three times.

—The remains of the little girl were prepared for burial by an undertaker at Cresson and on Monday taken back to Wilkinsburg for burial on Tuesday.

Boy Drowned in "Evergreen's" Swimming Pool.

William Allie Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peters, of State College, was drowned at noon on Wednesday in the swimming pool at Evergreen park, Centre Furnace. The lad, who was twelve years old, had gone to the pool to swim.

—Finally an elderly professor, whose name could not be learned, plunged into the pool and brought the already limp form of the boy to shore. Two physicians with a pulmotor worked for over an hour in an attempt to resuscitate the lad but without avail.

Little Child Accidentally Killed.

Martha May Bailey, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bailey, of near Coburn, was the unfortunate victim of a fatal gun shot last Friday afternoon. For some time past crowds have been carrying off the Bailey chickens. Friday afternoon Mr. Bailey took his shot gun to the barn to shoot crows but failing to get a shot set the gun on a mortar box and went to the woods for a load of wood.

—In addition to the parents two young brothers survive. Funeral services were held on Tuesday morning by Rev. C. B. Snyder and burial made in the Fairview cemetery at Millheim.

Lumber Company Employees to Hold Reunion.

On the 21st of April a number of the employees of Bear Meadow and Laurel Run Lumber companies held a meeting at Boalsburg and formed an organization for the purpose of inducing all the employees of the above companies to meet in a big gathering at Bear Meadows July 19-21, the gathering to be known as a reunion of the employees of the two lumber companies.

—The annual convention of the Centre county Sabbath school association will be held at Orviston, June 27th and 28th. All schools in the county should arrange at once to send delegates. A bus will leave Bellefonte at seven o'clock in the morning and connect with the first train at Mill Hall.

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NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

—Mrs. W. Harrison Walker and her two daughters are spending the month of June at Atlantic City.

—John Blanchard is arranging to sail on the 20th of June for Italy, for a six week's vacation, hoping to benefit his health by a sea voyage.

—Mrs. Margaret Meek is in Bellefonte to spend the summer with her brothers, John and Peter Keichline, and with relatives in Ferguson township.

—Fred Seidel, of Hazleton, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnhart this week, having come over for the High school dance Wednesday night.

—Mrs. G. Ross Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keller arrived here from New Brunswick the early part of the week, to attend the High school and Penn State commencements, and for a summer visit back home.

—Mrs. Mary Payne returned to Bellefonte yesterday from Roanoke, Va., where she had been for some time with her daughter, Mrs. Seamor. Mrs. Payne will be with her son John until getting possession of her house.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Williams, of Pine Grove Mills, drove here yesterday in the Williams car, for a half day's buying and browsing and from their very early appearance in Bellefonte, there was a lot of both to look after.

—Mrs. T. A. Shoemaker will return home Sunday from Pittsburgh, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Ebe and her small son. Mrs. Shoemaker, with her son and daughter, Collins and Mary, drove to Elensburg last Sunday. Mrs. Shoemaker going on from there to Pittsburgh, while the others returned home the same day.

—Miss Georgianna Farrar, of Benchtown, will come here this week for a visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. G. T. Farrar, at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. H. M. Wetzel, of Thomas street. Miss Farrar is on her way home from New York, where she has just graduated from Columbia University, and a part of her time here will be spent at Penn State commencement.

Many of the Trout Are Oil Tainted.

For some time fishermen have been wondering as to the cause of the oil taint that has been discovered in the flesh of most of the trout that have been caught in the vicinity of Bellefonte.

Recently the cause has been revealed. Some time ago an accident occurred in transferring a tank of crude oil from the railroad tank to the storage tanks at the Titan Metal Co's plant. Several hundred thousand gallons of oil escaped because the man who was pumping the oil overlooked to close the outlet valve in one of the storage tanks.

The Titan Co. tried to stop it by setting fire to the oil, but came so near burning the big plant that such a plan had to be abandoned.

This explanation seemed so incredible to several doubting ones that they went out to the plant and dug holes in the ground near the tank. They were convinced when after a very short time the holes began to fill up with the oil that had oozed out of the slag in which they were dug.

—The wedding of Miss Margaret Brugger to Mr. Earl Waite was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Brugger, at Unionville, at noon last Saturday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Andreas, of the Methodist church, in the presence of members of the families of the young couple and many other guests.

—The bride has been one of the most efficient of the Centre county corps of school teachers and is a young woman of splendid attainments and culture. Her husband is a farmer in Halfmoon valley, but for the present, at least, he will not continue that occupation.

—Immediately after the reception that followed the wedding the happy pair departed for a motor wedding trip.

—Among the guests from a distance who were present for the nuptials were Mr. and Mrs. George Brugger, of Canonsburg, with their two children; Mr. and Mrs. John Brugger, of Johnstown, and John, George and William Rumberger, of DuBois, with their wives, and H. D. Rumberger, of Scranton.

—Hazel—Guisewhite.—Michael Ferdinand Hazel and Miss Alice Guisewhite, both of Bellefonte, sprung a surprise on their friends at the early hour of six o'clock on Monday morning by going to the parochial residence of St. John's Catholic church where they were quietly married by Rev. Father Downes. Dispensing with the customary wedding trip they went at once to Mr. Hazel's comfortable home on Pine street.

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