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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of February 6, 1880.

Sleighs and sleds are running thick. Everybody is enjoying the snow and mules, corn crib horses and everything that can draw a cutter is being pressed into service.

MARRIED.—On the 22nd of January, at the Lutheran parsonage in Bellefonte, by Rev. I. E. Furst, Joseph H. Hoy, of Pine Grove and Miss Mary E. Cramer, of near Bellefonte.

On the 29th of January by Rev. J. Alfred Koser, Henry L. Harpster and Miss Mary E. Gates, near Rock Springs Centre county.

William Cook Carner, 9 year old son of John C. and Henrietta Carner, died at their home in Hublersburg on December 31. The cause of the fine little boy's death was meningitis.

According to the statement of the auditors of Centre county, which has just been published, it cost \$53,264.73 to run the county last year. The commissioner's clerk got \$700. The jury commissioners got \$96.42 and the county auditors got \$30 a piece.

The ground hog, confound his picture, saw his ugly photograph in the sun, and now it breezes and wheezes and creaks and shrieks. Demnition take the ground hog anyway.

The Centre County Agricultural Society met on last Monday evening to hear the report of the last fair and elect officers for the year. The report showed all expenses paid and \$300 on old indebtedness. Officers elected were: President, Dr. E. W. Hale, Bellefonte, Vice presidents, John Rishel, of Benner; Geo. W. Boal, of Potter; John A. Daley, of Curtin; William Fry, of Ferguson. Executive committee—Clement Dale, chairman, Bellefonte; Austin Curtin, of Boggs; Wm. Thompson Jr., of College; A. V. Miller, of Spring; Dorsey Green, of Patton; Isaac Frain, of Marion. W. P. Reeder, of Bellefonte, was chosen secretary and treasurer and Col. James F. Weaver, of Milesburg, was made librarian. Of all this group of well known men in their day only one, Capt. W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, survives.—ED.

Y. S. Welsh, of Marsh Creek, reports that on January 12th he sowed a patch of rye and on the 26th he planted both onions and potatoes.

Bellefonte that furnishes more trade for and pays more money to the Bald Eagle Valley R. R. than any five of its stations put together has the ugliest and most inconvenient station along its entire route. There are rumors that a handsome new depot over the race is to be built with the coming of spring. We hope such rumors have some foundation.

A revival of business in some branches may be fixed and certain, but it hasn't benefited mechanics hereabouts much as yet. One of the most willing and capable carpenters in Bellefonte told us yesterday that he had only four dollars worth of work during the entire month of January.

The sheriff has nine boarders at the present time.

The wonderful Engle clock to be exhibited here on the 12th, 13th and 14th will draw great crowds.

Phillipsburg is improving faster than any town in the county. Property there has increased 20% in value during the past year and still has an upward tendency.

While tearing down the old Jeremiah Furey residence at the foot of Nittany mountain, in Spring township, near the Swartz estate, there was found tucked away in a crack of one of the logs of the house a Democratic electoral ballot for President in 1824. That was when Andrew Jackson ran. The ballot was perfectly preserved and names of local candidates are very distinct. Among them were James Potter, William Bindle, Samuel McKean and William Thompson.

Under a stump pulled on the Newlin Hall farm near Howard, was found an Indian tomahawk. It is of such unusual design and so large that it is believed to have been one of the axes that Wm. Penn furnished the Indians at the time of the treaty. The fact that it was evidently lost before the trees started to grow and was on the "trail" leading by Snow Shoe, Clearfield and west leads us to imagine that it might have been used to knock thunder out of our own or somebody else's ancestors.

James Morrow, who has been in charge of the canning factory at Rockview penitentiary the past several years, tendered his resignation on Monday, effective February 15th. Mr. Morrow is interested in a canning factory near Syracuse, N. Y., and will go there to take charge of the plant.

McMANUS.—Living for ninety years in the house in which she was born early in 1840, Miss Margaret Louise McManus passed away in the same dwelling about noon on Tuesday. She had been confined to bed for five years and her death was the result of general debility.

She was a daughter of James and Jane Amor McManus, who came to Bellefonte from Carlisle as a young married couple and located in a small house on Spring street, where the home of George R. Meek now stands. From there they moved to the McManus home, on Allegheny street, which is now among the old landmarks of the town. The elder McManus was a lawyer and a more or less influential Democratic politician, so that the family was also prominent socially.

