

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Forty-one former Centre countyans came to Bellefonte on the Pennsylvania railroad excursion from Philadelphia on Sunday.

The Catholic Daughters of America will hold a card party in their rooms this (Friday) evening. The public is cordially invited.

A fire in Criders Exchange called out the entire fire department, yesterday morning, but it was put out without doing any damage.

The big blizzard which raged throughout the west, last week left itself out before it reached the east and all we got of it was a rain storm with a little sleet.

Stockholders of the Bellefonte Trust Co., will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 21st. A luncheon to them will be served at the Penn-Belle at noon.

W. Harrison Walker has been notified by the governor of the State organization, Kiwanis International, that he has been appointed chairman of the State committee on the underprivileged child.

Wandering around in the dark in his room in the Brockerhoff house, Saturday night, landlord M. A. Landay stumped his toes on a chair with the result that he was confined to his room several days.

Rev. W. W. Moyer, who recently resigned his pastorate on the Boalsburg charge of the Reformed church, has accepted the pastorate of the New Mahoning charge, in Lehigh county, and will be stationed at Leighton. The change will take place early in February.

Among promotions and appointments in the Pennsylvania National Guard, announced last week by Adjutant General Frank D. Beary was that of Charles W. Roberts to the office of second lieutenant of Troop L, of Bellefonte. Mr. Roberts is superintendent of State highways for Centre county.

One of the most delightful card parties held by the ladies of St. Mary's Catholic church, at Snow Shoe, was that of Thursday evening of last week, and another equally pleasant evening is promised to all who attend the one to be held next Thursday evening. The party will be one of a series being held during the winter months and the individual who leads in points at the end of the series will be awarded a grand prize.

Mrs. Charles McClellan fell on the stone walk in the yard, at her home on Curtin street, on Tuesday of last week, and sustained a double fracture of the bones in her left arm, near the wrist, as well as a leg injury. The arm swelled so quickly that it was impossible to give surgical treatment until Tuesday of this week, when she was taken to the Centre County hospital, an X-ray picture made and the fractured bones set in position.

While it may be a little late to refrain from commenting on the fact that when the year 1929 closed on the evening of December 31st Prothonotary S. Claude Herr had his efficient deputy, David R. Freeman, had their year's business disposed up to the last scratch of a pen. Every entry that could be made had been done and every report made up and sent off. This is a record in efficiency that could not be surpassed, if equalled, in any other office.

In the case of Marcella Beals vs. Centre county, an action to recover damages for land taken from her farm near Julian for highway purposes, and which when tried in court resulted in a verdict for Mrs. Beals for \$661.30. Judge Fleming has handed down an opinion and decree in which he says the verdict was excessive in the sum of \$161.30, and if Mrs. Beals will consent to accept \$500, which was the award made by appraisers, he will allow it to stand, otherwise the county's motion for a new trial will be granted.

The new Methodist church at Warriorsmark built to take the place of the one destroyed by fire on January 27th, 1929, has been built of stone quarried on Allegheny mountain. The architecture is Gothic of English design. It has been finished in oak and the best furnishings have been used. Ample provision has been made for graded church school work, recreational and social functions. The cost of the church complete will be about \$35,000 which includes a 4000 pipe organ, but does not take into account the vast amount of labor and materials donated by church members. The church will be dedicated March 2nd.

A brief notice in West Penn Life for January, announces the transfer of Vincent H. Stevens from Bellefonte to the purchasing department of the company with headquarters at Ridgway. Mr. Stevens, who is a brother of Dr. R. L. Stevens, the dentist, was originally storekeeper for the company at State College, and was brought from there to Bellefonte to take charge of the supply department here. His work in that position was so satisfactory that he was sent to Ridgway to assist in the purchasing department. During his residence in Bellefonte Mr. Stevens married Miss Twila Hoy and she expects to join her husband in Ridgway as soon as he can find a place to live in.

