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Dr. Glenn Writes Last of His Series of Letters from Florida.

Dear "Watchman": West Palm Beach, Fla., 4-2-'25. This is another of Florida's perfect days.

We are planning to end our present sojourn here on April 13th, when we expect to start north, stopping a day in Washington and arriving in Bellefonte, Thursday morning, April 16.

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KERLIN.—Herbert Kerlin, who was born and raised near Bellefonte and spent his early life here, died very suddenly at his home in New York city at one o'clock last Thursday morning as the result of a heart attack.

He was a son of Daniel and Elizabeth Evey Kerlin and was born at Roopsburg forty-seven years ago, his father for many years having had charge of the Roopsburg mill. When he grew to manhood he began clerking in the Bellefonte stores and for a number of years was employed in the store of Lyon & Co.

Mr. Kerlin and wife spent all of last summer in Bellefonte, at the home on east Howard street left by his mother, the late Mrs. Kerlin—Eckenroth—Blair, and it was his intention to make this place his summer residence in the future.

Some years ago he married Miss Elizabeth McGoldrick, of New York, who survives with no children. He leaves, however, one half-brother, Edward Kerlin, in Canada, and three half-sisters, Mrs. Alice Cowdick, of Altoona; Mrs. Mary V. Arcey, of Mackeyville, and Mrs. Anna C. Baker, in Iowa.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte last Friday evening and funeral services held at three o'clock on Saturday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Schmidt, burial being made in the Kerlin lot in the Union cemetery.

ARD.—Dr. Wilson Potter Ard, one of the oldest physicians of Centre county, died at his home at Woodward at nine o'clock yesterday morning. He had been in feeble health for some time but his death was sudden and unexpected.

He was a son of George and Emeline Harvey Ard and was born at Lewistown on April 15th, 1845, hence was within six days of being eighty years old. He was educated in the public schools at Lewistown and the Tuscarora Academy, receiving his degree in medicine at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1869, after studying under Dr. Pancoast.

He first located in Lebanon county but in the fall of 1882 came to Centre county and established himself at Woodward, where he built up a large practice.

At Reading, Pa., he married Miss Amanda B. Moser, and of their five children, three survive, as follows: Joseph B., of Woodward; George, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Kuhlman, wife of Dr. Kuhlman, of Pittsburgh. The funeral will probably be held on Monday, burial to be made at Woodward.

MUSSER.—Mrs. Blanche Dale Musser, wife of Frank W. Musser, died at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning at her home on the farm in Spring township, following an illness of less than a week with a complication of diseases, the result of an attack of grip.

She was a daughter of George and Lena Musser Dale and was born at Dale's Summit over sixty-four years ago. All her married life has been spent on the farm in Spring township.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte and had many friends who mourn her death. In addition to her husband she is survived by three sons, George Musser, of Middleburg, N. Y.; Robert, of Griffin, Ga., and Malcolm, at home. She also leaves one sister and two brothers, Miss Lillie Dale, of Harrisburg; Willard, of Bellefonte; Horace, of Rushville, Neb., and John, of State College.

Rev. William C. Thompson will officiate at the funeral to be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

HARPSTER.—Jacob Harpster, an aged veteran of the Civil war, died on Monday last week at the home of his son William, at Spruce Creek, as the result of heart trouble and dropsy. He was born at Houtzdale and was 83 years old. Most of his life was spent in Spruce Creek valley. He served during most of the Civil war and had a splendid record. His wife died nine years ago but surviving him are one son and a daughter, William, of Spruce Creek and Mrs. Levan, of Indiana. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. W. K. Harpster had charge of the funeral services which were held on Wednesday, burial being made at Franklinville.

FURL.—Raymond Elton Furl, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tomer Furl, died in the city hospital, Williamsport, on Saturday afternoon, aged 5 months and 28 days. The remains were taken to the home of the child's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James McClincy, in Boggs township, where funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. E. D. Rowe, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

TEST.—Henry W. Test, for many years a well known jeweler of Philipsburg, died on Monday at the age of 82 years. His wife, who prior to her marriage was Miss Mary Iddings, of Unionville, died fourteen years ago, but surviving him are two sons, Sumnerfield, of Philipsburg, and Herbert, of Penlee. Burial was made in the Philipsburg cemetery yesterday afternoon.

