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Six Young Men Figure in Serious Auto Wreck.

Six young men of Bellefonte figured in a serious auto wreck last Thursday night and all of them have cause to be thankful that they escaped as luckily as they did. The young men in question are Basil Martin, Philip Ray, Jack Yeager, Paul Dubbs, William Keller and James Bower.

The young men left Snow Shoe after midnight and got over the mountain all right and down to the curve in the State highway near the Dim Lantern, at Runville. Martin was at the wheel and he alleges that as he undertook to negotiate the curve the machine skidded on a patch of ice on the highway and struck the posts and wire cable alongside of the road. It rebounded to the roadway but again ran into the fence, knocking off several posts and finally landing head on against the concrete abutment of a small bridge. Ray was thrown through the windshield and landed on the ice in the creek, sustaining a bad gash on his head.

The accident happened close to the home of Milligan Lucas and he brought the young men to Bellefonte and a physician attended to their injuries. The car was completely wrecked and was trailed in the same night.

WILLIAM WAITE ALSO HAD WRECK ON MOUNTAIN.

The new highway over the mountain is a vast improvement over the old roadway and a delightful drive in fair weather, but very treacherous when covered with ice. On Sunday evening William Waite drove to Snow Shoe in his sister's Ford coupe and spent the evening with friends. Between ten and eleven o'clock there was quite a hard rain and the atmosphere on the mountain was so cold that it froze as it fell, so that the road was covered with a hard coating of ice. Mr. Waite left Snow Shoe about twelve o'clock, and having no chains along, he drove very carefully. He got to the top of the mountain all right but in the neighborhood of the Beech Creek trestle the car began to skid and finally turned around in the road once or twice and slid down the mountain and landed against the concrete abutment of the bridge at that place. The young man was nonplussed as to what to do next. He realized that without chains it would be foolhardy to attempt to come down the mountain and it was no place to spend the night. While deliberating he heard the hum of a motor and William Harm came along on his way home to Snow Shoe.

He invited Waite to go along with him and spend the night, which he did. The next morning when members of the Waite family got out of bed they discovered that William had not been at home during the night, and knowing that he had driven to Snow Shoe, had visions of his having met with an accident and probably lying somewhere on the mountain badly hurt. His brother, Samuel Waite, in Sam Baum's runabout, started to Snow Shoe to find out what had happened and when he reached the Beech Creek trestle he found the car but not the driver. A short time later, however, he learned that his brother was safe in Snow Shoe. The car had one fender broken and otherwise damaged, but it can easily be repaired.

1925 Bad Matrimonial Year in Centre County.

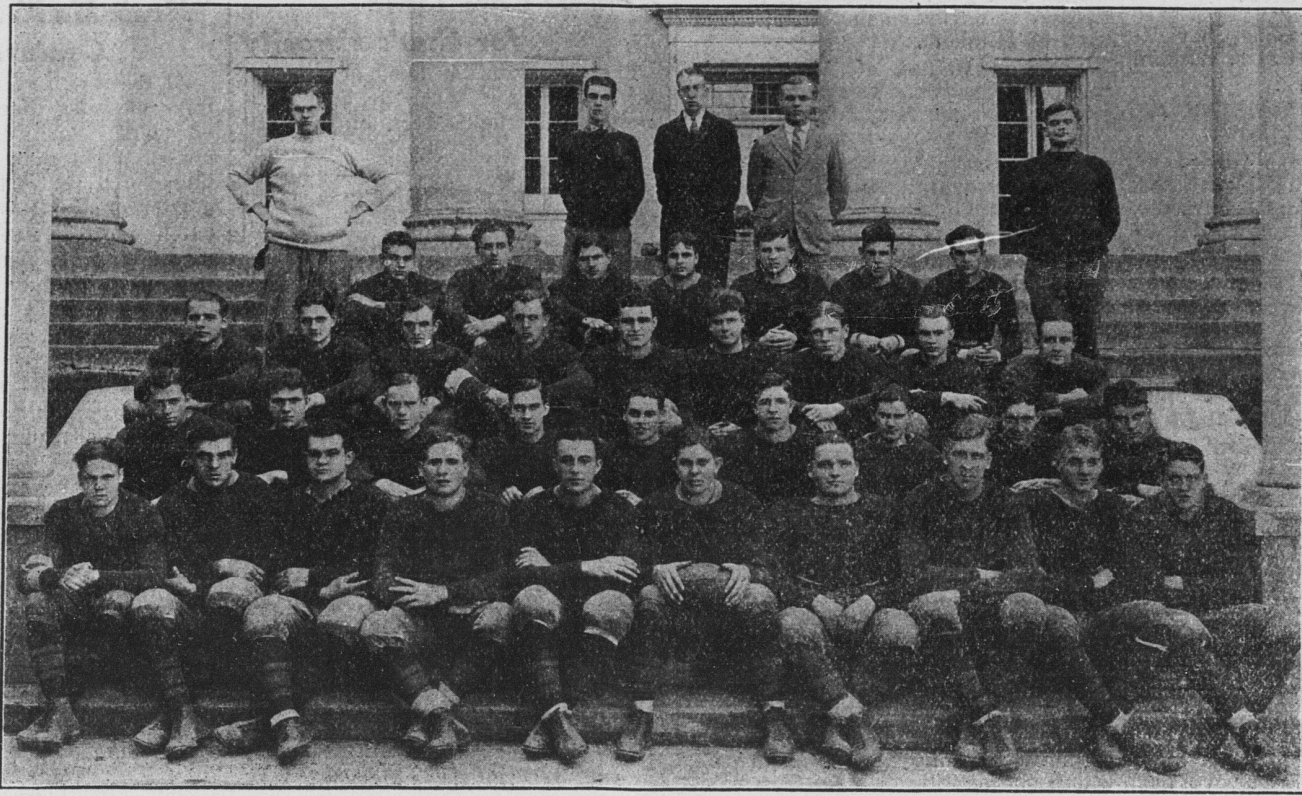
The year 1925 was not a very good one matrimonially in Centre county. The number of marriage licenses granted last year was the lowest in four years, being only 250. In 1924 there were 318, in 1923, 293, and in 1922, 281. From the above it will be seen that just sixty-eight fewer couples were married in 1925 than in 1924. Four couples were granted licenses during the past week, as follows:

