

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Thirty-two divorces were granted by the Court of Clinton county last year. Just one more than was granted in 1928.

The Bellefonte public schools reopened yesterday following the holiday vacation and the Bellefonte Academy will reopen on Monday.

E. C. Musser has resigned his position with the West Penn Power company and anticipates devoting his energies to his farming interests.

Harrisburg has sent out the word that the dog license law will be rigidly enforced this year. Every effort is to be made to capture and impound all dogs that have not been licensed by January 15.

Twenty-seven crates of Missouri rabbits arrived in Bellefonte about two weeks ago and were released in nearby woods and fields for stocking purposes. More than three hundred cottontails were included in the shipment.

Noah H. Swayne, of Philadelphia, but at one time a resident of Bellefonte, has been appointed a member of the committee on a nation-wide contest for a suitable slogan for coal. Twenty cash prizes will be awarded for the best slogans submitted.

If the weather on the last Friday in the month governs the succeeding month, as some of the old-time weather prophets aver, we will have no cause to complain during January, as the weather last Friday was all that could be desired for this time of the year.

Both the Richelieu and State theatres have announced very unusual programs for the next ten days. The showings at these popular picture houses lately have set a new standard that the latest advance program would indicate is to be maintained throughout the year.

Among the income tax refunds announced by the United States treasury for the year 1929 was one of \$8522 to the Kelley Brothers, coal operators of Snow Shoe. The refund was made last May when the Kelley Brothers received a treasury voucher for the above amount.

On Monday evening before Christmas W. J. Emerick gave a turkey dinner at the Penn Belle especially for the employees, at which he presided as host and gave his employees the inside on how he was induced to engage in the hotel business. A dance followed the dinner.

Sparks from a chimney fire at the Oscar Zimmerman home, in Bush's Addition, set fire to the roof, about ten o'clock on Sunday morning, but the flames were quickly extinguished by Logan company firemen who responded to a call for assistance. Not much damage was done.

The Methodist home for the aged in Tyrone celebrated New Year's day with an elaborate program. It was the tenth anniversary of the opening of the home and another feature that made it eventful was the fact that the \$80,000 indebtedness it had is wiped out.

Pilot Jack Webster, who was so seriously injured when his plane was forced down at the Rattlesnake, in the Allegheny mountains, on November 9th, has so far recovered that he was discharged from the Philipsburg State hospital on December 22nd and returned to his home at Plainfield, N. J., in time for Christmas.

Forrest Shindler, of Milesburg, sustained a fracture of the left collar bone and a dislocation of the right hip bone in a fall of clay and stone, at the Whitetock quarries about nine o'clock on Sunday morning. He was engaged in loading cars in No. 2 quarry when a quantity of earth and stone, no doubt loosened by the recent warm weather, tumbled into the quarry, catching Shindler before he could get out of the way. He was quickly removed and brought to the Centre County hospital where his dislocated hip was replaced and collar bone set. Shindler is twenty-five years old and lives with his mother in Milesburg. While his injuries are painful they are not of a serious nature.

A military ball given by Troop L, in the armory here, on New Years eve was the event that closed the holiday week festivities. What with excellent music by the Bucknell Blue Band, guests not too many to make dancing crowded and the soldiers comporting themselves with the dignity that makes a formal affair a real function it was a highly successful dance. And it is to the everlasting credit of the Troop that they saw to it that it wasn't allowed to degenerate into a bacchanalian revelry as too many of such affairs do these days. So pleased are we with reports of the becoming conduct of everyone that we are going to suggest something for them next year, if they should have another then. The invitations announced "Military or Full Dress," but they were not adhered to. Next year we should like to see them admit no one who does not comply with such a request. Formal dress does give an air of refinement to the eye, and seems to inspire all to be the part as well as look it.

KATO WOMAN DROWNS IN BEECH CREEK

Missing a Week Before Body Was Found at Edge of Stream

The body of Mrs. Mary Alexander, wife of Michael Alexander of Kato, was found last Saturday afternoon, lying on a sandbank at the edge of Beech Creek, which solved the mystery of the woman's disappearance a week previous. She had evidently fallen into the stream and drowned, the water carrying her body about a quarter of a mile down stream to where it was found.