TATE.—Mrs. Agnes Wasson Tate, wife of William E. Tate, died very unexpectedly at her home at Centre Hall at eight o'clock on Tuesday morning. While she had not been in good health for some time she was able to be up and around and look after her household work until a short time before passing away.

A daughter of George E. and Mary Mayes Wasson, she was born near Lemont on March 24th, 1848, hence was past 77 years of age. She was the last of a family of twelve children, and having no children of her own her husband is her only survivor. She was a member of the Evangelical church and the pastor of that denomination will have charge of the funeral services which will be held at two o'clock this afternoon, burial to be made in the Branch cemetery.

KLING.—Thomas Kline died at his home at Runville on Tuesday afternoon as the result of an attack of heart failure, aged 52 years. He is survived by his wife and two children, Grace and Eddie Kline; also five stepsons, one step-daughter and the following brothers and sisters: David Kline, of Romola; Josiah, of Jacksonville; William, of Curtin; Keith, of Mt. Eagle; Mrs. Ellen Mincer and Mrs. Irvin Watkins, of Jacksonville. Rev. E. D. Rowe had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Milesburg cemetery.

MERTZ.—Charles C. Mertz, for many years a resident of Juniata county, died last Thursday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leigh Ebricht, at Centre Hall, as the result of a stroke of paralysis. He was seventy-four years old and in addition to the daughter mentioned above leaves one son, Arden W. Mertz, of Thompsontown, and a grand-daughter, Miss Betty Ebricht. Funeral services were held at the Ebricht home in Centre Hall at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, after which the remains were taken to Thompsontown for burial in the Lutheran cemetery.

LAYSON.—Mrs. Jane M. Layson, wife of Oliver Layson, died at the Altoona hospital on Wednesday evening. She was a daughter of Adam and Sarah Hartwick and was born in Centre county almost fifty years ago. She married Mr. Layson in 1892 and most of her life since had been spent in Altoona. Her husband and one daughter survive.

There will be a forestry planting demonstration at Prof. Hoosterman's, one-half mile east of Spring Mills, on Saturday morning, at 9:30 o'clock. Mr. R. C. Anderson, forestry specialist, of State College, will give a talk on the value and method of securing trees from the State free of charge and demonstrate the proper method of planting. Every farmer should be interested in planting some of their waste land.

A colony of grey squirrels are soon to be released on the campus of The Pennsylvania State College, with the hope that they'll stay there and become as much of an attraction as the trout in Spring creek, in this place, or the squirrels on Capitol Hill, Harrisburg. It will be interesting to discover whether the squirrels will stay there, when "the Barrens" are so near. In Harrisburg there is no lure of near-by woods to entice them away from the trees in the park.

Perhaps the pleasant weather has something to do with the increased interest mothers are manifesting in the well baby clinic for there were ten babies brought to the clinic last Wednesday. The clinic is held every Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock, in the W. C. T. U. room of Petrikin hall, with Miss Ethel Campbell, State Health Department nurse in charge. Every mother should bring her baby, have it weighed and measured and learn whether it has any defects that should be corrected.

"The Girl from Babylon," which the Bellefonte High school club will render in the Moose Temple theatre, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, is a musical comedy of unusual merit and all the leading characters have been selected with an eye single to the making of a well balanced cast. This will be the first after Easter entertainment of local character and we bespeak for the amateur actors and actresses of the High school a full house on both nights.

Jacob H. Cole, a former resident of Bellefonte but who has been spending the past winter in Altoona, has instituted a suit in trespass against R. J. Durbin, of that city, to recover \$1000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained in an automobile accident on February 8th, when Mr. Cole was knocked down and dragged for some distance by a car driven by Mr. Durbin.

