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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of January 30, 1880.

—Ira D Garman, of Coatesville, Chester county, third son of Mr. Daniel Garman, of this place, who has been visiting his parents here for several weeks, left for his place of business on Monday last. Ira is learning the trade of jeweler, for which he has quite a talent.

—Geo. A. Baney & Co., have refitted and refurbished the Bishop street bakery so that now it is one of the handsomest business places in the town.

—Mr. Sam Rine, the new engineer at the water works, is getting along splendidly and is now working the steam pump less than it has ever been worked before. Sam tells us that it was necessary to run the steam pump only five hours during the past week.

—From Reading, the town to which Phillippi, our balloonist, moved last fall, we hear that he has made a balloon that will carry four people and expects to make an ascension in it soon if he can find three people to ascend with him.

—Died—On the 22nd inst. in Marion township, Anna Mary Vonada, wife of Samuel Vonada, died at the age of 51 years, 10 months and eighteen days.

—Married—In the baptist church at Milesburg Pa., December 31st, Mr. George M. Noll, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Ida Hall, of Milesburg.

—On January 13, J. H. Bauland and J. Newman Jr. formed a co-partnership to continue the business of the Bee Hive store and the gents furnishing store connected with it.

—Eggs are 20c the dozen.

—Little Davie Harris, an interesting, intelligent and active little son of Mr. John and Mrs. Rachel Harris, of Linn street, died on Friday morning last of aggravated croup. He had been to school the day before and the attack was terribly sudden and severe.

—Judge Linn, of Williamsport, formerly of Bellefonte, has been nominated for Mayor by the Greenback party of that city.

—Miss Ohnmacht, assisted by a chorus of not less than twenty of the finest voices in town, and also by the Bellefonte orchestra, will give a grand musical entertainment in Humes hall on the night of February 26.

—Business is brisk in Philipsburg. Captain Harry Simler told us on Monday that he didn't know of a vacant house in the whole town. Some eight new dwellings have been put up during the winter and a number of others will be started in the spring.

—The Pleasant Gap band, one of the best musical organizations in this part of the State, will give a concert in Howard tomorrow night.

—There is a terrible scandal and considerable alarm among our colored citizens. A festive Mr. Brady has been having an amouir got after him with a shot gun to the terror of everyone who saw the gun and the nervous finger on the trigger of it.

—When Samuel Durst and his bride of a few minutes emerged from the scene of their wedding in the home of Rev. W. E. Fisher, in Centre Hall, last Thursday evening, they were surrounded by no less than thirty horsemen in fantastic attire who escorted the buggy into which they climbed all the way to Earleystown. They raised a great pandemonium and all of Centre Hall rushed to front windows to discover what the noise was about.

—A special meeting of the Democratic County Committee was held in the office of Col. D. F. Fortney last Tuesday to consider what will have to be done if Congress declares a vacancy in the Twentieth district as a result of the Curtin-Young contest for the seat. If a vacancy is declared it is now too late to vote for a new Congressman at the February election so it will probably go over until the fall election unless a special one is ordered. J. L. Spangler, Esq., chairman of the committee, was authorized to join with the chairman of the convention held last September in a call for reconvening that convention to name conferees should it be necessary.—Col Spangler is the only one of that group of men now living.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS.

Owing to the fact that I am making preparations to move my store to another location all persons having repair work with me are requested to get it out promptly. Under the circumstances I cannot assume responsibility for any such work for more than ninety days.

W. E. CROSSLEY, Jeweler

COCHRAN.—Charles C. Cochran, associate professor of mechanical engineering at the Pennsylvania State College, died Tuesday at his home, at State College, of complications arising from influenza.

Professor Cochran came to State College in 1920 from the LaSalle Extension University, prior to which he was connected with the Morgan Engineering Co., the Emerson Institute of Indiana, and the University of Kansas.

He took his degree of bachelor of science in mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado in 1906, having entered four years before after working ten years as a machinist in various railroad shops in the west.

Professor A. J. Wood, head of the department of mechanical engineering, expressed the regrets of the faculty at the loss of Professor Cochran, and paid tribute to his ability. "Professor Cochran," he said "will be greatly missed by his co-workers. He had a strong character and impressed himself favorably upon both students and faculty. For the past eight years he has had complete charge of the mechanical engineering laboratory, during which time he designed and built many pieces of apparatus in use there. Many of these are ingenious devices of particular merit."

Born November 26, 1870, Professor Cochran was a communicant of the Episcopalian church, a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and published a detailed analysis of the coals of Colorado. He was married and for the past ten years had made his home in State College.