Mrs. Alexander disappeared on Sunday afternoon, December 22nd. According to reports she had crossed Beech Creek on a footbridge to make a call at a neighbor's home on Sunday afternoon and returned home. Later in the evening she again left her home, presumably to make another neighborly call, but failed to return. It was fairly well known that she had fifty dollars on her person and there was a suspicion that she might have met with foul play for the purpose of robbery. Another belief prevailed that she might have ventured on a trip to Clarence or Snow Shoe and become lost in the snow storm of Sunday night and Monday.

Searching parties scoured the woods and countryside in that section every day last week without finding a trace of the missing woman. On Saturday county detective Leo Boden went to Kato and with a number of men began a search along Beech Creek with the result that the body was found not over a quarter of a mile from the footbridge. The water at the footbridge is several feet deep and it is the belief that in attempting to cross it in the evening the woman lost her footing, fell into the stream and drowned. The fifty dollars in money was found intact in her clothing.

Coroner W. R. Heaton held an inquest and the jury returned a verdict of accidental drowning. Mrs. Alexander was 64 years old and in addition to her husband is survived by three sons and one daughter. The remains were taken to Clarence where funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in the cemetery at that place.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL FOR PINT OF LIQUOR

In federal court at Harrisburg, on December 18th, Judge Albert W. Johnson sentenced Simon Rudy, a crippled teamster of State College, to six months imprisonment in the Centre county jail for selling a pint of liquor near the college campus. H. L. Kreider, Rudy's attorney, pleaded for leniency on the ground that no evidence had been presented to show that Rudy had sold to students.

In reply Judge Johnson said: "A lot of foolish, half-witted college students are very ready to buy and if there are any bootleggers inside of ten miles, they know about it," declared the judge. "The parents of these 4000 students expect the authorities to protect their sons and daughters when they are away from home. Rudy is getting a very mild sentence."

Colonel Wilbur Leitzel, State College, former deputy prohibition administrator for the middle district, vied with a character witness in describing Rudy to Judge Johnson. Colonel Leitzel declared that Rudy has been selling to college students for years. John Souders, State College, the character witness, said the man was a hard-working, law-abiding teamster.

CURTIN GAP DETOUR VERY UNSATISFACTORY

The contractors at work on rebuilding the State highway between Bellefonte and Milesburg have reached the point where they are blasting off the end of the mountain, near John McCoy's hydro-electric plant. The original plan was to blow off the entire point of the mountain at one shot, but such a proceeding would doubtless have resulted in throwing a portion of the earth and rock over the road into McCoy's dam, and to prevent this the plans had to be changed.

The first shot was put off last Friday and as a result the road was closed to traffic and it was necessary to detour by way of Curtin's Gap. This road is all right in summer time but in such weather as we have had the past two weeks it is not good for heavy traffic, and the result was a number of heavily-laden trucks stuck in the mud.

On Sunday some of the traffic was permitted to pass over the State highway and it is quite likely that one-way traffic will be opened up as soon as the blasting at the point of the mountain has been completed.

Of course the close of the deer season seems ages ago, but it was really not so long that a report of what real hunters can do when they set themselves to it will be stale. Will, H. L., John and Roy Zimmerman and Walter and Ed Fravel hunted on Nittany mountain near Hubersburg. They went out only when it suited them and up to the time of our talk with one of them they had brought down five. That was several days before the close, so we suppose that they bagged the sixth before they gave up the chase. That, we should say, is a pretty fine record for six sportsmen who went out only when they felt like it.

CHANGES TO BE MADE A FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The gradual but steady increase in business at the First National bank of Bellefonte has reached that point where more working room is an actual necessity, and as there is no means of expansion on either side the only alternative is up or down. After considering the matter from every standpoint the board of directors have decided to go down.

That is, on April 1st the bank will take charge of the two basement rooms now occupied by Ray Eckman as a barber shop and beauty parlor. The entire space will be converted into one room which will be remodeled and fixed up as a book-keeping room for the bank. To make it complete a door will be cut through the wall between the barber shop and the boiler room, which will give access to the lower vault where the books can be kept. The basement room has an abundance of light and ventilation and will be easily heated.

