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Charley Keichline is Still Charmed With Florida.

In the following letter from Charley Keichline, who is still at Lake Worth, Florida, we fail to detect any of the gloom about Florida that exuded from the front page of the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times on last Monday.

"This certainly is a fine city; one of the best along the coast. It is growing fast, notwithstanding what we went through with last year and the improvements that are being made in the reconstruction work are much more permanent. The Florida East Coast railroad have just completed modern freight station and classification yards and the Seaboard Air Line now has trains running clear through to Miami.

The climate—always a luxurious asset—is just the same as it was last winter and probably always will be. Only one bad day in all of last month, and as I write this I can glance out the window and see flowers in bloom and fruit coloring on the trees.

Prisoners Appreciated Christmas Day.

The following communication from the prisoners in the Centre county jail speaks for itself: Christmas was a day of many surprises for the nine men confined in the Centre county jail.

Christmas was a day of many surprises for the nine men confined in the Centre county jail. Christmas eve the boys on going to bed hung a sock or two up on each cell door and were rather astonished to wake up Christmas morning and find each one filled with nuts, candies and cigars.

The sheriff and his family then continued to furnish one surprise after another for the boys, trying their best to make it an enjoyable day for all, even if they were on the wrong side of the wall.

New President Starts Duties at Penn State.

Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, the new president of the Pennsylvania State College, has this week taken up his official duties there. He left the University of New Hampshire, where he had been president for nine years, during the holidays, and with Mrs. Hetzel and their five children, is now occupying the president's house on the Penn State campus.

Greetings from students and alumni of the University of New Hampshire and of Penn State, in the form of messages and flowers, covered the president's desk on his first day in office. Faculty and student receptions to president and Mrs. Hetzel are planned for the near future at Penn State.

The special administration committee that conducted Penn State affairs since the resignation of Dr. John M. Thomas, as president, in September, 1925, is now disbanded. A vote of appreciation for its efficient service was given this committee by the College Senate at its last meeting.

The Watchman publishes news when it is news. Read it.

EBERHART.—Bellefonte lost its oldest resident this week in the passing away, at the Centre County hospital on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, of D. W. Eberhart. He was taken to the hospital just five weeks previous, or on December 1st, suffering with bladder trouble but owing to his advanced age it was impossible to perform an operation in order to afford permanent relief and all the attending physicians could do was make his last days as comfortable as possible.

Daniel Webster Eberhart was a son of Joseph Henry and Catherine Elizabeth Eberhart and was born in Berks county on December 19th, 1833, hence had reached the remarkable age of 93 years and 17 days. As a young man he learned the trade of a carpenter and coming to Centre county located at Hulersburg where he lived a number of years and assisted in the erection of many of the old-time buildings in that village as well as throughout Nittany valley.

He was a member of the Lutheran church from boyhood and always a regular attendant at divine services as well as a contributor to the limit of his resources. Quiet and reserved by nature he was one of those staunch, dependable characters which form the bulwark of any town or country.

As a young man Mr. Eberhart married Miss Elizabeth Witmer, who passed away many years ago but surviving him are the following children: J. B. Eberhart, of Punxsutawney; Mrs. Ella S. Williams, of Cohocton, Ohio; Miss Mary, at home; J. Harry Eberhart, Mrs. Harry Badger, George Eberhart and Mrs. Joseph Abt, all of Bellefonte. He also leaves one brother and a sister, James Eberhart, of Lewisburg, and Mrs. Samuel Burris, of Centre Hall.

Funeral services will be held in the Lutheran church at two o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, by the pastor, Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, after which burial will be made in the Union cemetery.

BORST.—William W. Borst, for many years a resident of Halfmoon township, died at the Danville State hospital on December 22nd, where he had been undergoing treatment for more than a year. He was a son of George E. and Mary E. Borst and was born at Pennsylvania Furnace on February 21st, 1872, making his age 54 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He married Miss Emma Davis who survives with the following children: Mrs. William Hoy and Miss Margaret Borst, of Altoona; Mrs. Robert Albright, of Pine Hall; Floyd, of Meadville; Myrtle, George, Russell, Ruby and Mahlon, all at home. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. James Hillard, of Coleville; Mrs. John Hillard, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Mrs. Thomas Weber, of Altoona; Oliver, of Pine Grove Mills, and Samuel, of Stormstown.

Funeral services were held at his late home near Stormstown on Sunday afternoon, December 26th, by Rev. Rose, after which burial was made in Gray's cemetery.

