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REVIEW OF THE "BLACK AND WHITE REVUE."

A Delightful and Charming Syncope of Music, Dancing, Fun and Frolic.

Surprisingly good, refreshingly entertaining and artistically finished is really not extravagant when used to sum up the general impression of the Black and White Revue, the all girl show, presented at Garman's Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by the young women of the town.

A large and very fashionable audience greeted the rise of the curtain on the opening night and while a surprise had been promised few of them anticipated such a striking setting. The entire stage was black and white, the fifty or more girls of the chorus, seated in pyramid, wore black and white picture hats, middy blouses with black collars and ties, with white skirts, black stockings and white shoes. Just the right dash of color was given to the scene by the pink gown and red hat of the interlocutor, Miss Cecelia Moerschbacher. Before the expressions of surprised delight had died away in the auditorium the opening chorus floated out over the foot lights with a verve that told that a real show was on. Then came the first group of ends, Anne Straub, Anna Badger, Kathryn Love and Mrs. Frederick Reynolds. Naturally our women readers will want to know how they were dressed, but we can't tell you. They were gowned—all but one—indiscreetly and you can put your wits to working any way you like and they won't conjure up anything more ridiculous. The one who wasn't gowned at all was not in Eve's raiment, oh no! She was in knickers.

With the "ladies be seated" of the interlocutor came the premiere ends, Mrs. Clarence Williams and Mrs. Gus. Heverly, riding on kiddie cars and directed by a midget traffic cop with semaphores in the person of Charlotte Walker. After the uproar at their droll appearance had subsided Mrs. Mabie sang "Roses of Picardy" beautifully and earned an enthusiastic encore. The next song was an end one "Stingo, Stungo" by Mrs. Heverly. It made a great hit, not at all because of the voice but because of the real comedy in putting it over. Mrs. Fitzpatrick sang "Out from the Dusk," a ballad for which her lyric soprano voice was peculiarly adapted; responding with a very artistically rendered encore. Two end songs followed: "Your Good Man Friday," by Anne Straub, and "My Syncopeated Melody Man," by Mrs. Clarence Williams. Both were imitable and sung and acted with more of the professional than amateur interpretation; the dancing of Mrs. Williams being especially graceful and intricate.

All through the opening session the ends sparkled with a line of "patter" that was new and full of convulsive local hits.

The olio or part II of the show was really the Revue. It started with a "Bit of Spain" featuring Mrs. Robert Walker with a Spanish song and dance, supported by a costume chorus comprising Mary Katz, Stella Cohen, Elizabeth Hunter and Helen Brown. It was an exceedingly artistic number, both as to dancing and singing and was entirely unruffled even though a bit of the lingerie worn by the lead failed to linger where it was supposed to while she was fandangoeing.

"The Virginia Ladies of 1866" had a reminiscent touch of old songs, old styles but sweet, young voices. The plantation ladies were Mrs. Mabie, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Harry Meyer and Mrs. Charles Garbrick. The Mammys were Miss Helen Schaeffer, Mrs. Eben Bower, Mrs. Charles R. Beatty and Mrs. George Bible. As a double quartette they sang "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and "Old Black Joe" most effectively.

"Monsieur Zebe," the world famed prestidigitateur, Mrs. Earl Hoffer, in a frock coat, plug hat and Van Dyke, did a lot of prestidigitatin' to the amusement of the audience. She wasn't there to outdo Keller or Herman, but she made a lot more fun for Belleville than either of the real magicians could.

Mrs. Clarence Williams and Miss Nina Lamb featured in a boy and girl dancing act with "Bambalina" as the musical offering. As Mrs. Williams had already revealed her grace in fancy dancing and Miss Lamb proved a most capable partner the act was repeatedly called back.

"The American Sport Girls" were right up to the minute. Miss Cecelia Moerschbacher sang the role calling them in revue and came Ida Fisher on skis, Irene Gross as the riding

girl, Rose Carpeneto as the tennis girl, Margaret Mignot as the skating girl, Margaret Bower, as the bathing girl and Magdalene Sunday as the golf girl. Mr. Ziegfeld may think he has the last thing in beauties, always in his follies, but Florence has never been to Belleville and has never seen that chic bunch.