The bank is also considering the installation of an oil burner in the furnace which will do away with the dust and grime of coal and ashes. As to Mr. Eckman he has already arranged to take one of the rooms in the White brothers are fixing up in the basement of the old Valentine house, while Davidson's candy shop will be moved into the other room.

CROWDS ARE ADMIRING THE NEW FORD BODIES

On Monday the Beatty Motor Company opened their show room on High street to the display of the new Fords for 1930. Crowds have been visiting the place ever since.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the added body room, the smartness of color and the many little refinements noticeable make the new car a very decided improvement over last year's model.

For instance, there is the new steering wheel. All passenger cars will be equipped with a new type, made of hard composition, black in color and polished to a bright lustre. It will be seventeen inches in diameter, one-half an inch smaller than the former wheel and slightly heavier. There are finger knobs on the underside of the rim, providing a secure grasp.

The new hood is higher and longer than that now in use, and a distinctive feature is the moulding, which starts at the radiator and runs on a straight line back to the cowl moulding.

The new fenders, designed along ultra modern lines, contribute to the beauty of the car. They are distinctive, wide, with high crowns and follow the flowing lines of the car in graceful curves.

The running board and valance, now also in one piece, cling closely to the body lines, the running board tapering slightly in width from front to rear in carrying out this effect.

ESCAPED PRISONER GETS ANOTHER SENTENCE

Edward Tomski, Clearfield county young man, who escaped from Rockview penitentiary on October 9th, has three sentences to serve before he gets out of the western penitentiary, or a total of from 17 to 34 years. Tomski had served two years of his original sentence of five to ten years when he escaped. Then he went to McKean county, committed a number of robberies, was caught and convicted and given a sentence of 9 to 18 years. When he was taken to the penitentiary it was discovered that he was an escaped prisoner and on December 21st he was brought back to Bellefonte and Judge Fleming gave him five to ten more years.

On the same day James Duffey, a Philadelphia prisoner who committed an assault on Gilbert Boyer, a guard, on October 16th, was brought before Judge Fleming and had his original sentence increased six months to a year.

CURB TREE VANDALS NOT YET APPREHENDED

The men who, several nights before Christmas, despoiled the colored lights on the curb trees on south Allegheny street, have not yet been apprehended and as it looks now there is little likelihood of their detection. It is a fact much to be regretted, as such acts of vandalism is discouraging to business men and citizens generally who, in a spirit of holiday progressiveness, invest both time and money in street decorations only to have them despoiled by people whose acts are both vicious and degrading.

In despoiling the trees the men who did the job were not content to steal some of the strings of colored lights. Other strings were torn from the trees, the bulbs broken and the wires thrown down on the pavement. It is because of such contemptible viciousness that extra efforts should be put forth by the properly constituted authorities of Bellefonte to ferret out the vandals who despoiled the trees.

On the day before Christmas a friend in Millheim sent two nicely dressed capons by parcel post to Mrs. John Musser, in Bellefonte, for her Christmas dinner. But the package did not reach the Musser home until the day after Christmas and then the capons were beyond redemption and had to be fed to the furnace.

POSTOFFICE BUILDING ABOUT COMPLETED

Bellefonte's new postoffice building, on north Spring street, is about completed but at this writing there is no certainty as to how soon it will be occupied. Should postmaster Knisely desire to do so he could probably move in tomorrow or Sunday, but there is a feeling among all the postoffice force that the building is not yet properly seasoned, or dried, and that it should not be occupied for some days yet.

Be that as it may, the erection of the building marks time for rapid construction work in Bellefonte. The first pick was struck in the ground on the 8th of October and the contractors were unexpectedly delayed through encountering a rocky deposit that they had not contemplated. But with that they have completed the major part of the job in less than three months.

