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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of January 16, 1880.

GOD IS JUST. My flowers have withered, one by one, And now the last bud falls to dust.

My hopes that once were bright and fair Are dimmed and eaten now by rust.

And she to whom I gave my heart By death's cold hand was from me thrust.

"They shall be comforted who mourn," Christ spake, and his dear word I trust.

A seemingly well founded rumor has it that our fellow townsman, John B. Linn Esq., is shortly to receive the appointment of State Librarian.

—Gottlieb Haag of Pleasant Gap, has a cherry and crab apple tree that are in blossom. He has them in the kitchen, however.

—The Centennial Temperance Club of Bellefonte disbanded not as a recent issue of the "Republican" would have the public believe, but because there were only fifteen of its three hundred members in good standing either as to payment of dues and keeping the pledge.

—The skating rink has been purchased by John D. Sourbeck who will hereafter run that business and make it pleasant for his lady and gentleman patrons.

—B. F. Hunter Esq., of Benner township is in luck. Rich mines of iron ore have been found on his farm the yield of which is going to be prolific and valuable.

—Rev. John Palmer, the young colored minister in this place, took occasion to admonish his congregation on Sunday night, of the sinfulness of attending such entertainments as the Uncle Tom's Cabin show that had exhibited here the night before.

—Mr. W. V. Hughes has purchased an interest in the firm of Hoover, Harris & Co., in Phillipsburg and will move his family from Camden, N. J., to that place.

—The Centennial Temperance Club, whose demise is told about in another item in this paper has been revived. It appears that its president Robert Laird was at State College when the action was taken and was very much chagrined when he heard what had been done.

—They say the glass works is to start up again in the spring and will employ three hundred men. We would sooner see it done than hear of it so much.

—"Bunker Hill" on Lamb street is to be lighted with lamps. They have been needed there a long time.

—Mr. Casanova of our sister town of Phillipsburg, has ordered from Mr. Edison, the inventor, the first electric light machine that he is ready to dispose of. The streets of Phillipsburg will be lighted with the new illuminator and Bellefonte, Tyrone, Clearfield, Osceola and Lock Haven can do nothing but wall.

—Senator Vare is keeping quiet in half a dozen languages in his quiet retreat in Florida, but he will make a noise before the primary.

MEYER.—Garrett L. Meyer, who for some years past had made his home at State College, died in Philadelphia, on Sunday, under peculiar circumstances.

Meyer, who had lately been working in Philadelphia, had a step-son, Frank Foreman, who is subject to epileptic fits. Meyer had told the boy's mother that the next time he took a fit she was to send him to him in Philadelphia. Consequently she sent Frank and his brother Joseph down last week. On Sunday Mr. Meyer was walking along one of the streets of the city when he noticed a commotion on the sidewalk. He went to see what had happened and when he got there he saw Frank lying on the pavement in a fit. With the exclamation, "My God, it's Frank!" Mr. Meyer also collapsed. An ambulance was summoned and man and boy were rushed to a hospital but Meyer was dead when the doctors examined him. A heart attack was assigned as the cause.

Deceased was a son of Harry S. and Mary Katherine Meyer and was born in Williamsport 43 years ago. He served in France during the World war and was gassed. On his return home he was one of the veterans who went to State College in the rehabilitation course. There he met Mrs. Elsie Foreman Glenn and they were married some eight or nine years ago, continuing to make their home at State College. Surviving him are his wife and two children, Sarah and Garrett Jr. He also leaves three step-sons, Frank, Joseph and Linn Foreman, as well as his mother, living in Williamsport, and two sisters, Mrs. Emily Seaman, of Williamsport, and Mrs. Margaret McFarlane, of Montreal, Canada. Mr. Meyer's brother, Walter Meyer, died several years ago in a similar manner.

The remains were taken to State College, on Tuesday, where funeral services were held at his late home at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, after which the American Legion took charge of the body and conveyed it to Williamsport for burial.

REESE.—Joseph Reese passed away at his home in Milesburg, on Monday evening as the result of an attack of pneumonia. While serving in France during the World war he was gassed and his lungs since had been weak, hence he was unable to withstand the pneumonic conditions.

He was a son of Charles P. and Minnie Eckley Reese and was born at the Reese home on the mountain above Gum Stump on March 4th, 1895, hence was not quite 35 years old. During the World war in France as a member of Company F, 56th pioneer infantry, and saw considerable front line service. During the past few years he had been in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Coal company in Snow Shoe.

Some fourteen or more years ago he married Miss Esther Fetzter who survives with four children, Lester, Earl, Emma Lou and Dorothy, all at home. He also leaves his parents and the following brothers and sisters: McClellan C., of Gum Stump; Edward M., of Milesburg; John G. and William M., on the home farm on the mountain; Mrs. Ralph Edmiston, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Gilbert F. Noll, of Pleasant Gap; Miss Mary, at home, and Mrs. Lewis Wetzler, of Milesburg.

Rev. M. C. Piper had charge of the funeral services which were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and military honors were given the deceased at the burial in Trzciny cemetery.