KREAMER.—Mrs. Clara Belle Kreamer, wife of Andrew Kreamer, of Altoona, died in the Altoona hospital on December 23rd as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She was born at Boalsburg sixty-five years ago and had been a resident of Altoona for thirty-five years.

Funeral services were held at his late home near Stormstown on Sunday afternoon, December 26th, by Rev. Rose, after which burial was made in Gray's cemetery.

RUBLE.—Mrs. Linda Ruble, widow of the late James Ruble, died at Cleveland, Ohio, on December 22nd, as the result of general debility. She was a daughter of Joseph and Eliza Shirk, and was born at Potters Mills over eighty years ago. For many years the Ruble family lived on a farm near Linden Hall. Following the death of her husband Mrs. Ruble went to Cleveland, Ohio, to make her home. Her only survivor is one son, Joseph Ruble, of Cleveland. The remains were brought to Centre county and taken to Centre Hall where funeral services were held and burial made on December 24th.

WEIRICK.—Following a lingering illness Zackariah Weirick died at his home in Howard, on Thursday morning of last week, aged 77 years, 1 month and 5 days. He was a carpenter and painter by occupation and a skilled workman. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and two sons, Mrs. Sarah Carr, of Juniata; Alvin, of Altoona, and Joseph, in Philadelphia. The funeral was held at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in the Schenck cemetery.

MUSSER.—Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Musser, widow of the late W. H. Musser, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John M. Bullock, on east Curtin street, Bellefonte, at an early hour on Christmas morning. The day previous she had been up and around but had complained of not feeling very well. After she retired for the night Mr. and Mrs. Bullock went to the midnight service in the Episcopal church. They returned home about 1:30 o'clock and Mrs. Bullock went to her mother's room to see how she was and found her dead in bed.

She was a daughter of John and Mary Shiffer and was born at Pine Grove Mills on December 8th, 1845, making her age 81 years and 17 days. In 1872 she married William Henry Musser and their early married life was spent at Pine Grove Mills. From there they moved to Milesburg but over thirty-five years ago located in Bellefonte and this had been her home ever since. She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church and a regular attendant up to the Sunday prior to her death.

Her husband died a number of years ago and her only survivors are one daughter, Mrs. John M. Bullock, of Bellefonte, and two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Woods, of Pine Grove Mills, and Mrs. W. B. Fugate, of Joliet, Ill. Brief funeral services were held at the Bullock home on Monday evening of last week, by Rev. Homer C. Knox, and on Tuesday morning the remains were taken to Pine Grove Mills where further services were held at the Dr. G. H. Woods home, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

SHARP.—Charles R. Sharp, for the past five years a well known resident of Hulersburg, died at the Lock Haven hospital, at 7:45 o'clock on Monday evening, as the result of uraemic poisoning. He was taken to the hospital about a week previous for an operation for the removal of a growth from his face but uraemic poisoning developed which caused his death.

He was a son of John and Lavina Sharp and was born on May 1st, 1864. His father was a veteran showman but the life evidently did not appeal to the son who for some years past had been on employee of the Lock Haven paper mill. He was a man of congenial disposition, a kind and loving husband and father and dependable neighbor and friend. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Lajune, a student in the Hulersburg High school. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Mary Konkle, of Lamar; Mrs. Margaret Burd, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Alice Porter, of Jersey Shore, and Miss Vina Sharp, of Atlantic City.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. Harry Hartman, of the Reformed church, after which burial was made in the Hulersburg cemetery.

GRAZIER.—Mrs. Harriet Amelia Grazier, wife of Theodore Grazier, of Tyrone, died on Saturday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Griffiss, in Altoona, following a prolonged illness as the result of a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth Harpster, and was born in Ferguson township, Centre County, almost 64 years ago. In addition to her husband she is survived by three children, George L. Grazier, of Tyrone; C. Foster Grazier and Mrs. Graffius, of Altoona. She also leaves one sister and a brother, Mrs. T. R. Dubbs, of Philipsburg, and William G. Harpster, of Tyrone. Funeral services were held at her late home in Tyrone at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Eastlawn cemetery, in Tyrone.

MARKLE.—John H. Markle died at his home at Bellwood on Monday morning, following a lingering illness with a complication of diseases. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Markle and was born near Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, almost eighty-two years ago. He was educated at the old Pine Grove Mills academy. Many years ago he moved to Bellwood, Blair county, where he followed the occupation of a stone mason. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Stover, of Juniata; two brothers and two sisters, Dr. A. R. Markle and John C. Markle, of Tyrone; Mrs. Mary Charlot, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Sara Warner, who made her home with her brother. Burial was made in the Logan Valley cemetery yesterday afternoon.