Miss McManus was educated in the schools of Bellefonte and at Dr. Killykelly's finishing school at Paradise, Lancaster county. In her younger days she was a charming and popular member in Bellefonte's social life. Some fifty years ago she developed spinal trouble as the result of which she was confined to bed seven years. Since then she had never enjoyed perfect health.

Her only sister, Mrs. W. S. Zeller, died eight years ago and her only near relatives in Bellefonte is a cousin, Mrs. Samuel B. Miller, and a second cousin, Miss Armor.

Funeral services will be held at her late home at three o'clock this (Friday) afternoon, by Rev. Stuart Gast, of St. John's Episcopal church, burial to be made in the Union cemetery.

MARTIN.—Daniel H. Martin passed away, last Friday, at the family home, on north Allegheny street, following an illness of over four years, having been confined to his bed for over three months.

He was a son of John and Catherine Martin and was born at Howard on October 23rd, 1878, hence had reached the age of 51 years, 3 months and 9 days. When he was yet a boy the family moved to Milesburg where Mr. Martin served as postmaster during both of President Cleveland's administrations and Daniel, though only a boy, served as his assistant. When he grew to manhood he went to Steubenville, Ohio, where for thirty years he worked as a street car conductor. Failing health compelled him to relinquish his job and he returned to his home in Bellefonte.

His father died some years ago but surviving him are his mother, three brothers and one sister, James Patrick and John Martin, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. H. P. Barnhart, of Steubenville, Ohio. Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic church, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, by Rev. W. E. Downes, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

MILLER.—Carl Arthur Miller, of Bellefonte, passed away at the Jersey Shore hospital, at five o'clock last Friday morning, following a prolonged illness with heart trouble. He had been a patient in the hospital for nine weeks.

He was a son of James and Mary Miller and was born near Bellefonte on October 1st, 1904, hence was 25 years and 4 months old. His mother is dead but surviving him are his father and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Samuel Shultz and Mrs. Nevin Smith, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Willard Emenhizer and Herbert S. Miller, of Coleville; Mrs. Lawrence Hines, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. John Poorman, Margaret and Minnie Miller, at home.

The remains were brought to Bellefonte and taken to the Miller home, in Spring township, where funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, by Rev. William H. Kerry, of the Free Methodist church. Burial was made in the Sunnyside cemetery.

McCAFFERTY.—R. L. McCafferty died at his home at Conyngham, Pa., on Thursday morning, January 30, as a result of a stroke of paralysis he had suffered two months before.

Deceased was a son of Charles and Catherine Williams McCafferty and was born in Bellefonte 67 years ago. His early life was spent here, but as a young man he left Bellefonte for occupation elsewhere, finally locating permanently at Conyngham. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. Geo. H. Miller, of Conyngham; Viola and Jack, at home. One brother, Charles K. McCafferty, well known banker of Bradford, also survives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 1, in the Mt. Grove Union church and interment was made in the Mt. Union cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—George W. Williams, a native of Centre county, died at his home near Sproul, Blair county, on Friday night, following two day's illness as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was a son of George and Catherine Williams and was born at Martha Furnace on September 23rd, 1870. He was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Ellen Farber and his second Mrs. Margaret Ickes. The latter survives with three sons and a step-daughter. He also leaves four brothers and one sister, Walter and Berch Williams, of State College; Howard, of Pittsburgh; James, of Bellefonte, and Martha, of Derry. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Holsinger cemetery.

SELLERS.—Mrs. Catherine Sellers, widow of the late William Sellers, for many years residents of Buffalo Run valley, died on Saturday evening, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clark Ellenberger, at Warriorsmark, following a long illness with a complication of diseases.

She was a daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth Stine, one of the best known families in upper Buffalo Run valley, and was born at Matternville on March 8th, 1863, hence was not quite 67 years old. In 1879 she married William Sellers and a good part of their married life was spent in Patton township. Her husband died several years ago but surviving her are the following children: John R. Sellers, Mrs. William Lykens and William J. B. Sellers, of Warriorsmark; Mrs. Robert Austin, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Clark Ellenberger, of Warriorsmark. She also leaves her father and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. David R. Thomas, Lovelife; Mrs. A. C. Thomas, Wadlie; Mrs. Sarah Hoy, State College; Mrs. George H. Gates, Altoona; George and John Stine, of Matternville, and Jonas, of State College.

She was a member of the Methodist church and funeral services were held in the Methodist church at Dunbar, at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. Arthur Price, the remains being taken to Gray's cemetery for burial.