The "Dance of Long Ago" was introduced by Mrs. James Craig and featured the old dances; first the waltz exemplified by Mrs. Frederick Daggett and Mildred Wagner, the latter in a most clever male disguise. The second number was a dainty little minuet by Mary Louise Walker, Betty Casebeer, Dorothy Runkle, Sara Bullock, Henrietta Hunter, Louise Meyer, Rebecca Dorworth and Dorothy Wilkinson. Of course the little folks are always charming and the stately grace of these little actors was especially so.

The rollicking tune "My Dutch Lady," with Kathryn Love, Mrs. Frederick Reynolds, Mrs. Alex Morris, Kathryn Allison, Sara Ray, Dorothy Mallory and Mrs. Robert Walker leading went with a bang and a dash that started all feet to shuffling and was in pleasing contrast with the rather stately and artistic numbers that preceded it. And it proved but the introduction to the whirling, tuneless finale provided by "The Belleville Girls" who were Kathryn Meyer, Betty Zerby, Kathryn Johnson, Betty Musser, Ruth Miller, Mary Woodring, Martha Johnson, Elizabeth Baney, Kathryn Bullock and Virginia Cruse. There was a real pony ballet. Fresh beauty, lithe figures daintily clad, and sweet voices, it danced in and out of the picture so nicely and gracefully that when the curtain dropped the audience was appealing for more and more.

A review of the Revue would not be complete without referring to a few of the things that really made it so great a success. First, it was a woman's show. The dainty, clean costumes, the artistry shown in every act and the finish as to detail in everything that was done plainly revealed the painstaking care of woman's way of doing things. Second it ought to be recorded as another triumph for Mrs. Russell Blair. She is ever getting up something for something and while all of her undertakings have been successful this was more. With the capable helpers she was able to gather about her the Black and White Revue has set a mark that is going to be hard for even that party of successful producers to surpass.

The startling denouement, just at the finale of the opening, when Mrs. Heverly's kiddie car bucked unexpectedly and left her floundering on the floor, wasn't in the "business" of the play, but it was great stuff for the audience.

Down in the pit, never for a moment in the limelight and contributing something that few regard as important as it is, sat the orchestra sustaining and leading the singers most effectively. Amateur singers lean heavily at times on their accompaniment and if it doesn't work with confidence frequent breaks occur. This orchestra had the confidence because Mrs. Louis Schad was playing the lead violin and all who have heard her know what that meant in the way of musical support.

A dainty little touch that gave finish to the production was the employment of the pages, Helen Mallory and Mabel Watson, dressed in white harlequins, who did their work as deftly as trained stage hands.

While it is too early to make an accurate estimate of the net receipts of the two night's performances it is thought that nearly \$900 will be cleared; this including the profit on the advertising program.

"Happiness" Coming.

Lovers of clean, uplifting plays will be given a rare opportunity to see the Elias Day players in "Happiness," written by Hartley Manners, author of "Peg O' My Heart." It is a play of the same order and carries with it a fine lesson. Jennie, the little shop girl, is one of the best characters seen in any play in the last twenty years and the story is interwoven around the lives of "just human beings." Happiness abounds with laughs, with here and there a tragic touch so that it is closer to the old saying "you laugh one minute and weep the next" than any other play in recent years. Mr. Day has produced it with the same attention to detail as was displayed in the original production. There are three acts and an epilogue and in the epilogue much cause for rejoicing with little Jennie in the fulfillment of her ambitions.

It has a universal appeal to people in every walk of life. The play will be rendered Tuesday evening, January 15th, at 8:15 o'clock, as the fourth number in the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum course. Special stage arrangements will be provided in the court house to enable the audience to view the professional actors to the best advantage. Admission 75 cents. No reserved seats.

John Haldeman Paroled.

John Haldeman who, at the December term of court plead guilty to bootlegging and was sentenced to pay a fine of one dollar and serve from thirty to sixty days in the county jail, was released on a six month's parole at noon on Tuesday, with the understanding that he go to work at his old job at the White Rock quarries and contribute to the support of his family. Of course he is expected to have a strict regard for the law in the future.

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MOORE.—Howard A. Moore, for many years a well known resident and druggist, of Howard, died at the Lock Haven hospital at 3:25 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, after ten day's illness with internal trouble.

