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PATIENTS TREATED

AT COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Isabell Inhoff, aged 2 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Inhoff, of Bellefonte, became a medical patient on Monday of last week and was discharged the same day.

Orin Dubbs, Union Twp., a surgical patient, was discharged on Monday of last week.

Max S. Loy, of Rossiter, Pa., a student at State College, a surgical patient, was discharged on Monday of last week.

Miss Caroline Emel, of Bellefonte, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Caleb Essington, of Milesburg, was admitted on Saturday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Lloyd Fry, of Bellefonte, a medical patient for the past eight weeks, was discharged on Saturday.

Thomas Morgan, a medical patient for the past two weeks, was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Maude Knarr, of Snow Shoe, a surgical patient for a week, was discharged on Saturday.

Prof. Frederick E. Keffer, instructor at the Bellefonte Academy, was admitted on Sunday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Charles Tierney, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday for medical treatment.

Mrs. George Rockey, of Coleville, was admitted on Wednesday of last week for surgical treatment.

Miss Alice Burkholder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Burkholder, of Potter Twp., was admitted on Wednesday of last week, as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Jennie Morgan, of State College, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged on Thursday of last week.

Miss Rachael Parsons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Parsons, of Penna. Furnace, was admitted on Thursday of last week for surgical treatment.

Eugene Buckwalter, aged 18, student at the Bellefonte Academy, whose home is in Altoona, was admitted on Monday of this week for surgical treatment.

Philip Walker, of Blanchard, a surgical patient, was admitted on Thursday of last week.

Miss Eloise White, of State College, was admitted on Thursday of last week for surgical treatment, and was discharged the following day.

Miss Rose Kislar, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Friday as a surgical patient.

William Reed, an employee of the Centre County Lime Co., was admitted on Friday of last week to receive treatment for injuries.

Miss Jennie Morris, of State College, was admitted on Friday for medical treatment.

Miss Edna Vonada, of Zion, was admitted on Friday for surgical treatment and was discharged the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sauers, of State College, are being congratulated upon the birth of a daughter, on Friday.

Paul Bitner, 5-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bitner, of Spring Twp., was admitted on Saturday as a surgical patient.

The Pennsylvania State College glee club which recently won the Pennsylvania intercollegiate competitive contest in Pittsburgh, will compete in the national intercollegiate glee club meet to be held in Carnegie Hall, New York, tomorrow night, it is announced by Richard W. Grant, director of music at Penn State. Permanent possession of the Pittsburgh Press trophy was awarded to Penn State for having won the State competitive contest three consecutive times. Penn State was awarded the decision on a score of 231.2 points out of a possible 300. Seven colleges and universities were entered in the local State competition.

Forty-eight hothouse lambs, fed at the Pennsylvania State College agricultural experiment station, were recently sold at about \$12 each. They weighed 27 to 35 pounds alive at about eight weeks of age. Hothouse lambs are grown out of season and are placed on the market for a specialized trade. This type of meat is especially popular in the big hotels of New York, Atlantic City, and Philadelphia during the winter and at Easter time. Production of hothouse lambs is an extensive practice in southeastern Pennsylvania.

A son and second child was born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. John Larimer, of Pleasant Gap.

YOCUM.—Rev. Ezra H. Yocum, a former beloved pastor of the Bellefonte Methodist church and who for more than half a century was an outstanding figure in the ranks of the ministers in the Central Pennsylvania conference, passed to his reward on Sunday, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Rice, in Northumberland. He had been in feeble health for some time and his death was the result of general debility.

Dr. Yocum was born at Columbia, Lancaster county, in 1843, hence was about 86 years old. He studied for the ministry at Dickinson Seminary, and was admitted to the conference in 1869. His first pastorate was at Muhlenburg, then Shickshinny, Hazleton and Newberry. In 1877-'78 he was stationed at Tyrone, then moved to Bloomsburg where he remained until 1881 when he was chosen presiding elder of the Williamsport district. Later he served pastorates at Berwick, Grace church, Harrisburg, St. Paul's, Danville, and Carlisle, after which he was appointed presiding elder of the Danville district and later the Harrisburg district. In 1902 he was assigned to Lewistown, and after serving there nine years was transferred to Bellefonte in 1911. He was pastor of the church here eight years, thus establishing a record for long pastorates held by no other minister in the conference. In 1919 he was sent to the Woolrich church where he was in active charge for four years, being placed on the superannuated list at his own request in 1923. For several years thereafter he continued to reside at Woolrich but failing health compelled him to listen to the persuasion of his daughter and go to Northumberland and spend his last days with her.