ROYER.—Mrs. Ellen B. Royer, widow of H. B. Royer, died on December 24th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. R. Foutz, of Bellwood, following an illness of five weeks. She was born at Wolf's Store, Centre county, and was in her seventy-ninth year. Her girlhood and early married life was spent in Centre county, but many years ago the family moved to Johnsburg and then to Bellwood. Her husband has been dead a number of years and her only survivors are her daughter, Mrs. Foutz, and two sisters, Mrs. W. T. Markle and Mrs. Eliza J. Stover, both of Bellwood. Burial was made in the Logan valley cemetery on Tuesday of last week.

SOLT.—Hulersburg lost its oldest resident, on Tuesday, in the death of grandmother Susan Solt, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elias Gentzel, as the result of senile debility. She was 97 years and 6 months old. Burial will be made in the Hulersburg cemetery today.

THOMAS.—Mrs. Milly Milliken Beale Thomas, wife of Dr. William Dulany Thomas, of Ten Hills, Baltimore, Md., and eldest child of the late Rev. David J. Beale D. D., and Mary Moore Beale, died at her home in Baltimore on Thursday, December 30th. She is survived by her husband and a daughter, Mildred Dulany Thomas, and by five brothers and sisters: Dr. John C. C. Beale, of Overbrook, Philadelphia; Rev. Wilson T. M. Beale D. D., of Oak Lane, Philadelphia; Dr. David J. Beale, Jr., Mrs. William Foster and Miss Jennie Ritter Beale, of West Philadelphia.

Mrs. Thomas was an active worker in civic and religious affairs. For a number of years she was president of the Woman's Missionary society of the Cotonsville Presbyterian Church, of which she was a member. At the time of her death she was secretary of the Civic League of Ten Hills and a member of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Inter-denominational Missionary Union of Baltimore, the committee being composed of two representatives from each of seven different religious denominations of that city.

Funeral services were held at her late residence, 514 Old Orchard road, Ten Hills, on Saturday, January 1st, at two o'clock. Interment was made in Baltimore.

COONEY.—Mrs. Emma Cooney, widow of John Cooney, former residents of Centre county, died at her home in New Castle, last Friday, of diseases incident to her advanced age. Her maiden name was Emma Colyer, and she was born at Colyer, this county. Her husband has been dead for some years but surviving her are three sons; Harry Cooney, of Cresson; Cleave, of McKees Rocks, and Fred, at home. She also leaves four sisters and one brother, Mrs. George Ishler, of Centre Hall; Mrs. J. M. Spicher, of Altoona; Mrs. Minnie Prabert, of Charleroi; Mrs. H. J. Lambert, of Centre Hall, and R. W. Colyer, of Colyer. The remains were taken to Altoona where burial was made on Monday.

RICHARDS.—John C. Richards, of Bellefonte, died at the Centre County hospital on December 24th, of a complication of diseases resulting from a stroke of paralysis. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Richards and was born at Julian 71 years ago. He had been a resident of Bellefonte a number of years. He married Lydia Brown, who died five years ago but surviving him are the following children: Samuel and Bessie Richards, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Abner Musser, of Pottersburg; George W., of Swissvale, and Charles, of Detroit, Mich. Burial was made in the Union cemetery on Monday of last week.

MILES.—John E. Miles, for many years a resident of Milesburg, died on December 24th, at the Clearfield hospital, to which institution he had been taken three days previous for treatment. He was a son of the late Thomas and Mary Miles and was 69 years old. He married Miss Emily Hall who survives with three children, Chester, Margaret and Rebecca, all at home. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Clara Adams and Mrs. Mary Rishel, both of Philadelphia. The funeral was held on Monday of last week, burial being made in the Bellefonte Union cemetery.

GROVE.—Mrs. Ida Grove, widow of the late Michael Grove, died at her home in Bush's Addition, last Saturday, following a lingering illness with a complication of diseases. Her maiden name was Ida Poorman and she was 60 years, 5 months and 17 days old. Her husband died over six years ago and her only survivor is one son, Willis Grove, at home. She was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. C. E. Arnold had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

Two Fires in Pennsylvania.

On Monday of last week the dwelling house of Miles Barger, at Spring Mills, was destroyed by fire. Most of the furniture on the first floor was saved but that in the upper portion was burned. Mr. Barger carried some insurance but not sufficient to cover his loss.