REISH.—Samuel Reish, well known veterinarian of Pleasant Gap, passed away at his home in that place on Wednesday evening of last week as the result of a stroke of paralysis sustained the Saturday previous.

He was a native of Union county where he was born 75 years ago last November. The greater part of his life, however, was spent in Centre county. In his early years he followed farming but later took up the study of animals and their diseases and became a licensed veterinarian. He had made his home at Pleasant Gap for about thirty-six years and his services were always in demand.

As a young man he married Miss Annie Wion who survives with eight children, namely: Harry Reish, of Centre Hall; John, of Bellefonte; Clayton, of Allentown; Mrs. George Shearer, of Centre Hall; Roy, of Altoona; Mrs. George Smith, of Lock Haven; Frank, of Oak Hall, and Mrs. Paul Heisey, of Reading. He also leaves twenty grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Calvin Struble, of State College, and Mrs. Newton Shaffer, of Lock Haven.

Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church, at Pleasant Gap at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, by Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg, burial being made in the cemetery adjoining the church.

PARKS.—A brief item in the Watchman, last week, told of James M. Parks, a street employee, dropping dead at noon last Thursday, while shoveling snow near Decker's garage. The cause of death was given as chronic myocarditis. Mr. Parks had not worked for four days and was not feeling good when he went to work Thursday morning, but thought he would be able to put in the day.

He was a son of George P. and Sarah Ginter Parks and was born in Clearfield on September 16th, 1863, making his age 66 years, 4 months and 7 days. He came to Bellefonte when a young man and for a long term of years was employed as a fireman at the Bellefonte Gas and Steam Heating company. For the past ten or more years he had been one of the regulars on the street cleaning force.

He married Miss Angeline Kline who survives with seven children, Frank Parks, of Milesburg; Mrs. George Reed, Bellefonte R. D.; Miss Ida, at home; Sarah and Anne, of Laurelton; James, in Pittsburgh, and Hobart, at home.

Rev. William Snyder had charge of the funeral services which were held at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

LUCAS.—Mrs. Elmina Lucas died at her home in Philipsburg, on Saturday morning, following a prolonged illness. She was a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth Brower and was born at Runville on August 24th, 1865, hence was in her 65th year. As a young woman she married George Lucas, of Boggs township, and the early years of their married life were spent on a farm in that section, but fifteen years ago they moved to Philipsburg and had resided there ever since. She had been a member of the United Brethren church for forty-five years.

In addition to her husband she is survived by seven children, Clayton Lucas, of Bellefonte; Orvis and Mrs. Edward Mayes, of Milesburg; Mrs. Edward Fetzer, of Tyrone; Russell, of Meadville; Arthur and Mrs. John Gearhart, of Williamsport. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters, William Brower of Tulsa, Okla.; Martin, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Lucy Poorman and Mrs. Emma Reese, of Milesburg, and Mrs. Sadie Alexander, of Fleming.

Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church, at Philipsburg, at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Messiah cemetery, in Boggs township.

GAME PROTECTORS IN UNIFORM NOW

All regular field officers of the Game Commission and department heads are now in possession of the regulation uniforms and equipment authorized by the board sometime ago. The uniforms are patterned after the new uniforms of the army officer, and are olive-green in color. Reefers patterned after the old army officer's mackinaw, have also been furnished. The hats are of Stetson make, campaign style. Officers are also equipped with police whistles. The Sam Browne belt, pistol and puttees are of tan colored pigskin, and with shoes to match present a very pleasing appearance. The regulation sidearm is a .38 special revolver. Two silver white State seal ornaments are worn on each side of the roll collar of both the uniform coat and reefer. A similar ornament only larger is worn on the campaign hat. On the left sleeve at the shoulder of both coat and reefer is the commission's insignia which consists of a half circle of maroon flannel upon which is embroidered the words "Game Protector" in black letters and a solid black keystone.

The value of the uniform in law enforcement work was greatly emphasized during the past season especially when worn while stopping and inspecting cars. And, a great many prosecutions resulted. Without uniforms officers were constantly in danger of their lives when attempting to stop automobiles and in one or two instances were even fired upon and almost run down, drivers believing, no doubt they were being subjected to a "hold-up."

The uniform will be worn when searching the homes of aliens for firearms and when searching any property for evidence of the violation of game laws. Officers will also wear the uniform when appearing before sportsmen's organizations, field trials or field meets, or any meeting where the officer directly represents the Game Commission and at divisional meetings when the supervisor shall inspect equipment.

CELEBRITIES TRAP WEASELS

Among the several thousand claims for weasel bounty received by the bureau of predatory animals of the State Game Commission in January thus far appear the following names: Woodrow Wilson, Linesville Pa.; John S. Fisher, Knox, Pa.; William McKinley, Everett, Pa.; Charles Lindburg, Pottstown, Pa.; Mark Anthony and Cleo Patrick, Northport, Pa.

