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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of November 28, 1879.

His laughter echoed everywhere, His heart was free from pain; But ah! he took the temperance pledge And never "smiled" again.

Mr. James L. Sommerville entertained Superintendent Baldwin and other railroad magnates at the Bush house last Saturday.

Miss Isabella Petit died at Cedar Springs, Clinton county, last Saturday. Her remains were brought to this place and buried from the residence of her niece, Mrs. Bartruff, on Tuesday.

William Petit, once Register and Recorder of Centre county and a sister of the venerable Mr. McBride, now living here and known to all of our citizens.

Miss Kitty Potter of this place, daughter of the late Dr. G. L. Potter, has been having a tedious spell of sickness in which she has the sympathy of many friends.

Eggs are in good supply at 15cts a dozen.

The summer is over and gone, icicles begin to appear and the squeal of the dying porker is heard throughout the land.

The river at Lock Haven is partially frozen over. This proves that the weather has been pretty cold.

Prof. Philippi, the balloonist, has left Bellefonte and will hereafter reside in Reading, where we hope he will always try to keep the right end uppermost.

According to a statement in the Philadelphia Record the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., will foreclose its mortgage on the Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek railroad on the 13th of next month.

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According to post-master Johnston over 8,000 letters and newspapers have been received for mailing at the Bellefonte post-office during the last six days.

The Mrs. Keller whose obituary we wrote last week isn't dead at all, and what's more, she is going to get over the effects of the accident in which we said she had been fatally hurt.

Mr. Nicholas Gay was walking up the railroad tracks leading to Valentine's iron works last Thursday. He was carrying a full powder horn and a box of caps.

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Bassett had been staying with his uncle and aunt, Commander and Mrs. Theodore H. Winters, in Seattle, while making preparations to sail for Japan. He suddenly disappeared on September 5th and all efforts to locate his whereabouts proved futile.

It was then the county prosecutor decided to test the efficiency of the "lie detector" and "truth serum" in an effort to obtain a confession from Mayer as well as to the disposition of Bassett's body, if he was murdered. The prosecutor now claims to have obtained the confession while Mayer denies that he confessed anything.

Up to October 1 the number of dogs licensed in Centre county was 3,097.

HARRIS.—Mrs. Louisa VanTries Harris, widow of James R. Harris, passed away at the Centre County hospital at 1:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, as the result of a broken hip and other injuries sustained in a fall, in her home on Allegheny street, on November 11th.

She was a daughter of Samuel and Susan Poe VanTries and was born in Pennsylvania on October 28th, 1844, hence was 85 years and 24 days old. She came to Bellefonte in 1867 and after living here a few years married James R. Harris, a native of Clinton county but at that time a member of the firm of Snyder, Harris, Bassett & Co., wholesale merchants of Philadelphia.

She is survived by one daughter Mrs. Robert DeGolyer, of Evanston, Ill.; two step-daughters and two step-sons, Mrs. Walter McClure and Mrs. Harry Lewis, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Harry Lewis, of New York, and Mrs. Harris, of Philadelphia; also one brother, George L. VanTries of Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were held at her late home, at four o'clock last Friday afternoon, by Rev. William C. Thompson, assisted by deceased's nephew, Rev. William P. VanTries, of Berywn, interment being made in the Union cemetery.

HARRIS.—Mrs. Kathryn Harris, wife of John P. Harris, passed away on Monday at her home in Altoona, as the result of an attack of pneumonia. She had not been in good health for a year or more and when stricken with pneumonia had not sufficient reserve strength to resist this insidious disease.

She was a native of Parkersburg, W. Va., and was in her 55th year. The greater part of her married life was spent at Mount Union, the family moving to Altoona only a little over a month ago. She was a member of the Presbyterian church all her life. In addition to her husband she is survived by one son and two daughters, John H. Harris, of Jenkintown; Miss Helen, of Latrobe, and Miss Mary, of Altoona. She also leaves five sisters, all living at Parkersburg, W. Va.

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VAUGHN.—Mrs. Ann VanPool Vaughn, wife of Thomas Vaughn, died at her home at Sandy Ridge, last Friday, following a brief illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John VanPool and was born near Hannah Furnace on July 14th, 1850, hence was in her eightieth year.