On Wednesday morning the home of Charles Faust, between Centre Hill and Potters Mills, was burned to the ground. All the furniture on the first floor was saved but the rest went up in smoke. The loss is fairly well covered by insurance.

While in the act of removing pillars from a worked out mine of the Leigh Valley Coal company, in the Snow Shoe region on Monday of last week, George Kosko, 26 years old, was caught by a caving of coal and dirt and completely buried. Fortunately other miners were working nearby and going to the rescue they succeeded in uncovering Kosko before he smothered to death. As it was, however, he suffered a fractured shoulder and several ribs and was brought to the Centre County hospital for treatment.

Miss May Crider gave a kitchen shower at her home on east Linn street, Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Edrie Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Miles Walker, who will be married to Mr. Smith, of Philadelphia, on Saturday, January 22nd.

ONE MAN KILLED IN NEW YEAR'S PARTY. Alleged Murderer Now in Centre County Jail.

One man was killed as a result of a New Year's party of three just this side of the Centre-Clearfield county line, near Philipsburg, on Saturday. The dead man is Peter Jeiz, a Slavish miner, forty years old, and the alleged murderer George Kosut.

Jeiz, with his son and Mike Bugi, lived in a small shack of a house and were employed as coal miners. While the son was away from home Kosut visited the shack and with Jeiz and Bugi had a New Year's celebration together. Along about one o'clock in the afternoon a dispute arose between the three men which developed into a fight. It is reported that Jeiz bit Kosut's thumb and the latter grabbed an axe and hit him on the head, cutting a deep gash in the skull. Death evidently ensued in a few minutes.

Kosut and Bugi left the shack and the killing was not discovered until the son returned home about five o'clock in the evening, when he found his father's dead body lying on the floor, with his head split open. He reported the killing to the authorities and after an investigation Kosut and Bugi were both arrested by Philipsburg officers and brought to the Centre county jail, Kosut charged with the killing and Bugi as an accessory. As district attorney John G. Love is out of town it is not yet known what charge will be lodged against Kosut.

Christmas Music.

The caroling on the streets of Bellefonte Christmas morning was more effective than it has been for several years. There were thirty-three voices and the trumpets, all so nicely balanced as to give impressive effect. Two of the carolers, J. Dorsey Hunter and Harry E. Garbrick, were the only ones who were out with the first organized group some fifteen or sixteen years ago, and haven't missed a Christmas morning since. L. A. Schaeffer Esq. was one of the originals and only ill health kept him at home, we know. But as had been the custom for years the Schaeffer home was open when the carolers reached Curtin street early in the morning, the sandwiches and hot coffee waiting them as usual.

Special music was the feature of all the church services held in the town. It was impressive everywhere, those who were fortunate enough to hear it all say.

We regret having missed any of them but the outstanding features of the two we did get to hear were the contralto solo, "The Virgin's Lullaby," at the Presbyterian church and the work of the alto section in Mrs. Krader's young peoples' choir in the Methodist church.

Bellefonte Academy Football Team Won Three Games on Southern Trip.

The Bellefonte Academy football team returned home this week from their invasion of Texas with three more scalps dangling at their belts. On Christmas day they defeated Randolph College, at Cisco, Texas, by the score of 55 to 0. On Wednesday of last week the second string men played the Sherman High school, at Sherman, Texas, and won by the score of 21 to 0. Returning to Tulsa, Okla., the team on New Year's day played the Tonkawa Junior College, winning by the decisive score of 73 to 6, making the total of points scored on the trip 149 to 6. Headmaster James R. Hughes and coach Carl G. Snavely are now fully justified in claiming title to the champion prep school team in the United States for the Bellefonte Academy cougars.

High School Basketball Season will Open This Evening.

The 1927 basketball season of Bellefonte High school will be inaugurated this (Friday) evening, when the Red and White quintet will entertain Huntington High on the Y. M. C. A. floor. After losing to Bellefonte in the Armistice day grid battle, the Huntington county tossers will be eager to avenge the defeat by annexing a cage victory. Coach Riden has been grooming his men for the coming fray and will select a good combination from a squad consisting of Captain Furey, Emil, Katz, Watson, Heverly, Crust, Shultz and Derstine. The local basketweavers are out for another league triumph, having taken the measure of Hollidaysburg before Christmas. Manager Ben Koffman announces that the game will be called at 8 o'clock.

Births.

