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## FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of July 18, 1879.

President Downing, of the Snow Shoe Railroad Co., with his family, is now sojourning at the Clingfield-cloamoch house, in Snow Shoe, under the kindly care of Ed Nolan and his good wife. Mr. Stephenson, treasurer of the Bound Brook road, is also there.

Mr. Morris Cowdrick's latest architectural achievement was a fifteen pound baby gal that put in an appearance last Saturday.

Fifty years ago Bellefonte had four trains a day over the Bald Eagle Valley railroad. They arrived at 6:33 and 10:03 in the morning and at 4:35 and 8:32 in the evening.

Wheat is \$1.05, corn 50c, oats 30 c. and new potatoes \$1.00 a bushel.

Capt. Austin Curtin is going to try raising tobacco on his bottom land along the Bald Eagle. He received twelve thousand plants from Lock Haven recently.

Clearfield pays the principal of her schools \$125.00 per month. The salaries of the other teachers range from \$30 to \$45.

The casting house and foundry at the Howard Iron works were destroyed by fire last Tuesday.

A terrific storm passed over the county last Friday afternoon. Persons who were in the grain fields threw themselves flat on the bosom of mother earth in order to escape being carried away; families sought the safety of their cellars, some houses were demolished, many barns unroofed and whole orchards uprooted. In several instances farm fencing was carried so far away that the owners have not been able to locate it yet.

Jonas Stine, of Patton township, fell from a cherry tree, one day last week, and was seriously hurt.

The grasshoppers are destroying almost everything in the way of vegetation. In some parts of the county they have eaten all the grass and corn and are now working industriously on the fruit trees.

On Monday Mrs. Christian Derr, of this place suffered a sunstroke and the same day Miss Snowden, the music teacher, fell over from the same cause.

Mr. Johnston, living on one of the farms of Hale and Beaver, in Ferguson township, fell from a cherry tree last week and was seriously injured. On Saturday morning a tramp, who had spent the night in Johnston's barn, asked permission to pick a mess of cherries, climbed the same tree and soon came tumbling down, breaking his wrist and fracturing one of his legs.

Two ladies from Memphis, Tenn., have arrived in Eagleville, this county. They fled the southern city because of the yellow fever scourge there.

## MATCH CO. EMPLOYEES ENJOY HAM SUPPER.

On Tuesday evening of this week, fifty-two employees of the Federal Match corporation motored to the Locust Inn, at Martha Furnace, for their second monthly safety, welfare and good will meeting. A wonderful supper of baked ham and everything that goes with it was served at eight o'clock, after which the meeting was called to order. A report of accidents at the plant for the first six months of the year was read. They have an enviable record. With two hundred employees, there were only twenty-two minor accidents reported, only three of which necessitated lost time, and of these two were for less than a week, and one for about thirty days.

The guest of the evening, Rev. Thena, followed this with one of his splendid talks on good fellowship and what it means to be your brother's keeper in industrial life. There were also several short talks by different employees along the same lines.

In a very short time these meetings have become so popular, and the good results are so easily seen, that there isn't any doubt about continuing them and having them bigger and better each time.

County poultrymen will be interested in knowing that county agent, R. C. Blaney, has arranged for two caponizing demonstrations next week. The first will be held at the S. G. Walker farm at Spring Mills at four o'clock next Monday afternoon. The other will be at S. B. Wasson's, at State College, at nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, July 23. Experts will be in charge of the work and other poultry problems will also be discussed.

**ROSSMAN.**—Mrs. Mary Lydia Rossman, widow of the late Josiah Rossman, of Haines township, passed away at 7:30 o'clock on Monday morning, at the home of her son, John B. Rossman, on east Bishop street, Bellefonte, as the result of a complication of diseases. She had not been in good health for several years and in the spring sold her home in Aaronsburg and came to the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Corman, in Bellefonte. Less than two weeks ago she went to the home of her son where her condition became much worse and where she finally passed away.

Mrs. Rossman was born in Gregg township on May 22nd, 1858, hence had reached the age of 71 years, 1 month and 24 days. Practically all her life was spent in Gregg and Haines townships. She was a member of St. John's Reformed church, at Aaronsburg. Her husband passed away two years ago but surviving her are two daughters and three sons, Mrs. H. E. Corman, of Bellefonte; Mrs. J. S. Burd, of Aaronsburg; John B. and Elmer C. Rossman, of Bellefonte, and Abner W., of Hazleton. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Israel Spayd, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Samuel Fredericks, of Farmer's Mills, as well as thirteen grand-children and three great grand-children.