William E. Dreiblebis, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mildred A. Bortorf, of State College.

Lewis C. Mitchell, of Clearfield, and Sarah E. Douglas, of Tyrone.

Charles America Orndorf, of Centre Hall, and Minnie Lucetta Bowersox, of Rebersburg.

Raymond Hudson Snyder and Corinda Bell Wagner, both of Moshamon.



BELLEFONTE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM, CHAMPION PREP. SCHOOL AGGREGATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

VICTORIOUS ACADEMY TEAM WELCOMED HOME.

Band and Pyrotechnics Greet Winners of Great Intersectional Game. Burgess Harris Makes His Maiden Speech.

Returning from the longest trip ever taken by a Prep. school football team the Bellefonte Academy gridiron gladiators were given a rousing welcome when they returned here Tuesday night.

Headed by the Burgess, a delegation of Kiwanians, and the Odd Fellows band a thousand or more enthusiasts met the returning players at the Penna. station and escorted them, with flaming red torches, up High street to the Diamond. There the parade halted and Harrison Walker Esq., just retired as Chief Burgess, introduced his successor, Hardman Petrikin Harris. Mr. Harris made the address of welcome. It was also his maiden speech as head of the municipal government and at its conclusion he was cheered to the echo. Following him headmaster James R. Hughes, of the Academy, recounted some of the experiences of the trip and spoke pleasantly of the lavish hospitality and courtesy of the Texan hosts of the old Bellefonte educational institutions representatives.

Having been without an equal among eastern preparatory school foot-ball teams the Academy players were invited to make the long trip to Texas, where the team of the Sherman High school was thought to be one with a claim to championship honors in the country. The Academy boys had broken training and scattered to their homes for the Christmas vacation, but they were called back and nineteen players, with headmaster Hughes, Chas. S. Hughes, coach Carl G. Snavely, manager Feit and P. A. Grizette, sports writer of the Pittsburgh Gazette Times, made up the party that started the long journey to bring home some bacon from the great south west. They had their own Pullman car for the entire trip and when the great classic was staged on New Year's day the boys were right on their toes to show the 10,000 Texans a brand of football they had never seen before. They overwhelmed their opponents 47 to 6.

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The Rev. S. S. Aplin, formerly secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., writes hopefully of his work in the ministry at Barnesboro. He has a thriving church of one hundred members, a very comfortable parsonage and an encouraging outlook for 1926.

Judge Dale Creates Borough of Port Matilda.