Mark Anthony is getting to be quite a weasel trapper as he sends in a claim every week. 18,000 weasels were received for bounty thus far.

COMMISSION WANTS LICENSE STUBS

All sportsmen who have completed hunting for this season are urged to send their reports of game killed to the offices of the Game Commission as soon as possible. It is the Commission's desire to begin tabulation of these reports at an early date so that the figures on the final kill of small game will be available to the public as soon as possible.

If the report slip attached to the hunting license has been lost, fill in your report on a sheet of paper and send it in.

—Mrs. Hayes W. Mattern has been discharged from the Centre County hospital and is now at home in the Hart apartments on Spring street, where Mr. Mattern can have their new little daughter, Helen Patricia, all to himself if he isn't like most young fathers, afraid to pick her up for fear of breaking her.

—10% to 30% reductions on living, dining and bedroom suits during February sale at W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store. 5-1t

STRUNK.—Mrs. Lovinah Strunk, widow of the late Robert Strunk, passed away on Monday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Scull, on Wilson street, Bellefonte, as the result of heart trouble.

She was born in Union county on January 18th, 1844, hence had reached the age of 86 years and 9 days. The greater part of her life was spent in Bellefonte and vicinity. Her husband died some years ago but surviving her are the following children: Harry and Frank Strunk, of State College; John, of Pleasant Gap; Ray of Tyrone; Mrs. Robert McMullen, of Milesburg; Mrs. Emma Kunes, of Blanchard; Mrs. Harry Miller, Mrs. T. J. Kelleher, Mrs. Curtin Taylor and Mrs. Water Scull, all of Bellefonte.

She had been a consistent member of the Reformed church for many years and Rev. Robert Thesa had charge of the funeral services which were held at the Scull home at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

BAUMGARDNER.—W. H. Baumgardner died at the Altoona hospital, on Saturday following a brief illness. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baumgardner, deceased, and was born at Blanchard. He had been a resident of Altoona for over fourteen years and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. He is survived by one sister, Eliza; two step-brothers, Alfred and Blanchard Rupert, of Clearfield and two half-brothers, Frank Rupert, of Altoona, and Fred, of Beach Creek. The remains were taken to Blanchard where burial was made on Wednesday.



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 investive when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

THE CLOSING OF LAMB STREET

At the meeting of the borough council, to be held Monday evening February 3, 1930, there will be a discussion of the proposed closing of that portion of Lamb street between Locust alley and Spring street, as requested by the school board of Bellefonte.

In order that there might be a clear understanding of what the passage of such an ordinance will mean, both to the borough and to the school district, wide publicity of the aims of both sides should be given, as many erroneous ideas are current at this time.

It has been said that the school board proposes to erect a costly stadium, figures as high as \$40,000 have been mentioned, with a consequent large increase in the tax burden. The public needs to go no further back than four or five years in school history to realize that within that short space of time the school district has acquired the Dale property and transformed it into a model primary school at a cost of over \$18,000; that they have acquired the lot of the defunct Steam Heat and Gas company at a cost of \$6,000 and have recently purchased from the State the army property for \$17,000, besides keeping all properties in adequate repair and making many extensions in furniture, equipment and additional courses. The new properties alone amount to \$41,000, and are paid for, and there have been no additions to the school tax millage. These things have been made possible by wise and careful planning and have grown out of savings.

The board has in mind a further extension of the school property by the simple joining of the two lots now belonging to the school district facing west on Spring street by asking council to vacate that portion of Lamb street between the alley west of the Episcopal Parish house and Spring street, in order to provide an adequate and safe play space the year round and room for the present program in physical education. An athletic field of ample size for high school purposes, including a track, would be obtained at the same time although this is not the primary object of the board. These plans are to be worked out over a period of years as the funds become available. This has been a part of the board's hope for many years, the first step of which was actually taken by the condemnation proceedings against and subsequent purchase of the old Steam Heat and Gas property, the clearing away of the intolerable menace to safety and insult to every notion of a town beautiful which that property presented for many years. A second step in the program was taken by the purchase of the army to provide gymnasium facilities and additional class room space for an ever increasing program.

Their plan includes the taking care of the surface water from upper Lamb street, the construction of a

six foot wall across Lamb street at the Spring street end, filling in the street to the level of the present school grounds and surmounting the wall with an open mesh steel fence, to be later covered with growing vines, this adding beauty to the entire locality and value to the properties now facing the town dump. The plan includes the laying of a walk along Spring street, planting trees parallel with the walk and massed shrubbery on the Linn street side. Thus beauty and utility will be gained, not only for the schools but for the borough as well.