He was a son of Agnew and Mary Furey Moore and was born at Pleasant Gap on March 15th, 1854, hence was in his seventieth year. His boyhood days were spent at Pleasant Gap where he attended the public schools during the winter and when old enough assisted his father as a carpenter during the summer. When eighteen years of age he went to Milesburg and entered the drug store of the late C. H. Else to learn the drug business. Three years later he established his drug store at Howard where he lived ever since. During his residence in that place he served as town clerk, school director and councilman. He also served three terms in succession as postmaster, notwithstanding the fact that he was a Democrat in politics. He was a member of the Lick Run Lodge I. O. O. F. and the Belleville Lodge of Masons. He became a member of the Presbyterian church about two years ago and had since been a faithful attendant.

In 1876 he married Miss Laura Ryman, of Milesburg, who survives with three children, Claude C., of Philadelphia; Mrs. Walter Jenkins, at home, and Chester A., of Watonsontown. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters, namely: Mrs. Abraham Weber, of Howard; Miss Mary, Mrs. John Balleau and Mrs. Emma Senn, of Spokane, Wash.; Thomas Moore, of Philadelphia, and Ralph, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Funeral services will be held at his late home at Howard at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon by Rev. Brown, after which burial will be made in the Schenck cemetery.

WETZLER.—Mrs. May F. Wetzler, wife of John Wetzler, died at her home near Milesburg, at three o'clock on Sunday morning following a long illness. In fact she had been confined to bed most of the time since October, 1922.

She was a daughter of Israel and Jane Frieze and was born on February 22nd, 1881, hence was almost forty-three years old. She married Mr. Wetzler about eighteen years ago and he survives with five children, Lewis, Isabel, Louise, Jean and Charlotte. She also leaves one brother and three sisters, namely: Allison Frieze, of Turtle Creek, Indiana county; Mrs. Harry Charles, of Milesburg; Mrs. Frank Brady, of Allentown, and Mrs. John Sliker, of Altoona.

She was a member of the Baptist church and Rev. B. F. Croft had charge of the funeral services which were held at her late home at 2:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at Curtin.

SCHOLL.—Mrs. Rebecca Jane Scholl, widow of the late William Scholl, of Potter township, died on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Kreamer, at Lewisburg, following an extended illness. Her maiden name was Rebecca Kephart and she was born near Zion, this county, seventy-four years ago. The greater part of her married life was spent on a farm near Centre Hall. Her husband died a number of years ago but surviving her are two children, John C. Scholl, of Altoona, and Mrs. Kreamer, of Lewisburg. She also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Kline, of Belleville; Mrs. David Wagner, of Lemont, and Mrs. Julia Stover, in Wichita, Kansas. The remains were brought to Centre county and were buried at Farmer's Mills on Tuesday.

GINGRICH.—Mrs. Ellen Louise Gingrich, widow of the late William Henry Gingrich, died at her home at Linden Hall on New Year's morning, following an illness of four months. Her maiden name was Ellen Stover and she was born at Rock Springs on July 12th, 1850, hence was in her seventy-fourth year. All her married life was spent at Linden Hall. Her husband died three years ago but surviving her are six children, Earl H. and Rhone S., living on the home farm; Mrs. Samuel Cramer and Mrs. Peter P. Hassel, of State College; Rosella and Arlene, of Reading. She was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. W. J. Wagner had charge of the funeral services which were held at 9:30 o'clock on Saturday morning, burial being made at Tusseyville.

TIERNY.—Mrs. Anna E. Tierney, wife of Ethon Tierney, died on Monday at her home at Lyontown, following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth Bathurst and was born at Curtin sixty-one years ago. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Constance and Mrs. Curtis Tressler, at home; Mrs. John Reed, Elsie and Charles, of Belleville, and Mrs. E. W. Helburg, of Ridgway. Surviving brothers and sisters are Mrs. Charles Meyers and Mrs. E. W. Durkee, of Phillipsburg; Mrs. Amanda Wheatley, of Chicago; John Bathurst, of Bellwood, and Jacob, of Pittsburgh. Burial was made at Curtin yesterday afternoon.

STOVER.—Mitchell I. Stover died at the Altoona hospital on Saturday morning as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained two days previous. He was born at Pine Grove Mills on January 4th, 1859, making his age 65 years and 1 day. For thirty-eight years he had been a resident of Altoona, where he was employed as a car inspector. He is survived by his wife and six children, also two sisters. Burial was made in the Greenwood cemetery, Altoona, on Monday afternoon.