It didn't take Judge Arthur C. Dale long to make a borough out of the village of Port Matilda. As stated in the Watchman last week argument for and against the application for its incorporation was made last Saturday morning. N. B. Spangler represented the petitioners and John G. Love the remonstrants, while Hon. Ellis L. Orvis was special counsel for the Superior Silica Brick Co., which was also opposed to the incorporation because the survey of the borough limits as presented to the court extended up the north side of Muncy mountain a sufficient distance to take in the plant and holdings of that company. Two land owners who own farms adjacent to the village, also presented special petitions to have the proposed line of the borough changed, as it takes in a small portion of the farm of each.

Port Matilda has 545 residents and 105 freeholders, or property owners. The petition for incorporation into a borough was signed by 76 of the latter, which is more than the necessary number. The remonstrance was numerous, signed, but mostly by people living in the township. Argument in the case lasted until almost noon, on a Saturday, and at 1:30 Judge Dale rendered his decision granting the application of the petitioners and thus creating the borough of Port Matilda.

In his decree the court ordered that an election be held on Tuesday, January 26th, for the selection of a full complement of borough officers, which will include a burgess, tax collector, overseer of the poor, assessor, councilmen, auditors, etc. For the purpose of holding the election he appointed D. L. Ross, judge of election; S. S. Osman, majority inspector, and O. A. Williams, minority inspector. He also instructed P. B. Woodring to give notice of the election by the posting of not less than six bills, ten or more days before the date thereof. The creation of a borough out of Port Matilda will naturally make another election district in Centre county, the total now being sixty-five.

Radio Sale and Supply Co. to Change Location.

The Radio Sale and Supply Co., R. J. Green, manager, which has been located on south Water street, has leased new quarters and will soon move into the Doll room, on Bishop street, at present occupied by the Misses Powers.

The Radio company is a new undertaking in Bellefonte, and Mr. Green is encouraged with its outlook and is moving to a more central location with a view to better demonstrating the pleasure and benefit to be derived from Radio installation. He is especially hopeful that within a short time a general broadcasting station will be located at some point nearer to us than Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, for in that event, he says, everyone who has a radio here would be able to pick entertainment out of the air at any hour in the day. It is Mr. Green's contention that picking up any station more than one hundred miles distant is wholly a matter of air conditions, whereas within a circuit of one hundred miles or less there would be little if any difficulty in tuning in satisfactorily at any time.

J. C. Wilkie Buys Model Laundry Building.

The deal was closed on Monday whereby J. C. Wilkie, proprietor of the Model Laundry, became the purchaser of the building on south Water street, in which the laundry has been located since its establishment several years ago. The building was owned by Mrs. Annie R. Miller, wife of N. A. Miller, of Detroit Mich., but formerly of Bellefonte. It was built originally as a garage but is also well adapted for a laundry. Mr. Wilkie contemplates making a number of alterations and improvements to the building and also the dwelling house adjoining.

—Don't borrow the "Watchman," be a paid subscriber.

Presbyterian Home, at Hollidaysburg, Formally Opened.

Because of the fact that five Centre countians are included among the fourteen guests at the new Presbyterian Home, at Hollidaysburg, Watchman readers will be interested in knowing something of their surroundings. While the guests went to the Home on Thursday the formal opening did not take place until New Year's day, when an elaborate turkey dinner was served.

There was open house that day and a reception committee from the Presbyterian church of Hollidaysburg warmly welcomed all guests. Mrs. Annie C. Witherow, superintendent of the Home, pleasantly greeted each guest and a great feeling of fellowship prevailed, the guests being delighted with the heartfelt welcome extended to them, and delighted with the Home with its colonial architecture, elegance and general comfort. The guests soon became acquainted, and gave every evidence that they will form a splendid Presbyterian family, and that they have seen that the Lord will provide.

The beautiful dining room with its hard wood tables, fine silverware and china, and decorations, presented a very pleasing sight filled with the merry feasters. Each table contained a centre decoration of flowering plants. All the food was home cooked and the dinner was highly enjoyed by all.

Fourteen of the bed rooms are occupied by the guests, there being eight furnished bed rooms not occupied at the present time, pending the next unit of guests who are expected to arrive soon. There are thirty bed rooms all told, but so far only twenty-two are furnished. The guests who went Thursday were given their choice of rooms and selected them on both the first and second floors.

—Milton Sills, Leatrice Joy, Robert Ames and Anne Pennington all at the Moose theatre next week. It

A Pathetic Christmas Letter.

Some of the persons in this community who entertained "fresh air" children last summer, have kept in touch with their little guests.