Dr. Yocum was a product of the old school of Methodism and his theology was based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of the Holy Bible without the frills of any isms or modern day fundamentalism. While not the dean in years of the many ministers in the Central Pennsylvania conference his general bearing as a disciple of the Heavenly Father, his able discourses in the pulpit and his every day work in the Master's vineyard marked him as a man who stood head and shoulders above the average. Had it not been for the unfortunate handicap of deafness he would probably have been chosen a Bishop in the church, and would have been an honor in the prelate ranks.

In 1870 he married Miss Laura Shugerts who passed away at Woolrich on June 7th, 1920, but surviving him are two sons and a daughter, George C. Yocum Esq., living in Florida; Dr. J. P. Yocum, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. C. W. Rice, of Northumberland.

A small delegation of Bellefonte friends attended the funeral services which were held in the Northumberland Methodist church at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Dr. Morris E. Swartz, superintendent of the Danville district, had charge of the services and was assisted by other ministers present of whom there were thirty-four. Burial was made in the Northumberland cemetery.

REIFSNYDER.—Harper Reifsnnyder, a native of Millheim, died in the Bellefonte lockup some time last Thursday night. He came to Bellefonte on Thursday and that evening asked chief of police Harry Dukeman to give him lodging in the lockup for the night, as he had a job to trim grape vines in Bellefonte on Friday. He was placed in the lockup, in a cell by himself, and when policeman Thomas Howley made his round of inspection about three o'clock Friday morning, he found Reifsnnyder dead. Two other men were in the lockup that night but both were locked in separate cells. They said they had heard nothing unusual at any time during the night, aside from the fact that they had tried to engage Reifsnnyder in conversation "but couldn't get him to talk. For some years past the man had been subject to epileptic fits and coroner W. R. Heaton, who was summoned and examined him gave it as his opinion that it was one of these fits that caused his death.

He was a son of William and Sarah Hoover Reifsnnyder and was born in Millheim on January 25th, 1871, hence was 58 years, 1 month and 3 days old. He never married but is survived by two brothers and one sister, J. W. Reifsnnyder, of Linden Hall; Evan, in Kansas, and Mrs. J. W. Tressler, of Centre Hall. The remains were taken to the home of Joseph Reifsnnyder, a cousin, at Millheim, where funeral services were held at 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning, burial being made in the Millheim cemetery.

RAY.—Mrs. Julia Ray, widow of Frank Ray, died at her home at Munson, last Saturday evening, following an illness of two years with a complication of diseases.

She was the eldest of a family of eleven children of Jacob and Sarah Ann Bottorf, and was born at Jacksonsville, Centre county, on January 28th, 1838, making her age 91 years, 2 months and 1 day. She had been a resident of Munson since 1886. Her husband died four years ago but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Sarah Kline, of Howard; Robert E., of Clearfield, and Mrs. George T. Chapman, at home. Burial was made in the Phillipsburg cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

FREEMAN.—George Freeman, one of the oldest and best known of Bellefonte's colored population, died at the borough home, about six o'clock last Thursday evening, as the result of general debility. He had been an inmate at the home almost four years and of late had grown quite feeble. On Thursday evening shortly before six o'clock he suffered a collapse and expired before a doctor could be summoned.

Very little is known of his antecedents or childhood life, but from what information could be gathered he was born in slavery in Loudon county, Virginia, and was about 82 years old. When about seventeen years old his young masters decided to enlist in the confederate army and they gave George his freedom with the result that he made his way north and eventually landed in Bellefonte. Just what he did the first few years of his life in Bellefonte is not definitely known but it is highly probable that he became a porter at one of the Bellefonte hotels. This is borne out by the fact that early in 1870, shortly after the hotel had been completed, he was established at the Bush house where he was a fixture for fifty-four years, or until early in 1925. Personally he knew more traveling men than any other man in Bellefonte.

When a young man he married Miss Catherine Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mesh Graham, who died many years ago. Of their family of children only two survive, Minnie, in Chicago, and Albert, in Jacksonville, Fla. Funeral services were held in the A. M. E. church, of which he was a member, at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. L. E. Taylor, pastor, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

ESSINGTON.—Caleb K. Essington, a well known resident of Milesburg, died at the Centre County hospital at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon, following a brief illness. For some years past he has lived alone in Milesburg and on Saturday afternoon a neighbor gentleman, dropping in for a little chat, found Mr. Essington quite sick and suffering intense pain. A physician was summoned who pronounced the illness a heart attack. Growing steadily worse he was taken to the hospital about nine o'clock on Saturday evening, but sank away gradually until the end.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Essington and was born at Milesburg, at his death being 77 years, 1 month and 18 days old. As a young man he worked with his father in manufacturing the Essington axe, which in those days was a close rival for the famous Mann axe. When he quit the axe manufacturing business he opened a small store, in Milesburg, which he conducted for some years. Of late, however, he had been janitor at the school house, in Milesburg.