NEIDIGH.—William A. Neidigh, a native of College township, died at one o'clock last Friday afternoon, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward J. Harris, at Homewood, near Tyrone, following a prolonged illness with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of John H. and Rebecca Strouse Neidigh and was born near State College on June 19th, 1857, hence was in his 73rd year. On July 4th, 1882, he married Miss Mary Ellen Johnstonbaugh, at Boalsburg, and for a number of years they lived at State College where he followed the occupation of a laborer. Later he moved to Tyrone where he was in the employ of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper company. He was a member of the Reformed church for many years.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Charles Simpson, of Pennsylvania Furnace, and Mrs. Harris, of Homewood. Funeral services were held at the Harris home, at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Edward M. Morgan, the remains being taken to Pine Hall for burial.

TRESSLER.—Following a general decline in health Jonathan Tressler, one of the old time and very highly esteemed residents of Harris township, passed away on January 16th. He was a son of Isaac and Sarah Dauberman Tressler and was born on the farm on which he died 74 years ago. All his life was devoted to tilling the soil. In his early life he occupied one of the Baker farms, near Linden Hall, and later lived for a few years on the Boal farm, near Boalsburg. He then returned to the old homestead between Oak Hall and Linden Hall where he rounded out his life.

As a young man he married Miss Alice Rupp who died many years ago, but he is survived by one son, William Tressler, with whom he made his home. He also leaves two brothers and one sister, J. Wesley Tressler, of Centre Hall; Calvin, of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. John Getz, of Lemont.

Funeral services were held at his late home on January 20th by Rev. W. W. Moyer, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

GARDNER.—Robert B. Gardner, a native of Centre county, died at his home in Pittsburgh, on Tuesday of last week, following a long illness with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Wilson and Sarah Keichline Gardner and was born in Ferguson township about fifty eight years ago. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm but he had been a resident of Pittsburgh for many years. In that city he was connected with the McCullough Electrical company and had been quite successful in a business way.

He married Miss Sarah Lytle, of Syracuse, N. Y., who survives with one son, Robert Jr. He also leaves one brother and a sister, William Gardner, of Rock Springs, and Mrs. Thomas M. Gates, of Altoona.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church all his life. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, burial being made in Pittsburgh.

—20% discount from the original price tag of any rug during February furniture sale.—W. R. Brachbill, Bellefonte, Pa. 6-1t

The ladies of St. John's Catholic church will hold their annual bazaar February 12th to 15th inclusive. It will open with a sauer kraut supper on Wednesday evening, the 12th from 5 to 8 o'clock, in the rooms of the Catholic Daughters of America. The bazaar proper will be held in the rooms over the Bellefonte Trust Co., where many beautiful and useful articles will be on display. Refreshments will be served. There will also be games and amusements in abundance. Everybody invited. 5-2t

—Save 10% to 30% February 1st to February 16th at W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store. All reductions from original price tags. 6-1t

—Subscribe for the Watchman.



This column is to be an open forum. Everybody is invited to make use of it to express whatever opinion they may have on any subject. Nothing libelous will be published, though we will give the public the widest latitude in invective when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

LEW WETZEL WRITES FROM ANTWERP, BELGIUM.

The letter that follows is from L. C. Wetzel, a native of Centre county, who left here some years ago to enter the employ of the Toledo, Ohio, Scale Co. He made good and has risen to a position of importance in the organization of that company. Mr. Wetzel is sent to points where new factories are to be located to make the preliminary survey, supervise the building and get the plant started. He was for a long time in Canada, when the Toledo Co., built its new plants there. Now he is in Belgium and in a letter to his brother, Charles E. Wetzel, of this place, tells something of his observations and concludes by doing a bit of philosophizing in verse.

Antwerp, Belgium Sept. 25, 1929.

Dear Brother and All:

Well, this is the 25th of September and the summer is gone. I don't know when I have experienced as fine a one as this has been, so far as weather conditions are concerned, having an easy time and seeing a lot of interesting things.

We haven't gotten located yet as we won't be able to get into our building until about November 1st. Meanwhile I have made one three day business trip to Paris, on which Charlotte accompanied me, which I can't keep them off the highways. Were they looking for the safety of the children?

What else happened? Children are not all permitted to go to school at 9 o'clock in the morning, as they should, for want of room. Would you think that was a wise buy?