In March, 1873 she married Thomas Vaughn and for forty years they have lived at Sandy Ridge. She was the mother of twelve children, nine of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Howard Orr and Mrs. Guy Kerr, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Matt Reese, Mrs. William Moore, Grayson and Earl Vaughn, of Sandy Ridge; Mary, Paul and William, at home. She was one of a family of eight children only one of whom survive, Mrs. Daniel Moore, also of Sandy Ridge. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Umbria cemetery at Osceola Mills.

SELLERS.—Mrs. Inez Gertrude Sellers, widow of James Sellers, died at her home in Tyrone, on Saturday afternoon, as the result of a heart attack, although she had not been in good health for some months.

She was a daughter of David W. and Sarah M. Ellenberger and was born at Gatesburg on January 27th, 1884 hence was in her 46th year. In January, 1904, she married Mr. Sellers and most of their married life had been spent in Tyrone. She is survived by three sons and three daughters, two brothers and one sister. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in Grandview cemetery, Tyrone.

McCLOSKEY.—Prof. Ira Nathan McCloskey, for twenty-two years superintendent of public schools of Clinton county, died quite suddenly, last Friday, as the result of a heart attack. He was 76 years old and was born near Beech Creek. His entire life had been devoted to educational work. He is survived by his widow, two sons, a daughter, two sisters and one brother. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Highland cemetery, Lock Haven.

KEATLEY.—David Keatley, for a number of years past a well known resident of Unionville, died at 11 o'clock, on Monday, following an illness of several months. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and three sons, Miss Emily, at home; Harold, of Washington, D. C.; Charles, of Pittsburgh, and Gilbert, of Mount Carmel. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, at Unionville, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, burial being made in the Oak Ridge cemetery.

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MANY PLEAS OF GUILTY MADE IN COURT SATURDAY

Many pleas of guilty and parole applications were heard at a special session of court, on Saturday morning. The first man to face Judge Fleming was George H. Meyers, an applicant for parole.

A resident of Mill Hill Meyers was convicted at the September term of court for a violation of the liquor laws and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and serve three to six months in the county jail. In presenting his petition for parole Roy W. Wilkinson, despatch and probation officer, told the court that when Meyers was sentenced he had \$700 in bank on a joint account with his wife, but since he has been in jail his wife drew out all the money, disposed of their household goods and left Mill Hill, so that Meyers now has no money to pay either the costs or the fine.

But he has his old job in waiting at the silk mill at Mill Hill and has agreed to pay the fine and costs in instalments. Parole was granted. James Sheckler, of Spring township, who at the May sessions of court was sentenced to serve from one to two years in jail for enticing a female child, was also granted a parole.

Charles Irvin, of Altoona, who last February was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and serve nine to eighteen months in the county jail for driving a car while intoxicated, was granted a parole on condition that he pay his fine in regular instalments, which he agreed to do.

William E. McLaughlin and Harold Stellar, the two young men arrested when the "101 Ranch" was raided in August, pleaded guilty to possession of liquor and were sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 each and four months imprisonment in the county jail to date from their original commitment.

On application of William Harrison the overseers of the poor of Harris township were appointed guardian of Robert Bruce Harrison, an aged invalid, in order that he can legally receive his pension check and apply it to his keep.

Boyd Cressman, of Clearfield, entered a plea to the charges of reckless driving and transportation of liquor. Cressman was arrested on November 17th, when he had a mix-up with another car on the Snow Shoe mountain. When officers searched his car they found a gallon jug of whiskey. Cressman told the court that he is a blacksmith by occupation and was working in a steel mill at Williamsport. He had been at home for the week-end and was on his way back to Williamsport when the mix-up occurred.

He explained the presence of the gallon jug of whiskey by saying that he was taking it to Williamsport for some steel workers. Judge Fleming asked him if it was Centre county whiskey and he said it wasn't, that it was a Clearfield county product. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and costs.

Arthur Banville, of Fall River, Mass., and Leo Thibault, of Renton, Mass., were brought before the court on charges of larceny from a hunting camp in the Allegheny mountains, to which both pleaded guilty, although they maintained that they hadn't broken into the camp, as it was open when they went there. In fact, they claimed to have seen two men leaving it. Mr. Wilkinson stated that as far as he had been able to learn Banville had a good reputation in his home town but Thibault had quite a prison record. Banville was sentenced to pay the costs, a dollar fine and sixty days imprisonment in the county jail. Thibault drew a sentence of four months in jail, a dollar fine and costs.