Brief funeral service was held at the Rossman home, at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, after which the remains were taken to Farmers Mills where regular services were held in the Union church. Rev. G. A. Fred Greising was in charge and was assisted by Rev. Robert Thena, of Bellefonte. Burial was made at Farmers Mills.

**ARCHEY.**—John Kelly Archey, member of the well known Archey family of Spruce Creek valley, died at his home at Martinsburg, Blair county, on Wednesday night of last week, as the result of heart disease.

He was a son of George and Mary Archey and was born at Graysville on January 15th, 1874, hence was in his 56th year. His boyhood days were spent on the homestead farm and in attending the public schools. Later he attended Juniata college and the Lock Haven State Normal, after which he engaged in teaching. He taught school six years then went to Altoona and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad company as a brakeman. Six years later he was promoted to a conductor and for sixteen years ran on the Pittsburgh division. He was retired two years ago owing to failing health.

He was a member of the Memorial church of the Brethren, the Martinsburg school board, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Order of Railway Conductors and P. R. R. relief association.

In November, 1905, he married Miss Eliza Harsberger who survives with one daughter, Mary Alice, at home. He also leaves two brothers and four sisters, T. Linn Archey, of Mount Union; H. C., of Franklinville; Mrs. Elizabeth Deeters, of Pennsylvania Furnace; Miss Ella, of Martinsburg; Mrs. Kate Johnson, of Juniata Gap, and Miss Carrie Archey, of Altoona. Burial was made in the Fairview cemetery, at Martinsburg, on Saturday afternoon.

**MEEK.**—Mary Martha Cross, wife of Dr. Reuben H. Meek, of Avis, died at her home in that place Wednesday evening, at seven-thirty. She had been ill for about three years with what remains an undiagnosed affection of the bone structure. Specialists all over the country were interested in the case but seemed utterly unable to correct a condition that would prevent the bones from breaking at the slightest pressure.

Mrs. Meek was a daughter of Cornelius and Jane Hartsock Cross and was born near Stormstown March 16, 1878. She was a woman of rare personal charm and after her marriage and location at Avis became prominent in both the social life and church work of that place. She was a member of the Methodist church and Ivanhoe chapter of the Eastern Star at Jersey Shore. On September 23, 1908, she was married to Dr. R. H. Meek, at Waddle, and he survives. They had no children. Two half sisters, Mrs. H. S. Taylor, of Bellefonte, and Miss Della Cross, of Galen Hall, Wernerville, also survive. Funeral services will be held at her late home this evening at seven-thirty. Saturday morning interment will be made in Gray's cemetery, in Halfmoon Twp., at ten o'clock.

**HOUSER.**—John H. Houser died at his home on south Allegheny street, Bellefonte, on Tuesday of last week, as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained the Thursday previous, although he had not been in good health for six months.

He was a son of J. W. and Sarah Musser Houser and was born in Benner township over 56 years ago. He was a painter and paper hanger by occupation and worked at various times in Bellefonte and at State College. He married Miss Margaret McMahon who survives with five children, Miss Mary, of New York; Sarah, John, Byron and Richard, all at home. He also leaves his father, living at State College, and two brothers, Abram and Charles Houser, both of Rockview.

Funeral services were held in the Catholic church at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, by Rev. Joseph Hesser, of Snow Shoe, after which burial was made in the Catholic cemetery.

**BURD.**—Mrs. William Burd died at her home in Penn township, on July 8th, following an illness of some weeks. She was born in Miles township and was 56 years, 3 months and 29 days old. She was a member of the Coburn Evangelical church, the Lodge of Rebekahs and the P. O. of A. Surviving here are her husband and the following children: Mrs. L. Musser, of Woodward; Daniel Burd, of Plainfield, N. J.; Edward E., of Stanton, Miss.; and Paul, at home. Funeral services were held in the Coburn Evangelical church, July 12th, by Rev. H. C. Klepfer, burial being made in the Wolf's chapel cemetery.

**FURST.**—Mrs. Jennie Beaver Furst, widow of the late Cline G. Furst Esq., died at her home in Lock Haven, on Saturday morning, aged 88 years. She was a native of Lewisburg and a graduate of Bucknell University. She married Mr. Furst in 1865 and had been a resident of Lock Haven ever since. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and for over seventy years had been a teacher in the Sunday school. Burial was made on Monday.

