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Members of D. A. R. Make Merry.

The eighty members present at the December meeting of the Bellefonte chapter D. A. R. enjoyed surpassing hospitality as dinner guests at the Brockerhoff house of Miss Elmira Humes, Miss Helen E. C. Overton and Miss Emily Parker.

Even "business" had a holiday lightness—the report of the budget committee, as given by Mrs. W. S. Chambers, of State College, held a laugh and a sparkle uncommon to concerns of exchange—silver and gold.

Bellefonte Charity and Church Work.

Notwithstanding the fact that the average family of Bellefonte has numerous calls on its purse strings a generous liberality is invariably displayed toward worthy causes.

The drive will be continued with the hope of raising the full amount necessary.

Men's all-rounder, 4 buckle arctics, \$1.98 at Nittany Shoe Store. 49-11

Smullton Boy Wins Olympic Honors.

Richard Detwiler, of Smullton, Centre county, and a Freshman at Penn State, carried off the honors in the inter-collegiate cross-country run for Freshmen, at Cortland Park, New York, on November 21st.

The Smullton lad first attracted attention as a runner in the county inter-scholastic meets, when he was a member of the Miles township High school team.

The Bellefonte Academy will close today (Friday) for the Christmas holiday vacation.

Two Fawns Visit Pine Grove Mills.

Last Friday two fawns, probably about six months old, were frightened off Tussey mountain by hunters and found their way into the town of Pine Grove Mills.

School children discovered them on Main street and made quite a frolic of trying to catch them.

What Could be More Acceptable?

Most everybody enjoys reading. What we regard as good reading is not always enjoyed by everybody, however. The kind that does not contain the human interest appeal is all right at times, but not for regular consumption.

That is the kind of reading the Watchman attempts to crowd its columns with.

And that is the reason we are sure some friend of yours would be delighted if you were to send him or her the Watchman as a Christmas gift.

To those who have been only visitors in the county frequently enough to form ties of interest and memories of happy visits it would be a pleasant reminder of many friends and incidents.

It will cost only \$1.50 and will be in reality fifty Christmas cards.

What could be a more acceptable present, a more frequent reminder of your friendship at a trifling cost than the Watchman?

SWARTZ.—Elmer E. Swartz, for many years one of the best known and most successful farmers in Spring township, passed away at his home in Pleasant Gap, at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, following an illness of about a year, having been confined to his home the past three or four months.

He was a son of A. G. and Phoebe Struble Swartz and was born on the farm in Spring township on December 11th, 1861, hence died on the 66th anniversary of his birth.

He married Miss Emma Shearer, a daughter of David Shearer, of Spring township, and she survives with seven children, Mrs. Harry Breen, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Boyd Sampsell, of Bellefonte; Harry Swartz, of Juniata; Blaine and Roy, of Pleasant Gap; Mrs. Paul Ross, of Aaronsburg, and Miss Margaret, at home.

Mr. Swartz was a member of the Lutheran church at Pleasant Gap, where the funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W. J. Wagner, of Boalsburg, burial being made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

LEE.—Miss Mary Isabel Lee died on Tuesday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lee, at Spring Mills, following an illness of two months as the result of a tumor on the brain.

She was born at Spring Mills on January 3rd, 1904, hence was almost twenty-four years old. She was a graduate of the Gregg township High school and the Bloomsburg Normal and for several years past had been teaching school at Painted Post, N. Y.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers and three sisters, Mrs. D. A. Wachstetter, of Bethlehem; Robert, of Waterbury, Conn.; Dorothy, a student nurse in St. Luke's hospital, Bethlehem, and Eugene and Betty, at home. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, by Rev. D. R. Keener, burial to be made at Spring Mills.

BRENNAN.—Robert Brennan died at his home at State College, on Friday of last week, following an illness of six months with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Robert and Ellen Clark Brennan and was born in Bellefonte on October 15th, 1863, hence was 64 years, 1 month and 24 days old. As a young man Mr. Brennan engaged in farming in College township, an occupation he followed until 1919, when he retired from the farm and located in State College.

Funeral services were held at his late home on 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. A. E. Mackie, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

MEYER.—W. C. Meyer, a well known resident of State College, died on November 30th, following an illness of more than a year, the last six weeks of his life having been confined to his bed.

His full name was William Calvin, a son of George and Anna Fox Meyer, and he was born on a farm in Potter township on September 16th, 1847, hence had reached the age of 80 years, 2 months and 14 days.

He was twice married, his first wife having been Adeline Krumrine, who died within two years, leaving one daughter, Mary. He later married Mary Ann Smeltzer, who survives with three sons, George C. and Marion B., of State College, and J. Curtis, on the farm on the Branch. The daughter, who married Harry Shawley, died last April.

Mr. Meyer was a member of the Reformed church and Rev. DeLong, of Philadelphia, had charge of the funeral services which were held on December 2nd, burial being made at Boalsburg.

WASSON.—Mary Jane Wasson passed away, on Saturday, at the Methodist home in Tyrone, where she had been a guest for a number of years, as the result of general debility. She was a daughter of John and Eva Gray Chambers and was born in Halfmoon valley, Centre county, on May 2nd, 1846, hence was 81 years, 7 months and 8 days old.