The last case taken up was that against Mrs. M. K. Kelson and her nineteen years old son William, charged with the larceny of merchandise from stores. The Kelsons live in Clearfield and drove over to Bellefonte on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Kelson visited three drug stores and bought two bottles of paregoric at each store. When arrested two of the bottles were empty and it is presumed she drank the medicine as a stimulant. Under the influence of the drug she visited various stores and according to the indictments at Murphy's dollar store purloined articles to the value of \$2.12; at Katz & Co's, articles valued at \$2.45; at Zeller's drug store, articles worth \$1.00, and at Schlow's, articles valued at \$12.50. It was at the latter place that suspicion was aroused, the woman was placed under arrest and the articles, found some of them on her person, some in her car and others thrown away in an alley. The woman's husband, John Kelson, a reputable citizen of Clearfield, was notified, and he hastened to Bellefonte, and through sympathy for him the court released the woman and her son on probation for one year upon restitution of all the stolen articles and the payment of costs, and the husband took them home Saturday.

The forms have been removed from the concrete walls of the new postoffice building being erected on Spring street, Bellefonte, by George Rhoads' Sons for the White brothers, and fortunately the walls have been found in good condition notwithstanding the fact that the concrete was all poured last Friday when the temperature was considerably below the freezing point. Now that the walls are up work on the building will be rushed and it is quite possible that it will be in shape for occupancy in time for the holiday rush of business.

PATIENTS TREATED AT COUNTY HOSPITAL

Boyd Auman, aged three years of Gregg township, a medical patient for the past six months, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Samuel Beck, of Gregg township, a medical patient for two weeks, was discharged on Tuesday of last week and died at his home that night.

Boyd Hartsock, of Bellefonte, was admitted as a surgical patient on Tuesday of last week and was discharged the following day.

Mrs. Hipple, of Bellefonte, was admitted as a medical patient on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Minnie Rote, of Coleville, became a surgical patient on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Margaret Summers, of Boggs township, was admitted on Thursday of last week for surgical treatment and was discharged the following day.

Mrs. Morris Mulfinger, of Pleasant Gap, was admitted on Thursday of last week for surgical treatment and was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Paul C. Sheffer and daughter, of Bellefonte, were discharged last Friday.

Mrs. Landis Lightner, of College township, and her baby boy, were admitted on Friday for medical treatment.

Chester Fink, of Taylor township, was admitted on Friday as a medical patient.

Mrs. L. L. Rossman, of Spring Mills, became the mother of a bright little boy on last Friday, and both are doing well.

Mrs. H. L. Truckenmiller, of Hubersburg, was admitted last Friday for medical treatment.

Miss Freda McKinney, of Potters Mills, was admitted on Friday for surgical treatment and was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Gray Hower, of Germantown, became a surgical patient on Saturday.

Mrs. James Brewer, of Bellefonte, who suffered an attack of paralysis on Saturday, was admitted to the hospital that day for medical treatment.

Mrs. Carl Marikie, of Spring township, was admitted on Sunday for medical treatment.

William Corl, of Ferguson township, became a surgical patient on Sunday.

Miss Lavera J. Johnson, of Altoona, a student nurse at the hospital, became a surgical patient on Sunday.

Clair J. Flick, of Union township, a medical patient for three weeks, was discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, of Walker township, became a medical patient on Monday.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS

The annual sale of Christmas seals by the National Tuberculosis Association has started. Now is a good time to remind ourselves to buy as many of these little stickers as we can possibly manage, say members of the Bellefonte Tuberculosis committee.

The seals sell for a penny each; yet they provide the sole support of the association's 1400 affiliated organizations in all parts of the United States in their fight against tuberculosis.

There isn't any reason why we should make an extended plea for the support of this work. The prevalence of tuberculosis is such a major problem, and the work done by these organizations is so valuable to the entire country, that the seals ought to sell themselves. This notice is just a reminder—when you get ready to make up your Christmas packages, lay in a good supply of these seals.

When you are approached by one of the seal sellers in Bellefonte do your part by purchasing a liberal supply.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS AT PLEASANT VIEW

The Pleasant View Union chapel association is conducting union revival services at their chapel near Bellefonte. The services opened Sunday night and will be continued every night except Saturdays for several weeks. They start at 7:45.