DETERS.—William Deters died at his home in Detroit, Mich., on Monday of last week, following an illness of some weeks with complications. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Deters and was born at Graysville, 43 years ago. In 1918 he married Miss Edna Garner and for a year or so served as a guard at the Rockview penitentiary. On resigning there he spent several years at State College then went to Detroit, Mich. He is survived by his wife, one son, his mother and one sister, Mrs. Ralph Judy, of Baileyville. The remains were brought east and buried in Pine Hall cemetery last Friday morning, Rev. A. S. Asendorf officiating.

FURST.—Mrs. Annie S. Furst, widow of the late G. Thomas Furst, died at her home at Beech Creek, last Saturday, following an illness of several months. Her maiden name was Annie Fearon and she was born at Beech Creek over seventy years ago. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church, at that place, for fifty-four years. Surviving her are one son, George S. Furst, of Beech Creek, two brothers and one sister, Ernest T. Fearon, of Philadelphia; Henry H., and Miss Edith, both of Beech Creek. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

KANE.—John J. Kane died at his home in Pine Grove Mills, on Monday morning, following an illness of some days with complications. He was a son of John and Catherine Kane and was born in Altoona on April 18th, 1884. He moved to Pine Grove Mills last spring and in his brief residence there had proved a good citizen. He married Miss Ella Bechdol who survives with two sons, Joseph and Francis. The remains were taken to Altoona where burial was made on Wednesday.

THE CASTE IS CHOSEN FOR HIGH SCHOOL SHOW

Every spring the glee club of the Bellefonte High school presents a musical comedy or comic opera. They are usually splendid entertainments and each year a step forward is taken in the pretentiousness of the undertaking. We learn from the Bellefontian that they are rehearsing the "Spring Maid" for this year's presentation. It is a very tuneful composition and we look forward with pleasure to seeing it. Of the caste chosen the "Bellefontian" has this to say: At last Mrs. Krader has selected the cast for what we hope will be the best Glee Club production ever put on—"Spring Maid." It is a very capable and talented group since most of them proved their worth in last year's activities. Eleanor Hill is sure to make a hit as Annamiri and Dorothy Runkle will be a very good Princess Bozema. Prince Aladar, as represented by Earl Heverly, will be a great lover and Jack Montgomery will be splendid as the officer, Rudi. William Gross, who has previously been hiding his light under a bushel, is doing wonderful work as Nepomuk the Princess' father.

Some others who received principal parts are Eleanor Hoy, Mary Curtin John Musser, William Bell, Phil Bicketts, Henry Bullock, Malcolm Go-don, Harry Beck, Jack Fisher, Frances Hazel, Beulah Har-nish, Emily Wilkinson, Lenore Morgan, Jane Musser, Leonard Smeltzer, Gerald Tressler, Newton Fisher, Albert Osman, Lucy Folmar and Claire Rhoads. The Bellefonte Glee Club will have the distinction of being the last amateur society to produce "Spring Maid." The amateur rights have been taken away. Professionally this play will open at the Al Jolson theatre in New York on March 1, 1930.

CLAY ROAD MATERIAL HARDER THAN CONCRETE

Road making material that promises roads harder than concrete and at about the same cost as macadam has been developed by Professor J. E. Shaw, head of the ceramics department of the Pennsylvania State College, and Myril C. Shaw, his son. The material, a massive baked clay "brick" running in size to five by twenty feet and weighing four and five tons, was developed in response to inquiries in Washington by United States Senator W. E. Pine, of Oklahoma, for an improved road building material.

The U. S. Bureau of Standards referred Senator Pine to the Penn State scientist, and to answer his inquiries the research was started that developed the material and the process of making it. Professor Shaw expects to reveal the details at meetings of the American Ceramics Society in Toronto next month.

TWO COWS BURNED IN BREON BARN FIRE

Two cows, grain and feed were all burned in a fire which destroyed the barn of Reuben Breon, on near Irish Hollow, about nine o'clock on Tuesday evening. And the sad part of the story is that Breon had only about \$300 insurance. The origin of the fire is in doubt but Mr. Breon feels convinced that it was the work of incendiaries. He had gone out to the barn after he had gotten his supper to make sure everything was all right. Then just before the fire was discovered two men were seen running away from the barn, jumping into an automobile that was evidently in waiting and driving away. The men's tracks were plainly evident in the wet ground.

Edward K. Hibshman, Penn State '09, has been chosen and has accepted the position of executive secretary of Pennsylvania State College Alumni Association. Mr. Hibshman succeeds E. N. Sullivan who resigned in 1928 to go into the insurance business in Philadelphia. Hibshman had been assistant to the president of the College, in charge of public relations, and since the work of that office and that of secretary of the Alumni Association overlapped in some of their phases the new arrangement is in the nature of a consolidation.

Tonight Earl Derr Biggers' wonderfully interesting novel, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," will be given its screen version at the Cathaum at State College. It ought to be an exceedingly gripping picture, if they haven't spoiled the story in screening it, for it was one of the "best sellers" the year of its publication, Marilyn Miller in "Sally," one of Ziegfeld's greatest musical comedies, is scheduled for an early appearance at the Cathaum.

