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NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mr. E. S. Moore, of Pine Grove Mills, was a business visitor in Bellefonte on Wednesday and a caller at the "Watchman" office.

Miss Mary Hill, who had been spending two weeks with her many friends in Bellefonte, returned to her home in Atlantic City, Wednesday.

The Misses May Crider, Edrie Walker and Sara Ray, among the business women employed in Philadelphia, will all be home for the Holiday vacation.

Lester Pifer, of Wilkensburg, a son of Mrs. Grant Pifer, spent the week-end in Bellefonte, visiting with his mother's relatives, the H. K. Hoy family.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godshall will be here from Camden, N. J., next week, guests of Mrs. Godshall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lamb and the Wilbur Baney family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Griffith will leave Sunday to spend the Holiday season and the early part of the year with Mrs. Griffith's children, in and about Philadelphia.

Edward Grauer, of New York and Philadelphia, is arranging to come to Bellefonte to be a member of the Christmas Holiday celebration in the Louis Grauer family.

Miss Roberta Noll is making tentative plans for accompanying her sister, Mrs. George VanDyke, to her home at Cheltenham, Pa., expecting to remain there until spring.

Col. and Mrs. J. L. Spangler will have with them for their Christmas celebration, next week, the James McClain family, of Spangler, and Miss Margaret Brisbin, of Philadelphia.

Foster McGovern, of West Port, and Thomas McGovern, of Warren, both with the State Highway Department, will spend their vacation in Bellefonte with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McGovern.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow were over Sunday guests of Mrs. Winslow's mother, Mrs. Charles Cruse, who with her daughter, Miss Helen, will go to Patton next week to be Holiday guests at the Winslow home.

Samuel Meyer, of Camelstown, a cousin of Mrs. H. K. Hoy, has been spending several weeks with the Hoy family and other relatives in Centre county. Mr. Meyer, who is past eighty years old, is one of the very few left of her generation.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Thomas expect to leave Bellefonte for their future home in Millville, Columbia county, December 30th. Their plans are to leave that day, but they are contingent on the arrival of a van that is to come to transport their furniture.

John Waite, of Johnstown, with his sister-in-law, Miss Nagle, will be here for a week-end visit with Mr. Waite's mother, Mrs. George Waite, of Phoenix avenue. A younger son, Gilbert, will come from Williamsport, to be a Christmas guest at the Waite home.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coxy will be here from Clearfield next week, to be with Mr. Coxy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coxy, Friday. Mrs. Tarbert will be unable to be here during the Holidays, though anticipating coming to Bellefonte later in the season.

Hugh and Phil Johnston will come home from Law school this week, for the mid-winter vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Stitzinger and their two children will drive in from New Castle to join the Johnston family for New Year.

Mrs. H. K. Hoy arrived in Bellefonte Thursday, after spending the summer and fall in Boalsburg with her son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wagner. Mrs. Shuey, of Prospect, Ohio, will join her mother here, both to be Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Royer, at their new home on Water street.

M. D. Kelly, of Altoona, was in town last Saturday on his way home from a week's hunting trip at the Pine Run lodge beyond Snow Shoe. Hunting with the party were Michael and Robert J. Kelly, of Altoona; Tom Conaghan and Ben Shellenberger, of Tyrone; W. M. Clark, of Trenton, N. J.; and Larry Redding, P. W. Kelley, and the rest of the Snow Shoe crowd. They hadn't succeeded in getting a deer, but that was probably because J. K. Johnston was unable to join the party as has been his custom for years. He's the only real hunter in the whole crowd.

John Hurst was in town on Tuesday. He had been called here as a juror, but put up some kind of a plea to the Court and got excused. When he told us he was on his way home our mind flew back thirty years to times when John would have staid in Bellefonte for a year and let his plumbing business in Philipsburg go hang if a Republican county convention elected to sit that long. "Them was the days," Philipsburg and Rush delegates always came uninvited—both to the Democratic and Republican conventions—and things commenced to move the moment the night train got in the evening before. Mostly the contests were just close enough to give the delegation from "over the mountain" the balance of power and the lights never went out in the local hotels all that night. Oh boy! Talk of the joys of politics. The present generation will never know just what fun there was in it for John Hurst and his contemporaries. Had we the space we could tell you of some mighty interesting stuff about John and his part in making Republican tickets several decades ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rossman, of east Bishop street, are entertaining Mrs. Rossman's father, Harry Stevenson, who is here for a Holiday visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Miller are expected here from Pittsburgh, next week, to be guests of Mr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Miller, of east High street.