As a young man he married Miss Milly Adams, who survives and is living in Philadelphia, with three children, Harry Essington, Mrs. Clyde Boggs and Mrs. Jacob Grey. He also leaves one brother, Harry M. Essington, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist church, at Milesburg, at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. A. G. Herr, burial being made in the Trzcizynsky cemetery.

WALKER.—Dr. Charles C. Walker died at the Williamsport hospital, at 8:50 o'clock last Friday morning, following an operation he underwent just a week previous.

He was a son of William and Elizabeth Hartwick Walker and was born at Port Matilda, Centre county, 74 years ago. He was a graduate of the first class in dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania and was a member of Delta Sigma Delta, a leading dental fraternity. Prior to entering the University he studied dentistry for three years under the elder Dr. Klump, in Williamsport. Following his graduation he located in Williamsport where he practiced his profession for more than fifty years. He was a member of the Mulberry Methodist church, the Lycoming county dental society and a past president of State dental society.

Dr. Walker is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Paul C. Daugherty; also one sister, Miss Minnie Walker, all of Williamsport. Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Monday afternoon by Rev. George F. Boggs, burial being made in Wildwood cemetery, Williamsport.

MAYES.—John W. Mayes, a native of Harris township, died in the Sacred Heart hospital, at Richwood, W. Va., on February 22nd, following a brief illness with pneumonia.

He was a son of William and Mary Ann Huey Mayes and was born near Boalsburg about fifty-eight years ago. As a young man he left home and went to Montana where he was engaged in the lumbering business a number of years. Centre county friends heard from him at infrequent intervals and the first news had of him in fourteen years was when a message was received by his sister, Mrs. P. S. Ishler, of Boalsburg, announcing his serious illness in the hospital at Richmond. Mrs. Ishler promptly communicated with the hospital by telephone only to be informed of his death.

Mr. Mayes was unmarried and his only surviving relative is his sister, Mrs. Ishler. The body was brought to Centre county, last Friday, and taken to the Ishler home, at Boalsburg, where funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon by Rev. W. W. Moyer. Burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

RAY.—George T. Ray, a native of Centre county but who for the past thirty years has conducted a bakery in Mill Hall, died at his home in that place at 4:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, following an illness of some months with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Robert and Elizabeth Ray and was born in College township about 67 years ago. His early life was spent in that section but thirty years ago he located in Mill Hall where he had since lived. His wife died last July and as he had no children his only immediate survivors are two brothers, Ambrose S. Ray, of Bellefonte, and C. T. Ray, of Altoona. Burial was made in the Cedar Hill cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

HEYLUM.—Harris Heylum, a native and former resident of Bellefonte, died early in February, at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. Crawford, a Presbyterian minister, residing in Connecticut. Less than twenty-four hours later Dr. Crawford died, and the remains of both were buried at the same time. Mr. Heylum is survived by his wife and one daughter.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Miss Nannie McGinley announced that she would open a select summer school in Bellefonte about May 10th. Tuition \$1.50 per month.

Dr. Thomas Kirk, who had been out in Ohio attending medical lectures, returned to Bellefonte to continue his work in the drug store.

Many people were leaving Centre county for Kansas, Nebraska, and other mid western States. Fifty years ago on Tuesday the following from Miles township started to make new homes in strange lands: J. H. Young to Cedron, Kansas; Jonathan Kreamer, H. A. Wolf and Geo. Reber, to Valley Falls, Kansas; Henry Shearer and family of five left Walker township for Peabody, Kansas. William A. Marshall and family of three left Benner township and headed for Victoria, Kansas. Harry Hackingburg and Samuel McClintock, of Potter, were also among the pilgrims. They went to Greenwood and Peabody, respectively.

Jacob Baker was a Justice of the Peace in Howard and had held the office continuously since 1840.

Dr. Cambridge, of Unionville, was in Bellefonte last Friday and remarked that it had been so cold up there that when he woke up in the morning his mustache was frozen stiff.

Daniel Garman left for Hot Springs, Arkansas, for the benefit of his health.

Wheat was .95 per bushel, shelled corn .45, eggs .15 per doz., butter .15, bacon .07, and chestnut coal \$5.00 a ton at the yard.

Business Changes and Movings.

The A. and P. Co. has leased the room in the McClain block now occupied by the Bon Mot and will open a down town store there some time in April. Gilbert Morgan will vacate the room the 1st of April and has hopes of getting a location elsewhere. The J. W. Bickett pool room will also be moved out of the block on April 1st, but so far Mr. Bickett has not secured a room to move into.