Sheriff Taylor had thirty lodgers in the county jail on Monday night, the largest number on record for many a day. Included in the quota were three members of Troop B, sent to jail on Monday for a period of five days for refusal to attend drill. Two of the young men are residents of Bellefonte and one of them from State College.

High School Athletic Activities.

Track events have finally been established as a major sport at the High school. For several years the popularity of that activity has been growing and last year took its place on a par with football, baseball, and basketball. The success of the team last year was most remarkable, considering the size of the squad, competitive experience and facilities for training.

April 18—Lock Haven at Lock Haven. April 25—A. of P. at Philadelphia. May 2—Centre County Meet at State. May 9—Pending. May 16—Interscholastic at State. May 23—Lewistown Meet at Lewistown. May 30—Clearfield at Clearfield.

The fine weather of the past two weeks has given High school baseball an opportunity to get under way and as a result many candidates for all positions have been practicing. There is plenty of material and lots of competition among the boys. The schedule, not yet completed, contains two games each with Lock Haven, State College and Millheim. The first game will be played away, at Millheim, on April 21st.

World Fliers to Visit State College Thursday, April 30th.

Lieutenants Leigh Wade and Leslie P. Arnold, two of the six army fliers who made the successful flight around the world, are to tell of the historic flight on April 30th, at State College, under the auspices of the college. They will probably appear in the evening in the college auditorium, and arrangements are being made for an overflow meeting if it is found necessary. The famous fliers will bring four reels of motion pictures taken for the War Department, showing their stops enroute.

The story of the first flight to encircle the globe via the air route is one of thrills and hardships from start to finish, but is told modestly by the fliers. The famous flight started at Seattle in March of last year and was completed by their return to that city in late September.

The college is bringing the world fliers as an educational treat for the students and faculty, but with the arrangements for an overflow meeting others can probably be accommodated, and there will be no charge for admission. Tentative plans call for the talk to start at 7:30 in the auditorium with the overflow meeting in the old chapel, starting about 8 o'clock. The time of arrival of the fliers has not been determined as yet, and the actual time for their talks and pictures will be announced later by campus posters.

Centre County Stockmen Represented at T. B. Hearing in Harrisburg.

A hearing before the appropriations committee of the Legislature was held in Harrisburg on Wednesday of last week. There were approximately 400 representing all the counties in the State.

The object of the hearing was to express the feeling of the people in regard to appropriation to pay for cattle condemned for tuberculosis. The farmers of the State requested \$3,225,000, for the next two years or approximately \$7,000,000 for the next four years. According to figures compiled by the Bureau of Animal Industry this will take care of all the cattle tested in the State. Providing this appropriation goes through it will mean a good supply of money for Centre county covering the next two years.

Those attending from this county were Thomas Beaver, Bellefonte; L. L. Meek, Waddle; W. F. Rishel, Centre Hall; R. C. Blaney, Bellefonte.

M. Ward Fleming Esq., of Philipsburg, Honored by Rotarians.

At the annual district conference of the Rotary International, held at Lancaster last week, attorney M. Ward Fleming, of Philipsburg, was elected district governor of the 34th district, which embraces the eastern portion of Maryland, District of Columbia and the eastern central and southern sections of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fleming won over Tasker W. Lowndas, of Cumberland, Md. Mr. Fleming has been president of the Philipsburg Rotary club since its organization in 1922 and the success of that organization is largely due to his consistent and aggressive work. While there are no emoluments connected with his new office it is deemed quite an honor and will bring him into contact with many prominent men.

Death of Judge C. B. Witmer.

Federal Judge Charles B. Witmer, of Sunbury, died on Tuesday at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, following an operation last Friday. He was 63 years old and had served as federal judge of the central district of Pennsylvania since his appointment by President Taft in 1911. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

Double Electrocution at Rockview Penitentiary.

A double electrocution took place at the Rockview penitentiary on Monday morning when Charles Oefinger, of Philadelphia, was electrocuted for the murder of Louis Hirsch, an aged jeweler, and Grant Adams, of Reading, was sent to the chair for killing policeman Henry C. Stoudt.