BUSINESS CHANGES TO BE MADE IN BELLEFONTE

With the advent of spring the business map of Bellefonte will undergo a most decided change. The latest announcement is the retirement from business of Sim, the Clothier, whose big closing-out sale opened yesterday. Mr. Baum has not been in good health, of late, and this is assigned as his reason for closing out. The room he now occupies in Temple Court has been leased to the Penny 25c. to \$1.00 store, a chain combination, which will take possession just as soon as the room can be put in shape after it is vacated by Mr. Baum.

The date for the moving of the postoffice from its present location in the Brockerhoff house block to the new building erected on Spring street by the White brothers, has been set for January 21st, which will be next Tuesday, providing nothing happens to intervene. As soon as the room in the Brockerhoff house block is vacated it will be taken over by the A. and P. store and fixed up according to their own plans for the enlargement of their store now located in the room adjoining the postoffice. According to the tentative plans of the A. and P. they will sub-lease the front portion of their present room, to a depth of about fifteen feet, tear out the partition in the rear and connect it with the present postoffice space. The space they will sublet has not yet been contracted for, although W. E. Crossley is trying to get it for his jewelry store.

The room Crossley now occupies has been leased by the Western Union Telegraph company, their office to be moved there from the Penn Belle block.

As stated in the Watchman two weeks ago the Eckman barber shop and Davidson's candy store will be moved into the basement rooms in the old Valentine house, on the corner of High and Spring streets, which is being remodeled by the White brothers, and the room now occupied by the candy shop, in the Brachbill building, on High street, has been leased by Charles Tabel, of Halfmoon Gardens, who will open a flower store there. He will also keep on hand a full line of gold fish, potted plants and garden plants in season.

The White brothers have also started work toward converting the rooms on the west side of the first floor of the Valentine building into a store room, which, it is said has already been rented, but to whom has not been announced. Large, plate glass windows will be put in the front and also on one side.

The basement of the postoffice building will be converted into two rooms, it is said, one for a rest room for postoffice employees when they are off duty and the other for rent, but so far as known it has not yet been assigned. Announcement was made at Harrisburg, last Friday, that the contract for the erection of the new armory for Troop L, of Bellefonte, will be awarded on February 21st, and it is quite likely that ground will be broken for it as soon thereafter as the weather will permit.

An impression has gotten around among some of the tax collectors of Centre county that a law passed by the last Legislature abolished their office and that hereafter all taxes will be collected by the county treasurer. This is a mistake, as no such law was passed.

For some years past there has been considerable agitation in favor of the enactment of such an act, and bills to this effect have been before the Legislature but they have never been enacted into a law. A bill was passed, however, which provides that tax collectors who are unable to collect all taxes may turn over the uncollected portion of their duplicate to the county commissioners who in turn will certify the same to the county treasurer, who is then empowered to advertise the list of unpaid taxes in two county papers, make sale of the properties and proceed to collect the taxes in much the same manner as heretofore provided for unpaid taxes on unseated lands. But on such taxes the collector will receive no commission.

TAX COLLECTORS WILL CONTINUE TO COLLECT

Official announcement was made last Friday, of the promotion of Kemp G. Fuller, manager of the Keystone division of the West Penn Power company, with headquarters at Ridgway, to commercial manager at Pittsburgh. He will have direct charge of the six division managers and the commercial department field offices and organization. H. E. Gregory, now Eastern division manager with headquarters at Greensburg, will succeed Mr. Fuller as manager of the Keystone division.

P. H. Powers, former manager of the Keystone division but of late commercial manager in Pittsburgh has been promoted to a vice president in charge of all commercial functions, including the operation of the company's various division and district offices.

OFFICIAL CHANGES IN WEST PENN POWER CO.

Judge Fleming filed an opinion and decree, on Monday, in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Willard Eckel in which a new trial was refused and the young man was ordered to report tomorrow for sentence.

There is no occasion for anxiety about a candidate for Governor this year. There's plenty of good timber to choose from.

BELLEFONTE BANKS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty-one stockholders and all of the employees of the Farmers National Bank gathered at the Nittany Country Club Tuesday afternoon to hold their annual meeting and enjoy the dinner that followed.

While the men were in the majority there were enough women stockholders present to give the joint meeting and dinner more the atmosphere of a pleasant party than that of a cold business discussion.