**BATCHELER.**—Simler Batcheler, who for many years has been identified with the business and economic life of Phillipsburg, died at his farm home, near that town, on Tuesday afternoon, as the result of a general breakdown. He was born in Phillipsburg almost seventy-five years ago and spent his entire life there. Surviving him are his wife and six children. Burial will be made this afternoon.

## REV. GOHN ADDRESSES LOCAL KIWANIANS.

"Through the Eyes of Kiwanis" was the subject of the talk given by Kiwanian Herman Gohn, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Lock Haven, before the Bellefonte Kiwanis club at its luncheon, Tuesday, at the Brockerhoff hotel.

In a well prepared speech, punctuated here and there with humorous sketches, Reverend Gohn pointed out and laid due emphasis upon several of the principles for which Kiwanis stands and what influence these principles have upon the Kiwanian. The speaker explained that the two elements that are outstanding in characterizing Kiwanis are the inspiration it provides and the influence which it exerts.

W. Harrison Walker, president of the Bellefonte club, appointed Arthur Hewitt, Jr., as chairman of the new Boy Scout committee which is further composed of Jesse Caum, Rev. Robert Thena, Philip H. Johnston, and G. Oscar Gray. This committee expects to bring about a reorganization of the local troop in the near future.

Among the visitors at the luncheon were Kiwanians John Hafer and M. B. Meyer, of State College, Kiwanian J. P. Dennehey, of Lock Haven, J. C. Scholl, of the Altoona club, and C. S. Thomas, of Potter's Mills.

Records for having traveled the farthest distance to attend the twentieth annual summer session of the Pennsylvania State College, go to Miss Louisa Palmer, a young school teacher from the sun-baked sands of Honolulu, and a young physician, Glenn E. Stevens, from the University of Prague, Czechoslovakia, who has just completed four years of medicine and will receive his bachelor degree from Penn State at the summer session commencement next month. Mr. Stevens, whose home is in Scranton, Pennsylvania, completed the pre-medical course at Penn State in 1920 and has just recently graduated in medicine from Prague University. Miss Palmer, a native American, is head of Hanalei school in Honolulu. She is enrolled in the institute of progressive education at Penn State.

On Sunday afternoon little Harry Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Zimmerman, of Reynolds avenue, was hit by an automobile operated by Philip Bickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bickett, as he was going out of the avenue onto Willowbank street. The child was dragged about fifty feet before the driver got his car stopped, but fortunately he was not run over. At first it was not believed that he suffered any injuries except cuts and bruises but an X-ray taken at the Centre County hospital, yesterday morning, disclosed the fact that the bones of his right leg were broken in two places just above the ankle. After taking the X-ray the boy was taken home.

Herman Cruse, of the West ward, Bellefonte, is out as a candidate for borough council on the Republican ticket, and his platform is American labor first and always on the street and in every other borough department. Mr. Cruse is circulating his petition for signers. Up to Tuesday only three petitions were filed in the county commissioner's office by borough office seekers, those of W. M. Botton and Charles Schaeffer, Democratic candidates for tax collector, and M. W. Williams, candidate for registration assessor in the North ward, providing one is to be elected this year.

Theodore Leathers and son Bryan, of Howard, were arrested last Friday, on the charge of bootlegging and gave bail for their appearance at the next term of court.

## PINE GROVE ACADEMY STUDENTS TO RENEUE.

There will be a big time at Pine Grove Mills, Saturday of next week, when a joint reunion of the old students of the Pine Grove Mills Academy and the well known Fry family will be held on the old academy grounds. That it will be a big gathering is an assured fact at this time. Many old students of the academy are scattered throughout the land and a large per cent. of them will doubtless return to Pine Grove for this reunion, which will be only the fourth ever held.

As to the Fry family, the ramifications of its connections are so extended throughout the old-time families of the western end of the county that there is no means of accurately calculating the number in the clan. The dean of the family, of course, is the versatile Capt. William H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, who celebrated the 86th anniversary of his birth yesterday. He is native to the soil of Ferguson township and has taken such a personal interest in the life of the entire community all his life that he is virtually the "father" of that section.

The Pine Grove Academy dates back to 1852 when it was established by Thomas B. Patton, William Burchfield and William Murray. The first principal was a Mr. Ward, who remained two years and was succeeded by a Mr. Campbell, who was in charge one year. The services of Prof. J. E. Thomas were then secured and he was the principal until his death in 1872. During his long term the Academy achieved distinction as one of the best educational institutions in its class in this section of the State.

**Klinger.—Bowmaster.**—W. Donald Klinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Klinger, of Bellefonte, and Miss Nellie R. Bowmaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Bowmaster, of Lock Haven, were married at the Methodist parsonage, in Lock Haven, at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning, by the pastor, Rev. J. Merrill Williams. Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents and later the young couple left on a motor wedding trip. On their return they will locate in Bellefonte.