What was the next move? They paid \$17,000 for an armory and what have they got there? They can spend \$20,000 more on it and then not have it where it ought to be.

The next move will probably be to close Spring street at that point. Now what are they at. They want to close part of Lamb street, one of the only two streets leading from the highway, west.

Fence up the town and business will go elsewhere. Build a fence around the \$6,000 plot south of Lamb street, and turn the school directors in to play "bull in the ring." It is high time to appoint a commission to keep a check on them.

I would suggest our county detective Boden be made chairman of such a commission.

A LINN STREET TAX PAYER

All told Judge M. Ward Fleming has so far nineteen weeks' assignment for holding court in other counties during the year. This includes four weeks in criminal court in Pittsburgh.

The February sale of furniture and rugs at W. R. Brachbill's Furniture Store will positively close February 15th.

They are different, really only as to

customs and language. I have made up a few lines which express in a sort of way what I mean in this respect:

We walk through the streets of Antwerp And many strange sights behold. Some buildings that are modern Others moss covered and old.

We meet thousands and thousands of people On busy streets, as we go. They all are talking and laughing. But not a word of it do we know.

We do not understand their language, Or the meaning of what they say. So we just keep on a smiling And seem to get through that way.

In walking the streets of a city Wherever I happen to be I find that God made most children Very little different from me.

L. C. WETZEL.

Music to the Editor's Ear

DuBois, Pa., 1-15-30

Dear Sir:

We look forward with much delight to the weekly visits of your, to us, invaluable paper. There are so many things in it that interest and entertain us. It is not because we are away from home, for were I living in Centre county, yes, Bellefonte I would read it, it seems with even greater pleasure.

Sincerely

S. J. DALE

"Panning" the School Board

This is what a certain taxpayer thinks of our borough school board.

A few years ago they spent \$6,000 for the old steam heat plant and grounds. One mistake was that they were not put into the plant and roasted for six hours before it was torn down. Now what have they got for the money spent?

Two years ago, or better, they bought the Dale property and spent \$18,000. What have they got there? One of the most dangerous places for children that they could have found. Even with two police they can't keep them off the highways.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Wesley W. Tate et ux, to Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, tract in Benner Twp.; \$2,000.

Harold B. Shattuck et ux, to Maude Henszey, tract in State College; \$1.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Francis L. Mooney, of Altoona, and Mary C. Smith, of Phillipsburg.

Charles A. Burns, of Unionville, and Mildred Mae Mann, of Howard.

IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. 9:30 A. M., Bible school. 10:45 A. M., Morning service; Sermon: "The Transfiguration."

7:30 P. M., Evening service sermon: "Three Views of a Man." Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

SAFE FOR SALE.—Small office safe in good condition. Call at Beezer's Garage, Bellefonte, Pa. 75-6-2t*

FOR RENT OR SALE.—Seven room house, on Howard St. All modern conveniences. Apply to Mrs. Charles Harrison. 75-6-4t

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE.—"12" L. C. Smith Typewriter, in excellent condition. Cheap for quick sale. Phone Bellefonte, 333-R. 74-6-4t.

Special Used Car Bargains. Cars that Cannot be Matched Elsewhere for Price Value. All Cars listed have been carefully inspected by our trained mechanics. Special bargains will be given on used cars for the next three days ending January 27. Trade your present Car as part down-payment, balance to suit you. Ask About Discount on Prices Listed. 1923 Ford Coupe all new tires \$25.00. 1923 Ford Touring 20.00. 1925 Ford Pick-up 65.00. 1923 Ford Ton Truck 50.00. 1929 Ford Model "A" Business Coupe 390.00. 1928 Chevrolet Sedan 400.00. 1927 Chrysler Sedan 310.00. 1927 Chevrolet Roadster 165.00. 1927 Chrysler Coach 275.00. 1926 Cleveland Touring 150.00. 1927 Chevrolet Imperial 330.00. 1927 Chevrolet Coach 230.00. 1927 Pontiac Coupe 275.00. 1926 Chevrolet Coach 150.00. 1923 Chevrolet Sedan 50.00. 1926 Ford Sedan 150.00. 1925 Rollin Coupe 200.00. 1926 Ford Coupe 100.00. TRUCKS--DODGE, CHEVROLETS AND FORDS. We have a few 1929 Model Chevrolets left at reduced prices. New and Used while they last. OPEN ALL HOURS. Decker Chevrolet Co., Corner Spring and High Streets . . . BELLEFONTE, PA.