President Reed O. Steely presided at the meeting and W. M. Bottorf was the secretary. After the statement of the bank's condition was read president Steely addressed the stockholders on banking conditions in general and the progress their institution had made during the year. The facts revealed were such as to inspire every confidence and much hope of the future of the flourishing young institution.

After the ballots had been cast for the new board of directors and while the tellers were doing the counting a general discussion, a sort of question and answer period, was made the order of business. It developed the fact that the stockholders of the Farmer's National bank are an interested and earnest lot of men and women who are determined to help keep their institution on the sound basis it now stands. A significant and impressive substantiation of that spirit is shown in the position the bank has attained in only two years without any high pressure exploitation whatever. It has moved forward continuously without any special effort to secure business.

The result of the ballot was the re-election of all members of the old board of directors.

Then the party retired to the dining room and a most sumptuous dinner was served. The food was so good and the spirit of satisfaction engendered at the meeting was so apparent that the atmosphere became that of a great family dinner. In fact it was so enjoyable that the guests lingered at the tables for an hour and a half and many of them remained at the club until well into the evening.

The First National held its annual meeting in the directors room of the institution with Charles M. McCurdy, its president, presiding. As might have been expected his statement to the stockholders revealed a satisfactory condition of the affairs of this splendid financial institution.

All of the old directors and officers were re-elected.

BIG BANDIT SCARE HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Residents of Bellefonte were much excited, Wednesday morning, when a report got abroad that the four bandits who blew up the paycar of the Glenn Alden Coal company, in the mountains near Wilkes-Barre on Monday, had been in Bellefonte, on Tuesday, ate their dinner at the Brockerhoff house, inquired the way to Clarion, Pa., and were arrested there on Tuesday night. Some of the stories were elaborated to the effect that they had held up a gas station in Bellefonte and robbed it of \$2000.

Investigation revealed the fact that four men, all of whom were of foreign parentage, stopped at the Brockerhoff house about 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and got luncheon. They were all well dressed and registered from New York. After eating dinner one of the men, who did most of the talking, inquired where he could buy some postcards and was directed to the Index. He went there, got some cards and mailed them. The man then inquired the road to Clarion and was given explicit directions, after which they paid their bill and left.

During the afternoon State highway patrolmen appeared at the Brockerhoff house and inquired regarding the four men. He was furnished all information possible and left. Wednesday morning word reached Bellefonte that the men had been arrested in Clarion on Tuesday night.

While it is possible the men are the bandits wanted it hardly sounds plausible that they are. On their brief stop in Bellefonte they made no effort to cover up their trail but left it as wide open as possible, and one thing is certain, they did not rob a Bellefonte gas station of two thousand dollars.

THE MOTHERS' CLUB IN INTERESTING SESSION

The Bellefonte Mothers' Club met at the home of Mrs. Earl Hoffer, on east High street, last Monday evening and enjoyed a most interesting session.

There were fifteen members present to hear the papers that were read and enter the open forum that followed. Mrs. Ralph Blaney discussed the subject of "Habit," Mrs. Earl Musser followed with a thesis on "Correcting Bad Habits in Children" and Mrs. Samuel Shallcross' contribution was a paper on "Fear." All of them were timely and exceedingly interesting.

Following the formal meeting the hostess served refreshments and the balance of the evening was spent in a social way.

ACADEMY MITT MEN TO MEET LEWISTOWN Y.

The Bellefonte Academy's impressive boxing team will swing into action again this (Friday) evening when they meet the scrappy Lewistown Y. M. C. A. boxers. The bouts will be held in the centrally located Y. M. C. A. building and accommodations are being arranged to seat a capacity crowd. The bouts will start promptly at 8:30 p. m.

Alex Morris, local youth, and upholder of the Academy's 115 lb. class, will return to the ring much to the delight of local ring followers. Morris will meet Sailor George of the opposing team, and a real battle should result. Alex is showing plenty of speed and punching power in his daily workouts, and should he uncork his right hand, the bout may end inside of the three rounds.