The objection to this plan has been filed with council by the vestry of the Episcopal church, giving no reasons, but talk on the streets has it that the light would be cut off from their Parish house. Nothing could be further from the truth. A bleacher four or five feet high could be the only possible building at that point, whereas for many years even at the time of the building of the Parish house, the alley at that point was lined with high brick walls gas retorts with their chimneys and tottering old sheds much higher than anything the school board has in mind.

It has been said that the properties in the neighborhood of the Lamb-Spring street crossing, three of the four corners of which now belong to the school district will be damaged in value. Yet when these properties were built they faced the worst possible condition, the old tumble-down buildings of the steam heat company, open gas wells half filled with stagnant water, tar wells, falling bricks, rusting boilers, ash piles, all in a hideous welter of ugliness. It was the school board's action in removing this eye sore and menace to health that has given these properties most of their potential value. A further beautifying of this corner as contemplated can only result in increased desirability of these properties to prospective tenants. As a commentary on this fact it might be well to state that all of the tenants in this whole neighborhood, except one, signed the board's petition to council.

An objection has been raised that if football games are to be played on the field constructed on this property there will be increasing traffic difficulties owing to parked cars during the games. The fact is there will be little need of the Bellefonte patrons using their cars to attend the games as the distance will be short. And as for outsiders it is safe to say that there will never be at any high school game anything like the number of cars that fill our streets every Saturday and Wednesday evening, and that not more than once or twice during the entire year.

It has been said that properties on East Lamb street would be damaged but how or why no one seems able to say.

It has been said that Lamb street is one of the main highways through town. On the contrary after running up the East Lamb street hill for two blocks it runs into a farm and goes nowhere. On its western end it connects with Thomas street by means of a very dangerous railway crossing, and most drivers wishing to reach Thomas street, in order to avoid this crossing use High street. But the closing of the 200 foot stretch on Lamb street does not interfere with the use of the western end or eastern end in the least. Traffic from Beaver street, Curtin street, Linn street on the north simply use Curtin street or Linn street to Spring instead of to Allegheny street, thus taking traffic

of Allegheny street, the busiest street in town. Likewise all traffic from the south of Lamb street desiring to use West Lamb street can do so by way of High street, Howard street, Bishop street or Logan street connecting with Spring just as readily as they would now use Allegheny and the stretch of Lamb street between Allegheny and Spring streets, again taking traffic from Allegheny. The only automobile traffic interfered with in the least is that from the two blocks of east Lamb street and from part of that portion of Penn street between Howard streets and Lamb street. This traffic would be required to go the short block of 200 feet on North Allegheny and the same distance south on Spring in order to get from one side of Lamb street to the other, and this traffic is very light. The proposed scheme would not affect pedestrians, who could walk across the playgrounds, as many people now do in taking a short cut from Allegheny to Spring or cutting the corner of the school grounds from Allegheny to Linn.

It has been said that there would be danger to the younger pupils who are now housed in the Dale building if they were to use this new school playground. Adequate playgrounds have already been provided for the children of those two grades, surrounding their own building except on those occasions when they cooperate with the other grade children in larger physical or dramatic projects. On such occasions they can always cross the street under the direct guidance of their teachers, just as they do now in coming to the high school building on special occasions.

It must be remembered that council in acting for the borough in passing this ordinance will be taking nothing from the borough, the borough and the school district, represented it is true by two different boards the one by council, the other by the school directors, are in reality one and the same thing. They are made up of the same folks and have the same interests at heart. The children of the schools are just as much a part of the borough of Bellefonte as its qualified voters and the great majority of them will be its qualified voters in the coming years. It is simply for council to decide whether they shall serve the selfish interests of a few persons who might have a little farther (not more than 400 feet at most) to drive their cars on some occasions, or who mistakenly think that their particular properties will be lowered in value by beautifying their surroundings, and the unselfish request of the school board to serve the children in their care with the best opportunities they can give them not only now but in all the years to come.

Over 900 qualified voters of the borough, the list of which includes 95% of all those who were seen in the hasty canvass that was made, signed their names to the board's petition. The matter is now in the hands of council. These 900 voters should help them to decide.

—Some wonderful pictures have been booked for early showing at the Cathaum theatre, State College. Among them are the "Show of Shows", "Devil May Care", "Hollywood Revue", "Dynamite" and "No No, Nanette." All except "Dynamite" are exceptional musical productions while "Dynamite" is the dramatic sensation of the year on the screen. It is a DeMille picture and that is sufficient guarantee of excellence to those familiar with picture production.

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