As stated at the time of the awarding of the contract the building is 60x50 feet in size, providing for 3000 square feet of floor space. The greater portion of this space will naturally be devoted to the working force in the postoffice. The main entrance on Spring street leads into a small vestibule from which there are two entrance ways to the lobby, one north and one south, both up three steps. The lobby is 30 feet long by 15 feet wide, but the vestibule entrance takes up a space of 5 1/2 x 12 feet, so that the exact floor space of the lobby is approximately 384 square feet against 360 square feet in the lobby of the present postoffice.

In the southeast corner of the building is a lavatory room and a room for the postoffice safe and storage cabinets. The loading platform is in the northeast corner of the room and is partitioned off to keep out the cold winter winds when loading and unloading mail.

The furniture for the building was purchased second hand from the East Liberty postoffice. All the lock boxes are at the north end of the lobby. There are about four hundred of them, including the large drawers. The parcel post window is at least a yard square, big enough to take in any malleable package. There are also four other windows—Stamps, money order, registry and general delivery. The postmaster's private office will be in the southwest corner.

Carpenters worked all day, last Sunday, on the interior of the building in an effort to get it in shape for moving at the earliest possible date.

Hughes-Irvine. A pretty wedding took place in St. John's Episcopal church, Brooklyn, N. Y., at 7:30 o'clock on Monday evening, December 23rd, when James P. Hughes, of Palmyra, N. J., was married to Miss Marion F. Irvine, of Fort Worth, Texas. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Dr. T. B. Holland. James R. Hughes, headmaster of the Bellefonte Academy, gave the bride away and the attendants were Miss Virginia Hughes, as maid of honor; Miss Daisie Hughes, bridesmaid, and Graham Hughes, best man. Only close relatives of the contracting parties were in attendance.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Irvine, of Fort Worth, Texas. She is a graduate of Fort Worth High school and during the past two years has been employed in the dean's office at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Hughes, of Bellefonte. He was educated at the Bellefonte Academy, where he completed his course in June, 1925, and Bucknell University, where he graduated in June, 1929. In September he accepted the position of teacher of history and economics in the High school at Palmyra, N. J., and it is in that city the young couple will be at home after January 1st.

Staples-Straub. N. A. Staples, Philadelphia, and Miss Anna M. Straub, of Bellefonte, were married at the Pine street Presbyterian church, in Harrisburg, on Thursday morning of last week, by the pastor. The wedding was a quiet affair. Mr. Staples came to Bellefonte to spend Christmas and the decision to get married was made that day. They motored to Harrisburg the same evening, were married Thursday morning and continued their trip to Philadelphia where they will be at home at No. 6235 Chestnut street.

The bride is the only daughter of Elmer E. Straub and is a charming young woman. She was educated at the Bellefonte academy and for several years was employed in the office of the West Penn Power company, resigning her position almost a year ago. Mr. Staples was at one time division engineer for the State Highway Department in this district, with headquarters in Bellefonte, but several years ago was transferred to Philadelphia as first assistant engineer of the Philadelphia Division.

Mrs. George Lawrence, of the Roan Apts, corner Allegheny and Curtin streets, had a wonderful surprise Christmas time when she received a 15 lb turkey that was raised on her ranch in North Dakota. It arrived here in perfect condition and her guests at her Christmas dinner went away saying it was the most delicious fowl they had ever eaten.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL

Miss Helen Farrar went out to Pittsburgh, last Saturday, to spend ten days with her sister and other friends.

Hayes C. Schreyer, well known in Bellefonte, has changed his place of residence; having moved from Chambersburg to Reading.

M. C. Haines, one of the enterprising merchants of Rebersburg, was a Watchman office caller, last Friday, while in Bellefonte on a business trip.

Morton Abelson, chief clerk at the Brokerhoff house, spent the holidays at his home in Philadelphia but was back on his job for the beginning of the New Year.

Charles Dorworth and his sister, Miss Rebecca, of Linn street this place, were in Wilkes-Barre over Sunday, having gone up Saturday for a dance friends in that city were giving.

John Curtin Jr., who is home from Lehigh for his Christmas vacation, went down to Milton, Monday night, for a dinner and dance the Harry Chamberlains gave there that night.