At the H. F. Miller home on east High street, next week, there will be Mr. and Mrs. Miller's three daughters, coming from State College, Lewistown and York, Pa.

D. M. Markle is in Pittsburgh for a Christmas visit with his two daughters, Mrs. Harry Hazel and Mrs. Lloyd Homan, and his son, Robert Markle, of Turtle Creek.

Miss Helen Monsel, a trained nurse located for the present at Bryn Mawr, will be home next week to celebrate Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Monsel.

Mrs. Andrew Keith, of Petersburg, and her daughter, were here last week for an over Sunday visit at the Dr. R. L. Stevens home. Mrs. Keith is a sister-in-law of Dr. Stevens.

Miss Lida E. Morris will leave Monday for Mason, Ga., to spend the Holiday season with the Charles A. and Elliot Lyon Morris families, expecting to remain south for the winter.

Mrs. Donald Gettig and her three children have been spending the week in Altoona, at Mrs. Gettig's former home, with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Mallory. Mr. Gettig will join his family here next week for the Gettig Christmas day celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Case came up Sunday from Washington, for a visit home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McGowan, and will be joined here by Mr. Case next week, to be Christmas guests at the McGowan home west of town.

C. M. Kryder, of Centre Hall, and his niece, Mrs. Homan, made their first trip over the mountain yesterday, since the opening of the new state road, having driven over to look after some business, and incidentally, do some Christmas buying.

Mrs. J. A. Dunkel, of Pittsburgh, is expected in Bellefonte shortly, to spend the remainder of the winter with her brothers, James R. and Charles Hughes, at the Academy. Mrs. Dunkel's daughter and family have left Pittsburgh to locate on the Pacific coast.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCoy's guests next week will include the following members of Mrs. McCoy's family: Mr. and Mrs. John VanPelt, of Johnstown, and their daughter Rachel; Charles Harris, of Hagerstown; George Harris, of Baltimore, and it is probable that Guy Harris, of Washington, will also be a member of the family party.

Where Turkey Will Not be Served on Christmas.

If you want to eat turkey on Christmas without going to the trouble of having it at your home don't plan to go to the Brockerhoff house, Knisely's restaurant, Marks' restaurant or Miss Mary Derstines, as all those places will be closed on Christmas day. The Brockerhoff house dining room will be closed from Thursday, December 24th, to the following Monday or Tuesday, to afford an opportunity to make some changes and improvements in the room and kitchen. Regular boarders at the hotel will, of course, be taken care of.

WHERE TURKEY CAN BE HAD.

The Bush house and the Brant house, however, will be open on Christmas and will serve special turkey dinners, so that any one wishing to go out for dinner can get it at either of the above hotels.

LOVE RESIDENCE DAMAGED BY FIRE YESTERDAY MORNING.

Fire which evidently originated from a defective or overheated fue burned most of the roof off the rear portion of the Mrs. John G. Love residence, on east Linn street, at an early hour yesterday morning, while the house and everything it contains were considerably damaged by water. Mrs. Love and her daughter, Miss Catherine, are in Philadelphia, and John G. Love Esq., was in Harrisburg, but the fire in the furnace was kept up by a caretaker. The fire broke out near the roof about seven o'clock in the morning, but once on the scene the firemen did good work and quickly extinguished the blaze. While the loss will be considerable it will be partly covered by insurance.