MEWSHAW.—Dennis Mewshaw, one of the few remaining old-time furnace men, died at eight o'clock on Monday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, on north Spring street.

He was seventy-five years old on December 31st and was born at Elk Ridge, Md. As a young man he learned the occupation of a furnace-man and after coming to this State worked near Harrisburg, later going to the old Logan furnace, at Lewistown, where he spent a number of years then moved to Milesburg, eventually coming to Belleville. This was thirty-five or more years ago and while his family made this their home ever since Mr. Mewshaw worked in the puddling mills at Hollidaysburg, Reading and other places until declining years compelled him to give up the strenuous labor. For a number of years he had made his home with a daughter at Sunbury but the past nine months had been spent with his children in Belleville.

His wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Susan Hipple, of Harrisburg, died over twenty years ago, but surviving him are six daughters, namely: Mrs. Alfred Tate, of Punxsutawney; Mrs. Thomas Caldwell, of Belleville; Mrs. Samuel Osman, of Sunbury; Mrs. Andrew Engle, of Belleville; Mrs. Fred Geren, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Elizabeth, in Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. M. DePui Maynard, of the Episcopal church, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

DERSTINE.—Lee Derstine, a native of Belleville, died at the Blair county hospital, Altoona, on Tuesday as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained three years ago. He was born in Belleville thirty-seven years ago and all his boyhood life was spent here. Some twelve or fifteen years ago he went to Altoona where for a number of years he was employed as a chauffeur. He married Miss Edna Wilson, of Belleville, who survives with three children. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Mary Derstine, of Belleville. The remains were brought to Belleville on Wednesday morning and taken to the Derstine home on Lamb street where funeral services were held yesterday morning, after which burial was made in the Union cemetery.

BAILEY.—Lewis F. Bailey, a well known resident of Aaronsburg, died very suddenly last Saturday morning as the result of heart trouble, with which he suffered for several years, aged 59 years, 10 months and 23 days. He is survived by his wife and three children, Charles, of Mifflinburg; Mrs. Kate Greninger, of State College, and Philip, of Phillipsburg. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. A. F. Bower, of Aaronsburg; Mrs. Joseph Alters, of Belleville; Mrs. Jared Mowery, of Akron, Ohio, and Mrs. Daniel Long, of Nittany. Burial was made in the Lutheran cemetery at Aaronsburg on Wednesday afternoon.

FULTZ.—George B. Fultz, a native of Centre county, died at the Altoona hospital on Sunday morning following a brief illness. He was a son of Frederick and Catherine Fultz and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace on February 27th, 1862, hence was almost sixty-two years of age. He went to Altoona as a young man and for many years worked in the Juniata shops of the Pennsylvania railroad company. In 1883 he married Miss Gertrude McHale who survives with seven children as well as two sisters. Burial was made in St. John's cemetery, Altoona, on Wednesday morning.

Extension Conference at State College.

County farm agent, J. N. Robinson went up to State College yesterday to attend the annual agricultural extension conference which opens today and will continue one week. Each year the entire extension staff, composed of specialists and county agents, get together for a week to discuss and plan a constructive agricultural program for the year.

Economical production and marketing will be given major consideration this year and several authorities on these subjects will address the gathering. Theodore Macklin, marketing expert from the University of Wisconsin, will be on hand for the opening day to present his views on the basic facts that underlie the successful marketing of farm products. Macklin has made a study of marketing organizations in all parts of the United States, has written a book on the marketing of farm products, and has acted in an advisory capacity for many successful marketing projects in the Middle West.

Different phases of the farmer's economic and marketing problems will be taken up by several of the extension specialists. D. P. Weaver, assistant director of agricultural extension, will discuss the farm price situation, on which he has spent a year of detailed investigation. "Fifty Years of Farmer's Organizations" will be taken up by H. G. Nissley, specialist in rural economics. W. B. Connell, E. L. Moffitt, G. G. Weber, D. R. Pheasant and H. N. Reist, all of whom have spent a year of study on the economic phases of their special lines, will present "up to the minute" facts to the conference.