As has been her custom for several years, Mrs. Peek of East Aurora, N. Y., spent the Christmas week in Bellefonte, a guest of her sister, Mrs. Benjamin Bradley and Mr. Bradley at their home on West High street.

Miss Eleanor Kelleher, daughter of P. R. R. yard master, T. J. and Mrs. Kelleher, spent the week-end at her parental home on south Spring St. Miss Kelleher is a senior at the Mercy School of Nursing, at Pittsburgh.

Mrs. R. S. Brouse and Miss A. E. Eckert, superintendent of the Centre county hospital, left on Sunday, for Brooklyn, N. Y., where they will visit with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Topelt. They expect to be gone for two weeks.

Mrs. Grant Pifer came in from Wilkesburg, early last week, just to eat a Centre county Christmas dinner at the Clayton Royer home, on south Water street. Of course while here she also spent some time at the homes of her brothers, Jacob and Sinie H. Hoy.

Ivan Hoffer, of New York City, is in Bellefonte visiting at the home of Mrs. A. C. Mingle. Mr. Hoffer's father, John Hoffer, of Seattle, Washington, is spending the winter here with his sister, Mrs. Mingle, and Ivan came over from New York to be with them for the holidays.

Miss Anne Shaughnessy, of the nursing staff of St. Agnes hospital, White Plains, N. Y., left the forepart of the week, to resume her work, after spending the Holiday week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shaughnessy and the family, on Howard street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris were among the Christmas visitors to Bellefonte last week coming here to celebrate the day with Mr. Harris' sisters, Mrs. Van Pelt and Mrs. John McCoy, at their home near Milesburg. Mr. and Mrs. Harris returned to their home in Philadelphia the following day.

Miss Betty and Henry Curtin, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Curtin, of Pittsburgh, are in town visiting friends. They came after Christmas and after visiting with Alexander Morris Jr., until Wednesday, Henry returned home, while his sister remained for a longer stay. She is visiting the Rays.

Miss Geraldine Houtz, of Reynolds Ave., was a pleasant caller at the Watchman office, on Tuesday afternoon, having come in to transact a little business for her aunt Miss Mabel Brown. We regret to learn that Miss Brown is still undergoing hospital treatment in consequence of a nervous breakdown from which we hope she will speedily recover.

Patricia and David Booser, children of Shannon Booser, of Centre Hall, were the guests of their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Booser, on a sight seeing trip to Bellefonte yesterday. The children both being wide awake and very active, forced to the surface the same characteristics in their grand dad, in whose care they were while going about town.

Miss Maude Miller of Pennsylvania Furnace, and one of the best known teachers of the County, spent a day in Bellefonte last week, doing some late Christmas shopping, and some preparation for going to New Castle this week. Miss Miller is one of three delegates chosen at the Institute in October, to represent the County at the state meeting in session this week, at New Castle.

After returning from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Franklin D. Lee went directly to Mr. Lee's home in Centre Hall where they had expected to locate permanently. They have changed their plans, however, and have closed the Centre Hall home and gone to Williamsport to occupy Mrs. Lee's place on Hopburn St. that city. Centre Hall is not to lose these delightful people, however, for by spring they expect to dispose of the Williamsport property and return to make Centre Hall their permanent home.

Paul Eckley, who conducts a store at Valley View and also collects the taxes of Benner township, was a Watchman office visitor while in Bellefonte last Friday. Paul was mercantile appraiser for Centre county last spring and made such a good job of it that not a single error was found in his reports by Harrisburg officials. He would have been willing to do the work again, this year, but there were so many others reaching for the plum that he did not consider it worth his time to make an application.

Charles G. Haines, of McKeesport, made his usual Christmas visit to his mother, Mrs. Martha Haines, in this place. He was accompanied by Mrs. Rose Newcomer who is a great favorite of Mrs. Haines. Charles gets back twice a year without fail. Christmas is one of his dates but the big one is on his mother's birthday in June. Next June she will celebrate her 88th anniversary, yet when the family gathers for a home-coming an eaves dropper would imagine her to be one of the youngest in the party.

