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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of June 27th, 1879.

Miss Edie Holt, of Moshannon, daughter of Mr. Harbison Holt, was found dead in her bed on Friday morning last.

Rev. J. S. McMurray stopped at our sanctum window on Monday last and related the fact that his latest achievement in the fishing line was about three dozen trout.

R. M. Magee Esq., returned from Atlantic City on Friday last. His family still remain at that delightful resort by the side of the sounding sea.

Jack L. Spangler Esq., was the orator before one of the literary societies of Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, and his address is highly spoken of.

George Hale Esq., of New York, is in town spending a short season on his native heath. The Hale mansion is open once more and other members of the family are at home.

A picked nine from Belleville full of conceit and, perhaps a little, just a little, beer went up to the State College on Wednesday last week with the avowed purpose of wallowing the team at that place.

A Belleville councilman who evidently doesn't see further than his nose has proposed passage of an ordinance taxing all traveling salesmen who visit the town a dollar a head.

Blanchard Markle, son of Jacob Markle, of Ferguson township, died under peculiar circumstances last Tuesday night. He had been shoveling corn in the Conrad Fry lot when quitting time came he couldn't see to drive his horse home.

The Belleville school board met last Tuesday and elected the following teachers: Principal, D. M. Lieb; assistant principal, Henry Wetzel; third grade, Rosa Wood; fourth grade, Laura Graham; fifth grade, Nannie McGinley; sixth grade, Mary L. Nesbit; seventh grade, Bella Rankin; eighth grade, Annie McAffrey; ninth grade, Mary Shrom.

The Democratic county convention was held in Belleville last Saturday and there were forty-seven delegates present. County chairman Wm. L. Hamilton presided.

MOTORCYCLE CRASH KILLS STATE COLLEGE YOUTH.

Scott Houser, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Houser, of State College, died at the Centre County hospital, on Monday afternoon, as the result of injuries sustained on Sunday afternoon, when he drove his motorcycle head on into an automobile driven by R. M. Shirk, of Altoona, while attempting to pass a car going in the same direction.

In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers and a sister, John S. Houser, of Boalsburg; Frederick and Susan at home. Burial was made at Houserville yesterday afternoon.

Miss Lucille Smith, who for four years has been employed in the office of recorder Lloyd A. Stover, has resigned and on July 1st will go to work for the West Penn Power company, taking the place to be vacated by Miss Anne Straub, who will quit work in contemplation of her marriage later in the summer to N. A. Staples, of Philadelphia.

BEEZER.—Following an illness of almost six months with heart and liver trouble, the latter half of which time he had been confined to his room, Joseph W. Beezer passed away, at his home on east Bishop street, at 9:05 o'clock last Friday evening.

He was a son of Alois and Margaret Steinkirchner Beezer and was born on Spring creek on April 30th, 1867, making his age 62 years, 1 month and 21 days. And just here it might be mentioned that a rather remarkable though tragic coincidence is the fact that both an elder sister and brother, Mrs. Hartle and Philip Beezer, passed away at 62 years of age.

As a young man Joseph Beezer engaged in the butchering business with his brother Philip and was in that line up until his last illness. He was a member of the Catholic church all his life and one of those reliable, dependable citizens who constitute the foundation strongholds of every town.

Upwards of thirty years ago he married Miss Martha Heckman, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Heckman, who survives with five children, Ben J., Russell P., Martha C. and Mary, all at home, and Mrs. H. L. Londo, of Green Bay, Wis. He also leaves four brothers and two sisters, Albert, Frank and Christ Beezer, of Belleville; Augustus, of Punxsutawney; Mrs. Charles Kustaborder and Mrs. John Garis, of Belleville.

Funeral mass was held in St. John's Catholic church at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, by Rev. Downes, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

ROBB.—Miss Virgie Robb passed away, last Friday morning, at the home of her parents, in State College, as the result of chronic Bright's disease. She had also been a sufferer with rheumatism for a number of years and had been under the care of specialists in Philadelphia for weeks at a time.

A daughter of Charles and Susan S. Robb she was born at Nittany about forty-two years ago. Her childhood life was spent at that place but while yet a young girl the family moved to Coleville and later to Belleville. After living here a number of years they moved to State College where the latter years of her life were spent.

She is survived by her parents and three brothers, Bruce, at home; Claire, in New Jersey, and Lee, in Colorado. Funeral services were held at her home, at State College, at 2:00 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, after which the remains were brought to Belleville and brief services held in the Methodist church. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

PRINCE.—Mrs. Rachel Prince, mother of Mrs. Thomas Beaver, passed away at four o'clock, on Tuesday morning, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Albert Spengler, in Cleveland, Ohio, as the result of a serious operation. She had been in ill health for some months.