In reply to a Christmas remembrance sent to New York a Bellefonte lad has just received the pathetic acknowledgment published below. The grateful little lad in the big city, where thousands are whom Santa Claus never finds, probably unhesitatingly put the only treasure he had in his letter when he enclosed the used fountain pen he mentions. Needless to say it was returned.

New York, Dec. 29, '25.
Dear Friend Geo. Reuben Meek,

As I came home from school my mother gave me a package.

I was so happy that I got a Christmas present. That was the only present I got. We didn't have a tree in our house, other people had but I didn't. With the box of candy and the game you sent me I surprised my brothers and sisters.

My mother was very sick and we didn't have a Merry Christmas.

I am thanking you for your present and wish you a happy New Year. I am sending you my picture and my fountain pen for remembrance. I am again wishing you and your whole family a very happy New Year.

I remain, your friend,
Michael Bernaski.

—Raymond Novarro's latest picture, "The Midshipman," at the Scenic next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Lecture Postponed.

The first Current Events' lecture has been postponed to Wednesday evening, January 13th, because of the illness of Mrs. Swartz. The remaining lectures will be as arranged for. That is the first Wednesdays of the months, February 3rd, March 3rd, and April 7th. The lectures will be held in the Presbyterian chapel at half-past eight. The price of the course ticket is \$1.00. Single entrance, fifty cents.

Mrs. ROBERT MILLS BEACH, Chairman.

Y. M. C. A. Basketball Schedule.

The Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. has entered the West Branch Valley Y. M. C. A. basketball league together with Williamsport, Jersey Shore, Lock Haven and Renovo. There will be six teams played by each team in the league, eight at home and eight away.

Bellefonte will open its season at Williamsport on Friday evening, January 8th, and will play their first home game on Wednesday evening, January 13th, when they will have as opponents Jersey Shore. All home games will be played on Wednesday nights starting at 8:30, to allow the largest number of fans to see the games.

If basketball becomes a paying proposition at the "Y" the management will book some of the best traveling clubs in this district to give the fans a chance to see them in action. The local "Y" team will play some teams not in the league to see how they compare with the teams playing these parts. The "Y" team will be composed of Kline, Malone, Thompson, Herman, Mensch, Katz, and a number of other ex-High school players.

The league schedule follows:

January 8—Bellefonte at Williamsport.
January 13—Jersey Shore at Bellefonte.
January 22—Bellefonte at Jersey Shore.
January 27—Williamsport at Bellefonte.
February 3—Renovo at Bellefonte.
February 10—Lock Haven at Bellefonte.
February 16—Bellefonte at Lock Haven.
February 24—Jersey Shore at Bellefonte.
February 26—Bellefonte at Williamsport.
March 5—Bellefonte at Jersey Shore.
March 10—Williamsport at Bellefonte.
March 17—Renovo at Bellefonte.
March 24—Lock Haven at Bellefonte.
March 25—Bellefonte at Renovo.
March 30—Bellefonte at Lock Haven.

Judge Dale Has Joined the Firm of Orvis and Zerby.

With his retirement from the bench, on Monday, former Judge Arthur C. Dale was generally supposed to have had plans for merely taking a desk in the offices of Orvis and Zerby until he could find permanent quarters of his own. The scarcity of office rooms in town made such a step necessary.

On Tuesday morning the announcement was made that he has joined the firm of Orvis and Zerby, which will hereafter be known as Orvis, Zerby and Dale. The entrance of Judge Dale into this old and very prominent law firm will doubtless be one of mutual advantage, both to its members and their clientele.

The January meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter of the D. A. R. was held at the Brouknerhoff house last night, the hostesses being, Mrs. James A. Beaver, Mrs. A. O. Furst, Mrs. Evelyn Rogers, Mrs. David Dale, Mrs. James C. Furst and Mrs. John Curtin.

McMANUS.—William McManus, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at Manor Hill, Huntingdon county, on Saturday, as the result of a heart affection. He was born on July 14, 1846, and had been a resident of Manor Hill most of his life. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company D, 5th Penna. infantry. He was a member of the Methodist church and a staunch Democrat. His wife died less than a year ago but surviving him are two sons and three daughters, John and Guy, of Manor Hill; Mrs. Effie Ramey, of Altoona; Mrs. Maude Goss, at home, and Mrs. George R. Dunlop, of Pine Grove Mills. Burial was made at Manor Hill on Tuesday morning.