Ministers of different denominations are joining in the work and much interest has been awakened. This is a community church of which Rev. L. F. Sheetz, of Howard, is pastor and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

The Draftsman's Journal, under the editorial and business management of Thomas Junkin, is rapidly forging to the front as one of Clearfield's progressive newspapers, having secured a new home and installed a Duplex press which enabled it to appear, last week, in an enlarged form and greatly improved style. Of course the new ownership has undoubtedly had a lot to do with its progress and the one person to whom most of the credit is likely due is Mrs. Ella J. Mountz, of Smith's Mills, who is a hustler in any line of work she undertakes.

We were delighted to see George Stevenson, of Waddle, on Bellefonte streets, on Tuesday. Some time ago, when he was so grievously afflicted with paralysis it was thought George would never get out of his home on Buffalo Run again, but he fooled them. He looked just fine and we certainly hope he continues on the way to total recovery.

COUNTY CONFERENCE OF WOMEN'S CLUBS

The annual Centre county conference of women's clubs, held under the auspices of the Woman's Civic club at Pleasant Gap, was a decided success, due to the cordial and gracious hospitality of the members of the hostess club—the youngest in service in the county.

Rev. C. A. Metzger, pastor of the Lutheran church, had charge of the devotional service. Mrs. T. E. Jodon included in her words of welcome to the guests a bit of local history that added zest and interest to her remarks.

Mrs. William Ham, of Boalsburg, responded in a unique manner by emphasizing her subject matter, "why our Centre county clubs cannot die."

The program stressed welfare activities—mostly woman's work. The outstanding features were the addresses of Rev. William C. Thompson, Bellefonte, juvenile court officer, and Judge M. Ward Fleming, on the topic of a central poor unit, while Miss A. Jane Marshall, of Harrisburg, executive secretary of the State society for crippled children discussed her work with appealing force and enthusiasm.

The reports from the many organizations of women throughout Centre county were most inspiring and will no doubt result in even greater interest and development for better living—"myself and others."

Mrs. Frank Haller, in her usually interesting manner, reported the high spots in the deliberations of the State Federation, while Mrs. W. A. Broyles, in a spirited manner, reported the congress held in Washington, D. C. on the "cause and cure of war." Subjects discussed included children's aid, county library, civics, current events, D. A. R., the hospital, mother's assistance, mother's clubs, parent-teacher, social problems, organized charities, Red Cross and Near East relief. To the latter the conference made a contribution of \$25.00 towards the final settlement of accounts; T. B. seal sale, State and school nurses, W. C. T. U., needlework guild, Y. M. C. A. auxiliary Y. W. C. A., Etc.

Last but by no means the least of the day's good things was the music furnished by an orchestra of young people under the direction of Mrs. Noll and Miss Pearl Garbrick. They richly deserved the hearty applause accorded them for their really fine rendition of a number of selections of difficult scores Carl Chub, a State College student, proved an artist of unusual merit with his delightful music on the harmonica. He is one of a group of a thousand players constituting the College harmonica band.

The generous luncheon so daintily served by the hostess club added to the pleasure of the social hour when friendships were renewed and new acquaintances formed.

Officers elected for the ensuing year included Mrs. J. Ben Hill, first vice president; Mrs. J. Will Mayes, second vice president; Mrs. Roy Wilkinson, secretary, and Miss Helen Williams, treasurer.

The consensus of opinion was that the day was well spent in a good cause, and that the Woman's club of Pleasant Gap performed well its part in the pleasure and profit of the day. An increase in the number of towns and organizations represented was a notable encouragement. The conference will meet in Howard next October.

THE FALL INSTITUTE OF THE COUNTY W. C. T. U.

That christian people should pray not merely for peace, but definitely for the London Conference which will be in session in less than two months, was the expression of the fall institute of the county W. C. T. U. during its session in Centre Hall last Thursday.

Miss Mary Linn, of Bellefonte, read a paper giving the correct name of the conference—Five Power Conference on Naval Limitation—and presented conditions which make success of the conference so imperative. At its conclusion the gathering had a period of silent prayer, after which the Armistice day prayer of the Archbishop of Canterbury was read.

Other features of the institute included reading of the diamond medal essay "Influence" by Miss Eulalia Harsh. Centre Hall supplied two very fine musical numbers and Mrs. L. R. Letzler gave a humorous reading. The rest of the program took the form of an informal conference on plans for next year.