Just imagine having bon-bons, chocolates, chocolate covered mints, all kinds of fondant covered nuts, and then some delicious fruits not covered with chocolate but with a wonderful soft fondant that when you bite through it the original fruit juice is still there, and all these things in one box at seventy cents a pound, and made just the day before you receive them. Can you think of anything more wonderful for Christmas candy. That is the way Martha Washington candy is sold at the Russ-Bell soda fountain. All orders to be delivered the day before Christmas must be received not later than this Saturday night. We have also a complete line of loose chocolates, hard candy and fancy boxes at all prices. Russ-Bell Soda Fountain, Bellefonte. 70-50-11

If you have procured yours, 1926 license plates may now be used on your car or truck. A recent ruling of the Highway Department permitted the use of the new plates after December 15.

A candle in your window Christmas eve, is a greeting to the passer by, be he a friend or stranger. See to it that this custom may be universally observed in Bellefonte.

Show the Christmas spirit by burning a candle in your window Christmas eve.

Children's shoes, 75c. a pair less, at Yeager's Tiny Boot Shop. 50-11.



The Bellefonte Postoffice Force as Constituted in 1890.
 Top row, left to right—G. W. Rees, James A. Fiedler, Joseph Harris, postmaster, Arber Everett, John P. Garthoff, John Spearly, John L. Knisely.
 Bottom row—John Wagner, John Bair, James Bayard, Thomas Benner.



Postmaster Knisely and Present Personnel of the Office.
 Top row, left to right—Robert Woodring, W. S. Meese, Harry Meese.
 Middle row—Arber Everett, John P. Garthoff, John Spearly, John L. Knisely, postmaster, Millard Hartwick, John Bair, John Hartwick, E. E. Ardery, William Bilger, Daniel Showalter.
 Sitting—William C. Chambers, O. P. Morton Smith, Albert Smith, Boyd Spicher.

JOHN KNISELY RE-APPOINTED POSTMASTER AT BELLEFONTE
 Some Interesting Facts and Statistics About the Bellefonte Office and the Men Who Handle the U. S. Mails.

John L. Knisely, whose four year term as postmaster at Bellefonte expired in October, was on Tuesday appointed by President Coolidge to another term of four years. There was no opposition to his reappointment. Robert M. Smith was also re-appointed postmaster at Centre Hall. And that reminds us.

Coincident with the holiday shopping season and all its turmoil and strife is the vastly augmented mail matter handled by Uncle Sam and his faithful employees, and the people at the Bellefonte postoffice have their share of the burden to bear along with the employees at every postoffice in the United States. If your mail carrier is late these days don't blame it on him, as he is doubtless working harder than usual to get to you on time. To begin with, the trains are probably late, the mails are unusually heavy with holiday packages and the regular force at the postoffice is doing its best to handle it all.

Instead of complaining reflect back to the days when Bellefonte had no free delivery and every family had to go to the postoffice for their mail. And that was not so very long ago, in the year 1890 to be exact. At that time four people handled the mail in the Bellefonte office. It was in January, 1890, when James A. Fiedler took charge as postmaster. He appointed as his assistant G. Wash Rees, while Joseph Harris and Miss Katherine Stott were the only clerks. It was at the end of postmaster Fiedler's first quarter in office when, on figuring up the receipts, he was surprised and pleased to discover that they aggregated about \$11,000 a year. This was sufficient to justify a carrier service and application was promptly made to the Postoffice Department at Washington for the institution of carrier service in Bellefonte. An inspector was sent here to check up on postmaster Fiedler's report and it being found correct the application for town carriers was approved and the first of July set as the date on which it was to go into effect.

On recommendation of postmaster Fiedler Thomas Benner, John Bair, John Wagner and James Bayard were appointed regular carriers, and Clell Bamford and Edward Harris substitutes. The institution of the service was delayed some time because of the non-arrival of the necessary office equipment but temporary equipment was finally installed and the carriers, spic and span in new uniforms and shiny leather mail pouches started out on their first trip. It was a hot day and in climbing jail hill carrier Thom as Benner suffered a slight sunstroke but managed to get to his home on the north side of the jail. Postmaster Fiedler was notified and sent Mr. Rees to the rescue. He found Mr. Benner lying on a lounge and his mail scattered all over the floor. The latter was gathered up and the delivery completed by the assistant postmaster. Those were the days before parcel post and the man who took a daily paper was the exception and not the rule. The mail in those days was

hailed between the postoffice and railroad station on a wheelbarrow and it never was overloaded.