Oefinger, who was 35 years old, was taken to the chair at seven o'clock and in a statement made on the chair declared that he did not fire the shot which killed Hirsch. The fact will be recalled that Oefinger and Violet Dickerson went into the aged jeweler's store and robbed his safe. Before leaving the store Hirsch was shot and killed. Oefinger was convicted of firing the shot and the Dickerson girl acquitted. In his dying statement Oefinger maintained that the girl fired the fatal shot. Oefinger's body was unclaimed and was buried in the penitentiary cemetery.

Grant Adams was taken to the chair at 7:10 and was pronounced dead at 7:19. He was only 22 years old and one of the youngest men ever electrocuted in Pennsylvania. Because of his youth, strenuous efforts had been made to save his life, but neither the board of pardons nor the Governor would intervene. His body was shipped back to Reading for burial.

County Commissioners Will Give \$500 Towards Philipsburg Bridge.

While the Centre county commissioners were in Philipsburg, last week, holding the annual appeals, citizens of that town literally besieged them with demands to contribute something toward the expense of erecting the Pine street bridge in that place. The bridge in question is in reality an inter-county structure and at a joint meeting of the commissioners of Clearfield and Centre county, some weeks ago, it was decided that the bridge ought to be rebuilt by the borough of Philipsburg. Later the Centre county commissioners offered to donate free of charge an iron bridge that is to be replaced by another one in Burnside township, providing the borough of Philipsburg would bear the expense of moving and erection. As the expense is estimated at \$3,000, Philipsburg residents continued their demands for assistance until finally the county commissioners have agreed to contribute \$500 toward the cost of moving.

Farm Barn and Stock Burned by Forest Fire.

A forest fire that started in "the Barrens," near Pennsylvania Furnace, shortly after three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, swept furiously through that stretch of young timber and brush and was not stopped until it had eaten its destructive way west into the Centre Line district.

The woods were so dry that leaves, brush and timber burned like tinder and a wind from the east swept the flames rapidly westward, carrying showers of sparks for miles around. The entire country side was out fighting the fire, for not alone was the wood-land in danger but farm buildings all along its path were constantly menaced.

Near Centre Line the farm barn of Clyde Beck was totally destroyed with five horses and seven cows. The Beck family were all out fighting the fire when their own barn caught and, in consequence, were unable to save any of the stock.

We are indebted to Mrs. Clara Bortoff, of Runville, for three parsnips, which have attracted quite a bit of attention by their size, two of them weighing two and a half pounds each, while the third was a pound and a quarter. Runville productions are frequently out of the ordinary.

Mrs. Daley, widow of the late Col. John A. Daley, died suddenly at her home near Romola, on Wednesday morning. She had been ill only over the night with acute indigestion. Interment will be made at Romola today.

Many Attractions for Lewistown Celebration.

Within a few weeks 50,000 pieces of advertising matter will be distributed telling the world that Lewistown, the city along the Blue Juniata in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, will have an Old Home week, June 28 to July 4, 1925. The invitation committee is at work, but a formal invitation is not necessary, for every one, both old and young, will be welcome to help Lewistown celebrate her biggest event when she will be host to thousands back to visit the "Old Home Town" and other thousands of friends attracted by the elaborate preparations now under way to entertain her guests.

A "tented city" of 1,000 tents will be available for the accommodation of visitors during Old Home week and they will be rented at a nominal cost to those who care to spend the week out-of-doors. For the visitors who expect to bring their own camping equipment the Kiwanis tourist camp will be free of charge under capable management.

The entire city will don her gala garb for the week, a contract having been let for the decoration of the streets. Market street will be the mid-way, lined for blocks with amusement, eating and advertising booths. As the date approaches every one of the 21 special committees making arrangements for the event are up and at work to make their part of the "big time" live up to Lewistown's reputation for open hearted hospitality and generous entertainment.

Church Services Next Sunday.

BOALSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH. Services for Sunday, April 12: Boalsburg—Holy Communion 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school 9 a. m.; Christian Endeavor 7 p. m. Shiloh—Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Pleasant Gap—Sunday school 9:30 a. m.