Her maiden name was Rachel McAfee and she was born in Ireland. She was a sister of the late Robert McAfee, of Pittsburgh, and for many years made her home in Crafton. In recent years, however, she had been spending her time with her three daughters, Mrs. Spengler, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Thomas Beaver, of Belleville, and Mrs. Amy Potter, in Pittsburgh.

The remains were brought to Belleville on the 1:20 p. m. train, yesterday, and taken to the Beaver home, where funeral services will be held at eleven o'clock this (Friday) morning, by Rev. W. C. Thompson, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

GRAZIER.—Theodore F. Grazier, a well known resident of Tyrone, died at the Altoona hospital, last Thursday morning, following four days' treatment for gall stones.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grazier and was born in January, 1859, hence was in his 71st year. For a number of years past he had been caretaker at the school buildings, in Tyrone. He married Miss Harriet A. Marpster who died two years ago but surviving him are two sons and a daughter. He also leaves two brothers and a sister, Oscar Grazier and Mrs. John T. Lemon, of Gatesburg, and Elmer Grazier, of Barnesboro. Burial was made in the Eastlawn cemetery, Tyrone, on Saturday afternoon.

IRISH.—G. C. Irish, a well known resident of Philipsburg, died on Monday, as the result of complications dating back to last November when he had a serious attack of the flu.

He was a native of Carlisle, where he was born over 73 years ago. He located in Philipsburg in 1900, and during his residence there had been engaged in various business pursuits. At the time of his death he was secretary of the town council. He was married and is survived by his second wife and two children. The remains were taken to Norristown, his former home, for interment.

IRWIN.—Dr. William U. Irwin who had been confined to his home in Belleville for several months, suffering with heart trouble, the result of a general breakdown, suffered because of overwork during the flu epidemic last fall, passed away at 5:45 o'clock yesterday morning.

He was a son of Daniel and Eliza G. Irwin and was born at West Union, Iowa, on July 9th, 1863, hence was not quite 66 years old. When but two years old his parents returned to Centre county and located at Julian. The doctor was educated in the public school of his home community and the Belleville Academy after which he entered Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia. He graduated in 1890 and began the practice of medicine in Unionville. He proved successful from the start and his services were much in demand. He was a member of the Centre County Medical Society the State and national societies. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, of Unionville.

About eleven years ago he moved to Belleville and had been as successful here as he had in Bald Eagle valley. In 1894 he married Miss Susie Williams, of Huston township, who survives with two children, John Boyd, of New York city, and Miss Kathryn, at home. He also leaves his mother, living at Julian, one brother and a sister, Edward P. Irwin, of Belleville, and Mrs. Alvina Turner, of Julian.

Rarely has a professional man come into Belleville and met with so prompt recognition of his ability as was Dr. Irwin's lot upon locating here. He was a splendid physician and his knowledge of medicine was supplemented by an unimpeachable character and that sympathetic personality that often does more than medicaments in a sick room.

Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed when the Watchman went to press.

GRIFFIN.—Jacob Griffin, one of the veteran residents of Halfmoon township, died at his home at Stormstown, on Thursday morning of last week, following two year's illness with heart trouble and dropsy.

He was the last to go of a family of six children of Joseph and Rebecca Griffin, having been born at Stormstown on June 13th, 1851, making his age 78 years and 8 days. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed that occupation most of his life. He was a member of the Stormstown Methodist church and a good citizen. In 1877 he married Miss Catherine Northamer who survives with the following children: Mrs. George Johnson, of State College; Mrs. Harold Ellenberger, of Port Matilda; Miss Ada, at home; Mrs. W. F. D'Armit, of Stormstown; Mrs. Harry Dahr, of State College; Perry T. Griffin, of Lloydsville, and Mrs. J. M. Perks, of Philipsburg. He also leaves nineteen grand-children and six great grand-children.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, burial being made in Gray's cemetery.

PIERSON.—Miss Nancy Jane Pierson died at the Altoona hospital, last Friday, following an illness of some weeks with heart trouble and complications. She was a daughter of S. P. and Margaret Saucerman Pierson and was born at Monroe Furnace 58 years ago. As a young girl she became a member of the J. W. Stuart household, at Boalsburg, where she lived until twenty years ago when she went to Altoona. The remains were taken to Pine Grove Mills where funeral services were held in the Lutheran church, on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. J. S. English, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

HOUSEMAN.—Mrs. Margaret Ada Houseman, wife of Benjamin F. Houseman, died at the Altoona hospital, last Friday morning, following several month's illness with a complication of diseases. She was born at Pine Grove Mills on December 20th, 1860, hence was in her 69th year. She was a charter member of the Fifth Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, of Altoona. She is survived by her husband, one daughter and three sons. Burial was made in Oak Ridge cemetery, Altoona, on Monday afternoon.