MITCHELL.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell, widow of Capt. Alexander H. Mitchell, died on Tuesday morning of last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Wieland, at State College, as the result of an affection of the heart. She was eighty years old and is survived by three children, Mrs. Wieland, of State College; Mrs. Fred M. Parkhill, of Mechanicsburg, and Ross I. Mitchell, of New Castle. Funeral services were held at the Wieland home on Friday afternoon after which the remains were taken to Washington, D. C., where burial was made on Saturday beside the body of her husband in Arlington cemetery.

FRANK.—James P. Frank died at the home of his son in New Castle, Pa., on January 1, 1926. Deceased was a son of Samuel and Sara Brungart Frank and was born in Centre county February 24, 1849, making his age 76 years, 10 months and 7 days.

He was a very generally esteemed resident of Rebersburg and it was there, as a young man, that he became a member of the Lutheran church and to its teachings remained devoted and consistent until death ended his mortal career. He was a kind neighbor, loved and respected by everyone and for years a most conscientious official in the capacity of Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Frank was married to Margaret Spangler, who died in 1905. To their union were born two sons: Samuel S. Frank, who died in 1913 and Chas. O., present minister of the Lutheran church at New Castle, Pa. His one son, four grand children and his brother, Dr. G. S. Frank, of Millheim, survive.

The body was brought home to Rebersburg, where services were held in the Lutheran church and interment made in the Union cemetery on January 4. Rev. Stephen Franer officiated, assisted by Rev. W. A. McClellan.

PARDO.—Mrs. Magdaline Pardo, who had been housekeeper for Mrs. H. Holz, in Bellefonte for twenty-five years or longer, died at the home of her son Henry, at Penn's Cave, on Sunday night as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She went to the home of her son to spend Christmas, contracted pneumonia while there and later was stricken with paralysis.

She was a daughter of John and Mary White and was born in Penn township a little over seventy-five years ago. She was a member of the Bellefonte Methodist church and a regular attendant. Her husband died many years ago but surviving her are two sons, Henry, of Penn's Cave, and Adam, of Rebersburg. She also leaves four brothers and two sisters, Wallace S. White, of Axe Mann; John, of Bellefonte; Emanuel, of Linden Hall; Samuel, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Benjamin Kauffman, of Zion, and Mrs. David Deitrick, of Huhlbersburg.

Funeral services were held at her son's home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, after which the remains were taken to Zion for interment in the cemetery at that place.

BARR.—Elmer Barr, a well known resident of Pennsylvania, died on New Year's evening. Several months ago he had a leg amputated at the Centre County hospital and recovered to that extent that he was able to be around but several weeks ago other complications arose and he gradually grew worse until his death. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Reed Barr and was born near Pine Grove Mills on February 5th, 1863. When a young man he went to Colorado, where he worked in the silver mines, spending a number of years in that and other western States. His health becoming impaired he returned to Centre county a few years ago. His only survivors are one brother and a sister, postmaster David Barr and Miss Isabella, both of Pine Grove Mills. Funeral services were held at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick, assisted by Rev. W. K. Harnish, and burial was made in the Pine Grove Mills cemetery.

MORRISON.—Mrs. Sarah Morrison, wife of Robert Morrison, died at her home on east Howard street on Sunday morning following a year's illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of John and Mary Toner and was born at Axe Mann fifty-five years ago. All her married life was spent in Bellefonte. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son, John Morrison. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, James Toner, Mrs. Mary Curry and Thomas Toner, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gingery, of Brownsville, Pa.

She was a life-long member of St. John's Catholic church and funeral services were held in the church at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

RAGER.—Mrs. Sarah Rager, widow of John M. Rager, died on Monday last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas D. Decker, at State College, following three day's illness with heart trouble. She was 78 years, 10 months and 9 days old, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McBath, was born and spent her entire life in College township. Her husband died in July, 1918, but surviving her are three children, W. E. Rager, of State College; Mrs. Bertha Cramer, of Altoona, and Mrs. Thomas D. Decker, of State College. She also leaves two brothers and one sister, William McBath and Mrs. Harriet Corl, of State College, and Francis McBath, of Tyrone. Burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery last Thursday morning.

COBLE.—George F. Coble, a native of Centre county, died at his home near Morrisdale on December 22nd following a brief illness. He was almost 71 years of age and was born at Houserville. The greater part of his life was spent in Clearfield county where he worked for a number of years as a plasterer then engaged in farming. His wife has been dead for twenty years but surviving him are eleven children. Burial was made at Morrisdale the day after Christmas.