About one hundred were in attendance representing the following communities: Centre Hall, Linden Hall, Tusseyville, Spring Mills, Millheim, Aaronsburg, Rebersburg, Unionville, Blanchard, Bellefonte, Pleasant Gap, State College, Wingate, and Stormstown. The Centre Hall Union entertained all at an excellent meal.

Announcement was made that Mrs. Sylvia Ripley Bemis, of Erie, will be in the county soon for a week of organization work.

Those attending from Bellefonte were Miss Mary H. Linn, Mrs. John Porter Lyon, Mrs. Robert Mills Beach and Mrs. Jacob Hoy.

Representatives of the State Game Commission were in Centre county last Friday, putting out wild turkeys for propagation purposes. When the big truck was in Bellefonte it contained some six or eight turkeys and they certainly didn't appear very wild to those who took a look at them.

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 where the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, at the contributor may desire.—(E)

Charley Always Has Cheering Words for Us

Wadsworth, Ohio, 11-23-29

Democratic Watchman, Bellefonte, Pa.

Dear Friend:

Enclosed find check for renewal subscription for my paper. There are many papers we would like to have, but the Watchman we MUST have.

With the compliments of the season, I am,

Yours truly, C. I. DANNLEY

Old Wine in the Old Bottle

Washington, D. C., 11-22-29

Democratic Watchman:

I enjoy the Watchman so much that it is a part of my weekly life. The population of the old town has changed, of course, but enough remains of the Old Guard to make it enjoyable to read everything, including the advertisements. It is also up-to-date in all respects while still retaining the old flavor which makes it distinctly the Watchman.

Sincerely yours, W. I. LEMBEKE

In the South Seas

November 23, 1929

For the Watchman:

Ex-Governor and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot and party, as already reported, have returned from their marvelous cruise of seven months in the yacht "Mary Pinchot."

In the Caribbean sea, the Grand Cayman, Swan Island, Old Providence and St. Andrew were visited. Passing through the canal, the Coco Islands of Galapagos, Marquessa, and Tuamotus were the next objective points of study. The return was made by way of the Hawaii Islands and San Francisco.

Extensive collections of birds were made by Dr. A. K. Fisher and on of mollusks by Dr. Pillsbury. These will be studied at the National Museum and the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Numerous porpoises and reptiles were taken.

Mr. Pinchot secured valuable material and photographs of the little known mantas, or giant rays of the Galapagos and Marquessa, as has just been noticed in the journal "Science."

Already most accomplished naturalists of the fine school of forest and mountain, with all this variety of the South Seas and the Islands added, few can know their world so well as the accomplished ex-Governor of the "Keystone" and his brilliant wife.

P. O. S. of A. CELEBRATES 13th ANNIVERSARY

Bellefonte Camp, No. 887, P. O. S. of A., celebrated its 13th anniversary last Thursday evening, in its hall in the Potter-Hoy block, with chicken supper. There was a large attendance and music was furnished by the Academy orchestra. As the guests were seated at the long tables the divine blessing was invoked by Rev. S. Ward Campbell, of the Evangelical church. Following the feast of chicken there was a flow of rhetoric.

The first speaker of the evening, was Judge M. Ward Fleming who talked on the "Four Classes of American Citizens," and developed his subject to perfection. District attorney John G. Love discussed the subject of "The Good of the Order. This talk proved very interesting as well as instructive. The next speaker on the program was Edward J. Thompson, of Phillipsburg, who talked on "Our Public Schools." He explained some of the plans that the P. O. S. of A. is making in regard to public school work during 1929. In his address he explained how the order is planning a State wide essay contest for High school and the prizes to be awarded to the winners in each county. After selection by the Academy orchestra the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Snyder, of the United Brethren church.

The event was such a success this year that there is no doubt that the celebration of the anniversary of Washington Camp, No. 887, of Bellefonte will become an annual affair.

On Friday, December 6th, a half-past six o'clock, the League of Women Voters will hold a dinner at the Penn Belle hotel in Bellefonte. Miss Gertrude S. Ely, of Philadelphia State chairman of the League, and Judge Fleming, of Bellefonte, will be the speakers of the evening. Tickets (price \$1.25) can be obtained from Mrs. A. Fauble and Mr. Robert Mills Beach, both of Bellefonte. All men and women interested in good government are urged to be present.

This issue of the Watchman was put in the mails before noon yesterday. We went to press earlier than usual so that the workers here could have at least part of Thanks giving day off. If the paper doesn't reach you until the usual time it will probably be because the post men are having some time off, too.