WINGATE

Mrs. Etta Robertson and daughter, of Philadelphia, motored here, on Saturday, for a few days' visit.

The condition of Ralph McLaughlin is very serious, and his friends are not hopeful as to the result. Miss Margaret Davidson is suffering with an abscess in her side, but is a little improved. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Davidson.

Short circuits on the 933 telephone line have put a number of phones out of commission at various intervals during the week, to the annoyance of subscribers.

Mrs. Toner Fisher and daughter Vivian, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell, of Chesnut Grove, on a motor trip to Williamsport, Sunday, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Marshall.

KIWANIANS MEET FOR INTER-CLUB SERVICE

The past ten days have been varied and interesting for Kiwanians. Last Thursday evening the clubs of Lewistown and Belleville had a delightful joint meeting and supper at "Camp Clare," in the Seven Mountains. Games, good eats, short talks, peppy music and genial fellowship furnished a truly pleasing program.

On Monday night of this week, at the Centre Hills Country club, an ideal rendezvous by the way, the three Kiwanis clubs of State College, Philipsburg and Belleville, had large delegations assembled to observe the "zero hour," which is observed every year by every club in the United States and Canada, during the international convention week. There were sixteen members present from the Philipsburg club, twenty nine from the State College club and forty one from the Belleville club.

Attendance prizes were awarded to S. E. Evans, of Philipsburg, and W. Harrison Walker, of Belleville. Eugene Dambly, chairman of the State College interclub committee, assumed charge of the "zero hour" program. Kiwanian George Reiter made a few timely remarks, setting forth the benefits to be derived from interclub meetings.

Kiwanian Demi, chairman of the interclub committee of the Philipsburg club, introduced Kiwanian Katon as the spokesman for his club. Mr. Katon's speech contained many pertinent thoughts. "Annie Laurie" by Mr. and Mrs. Wentzel, of State College, proved the entertaining feature of the evening. Chairman Dambly called upon James R. Hughes for a few remarks. Mr. Hughes urged that the Kiwanis clubs of the United States sponsor and promote a movement that will induce the government at Washington to provide a police force large enough to cut down the terrible crimes of kidnapping, robbery and murders in this country, at least four-fifths. He said: "The money saved in war preparations, together with the immense surplus on hand every year could provide such a force and many men of the army and navy could be used in such a service."

President Harrison Walker, of the Belleville club, read the address that Mr. O. Samuel Cummings, the president of Kiwanis International, was delivering to the annual convention at Milwaukee. After a few general announcements the meeting closed in the usual fashion.

THE FOOD IT TAKES TO FEED THE GUARD.

Officers and members of Troop B, Belleville's cavalry unit of the National Guard, are hard at work drilling and sprucing up generally in anticipation of their two week's annual encampment next month. It will be the first experience of most of them as a purely cavalry contingent, and as they will be lined up with old-time organizations they naturally want to make as good a record as possible.

Appropos of the Guard encampment the feeding of the 12,000 men, keep of horses and maintenance of motor vehicles runs into big money. According to Lieut. Col. L. A. Luttringer, disbursing officer, who looks after the purchase of such supplies, the cost will be in excess of \$75,000. Here is most of the things, required:

There will be forty-eight tons of beef and bread each and sixty-seven tons of potatoes available for the guardsmen. Others of the larger items are: Bacon, 30,800 pounds; canned string beans, 7,680 cans; dry beans, 11,500 pounds; canned corn beef, 8,500 pounds; butter, 4800 pounds; cheese, 3130 pounds; coffee, 10,750 pounds; corn, 7680 cans; fresh eggs, 10,200 dozen; flour, 6360 pounds; ham, 28,200 pounds; ice cream, 505 gallons; jam, 7800 cans; lard, 6140 pounds; macaroni, 3130 pounds; rolled oats, 3130 cartons; fresh onions, 19,200; evaporated peaches, 4810 pounds; peas, 4180 cans; prunes, 14,450 pounds; rice, 7680 pounds; tea, 768 pounds; tomatoes, 14,440 cans, and last, but not least, 6360 cans of the dreaded "goldfish" in soldier lingo or really canned salmon.

Facilities at the camps do not permit the keeping of fresh milk so the men will have to be satisfied with the evaporated brand for their coffee and breakfast cereal and 25,260 cans have been ordered.

Provision has also been made to afford plenty of flavoring and seasoning. There will be 2040 bottles of catsup, 538 tins of cinnamon; 1000 bottles of lemon and vanilla extract; 1530 tins of pepper; 6120 pounds of salt; 10,200 cans of syrup; 30,704 pounds of sugar and 192 gallons of vinegar.