And now, thirty-five years later, the mail is hauled in trucks and it will probably be surprising to many people to know that the average mail in ordinary times aggregates a ton a day, while it is almost double that weight during the holiday season. An ordinary day's mail consists of about four thousand letters, first class mail, and in addition hundreds of pieces of circulars, about one hundred and fifty daily papers and hundreds of pounds of parcel post packages. Of course the postoffice force is considerably larger than it was thirty-five years ago, but its increase has not been in proportion. At that time there were eight people including the four carriers. Today there are seventeen, but that includes not only the four town carriers but the four rural carriers as well.

Thirty-five years ago the receipts were \$11,000 a year, while the present fiscal year will show receipts totalling \$38,000, exclusive of the money order business. And that has grown into an enormous business itself. In fact the issue of money orders at the postoffice for the current year is given at \$212,567. Money orders cashed total \$72,000, which leaves the net sum of \$140,000 taken in at the Bellefonte office which has been sent to the department in Washington. Only a small percentage of the above amount of orders issued goes to foreign lands, while quite a large per cent of it goes to mail order houses for goods bought by residents of Bellefonte and vicinity that might have been bought here had the proper inducements been given. This is something worth considering by the merchants and business men of Bellefonte.

As stated above the postoffice force now consists of seventeen people. They are John L. Knisely, postmaster; O. P. Morton Smith, assistant postmaster; William C. Chambers, money order and stamp clerk; William Bilger, mailing clerk; Millard Hartwick, John Bair and Albert Smith, clerks; Robert Woodring, E. E. Ardery, Arber Everett and John Garthoff, town carriers; Daniel Showalter, parcel post carrier; Boyd Spicher, John Hartwick, W. S. Meese and John Spearly, rural carriers, and Harry Meese, substitute clerk.

John Bair is the one man in the above force who was in the postoffice service thirty-five years ago, he being one of the first carriers, and while he was away from Bellefonte a few years he has been continuously in the service since his first appointment. Edward Harris, one of the first substitute carriers is now Dr. Edward Harris, of Snow Shoe, while G. Wash Rees is almost as active as in the days when he was assistant postmaster.

In the present force there are a number of veterans in the service. John Bair reached the age of retirement on September 1st, after working thirty-five years continuously, but secured an extension of two years, or until September 1st, 1927.

E. E. Ardery has been in the service thirty-two years, having been appointed in November, 1893. He will reach the retirement age August 20th, 1926, when he will probably relinquish his job.

Robert Woodring has thirty-one years of service to date, having been

appointed December 1st, 1894, and he will go on the retired list December 1st, 1926.

William C. Chambers has had over twenty-six years of service to date, having been appointed September 1st, 1899. He will be eligible to retire August 1st, 1926.

Assistant postmaster Morton Smith has twenty-five years of service to date, having been appointed in 1900, but he has many years ahead of him before he reaches the retirement age.

The top picture published in connection with this article shows the postoffice force in 1890 and the bottom picture the personnel of the force today.

Agricultural Extension Association Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Centre county Agricultural Extension Association will be held this (Friday) afternoon, December 18th, at 1:30 o'clock, in the court house, Bellefonte.

The Extension Association was organized in 1917 under the name of the Centre county Farm Bureau. This name was changed at the annual meeting last year to Agricultural Extension Association so it would not conflict with the Farm Bureau Federation organization which has a paid membership organization. The Extension Association is financed by the funds appropriated according to the Smith-Lever law, which states that the federal government will match all the money appropriated by the State government and giving the County Commissioners privilege to appropriate money to pay all local expenses of the extension representative.

The executive committee is made up of sixteen members, with a representative from each community insofar as possible. The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are elected at the annual meeting. These men select the remainder of the committee and help formulate the county agent's program. The work has increased every year until this year information has been given out to 2360 farmers, or a few more than there are farms in the county. This increase will depend largely on the interest taken by local people. Everybody in the county interested in agriculture is considered a member and should attend this meeting, if possible. One of the main problems is the eradication of tuberculosis in cattle. A large number of herds have been tested to date and the aim is to test all the cattle in Centre county during 1926. With this in mind, Dr. T. E. Munce, head of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Harrisburg, will speak on this subject. Dr. Munce will have the latest information regarding testing, amount of money available, etc.