Mrs. E. E. Sager is expected Bellefonte this week, coming up with her nephew, who had been in Philadelphia for a throat operation. Mrs. Sager will probably be in Bellefonte for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Godshell left Tuesday to return to their home Camden N. J., following a Christmas visit with Mrs. Godshell's parents, M and Mrs. Michael Lamb and their family, in Bellefonte.

Musser Gettigg, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, was among the college set home for the Holiday week, spending it here with his father Samuel D. Gettigg and the family, the Gettigg home on Bishop street.

Edward H. Miller, with the Rap Transit Co., of Philadelphia, made his semi-annual visit back home last week having come up to be a Christmas guest of his brother, Maurice Miller at his wife, at their home on east High street.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sherry, Pine street, had with them during the holidays their grandson, George Sherry of Salsburg, N. C. The young man, who is but seventeen years old, is a son of the late Ambrose Sherry. He came Bellefonte the day after Christmas and will leave tomorrow for Belmont, N. C. where he is going to school.

BELLEFONTE HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

The 1930 football schedule of the Bellefonte High school has been announced by the faculty athletic committee and includes nine games, every one of them a conference game except the opening contest which is still undecided. Mount Carmel an Huntingdon have been dropped an Mount Union and Jersey Shore substituted. The list is as follows: Sept. 27.—Panding. Oct. 4.—Altoona at Altoona. Oct. 11.—Windber at Windber. Oct. 18.—Mount Union at home. Oct. 25.—Lewistown at Lewistown. Nov. 1.—Tyrone at Tyrone. Nov. 11.—State College at home. Nov. 15.—Jersey Shore at home. Nov. 27.—Lock Haven at Lock Haven.

PENN STATE'S 1930 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Three new teams appear on Penn State's football schedule for 1930, which has just been announced. There will be five home games and four away. The list follows: Sept. 27.—Niagara University at State College. Oct. 4.—Lebanon Valley at State. Oct. 11.—Marshall College at State. Oct. 18.—Lafayette at Easton. Oct. 25.—Colgate at State. Nov. 1.—Bucknell at Lewisburg. Nov. 8.—Syracuse at State. Nov. 15.—Iowa at Iowa City. Nov. 27.—Pitt at Pittsburgh.

Two more State highway contracts are in the offing for Centre county, namely: A stretch of 36,647 feet of paved road in Susquehanna, Philipsburg and Philipsburg, for which the Risser Construction company of Lebanon, was the low bidder, an 2209 feet between Gum Stump an Milesburg, on which David Bailey of Morrisdale, was the low bidder. Both contracts will likely be started in the spring. Risser's bid was \$223,426, and that of Mr. Bailey \$34,090.

Judge Fleming, last week handed down an opinion and decree in the case of Edward Craft vs. William Biddle, in which an application for a new trial was refused an judgment directed to be entered against the defendant. The case was from Philipsburg and was tried at the September session of court. The plaintiff had brought action to collect on a mechanic's lien entered against the property of defendant for repairs made following a fire. He was awarded a verdict of \$343.

Returning home from Christmas services in the Reformed church a Willowbank street woman proceeded to remove her galoshes. One of them came off easily but she could not budge the "zipper" fastener of the other. A shoe dealer was summoned but he had no better success. Finally the overshoe was cut off and then it was found that the shoe lace had been caught in the fastener and locked it so completely that it could not be moved.

Certainly no one could complain of the program planned for the Richelieu and State Theatres for the next two weeks. With such stars as Doug and Mary, Harold Lloyd, George Bancroft and Hoot Gibson, coming in their very latest and most talked of pictures we can't see anything but packed houses at the two theatres for days to come. It is not often that such an array of the great in filmdom is crowded into such a short time.

Marriage Licenses.

Arthur H. Thomann, of Ford City, and Ruth C. Grove, of Centre Hall. James H. Stevens, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Margaret E. Splier, of State College. John C. Gifford and Blanche A. Tressler, both of State College. John E. Woods and Bertha Wade, both of Philipsburg. Wilbur T. Reeder and Ethel M. Bell, both of Bellefonte. Paul W. Hoffman, of Karthaus, and Marie R. Repaskey, of Clarence.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price. Includes entries for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Buckwheat.