Horses eat much more than men, so 308 tons of baled hay and 261 tons of oats are necessary. One hundred and fifty tons of straw were purchased for the bedding of horses as well as the straw tick mattresses of the men.

ANNUAL CONVENTION OF COUNTY SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The annual convention of the Centre county Sabbath School Association was held in the Church of Christ, at Blanchard, Thursday and Friday of last week, with a good attendance. The first session was held at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, when the devotions were in charge of Rev. A. Ward Campbell, pastor of the Belleville Evangelical church. Walter E. Myer, of Philadelphia, general secretary of the State association, gave some illuminating facts in his talk on "Bigger and Better County Work," while Rev. A. G. Herr, of Milesburg, discussed the work of the Sabbath school teacher, illustrating to what extent he or she is responsible for the degree of interest in the schools. The session closed with the benediction by Rev. Neilson, resident pastor.

A Friday morning watch meeting was conducted at 8 o'clock by Rev. E. H. Bonsell, young people's superintendent of the State association. Later the convention divided into departmental conferences. Mr. Myer taking charge of the adult teacher and missions division, and Rev. Bonsell the young people.

At noontime the visiting delegates were served a most appetizing lunch in the lecture room by the women of the church. The afternoon session opened with devotions led by Charles Campbell, of Fairbrook, president of the 16th district, after which Rev. Bonsell gave a talk to the young people on the work they should do. Mr. Myer followed with a talk on missions and the teacher.

A short business session was then held at which the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, C. C. Shuey, Belleville; vice president, S. Ward Gramley, Millheim; secretary, Darius Waite, Belleville; treasurer, H. L. Ebricht, Centre Hall. The department superintendents included: Elementary, Mrs. Frank Fisher, Centre Hall; home department, Mrs. S. L. Greenhoe, Centre Hall; missionary, Mrs. M. H. Brouse, Belleville; temperance, Mrs. M. H. Bell, State College; adult, Rev. C. F. Kulp, Philipsburg; young people, Miss Virginia Kane, Howard; teachers' training, Mrs. Lewis Allis, Centre Hall.

At the close of the business session the visiting delegates started on a motor trip over the scenic drive to Orviston but were caught in a hard rain storm and only got as far as Monument. When the storm abated they returned to Blanchard and enjoyed another bounteous meal served by the church women.

At the closing session, Friday evening, the devotions were in charge of Miss Elizabeth Markle, of State College, who has been in charge of the young people's work in the county during the past year. The talk of the evening was by Rev. Bonsell on law enforcement and the peace treaty.

The convention was one of the most interesting and inspirational held in some years. A pleasing feature was the music, which was led by Charles Smith, of Beech Creek, while Rev. Neilson and the ladies of the church are deserving of praise for their untiring efforts in entertaining the convention.

PHILPSBURG WOMAN KILLED IN AUTO WRECK.

Mrs. Ada Richards, wife of P. S. Richards, of Philipsburg, was so badly injured in an auto wreck, near Johnstown on Sunday afternoon, that she died at the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, fifteen minutes after being admitted.

Two carloads of Philipsburgers were on their way to visit relatives in Johnstown, Mrs. Richards being an occupant of the car driven by her husband. With them were Mrs. Earl Kephart and daughter, Miss Dorothy, of Gearhartville. Their car was a Ford. The other car was a Pontiac, driven by Thomas Richards.

P. S. Richards was trailing the Pontiac and on a steep hill on the Frankstown road, at Daisytown, the brakes on the Ford failed to hold and the machine got away from the driver. Mr. Richards attempted to swing around the Pontiac but failed to make a clearance and the light Ford side-swiped the heavier car, swerved to the right and overturned. Mrs. Richards was crushed beneath the car, sustaining a fractured arm and internal injuries which caused her death. All the other occupants of the Ford escaped with minor injuries, while none of the seven passengers in the Pontiac were hurt.

Mrs. Richards was a native of Indiana county and was 62 years old, but had lived in Philipsburg since childhood. She was twice married, her first husband having been David Richards. Following his death five years ago she married P. S. Richards. In addition to her husband she is survived by two children, two brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at her late home in Philipsburg, on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in Philipsburg cemetery.

Mrs. George Ingram, who spent two weeks in Williamsport undergoing medical treatment, was brought home on Wednesday. She was accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Carlin of Niagara Falls, who has been with her during her stay in Williamsport.

Marriage Licenses.

Charles A. Rupp, of State College, and Luella J. Kratz, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Santa Ardre, of Osceola Mills, and Margaret R. Capparella, of Belleville.

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