Ladies' dress arctics \$2.65 — at Yeager's.

The office of justice of the peace is not a very attractive one in various sections of Centre county. Of the thirty-five men elected to the office on November 8th, only twenty-three filed notice of acceptance with prothonotary Roy Wilkinson.

Information About the Bellefonte Y. M. C. A. Library

The barbers of Bellefonte are having their own troubles just now. They had been charging 50 cents a hair-cut and 20 cents a shave. Some of them thought they ought to have more and put shaves up to 25 cents.

Living-room suites, 3 pieces, reverse cushions, guaranteed material and construction, \$112.—West Co. 49-11

There is still some unhusked corn in Centre county and considerable fodder standing in the fields.

Talks with The Editor

This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor.

"Dear Old Centre County."

It seems that no matter where the sons and daughters of "Old Centre County" finally take up their abode they always see the candle glimmering in the window of childhood's home.

Every week come letters that reveal what is in the hearts of those who have once known the placid, peaceful life amidst our mountains and valleys. We know something of it, but not as they do, for while we have been here always we own to much day-dreaming and ever and anon memory slips back to the care-free days of youth when the little stream seemed a mighty river, all the hills were mountains and a gun and a new pair of copper-toed boots thrilled us more than a Rolls-Royce could today.—Ed.

"Pittsburgh, Dec. 10, 1927.

"Just can't get along without the Watchman, as the interests are from, I may say, the "Globe."

"I hope your campaign for funds fully succeeds, else some of us might suffer disappointment for no one is more economical who fails to pay the Watchman subscription, for no matter what might be saved by such non-payment it could never take the place of the Watchman. Hence I am a booster for everybody's being paid up to date every year.

"New Brunswick, N. J., 12-11-'27.

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"The above few lines are peculiarly interesting to us for the reason that they reveal, in a manner, the general interest of the Watchman. Rev. Dunn is a former pastor of the Evangelical church in this place. He was stationed here only a few years; not long enough to have acquired ties as broad and deep as those who know Centre county as their native heath.

Relatively the local news of the Watchman means less to Rev. Dunn than it does to some others, so that its general news value must contribute largely to making it "of much interest" to him.—Ed.

Boys and girls basket ball shoes. 98c. at Nittany Shoe Store. 49-11

Early this week Miss Mary Derstine sold her "Last Resort" tea room, in the Decker building on High street, to William Richards, of Williamsport, who took charge on Wednesday morning. The new proprietor will put in a counter and convert it into a quick lunch restaurant.

From all accounts residents of Phillipsburg will come to Bellefonte in large numbers on the second of January to witness the induction into the office of Judge of Centre county M. Ward Fleming.



BOALSBURG.

Our local merchants are displaying a fine line of Christmas goods.

Mr. Henry Reitz had a new radio installed in his home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Felty, Mrs. Paul Coxey, John Stover and Charles Faxon were among the week-end visitors from Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Corl, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer and Miss Rhoda Harrison were among the visitors in Bellefonte on Saturday.

Candles, lamps, lanterns and flashlights were very much in evidence in town Tuesday evening, owing to some defect in the electric service.

The Reformed and Lutheran Sunday schools, as well as the pupils of the public schools, are preparing Christmas services and entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rockey, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Rockey, motored to Pittsburgh, last Thursday, to visit the Willard Rockey family. En route home, while attempting to close the sedan door, Mrs. Ralph Rockey was thrown from the car and was seriously injured. A nearby physician rendered aid and she was brought to her home and has since been confined to her bed.

Boys' 14 inch shoes with knife—FREE—only \$3.85—at Yeager's.

LEMONT.

LeRoy Walker, who has been located in West Virginia the past year, is home on his annual vacation which will include the Christmas holidays.

Santa Claus will be at Bohn's store tomorrow (Saturday) evening, and the kiddies are invited to interview him and make known their wants and desires.

The home of George Bloom caught fire, one day last week, but quick work on the part of the fire company extinguished the blaze before much damage was done. On Sunday night a small garage, near town, was almost completely destroyed by fire.

Announcement was made last week by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans Norton, of Falcon Hill, Rosemont, near Philadelphia, of the engagement of their daughter, Miss Nancy Evans Norton, to George McG. Fryberger, son of Mrs. John E. Fryberger, of Phillipsburg.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Miss Porter's school at Farmington, Conn., while Mr. Fryberger is a senior at Princeton university, where he will graduate next June.

Three bed-room suites (close outs) 20 per cent off. Here are some real bargains.—West Co. 49-11

Advertisement for ATWATER KENT RADIO. Includes text: "Merry Christmas!", "INSTALLED, complete, for less than one hundred dollars." and an illustration of a radio.

Advertisement for Say It With Flowers ON CHRISTMAS. Includes text: "Come to see the wonderful Christmas Display in our three Greenhouses on Half Moon Hill." and an illustration of flowers.

Advertisement for Give COAL—A Most Useful Gift. Includes text: "What family would not be very well pleased to see a load of Coal delivered to their home as a Christmas offering." and "Soft Coal at \$4.75 per ton, delivered."