Following the conference, the county agents and specialists will journey to the farm products show, at Harrisburg, where they will take charge of the county exhibits and the educational display of The Pennsylvania State College.

A Brief Letter from Dr. North in Yokohama Harbor.

Yokohama, Japan, Oct. 9, 1923. Dear Home Folks:

We have been in Yokohama harbor since last Thursday. We sail at noon today. Ordinarily the T. K. K. ships remain here only three days, but when we arrived our Japanese crew all deserted to find their friends and families. The Chinese have been doing all the work. We have taken advantage of the time here to visit surrounding territory. Some went to Nikko and Hamakura. I have confined my wanderings to Tokyo and Yokohama.

I had intended mailing these letters in Kobe, but the S. S. President McKinley is just entering the slip, and I want to get this letter off, fragmentary though it be, before we leave and they leave. What you have read in the American newspapers about loss of property hasn't been exaggerated. It is almost impossible to exaggerate the condition of Yokohama. Only one building in the whole city, it is reported, was undamaged. Appearances corroborate the statement. It is said that the loss in Tokyo and Yokohama totals at least 2,000,000,000 yen, or \$1,000,000,000. The number of lives lost is now reported to be 150,000. Housing conditions are such that there seems to be little real suffering. Food seems to be sufficient to keep the populace from starvation. It is possible to buy food anywhere on the streets of Tokyo or Yokohama. Danger from pestilence seems to have been reduced to a minimum. Although many people go about with handkerchiefs or other protection over their mouths and noses, there are more who do not.

The removal of debris is constantly going on. Dynamiting of unsafe buildings and standing walls is of daily occurrence. The harbor is badly damaged. The customs pier, where all liners are accustomed to stop, is only about half standing. Daily the diver is fishing out automobiles containing bodies of those who were drowned at the time of the earthquake. The report of a tidal wave was unfounded. What made the destruction so complete, however, was the typhoon that accompanied the quake. Those who were not killed by the falling of buildings, but were pinned under the wreckage, were in most cases burned to death because rescuers could not reach them before the high wind brought the flames and burned them up.

Most of the refugees went to Kobe and other nearby towns and cities. I have talked with several survivors, and have some interesting tales to tell when I have time to go into detail. Gradually the survivors are returning to the city.

We experienced a slight quake the other night which shook the ship a little. Otherwise we have had no personal experiences with these phenomena.

We are all well. Will write more details later.

SARA and BILL.

State College Radio Program.

Broadcasting from the State College radio station (WPAB) was resumed on Monday morning and will be continued until further announcement. Radio bugs in Belleville and Centre county, as well as throughout the State, should tune in and hear the good things sent out from State. Following is the program for tomorrow and Monday nights:

Friday, January 11.—Music by student artists. "Going to College," talk by W. S. Hoffman, registrar of the college. News items of general interest.

Monday, January 14.—"Farm and Garden" program: "Some Accomplishments in Agriculture in 1923," by M. S. McDowell, director of agricultural extension; "Legumes—The Soil Builders," by Professor F. D. Gardner, head of the agronomy department. Agricultural news items. Music by student artists.

The board of inspectors of the western penitentiary are considering the advisability of placing a settlement worker at the Rockview penitentiary to handle the bulk of the reform work now resting upon the shoulders of the prison chaplain. Just how a settlement worker would go about trying to reform the wards of the State we know not, but there is every probability that he will find an open field in which to practice his arts of reformation. True it is that some men in the State penal institutions get there through one false step or an unfortunate chain of circumstances, and these are good subjects for reformation; but the average prisoner is a man of criminal instincts and to reform him is a ponderous undertaking. Should a settlement worker be placed at Rockview it will not do away with the customary religious services held on Sundays by the prison chaplain.

Mrs. Harry Shively is in the Belleville hospital, suffering from the effects of a fall from the porch of the Miss Rachel Marshall home, on Spring street, Wednesday evening. Being a large woman, Mrs. Shively was badly bruised, though it is thought no bones are broken.

Marriage Licenses.

Theodore G. Williams and Elizabeth P. Hite, Lemont.

Clyde V. Rogers and Marie V. Alexander, Unionville.

—Frank Weaver has purchased the first house in the Twitmore row on Water street, expecting to make it his home.

—Communion services in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, will be in charge of Rev. T. W. Young.