The bride is a graduate of the Lock Haven High school and of late has been employed as a stenographer in the offices of the Fredericks Armature Rewinding company in Lock Haven. The bridegroom is a graduate of the Bellefonte High school and for several years past has been employed in the Willard clothing store, Bellefonte. He is a member of Wetzler's Junior band and an industrious young man.

## LIME COMPANIES AGAIN DEMAND REPARATIONS.

The Centre County Lime company and the Chemical Lime company, on Tuesday, asked the Public Service Commission to grant them reparations from several score railroads in the State for excessive freight rates charged for hauling lime products from Bellefonte and vicinity to other points in Pennsylvania. Last year the Commission found the rates to be too high and ordered the carriers to reduce the charges and the present proceeding asks return of the amounts found to be excessive over the period from 1925 to 1928.

## BOALSBURG

William Folk is roofing the Lutheran parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernon Russell, of Lewistown, were visitors in town last week.

Mrs. Alice Magoffin, of Hollidaysburg, is visiting among friends in this vicinity.

Misses Ellen and Cathryn Dale spent Friday in Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap.

Misses Mary Reish and Nora Miller are visiting Mrs. Irvin Stover, at Yeagertown.

Mrs. William Meyer went to Millheim, Saturday, for a few days visit with friends.

Miss Rachel Hunter returned, Tuesday, from a week-end visit with friends in Derry.

Miss Thelma Smith is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, at Brunswick, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coxe and children, of Altoona; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Coxe and Mr. and Mrs. Olsen, of Bellefonte, were guests at the Ishler-Coxe home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barrick, of Huntingdon, were week-end visitors at the home of Harold Fisher.

Mrs. Edwin Dale entertained the young ladies class of the Lutheran Sunday school on Wednesday evening.

## UNIONVILLE.

Mrs. John Huff, of Tyrone, is visiting her children, Mrs. B. E. Holt and Mrs. Joseph Barton.

Mrs. Jesse Irwin, who has been suffering from summer grip for several days, is slowly improving.

Mrs. Wilson Hall and little daughter, of Harrisburg, are visiting at the home of grandpa E. T. Hall.

Mrs. Mary Hall Williams, of Port Matilda, has been helping care for her grandmother, Mrs. Irwin, during her sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kuntz and son, of Toledo, Ohio, were callers, last Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. Frances Hall.

Mrs. Sudie Wooden, Bellefonte, and Mrs. June Martin Pascoe, of Los Angeles, made a short visit among old friends in our town last week.

Mr. Osra Hanscom, aged father of Arthur Hanscom, was taken to the hospital again, on Sunday, and is reported as being in a very critical condition.

Isaac Irwin, of Jersey Shore, was a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Irwin, on Tuesday. Also, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Fry, of Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rumberger and family, of Tyrone, and Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Holderman, of Huntingdon, were guests of Miss Laura Rumberger, the fore part of this week.

The Dorcas Bible class held a measuring social, last Friday evening, in the community hall. They spent a very enjoyable evening, and also realized a nice sum for their treasury.

Dr. Edward Russell and wife, of Maine, while on their way to New York State, stopped in our town for a few hours, on Tuesday, and called on a number of old friends and acquaintances.

Last Sunday there was a happy home gathering of the children and grand-children of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brigger. George and family, of Cannonburg, arrived at noon in their car and brought home with them Martha Rose Brigger, who had visited with them for about ten days; also, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Waite, of Stormstown, enjoyed the day at their parental home. On Monday Dr. John Becker and wife, of Philadelphia, nephew of J. E. Brigger, arrived by auto to spend a short time with relatives and friends.

## Marriage Licenses.

Philip Nathaniel Rhinehart, of Clearfield, and Helen Marie Wooster, of Phillipsburg.

Richard N. Gunsallus, of Detroit, Mich., and Marie Bennett, of Runville.

Randall W. Meyer, of Coburn, and Dorothy M. Campbell, of Williamsport.

Andy Joseph Kachik and Susan Basalla, both of Clarence.

Joseph A. Basalla and Mary A. Kirko, both of Clarence.

Twenty fresh air children arrived in Centre county, from New York, on Wednesday. About fifteen of the number will be entertained in homes in and near Bellefonte during the two weeks of their outing.

Sixty-three applicants for an auto driver's license were examined by State highway patrolmen, in Bellefonte, on Wednesday.

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