Special service Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, at 7:30 o'clock. Preparatory service on Friday evening. W. J. Wagner, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 10:45; topic, "The Christian's Hope."

MUSICAL PROGRAM. Prelude—Piano Solo. Offertory Anthem—As it Began to Dawn - - - - F. F. Harker. Quartette—"At the Rising of the Sun" - - - - C. Whitney Coombs. Postlude.

Evening worship at 7:30; topic, "Doubting Thomas." Prelude—Violin Solo, Canonetta-D'Ambrosio. Offertory—Violin Solo, Serenade - - - - Victor Herbert. Anthem—"In the End of the Sabbath" - - - - W. C. MacFarlane. Solo—"Come See the Place Where Jesus Lay" - - - - P. Ambrose. Postlude.

William C. Thompson, Pastor. ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH. Services Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p. m., sermon by Rev. Reed O. Steely. Good Friday, first service at 2 p. m., "Get'semane." At 7:30 p. m. preparatory service. Easter day, 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. the Holy Communion will be celebrated. The Sunday school Easter festival service will also be held in the evening. Special music at both services. The self-denial offerings will be gathered at the evening services. Ambrose M. Schmidt, D. D. Pastor.

BOALSBURG REFORMED. Services for Sunday, April 12: Boalsburg—Church school 9:15 a. m.; Easter services, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," 7:30 p. m. Pine Grove Mills—Holy Communion 10 a. m. Pine Hall—Church school 1:30 p. m.; Easter service 2:30 p. m. Rev. W. W. Moyer, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH. Early Easter service at 7 p. m., Sunday school 8 a. m. At the evening service at 7:30, the Young People's Missionary Circle will give a Missionary play. Reed O. Steely, Minister.

Eighteen guards, four state policemen and one secret service man were in charge of a convoy of one hundred and ten short term prisoners transferred from the eastern penitentiary, at Philadelphia, to Rockview last Friday. It just happened that day that traffic on the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad was tied up by a freight wreck near Coburn and it was necessary to transfer the prisoners at the wreck, but none of them made any attempt to get away.

Motoring from their home in Millheim to Lock Haven, on Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bowersox narrowly escaped serious injury when their car upset as the result of making too short a turn at the trolley line in Flemington. Both were thrown out, Mr. Bowersox sustaining injuries to his left shoulder and Mrs. Bowersox having one knee injured. The car was not badly damaged.

Some of the first arbutus of the season usually reaches us through the kindness of George Stevenson, of Buffalo Run. That which came this year was exceptionally lovely, though not in as great quantity as heretofore.

CENTRE HALL. Mrs. William Tate died on Tuesday morning and will be buried today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lutz spent a few hours in Bellefonte on Wednesday. Mrs. D. K. Keller accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Lucas to their home in Lewistown on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Kennedy, after spending several weeks in her home on the farm, returned to Altoona on Sunday. Mrs. Harry Weaver and daughter Frances, of Altoona, spent parts of Saturday and Sunday at the W. F. Colyer home.

Miss Mabel Allison, of Spring Mills, and Mrs. C. A. Smith, of this place, spent several days in Altoona and Tyrone last week.

Dr. H. H. Longwell left for Lewistown on Monday and on Tuesday evening passed through town on his way to Williamsport, where he is now located.

Dr. Morrow, wife and baby reached Centre Hall by auto on Tuesday evening. Their household goods, which came by freight, reached here on Wednesday.

Miss Beatrice Kramer, nurse, is home from the western part of the State, where she has been nursing for several months, and is at the home of J. William Bradford.

Mrs. Gelin, formerly Miss Ruth Shreckengast, her husband and his sister, all of Greensburg, visited Mrs. Gelin's father, H. E. Shreckengast, on Saturday and Sunday.

The stork has been visiting our town again, and now Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bradford are the proud parents of a wee girlie, Joyce; and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Spyster are also the proud parents of a ten-pound baby girl.

Mrs. W. Gross Mingle left for her home in Philadelphia on Wednesday, going by way of Lewistown. Mrs. Mingle had been here for a month or more helping to care for her father, Capt. George M. Boal.