Foster—Swank.—A wedding of interest to many Centre countians took place at Mahanoy City on December first when Russell Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Foster, of State College, was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Swank, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Swank, of Mahanoy City. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. Morrison, of Binghamton, N. Y. The bride is a graduate of State College, class of 1921, since which time she has taught in the High school of her home town. The bridegroom graduated in the same class as his bride and for two years taught manual training in the High school at Mahanoy City and has since been employed as a teller in the Union National bank of that city. During the world war he saw service overseas as a second lieutenant. The young people for the present will make their home with the bride's parents.

Mendel's guaranteed silk hose for ladies, the same kind Mr. Yeager sold at his old store, the price is only \$1.50, at the new Yeager's Tiny Boot Shop. 50-11.

G. Edward Haupt, et al, to estate of Charles W. Corman, tract in Bellefonte; \$200.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of Earl B. Grove, late of Spring township, Centre county, Pa., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment thereof and those having claims against the same to present them, properly authenticated, for settlement.

FLORENCE C. GROVE, Adm'r.
 W. Harrison Walker, Bellefonte, Pa. Attorney 70-45-61

PUBLIC SALE.

The Homestead property of the late Alexander G. Morris, situate on the North side of East Linn street, Bellefonte, Penna., will be offered for sale on the premises by the undersigned,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10th, 1926,
 At 1:30 o'clock p. m.

The lot has a frontage of 100 feet on East Linn street, and is 200 feet in depth. The house erected thereon, and which is in first-class repair and condition, contains 12 rooms and 5 fully equipped bath rooms. An up-to-date steam heating plant with all plumbing in excellent shape.

On the rear of the lot is a large garage. Terms of Sale: Ten per cent in cash, to be paid when property is knocked down and declared sold; 30 per cent in cash, to be paid on or before April 1st, 1926, at which time a deed will be delivered; the balance of the consideration, to-wit, sixty per cent, shall be paid in installments, and which said deferred payment shall be secured by a purchase money mortgage on the premises with interest from April 1st, 1926, at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Possession will be given when deed is delivered and the above conditions of sale are fully complied with.

ELIZA EGBERT MORRIS, Bellefonte, Pa. Auctioneer.
 L. Frank Mayes, Bellefonte, Pa. Auctioneer.
 W. Harrison Walker, Attorney. 70-50-41

Merry Christmas

Hints to Husbands to Help them with Their Gift Shopping

There are really hundreds of delightful gifts for women, but how many men think of them? And we wonder if men know how much a woman admires the man who can select a gift which is sure to charm her. We are most heartily interested in helping men to choose the perfect gift for their wives. Knowing feminine tastes, we are able to offer the suggestions below of charming gifts for women, and can promise that every man who profits by them will see a very happy wife on Christmas morn.

Exquisite Silk Lingerie

Our "Silk Undie" Department is like a lovely flower garden filled with delicious fripperies that will go to the heart of any woman who knows and loves fine things.

Just unpacked is a new importation of exquisite Silk Lingerie—in Peach or Flesh! Crepe-de-Chene, adorably fashioned.

Nightgowns	\$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00
Chemise	\$3.00, \$4.00
Step-Ins	\$2.00, \$3.50
Bloomers	\$2.98, \$4.50
Vests	\$1.00, \$1.25, \$3.25
Princess Slips	\$6.00

Suggestions for the Wife and Daughter

Gloves	Scarfs	Collar Boquets	Lingerie
Leather Bags	Linens	Fur Trimmed Coats.	Fancy Garters
Afternoon Frocks	Hosiery	Dress Materials	Handkerchiefs

This store will be open in the evenings for the accommodation of Holiday Shoppers from Monday December 14 to Xmas.

Hazel & Company
 South Allegheny Street BELLEFONTE, PA