Edward Robb and family, who for several years have occupied the old McDermott home, on east Bishop street, now owned by the heirs of the late Thaddeus Hamilton, will move from there to the Sim Baum property, on Curtin street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith will move from the Kelly home, on north Spring street, to the Cadillac apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Boyer will move from the Mary C. Snyder apartment to the Kalin house, on Logan street, to be vacated by the musser family, who will move to the Dr. Coburn Rogers property, on Linn street.

Mr. Armstrong, a representative of the West Penn Power company, has been in Bellefonte this week endeavoring to locate the cause of so much interference and unusual noise in the radios of Bellefonte. So far he believes he has located a number of causes that might contribute to the interference, but has not yet reached the point in his investigations where he can place his finger on any one thing that could be eliminated in order to improve conditions.

Some fifty or sixty farmers in Centre county, who, during the past year have been patronizing the cooperative milk associations, have made application to sell their milk to the Sheffield Farms company after the first of April.

Marriage Licenses.

William Shimmel Jr. and Bessie Catherine Myers, both of Clearfield.

Palmer C. Bierly, of Rebersburg, and Neta I. Smith, of Smulton.

A. Chapman Ward, of Harrisburg, and Emmy Lou Snyder, of Tyrone.

Warren T. Kopp, of Williamsport, and Mildred Elizabeth Kuhn, of Boalsburg.

ERIE COUNTY MURDERERS PAY DEATH PENALTY.

It took just twenty-three minutes to dispose of three negro murderers, from Erie county, in the electric chair at Rockview on Monday morning. The men were James and Raymond Parker, brothers, and John H. Wilson. They were taken to the chair in the order named above and starting at 7:02 o'clock it was just 7:25 when the last man was pronounced dead by Dr. Asa Hickok. The men were all of Catholic faith and were accompanied to the chair by Rev. Francis P. McCreesh, Catholic chaplain at the penitentiary.

The three men were convicted in February, 1925, of the murder of Pelligrino Cocco, while they were in the act of robbing his home. The men had found thirty dollars in one room but not satisfied went to Cocco's bedroom on the hunt of more. The latter was awakened by the noise made by the robbers and when he made a move to secure a revolver under his pillow he was shot by Wilson, dying almost instantly.

The men escaped and several weeks later Raymond Parker and Wilson were arrested on another holdup charge when they confessed to the murder of Cocco, implicating James Parker and Joseph Ware, a fourteen year old boy. They were all tried together at the February term of court, the jury decreeing death for three of them and life imprisonment for Ware, who was not in the

house when the shot was fired which killed Cocco. Every effort possible was made to save the lives of the three men, but the Supreme court affirmed the verdict of the lower court and the board of pardons refused to extend clemency.

On June 21st, 1921, four men from Erie county were put to death at Rockview at one time for murder following a robbery, a case similar to the one for which the three men were electrocuted Monday morning. The bodies of the Parker brothers and Wilson were claimed by relatives and were shipped back to Erie county for burial.

IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL.
Saint John's Episcopal church will have the Rev. Samuel H. Sayre, rector of Saint Mary's church, Williamsport, as a guest preacher at the 7:30 service Friday evening.

On Sunday evening, at 7:30, there will be a hymn service with the rector in charge. Several well known favorite hymns will be sung after the story of the words or tunes has been told. The sermon will be on the theme of the hymn, "O Jesus, Thou Art standing."

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
9:30 A. M. Bible School
10:45 A. M. Morning Service; Sermon: "Thirty Pieces of Silver;" 6:15 P. M. Catechetical Class
7:30 P. M. Vesper Service; Sermon: "Redeemed Not With Silver and Gold, But With Precious Blood." Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

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Continuing Thursday, Friday and Saturday

WINDOWS WILL BE UNVEILED

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AT 6 O'CLOCK

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In merchandise of all kinds for personal wear and adornment and for the home. Booster Merchants sell such a diversity of merchandise that your every need can be supplied by a Booster Store. During the Spring Style Show will be a good time to make selections as

Complete Assortments of New Goods

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All of that high standard of quality for which Booster Stores are favorably known and all marked at the fair prices that make shopping in Booster Stores profitable.

Wednesday is Also Suburban Day

In Altoona Booster Stores Many special values will be offered on Wednesday on account of Suburban Day which will be observed next week in connection with the Spring Style Show.

Arrange to Visit Altoona Wednesday for this

Double Trade Event

Suburban Day and The Booster Stores'

Spring Style Show

Take Lunch in a Booster Restaurant

Visit a Booster Theatre for Entertainment

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