Jean is the name which has been given the little daughter born to Dr. and Mrs. Coburn Rogers, Friday, at their home on Linn street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Knisely, Jr. are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, their first child, who was born at their apartment in the Watchman building, Friday, December 31st.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Toner, at the Centre County hospital, Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Toner are residents of the Decker Garage building, on High street.

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Procrastination! Its Apology.

The jam we got into with work and other trouble last month added a lot to the pile of unanswered letters that have been accumulating on our desk since January, 1926. Every day we resolve to start in and clean them up and every time we start someone drops in for a chat or something happens to distract and the net result is there's nothing done.

A hundred or more are there. All piled in order of their receipt against the day when we'll have the time to at least express the pleasure we had out of reading them.

Their authors need not think we have forgotten them. Far be it from us to do that. Secretly we point to that pile with a great deal of pride. In it are expressions of feeling toward the Watchman from preachers, teachers, jurists, barristers, business and professional men and women and just plain folks, that are more of an inspiration and encouragement to us than any of them could have imagined they were expressing.

Good manners, if nothing else, demanded that they be answered at once. But good manners—lamentable as is the fact—these days—don't buy shoes for the baby and between maintaining a reputation we once imagined we had for strict observance of the amenities and digging for the foot-wear we have been forced to choose the latter. It hurt our pride to do it, but it's done and all we can do now is apologize.

The only redeeming feature of our plight is the fact that we've treated all alike. High and low, rich and poor, university and grammar school, saint and sinner are all together in that pile of unanswered pleasantries. We have deteriorated to the point where, only a few days ago, a very distinguished matron telegraphed us at "the eleventh hour" to know whether we had received her invitation—sent two weeks before—to dine with a notable group.

Isn't it awful that a "regular fellow" should have slipped so? We're not going to make any promises of reform in 1927. But we are going to keep right on making the Watchman the interesting paper so many believe it to be and in that way, if possible, express our gratitude to the builders of the pile of letters that is at once our greatest joy and the bane of our existence.

Brown—Shultz.—George M. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Brown, and Miss Helen Shultz, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Shultz, both of Bellefonte, were married on Friday evening, December 24th, at the Evangelical parsonage, by the pastor, Rev. Reed O. Steely. They were attended by David Brown, a brother of the bridegroom, and Miss Sarah Miller. Mr. Brown is chief clerk in the Variety Shop under Homer P. Barnes, a steady and industrious young man, whose many friends wish him and his bride every happiness and success in life.

Hoffman—Shuey.—Melvin R. Hoffman, of Altoona, and Miss Nellie Shuey, of Lemont, were married on Monday of last week, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shuey, at Lemont, by Rev. Samuel Martin, of State College. The bride was attended by Miss Helen Krause, of Cleveland, Ohio, while the best man was Roy Young, of Juniata. A wedding breakfast followed the ceremony and the same day the young couple went direct to their new home in Altoona.

Boyles—Deckman.—Arthur F. Boyles, an instructor of civil engineering at Cornell University, and Miss Margaret Deckman, of Bellefonte, were married on Monday evening of last week, at the Presbyterian parsonage, by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Thompson. The bride for two years past has been a teacher in the Williamsport public schools, while the bridegroom during his summer vacation was employed in the State highway offices, in Bellefonte.

Collins—Delige.—Bellefonte friends of Rev. H. J. Collins, a former pastor of the local A. M. E. church but now of Jeannette, will be interested to know that he was married on Wednesday, December 22nd, to Miss Nora H. Delige, a dressmaker, of Tyrone. The ceremony took place in the A. M. E. parsonage, Altoona, and was performed by the pastor, Rev. E. R. Bazer. Rev. and Mrs. Collins will be at home in Jeannette on and after February first.

Owens—Kaup.—William M. Owens, an employee at the Centre County hospital, and Miss Susanna C. Kaup, of Mifflinburg, were married at the Lutheran parsonage, in Mifflinburg, on Tuesday of last week, by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Rearick. In the spring Mr. and Mrs. Owens will take charge of the bride's farm, near Cowan, Union county.

Wilson—Entz.—William Wilson, an 84-year-old retired farmer, and Mrs. Mary Entz, aged 60 years, both of Howard, Centre county, were married in Williamsport on December 26th, at the home of the aged bride-groom's son, Boyd B. Wilson, by Rev. M. S. Derstine. They will reside at Howard.

W. Harrison Walker Esq., was installed as the new president of Bellefonte Kiwanis, on Tuesday of last week.