The Upper Bald Eagle Organizing to Urge Improvement in the Valley.

Under the leadership of the Community Welfare Association of Port Matilda the people of the upper Bald Eagle valley are concentrating on a movement to have the highway through the valley improved. The part of it known as route 107 extending from Milesburg to Port Matilda is the part they are especially interested in, but will co-operate with any others moving to secure a better roadway clear through from Lock Haven to Tyrone.

At a meeting last Friday night W. E. Williams was chosen chairman of a general committee that will undertake to crystallize sentiment in favor of permanent improvement and urge action by the Highway Department.

Few routes in Pennsylvania, we opine, lend themselves so naturally to improvement as does the fifty-eight mile run from Lock Haven to Tyrone. It is straight, almost, as the crow flies, has no grades of consequence and very few dangerous curves to eliminate. Some work has been done. From Tyrone to Bald Eagle and from Snow Shoe Intersection to Milesburg it is concrete. There are two miles of old asphalt macadam just west of Howard and the piece from Mill Hall to Lock Haven is permanent. For the most part all the rest of the road surface is merely scraped shale or sand.

The portion from Snow Shoe Intersection to Bald Eagle has been oiled several times with the result that it was less slippery after summer rains than before, but the frosts and freezes of fall and spring cause it to cut up so that it is sometimes impassable.

We are heartily in accord with the Port Matilda undertaking. The people of the Bald Eagle valley pay taxes, they have a main artery of travel straight through the county that could be permanently improved to the advantage and pleasure of people traveling from all parts of the State, as well as themselves.

On Wednesday H. C. Williams, Edgar Williams, W. J. Woodring, H. S. Williams and J. T. Henry, of Port, and George W. Bullock, of Unionville, were in Belleville to interest our Board of Trade and others in their project. They were cordially received everywhere and given assurance of hearty co-operation in every way possible.

Tonight, at 8:15 there will be a community meeting in the Grange hall at Unionville to arouse that section to action. The Hon. Thomas Beaver, with several others from here are going up to personally assure the people that Belleville will do her part.

BIRTHS.

Rhoades.—On December 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee E. Rhoades, of Spring township, a son, William Lee.

Snook.—On December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Snook, of Fleming, a daughter, Elinor Ruth.

Coraggio.—On December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Coraggio, of Pleasant Gap, a son, Joseph.

Decker.—On December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Decker, of Belleville, a daughter, Helen Louise.

Fry.—On December 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Fry, of Belleville, a son, Lewis Marshall.

Shilling.—On December 12, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Shilling, of Belleville, a son, James Irvine.

Rossman.—On December 19, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rossman, of Coleville, a daughter, Mary Ellen.

Steele.—On December 21, to Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Steele, of Belleville, a son, Miles Oscar.

Rainer.—On December 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rainer, of Belleville, a son.

Berardis.—On December 19, to Mr. and Mrs. Otavio Berardis, of Belleville, a daughter, Celia Helen.

Miller.—On December 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Miller, of Belleville, a daughter, Lorraine Della.

Thomas.—On December 31, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thomas, of Belleville, a son.

Kane.—On December 31, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kane, of Belleville, a son, Herbert.

Dean.—On December 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dean, of Belleville, a daughter, Mabel Anne.

Peerce.—On December 29, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Peerce, of Belleville, a son, John William.

Korman.—On December 27, to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Korman, of Belleville, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth.

Hockenberry.—On December 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hockenberry, of Pleasant Gap, a son, LeRoy Elwood.

Cathcart.—On December 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cathcart, a son, Walter Jr.

Arrested for Arson.

Last Thursday's Altoona Tribune contained the following item:

John C. Marks, former Centre county farmer, was arrested at the home of his son, John C. Marks Jr., in Juniata Gap, yesterday by private W. J. Lyster, of the state police, on a charge of arson and attempt to defraud an insurance company.

Marks, who is 58 years old, is alleged to have burned the barn and house standing on his farm near Belleville on December 20. He will be taken to Belleville today by the state police where according to Marks, he will waive a hearing and enter bail for court.

The state police have been working on the case for some time, going to the scene of the fire and making an investigation and taking photographs. Marks is alleged to have made a number of attempts to burn his property. He is also alleged to have released a valuable horse from the burning barn and allowed two others quartered in the barn to burn to death.