There will be two bouts in the 125 lb. class, Paul Buckley and "Chic" O'Day, stars of the Academy in that class, will meet Rubens Hackenberry and Mickey Thomas, respectively, of the Lewistown "Y." Both Academy boys are pleasing performers in the ring, and there are plenty of thrills awaiting the fans in these two bouts.

In the 135 lb. class, Dan McCabe's ability and punch will be pitted against Paul Stump, of the visiting team. The Academy boxer has had plenty of experience in amateur circles and carries a hard wallop. This bout should stand on a par with any other bout on the card.

Another local youth will be seen in action in his first ring encounter. Phil Taylor, former High school lad, now attending the Academy, will tackle young Tangle, of the visitors, in the 145 lb. class. Phil is a natural fighter and is no novice when it comes to hitting ability. Should he unleash his mitts, tonight, there will be a new ring star for local fans to talk about.

Another bout in the 145 lb. class brings "Duke" Ducanis, popular leather pusher, into the ring. "Duke" will oppose Jimmy Schmit, of the visitors, and expects to win impressively, as he has been training conscientiously since the close of the football season.

In the seventh and last bout on the card, Lou Procinio, 160 lb. upholder of the Academy's colors, will meet "Bill" Haines of the neighboring "Y." Lou is a fast and clever fighter and always assures the fans plenty of action.

With such a strong aggregation as the Lewistown Y. M. C. A. coming to oppose the local battlers, fans are assured of seven bouts of real action. The price of admission will be \$1.00.

The meet will start on the minute at 8:30. Ladies are welcome and will find boxing an interesting sport.

TO PERPETUATE MEMORY OF PENN STATE SCIENTIST

"Frear Hall" the name decided upon for the new dormitory for men at the Pennsylvania State College, makes of it both a monument to William Frear and a graceful acknowledgment to the dozen or more agricultural groups which contributed a part of the funds for its erection.

For Dr. Frear, as vice-director and chief chemist of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station at State College from its organization in 1887 to his death in 1922, rose to a commanding position in the United States in his profession. In his 37 years of service at the college he became an authority on questions involving food chemistry, fertilizers, lime, and tobacco. Being one of the pioneers on food standards and in pure food legislation, he was selected as chairman of the committee on food standards for the U. S. Department of Agriculture by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley when that branch was organized, and also helped to frame the pure food laws of Pennsylvania.

FARMERS' MUTUAL ELECTS OLD OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company, held in Bellefonte on Monday, all the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The report of the secretary, Frank M. Fisher, showed a decided increase in business during 1929 over that of 1928, and that the company now has close to six million dollars worth of business in force.

The Farmers' Mutual was established in 1857, almost three-quarters of a century ago, and never was required to undergo a State examination until last year, which was made obligatory by a law enacted at the last session of the Legislature. The examination was made in October, when three examiners went thoroughly into the affairs of the company. When they had completed their work they stated that it was one of the best managed, and gave it one of the highest financial ratings of any company in the State.

JACOB MARKS LEAVES ESTATE VALUED AT \$20,000

The will of the late Jacob Marks was filed for probate by the Bellefonte Trust company, executor, on Tuesday morning. While no exact figures are given on the value of the estate it is estimated at \$20,000.

After directing that any and all indebtedness be paid the will makes one specific bequest, for \$2000 to the testator's niece, Goldie Scottneck, of New York city. The residue of the estate goes to other nieces and nephews, some nine or ten in number.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL

Both Mrs. H. E. Fenlon and Dr. Joseph Brockerhoff are patients, under treatment, in the Centre county hospital.

Mrs. Lenore V. Burd has closed her house in Millheim and is now with her sister, Mrs. Ebon Bower, on Howard street, expecting to be in Bellefonte until Spring.

W. S. Williams, the well known building contractor in Bellefonte, for some years, has moved to McEhattan, Pa., where he expects to make his home in the future.

Mrs. Elsie Rankin Helliwell and her sister, Miss Mary Rankin, drove to Harrisburg, Wednesday, for a day in the shops and an overnight visit with their brother, Walter Rankin and his family.