The Bellefonte High school basket-ball team was defeated by Mt. Union here, last Saturday night by the score of 22 to 12. The local passers won their first league game by defeating Phillipsburg 41 to 25 and seemed to be off to a good start, but then met defeat at the hands of Tyrone, 18 to 16. and Mt. Union came along and gave them a second back-set.

A farewell reception, originated by the woman's bible class of the U. B. church was given Tuesday night for Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gingham and Mrs. Gingham's mother, Mrs. Sprague, who are arranging to leave Bellefonte shortly, to make their home in Friendship, N. Y. About fifty members of the church were guests at the reception.

PATIENTS TREATED AT CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. Robert Morris, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday of last week as a surgical patient.

Joseph Menna, of Bellefonte, a medical patient for the last four weeks, was discharged on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Emma Smith, of Bellefonte, a medical patient for three weeks, was discharged on Monday of last week.

Phyllis Sholl, seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sholl, of Milesburg, was admitted on Wednesday of last week for surgical treatment and discharged the next day.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Koch, of Pine Grove Mills, are the proud parents of an infant son, born on Wednesday of last week.

Elgy Henderson, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Wednesday of last week as a medical patient.

Paul Brandt, of Perrysville, a student at the Pennsylvania State College, was admitted on Wednesday of last week for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Edward Brown and infant son, of Bellefonte, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. William Keller and infant, of State College were discharged on Thursday of last week.

Miss Ella Sager, of Bellefonte, was admitted on last Thursday as a surgical patient and discharged on Friday.

Mrs. Elvin Stover, of Spring township, was admitted on last Thursday for medical treatment.

Mrs. Lucy Ripka, of Spring township, was admitted on Friday as a medical patient and was discharged on Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Meiss, of Spring township, was admitted on Friday as a surgical patient and discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Lyons, of Lyontown, a medical patient for the past two weeks, died on Sunday.

Dr. J. M. Brockerhoff, of Bellefonte, was admitted as a surgical patient on Saturday.

Edwin Peters, of Milesburg, was admitted as a surgical patient on Monday.

Mrs. Minnie Fenlon, widow of Harry Fenlon of Bellefonte, was admitted on Monday of this week for medical treatment.

There were a total of twenty-seven patients at the hospital the beginning of this week.

Taking advantage of the mild weather in early January, the Game Commission began distribution of 50,000 rabbits which it purchased from commercial growers.

The annual mid-winter dinner of the Centre County Society of Philadelphia will be served at the Bellevue-Stratford in that city, on Saturday evening, February 8, at 7 o'clock. All Centre countians in and about Philadelphia are invited and those who might just happen to be in the city at that time will also be welcomed.

Donald L. Sommerville, who for some years past has been superintendent of the Pennsylvania division of the New York Central railroad, with headquarters at Corning, N. Y., has been appointed assistant to F. E. McCormick, general superintendent, and will be stationed at Jersey Shore, according to a recent announcement.

RICHHELIEU Showing 2--7 and 9 P. M. Continuous Saturday 2 to 11 P. M. Western Electric Vitaphone Equipment Showing Thursday and Friday—Buddy Rogers and Jean Arthur in "HALFWAY TO HEAVEN" See how Young America loves in this Thrilling Thriller. Saturday (one day only) Jack Mulhall and Lila Lee in an All-Talking Underworld Thriller "DARK STREETS" Highly recommended to those who care for Thrills and Action, as this picture has plenty of both. Talking Comedy—Vitaphone Acts. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Next Week—Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crows, with Evelyn Brent and Harry Green, in "WHY BRING THAT UP?" You heard them over the radio. You've laughed your head off at their marvelous phonograph records. Now hear them as real as life, in one of the funniest, most thrilling ALL-TALKING entertainments ever screened. HEAR them tell about the Early Bird and his troubles with the Worm. SEE them in their side-splitting boxing act. SEE and HEAR them in a riotous scene at the rock-pile. Roars Galore—Girls by the Score. Rib-Racking Laugh—New Tunes—New Dances. Thursday and Friday Next Week—Billie Dove and Rod LaRocque in Elinor Glynn's daring romance "THE MAN AND THE MOMENT" A picture so delicate in theme we do not recommend it to children under 16 years. COMING SOON—Richard Arlen in "Four Feathers." Ziegfeld's "Glorifying the American Girl."

BELLEFONTE COOKS ELECTRICALLY ... here is why! An Electric Range makes it easy to be both Cook and Hostess You know how embarrassing it is to have a guest drop in for the afternoon when you are cooking a roast or an oven meal in an ordinary oven. You have to keep going to the kitchen to baste the meat or add water to the vegetables or move things around in the oven. Freedom from cooking responsibilities and worries is one of the great conveniences offered by an electric range. Once you've put the food in the oven and adjusted the time and temperature controls, you do not have to enter the kitchen again until time to serve the meal. The range automatically takes complete charge of cooking. In addition, meats, vegetables and fruits retain their delicious, flavorful juices because the electric oven can be tightly sealed against evaporation. This means that everything goes farther, too. Experts figure that there is about 20 per cent less than the usual loss of moisture in electric-oven cooked foods. Cook electrically for economy. WEST PENN POWER CO