Byron Blackford returned to Bellefonte, Wednesday, from Alliance, Ohio, and is now preparing to open an antique shop in the old Strickland house, on Bishop street. Byron will both buy and sell all kinds of antiques.

The Rev. M. DePui Maynard, of Ridgway, former rector of St. John's Episcopal church, was in Bellefonte for an overnight visit last week, being a house guest during his stay of Mrs. E. H. Richard, on Allegheny street.

I. O. Hoffer was up from Valley Forge recently, for a visit with his son Earl, and his family, and with his sisters, Mrs. A. C. Mingle and Miss Fannie Hoffer. While in Bellefonte Mr. Hoffer was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffer, at their home on east High street.

After spending a week with relatives in Jersey Shore, Mrs. Harry Garber returned to Bellefonte, Wednesday, in the party of women who drove up with Mrs. Garber were Mrs. Bertrand, Mrs. Trump and Mrs. Nearing. Mrs. Garber will be for the present with her sister, Mrs. George B. Thompson.

Mrs. Samuel Rine, who makes her home with her younger daughter, in Altoona, is spending several weeks in Centre county, visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Fisher, in Boalsburg, and with friends in Bellefonte. While here, Mrs. Rine has been a guest of her niece, Miss Grace Rine, of west High street.

Mrs. Sarah Lemon, who is teaching the school at Yarnell this year, was in town, Saturday, on her way for a week end visit with relatives, and friends at State College and at Rock Springs. She said she is enjoying her school work out there very much but is frightened nearly to death every time she has to drive her car over "The Divide." That hill is a high one, especially to one who hasn't done much traveling in "the Ridges."

Frank M. Fisher, of Centre Hall, was in Bellefonte, Monday, in attendance to his duty as secretary of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co., that met here that day. Mr. Fisher retired from active business some years ago, at least that is what he thought he was doing, but as he is one of the kind of gentlemen who takes an interest in everything and lends a helping hand everywhere he sometimes finds himself much busier than he was when he was actually in business.

Jasper R. Brungart, of Rebersburg, treasurer of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance company, and who is now well along toward eighty years of age, is left on a trip around the world. He left home on January 6th and does not expect to return until about the first of June. Before he left he stated that as a boy at school he had always been taught that the world was round but never had time to investigate it until now so was taking the trip to find out for himself if it really is.

John S. Rowe, of Centre Hall, was a Bellefonte visitor last Friday and favored the Watchman with a very pleasant call. Mr. Rowe is Centre Hall's plumber and as a side line has been acting very satisfactorily as assessor over there for some four or five years. Formerly he had been a salesman for stone crushing machines, but met with an accident that so handicapped him physically that he was compelled to give up traveling. Besides his other accomplishments Mr. Rowe is a Democrat of Democrats.

Former County Commissioner, James W. Swabb and Frank Wieland drove down from Linden Hall, Monday morning. Mr. Wieland came to attend the annual meeting of the Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of which he is a director, while Mr. Swabb merely came along to have a few hours with friends in town. And as might have been expected he devoted most of them to talking politics with friends. Jim thinks the Democrats will have a great chance in Pennsylvania this fall if they get together and stick together.

H. C. Angell, of Rush township, was a Watchman office visitor, on Tuesday, having come to Bellefonte to make his annual returns as assessor to the county commissioners. Mr. Angell has been assessor in Rush township for eighteen years and the fact that he never has to put up a fight for the office speaks for itself in the matter of placing a fair valuation on properties. Mr. Angell has covered Rush township so many times in pursuance of his work that he knows almost ever stone in it, and there's quite a number of them there.

The Watchman office was favored, on Tuesday morning, with a pleasant call by Mrs. J. H. Turner, of Julian. Mrs. Turner is a daughter of Mrs. E. G. Irwin, widow of Daniel Irwin, who is now ninety years of age with a mind and intellect almost as clear as a young woman of forty. Notwithstanding the fact that she is a great reader and every morning goes through the columns of the Philadelphia Record and every Friday morning looks forward to the arrival of the Watchman which she has religiously perused for more than fifty years without a break.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Baum, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Alkens and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stuart, of State College left last Saturday, on a several week's excursion to Texas.

Mrs. Frederick Daggett and her small son are home from a two week's visit with Mrs. Daggett's sister, Mrs. A. W. J. Woche and Mr. Woche, at their home at West New York, N. J.

Stuart Hoy, his wife and their two sons, Frank and Don, are here from Lewistown with Mr. Hoy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoy spending a part of the two week's vacation Mr. Hoy was given on account of ill health.

Mrs. Arthur Harper, of Brooklyn and Mrs. Violet B. Morris, of New York City, were called to Bellefonte within the week, on account of the serious condition of their father, J. Willard Barnhart Mr. Barnhart has been ill for several years.

C. Edward Robb, of the First National bank, is on a trip to New York city, having gone over early in the week with Raymond Green, a former resident of Bellefonte. Mr. Green was here for a short visit with friends before sailing Thursday, on a trip around the world.

Miss Rose Haupt has recovered sufficiently from her accident of six weeks ago, to be discharged from the Centre county hospital and is now at her home in Milesburg. It is hoped Miss Haupt will soon be able to resume her work as supervising operator at the local Be Telephone exchange.

Mrs. Harry Jackson went over to Tyrone, Monday, to spend the day there with Miss Annie McLaughlin, who has been so seriously ill there since Christmas that it was thought she would not live through the day, Sunday. Miss McLaughlin is at the home of her niece with whom she has been spending the winter.

Walter Muffy, with his wife and four children, came in from Washington last week for a visit with the former parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Muffy, of Howard. Walter has been on the pacific coast for some years. In fact, so after his graduation from State he went out there to become a fruit grower and has been very successful. With a three acre apple orchard he is netting each year four or five times as much as big and fertile Centre county far would under the most favorable seasonal and market conditions. While in the east he expects to attend the Washington conference on Co-operative marketing. He doesn't favor the project, however, because he thinks, and probably correct, that too complete centralization of such projects eventually lands control in the hands of those who produce the produce to be marketed.

THE BROUSE STORES JOIN CLOVER FARMS STORES CO.

The R. S. Brouse store on Hig street and the City Cash Grocer on Allegheny both under the management of William S. and Richard Brouse, respectively, have joined the Clover Farms Stores Co. and are being remodeled to meet with the prior plans that are the same in a of the three thousand stores in the Clover Farms combination.

It isn't exactly a chain. All the individual stores remain in control of their local owners, but their sale methods and general conduct is supervised by the co-operative. The buying is all co-operative. This is the great advantage of the plan for commodities can be bought as great quantities as the regular chain stores buy and selling, therefore, can be done as low.

The fronts of all the stores in the country are the same. A distinctly green with the name "Clover Farm Stores Co." in large gold letters at the top.

Markle-Hunter.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley K. Hunter, of Pine Hall, was the scene of a pretty wedding, at 7 o'clock last Thursday evening, when their daughter, Miss Dorothy Emma Hunter, was united in marriage with James Fred Markle, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Markle. The double ring service was used by Rev. J. S. English performing the ceremony. The attendants were Miss Helen Hunter, sister of the bride, and Thompson Dale, a cousin of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served after which the young couple left on a wedding trip south. Only members of the immediate families constituted the guests present. The bride is an accomplished young woman and is an active worker in the Pine Hall Lutheran church. She is also organizer in the Sunday school. The bridegroom, a graduate of State College, holds the position of farm manager for Shoemaker and Nixon, the potato culturists. The young couple will live in Pine Hall.

At the suggestion of Burge Harris, Supt. Russel, now in charge of the E. E. V. R. R., has directed that the old lighting of the ground surrounding the passenger station in his place be restored. The spotlight mounted atop the pole at the water's box has not been at all which was expected to be and will be taken down. Orders have issued make the station lights go on as off with the regular street lights of the borough.

James H. Potter, head of the Potter-Hoy Hardware Co., celebrat his seventy-fifth birthday, Tuesday at his place of business and at the apartment at the Penn Belle receiving the good wishes of his hosts, friends who called upon him at his place.

Bellefonte Grain Markets.

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