

OF LOCAL HISTORY THAT MIGHT INTEREST YOU

publish below some scraps of history that should prove interesting to those of our readers who want to know their Centre County. Some of it has never been published in form that is easily accessible and for that reason such scraps should be saved for reference those who realize that future generations will know little if anything of the traditions of the environment their ancestors unless all such are preserved in some one's or archives.

THE SKELETONS AT MILESBURG.

the latter part of September, the state highway contractors were at work grading Water at Milesburg uncovered two skeletons which ethnologists of the Pennsylvania State College proclaimed to be those of Indians. At once it was accepted as a probability that the skeletons might have been that of an Indian burying ground, and so had been.

after that find we received from J. L. Minnick, of Narbonne, Pa., who was at the time attempting to verify and rewrite the "Legends of the Juniata" written by Rev. Cyrus Jefferson about 1873. Mr. Minnick advised one of the legends to show Gloria and Elizabeth Sterling, her and sister, in an effort to recover possession of their elder brother's estate in England, had come to this country in 1750, or there about with the intent of abducting the brother's only child, a minor child then living in Philadelphia deliver her into captivity among the Indians. Whether they succeeded in abducting the girl or not we do not know but the Sterlings were arrested at a point near Tyrone now stands. They fled their escape after Elizabeth Sterling had stabbed the sheriff's ty. One Marlow, and one of person's men by name Johnson, each with a dagger.

Johnson's men pursued them to the Bald Eagle creek to where they were now stands. When about to be recaptured they were said to have committed suicide, presumably by shooting, and both had fallen ward with their feet resting on a log on which they had been sitting.

their captors then removed their bodies and other valuables and burthen, side by side, in a shallow grave. According to Jefferies this occurred on October 3, 1756.

the light of the above legend it is possible that the skeletons found at Milesburg were those of the Sterlings. The fact that one of the skeletons was larger than the other that no valuables or trinkets were found near them would seem to corroborate support to such a possibility.

AS TO THE BIG SPRING in the year 1807 James Smith, one of the proprietors of the town, sold to James Harris, another of proprietors of the town, conveying to him and his heirs for the use of the inhabitants of the borough of Milesburg the right to use the water of the Bellefonte Spring in such quantity as could be forced through a three inch pipe.

1823 James Harris executed a deed to the Council of this borough conveying the said right, as full and complete as conveyed to him under deed of James Smith, of 1807 and under grant of 1823 this borough had right to use only so much water as could be forced through a three inch pipe. The borough had by this time a legal right to the water in law as an "easement," and no fee simple to the Spring or ground adjacent had passed by grant.

metime after 1823 Maj. William Reynolds came into ownership of the Smith grant to Harris. It is probably certain that when he bought this property he had no idea he was coming into possession of the Spring, itself, for the consideration of \$5, does not indicate that he was buying anything but the land adjacent to the Spring. However, it is apparent that Maj. Reynolds not only owned the land adjacent, but all of the water of the Spring except what could be forced through a three inch pipe.

order to endow the Borough with a perfect title to the Spring, Reynolds, on the night of October 6, 1879, delegated his attorney, C. Furst, to appear before the council and in his name, present the Spring and ground adjacent to the borough in fee simple. The accompanying draft conveyed to the borough the Spring and surrounding ground as was accepted as being part of the property. In addition to that, Maj. Reynolds conveyed the channel carrying the overflow from the Spring a strip 20 feet wide, on the western side and clear to Water t, "beyond its present limits."

IRARD'S TALK OF THE DAY. in his column, "Girard's of the Day," published as a feature in the Philadelphia Inquirer, the following facts about Milesburg, the Eagle's Nest, Bald Eagle and other incidents of local history, are given.

From John I. Sholl I learn that the bodies of two Indians were unearthed at Milesburg, Centre County, in his query: "What about the Eagle Valley and the early settlers here?"

Penn having bought Pennsylvania from King Charles 11, his heirs were obliged to buy it again from the Indians. But it was not until 151 years ago that the northern half of Centre county was purchased from the Indians at Fort Stanwix. Then the surveyors got busy in that region, most famous of them being William Maclay.

This is the 150th anniversary of the survey of Milesburg by Peter Graybill. At that time the locality was generally referred to as "Bald Eagle Nest."

Bald Eagle creek was named even before Graybill got there. The Indian trail from the "Nest" up Buffalo run to Huntingdon was well marked on Scull's map made in 1770.

Penn Creek—and where is a more beautiful valley than that—had been named by the first pioneers. Griffith Gibbon surveyed the tract where now stands Bellefonte, the spring there having long been a rendezvous for red warriors out on hunting expeditions.

Bald Eagle Nest indicated that it was the retreat for Indians from the earliest recollection of the white man. There was a noted Chief, Bald Eagle, and Bald Eagle mountains are a sight to delight the eye of tourists today.

Milesburg was honestly named. From Radnor, on the Main Line of the Pennsylvania, Richard, Enos and John Lewis, with Abel Thomas and John Lewis, walked up through the forest to the Muncy Hills, on the Susquehanna, and thence across to the Bald Eagle Nest.

Maclay was employed there as a surveyor by Colonel Samuel Miles, chief of the Miles clan. In the Milesburg region among the first permanent settlers were Jonas and Daniel Davis, William Lamb, Richard Malone and Andrew Boggs.

Centre sent many soldiers to the Revolution and one veteran, John C. Colby, who had deserted from the Hessians, became a noted character in after years. Visiting Bellefonte recently, Clark L. Smith, of Leola, admired the war memorial which adorns that town.

Now the Lancaster countian writes me that he was surprised to see the names of 120 Revolutionary War veterans on that monument and wonders how a region then so sparsely populated could furnish Washington so many soldiers.

But there is no hocus about Centre county's part in the battles for independence. Colonel John Patton may be classed as one of the leaders from the general region of the Eagle Nest who saw service in that war 150 years ago.

Centre was not yet an independent political unit, but neither were thousands of square miles in Central Pennsylvania which was then thickly dotted with cabins of pioneers.

UNIONVILLE
Mrs. C. K. Brugger is slowly improving.
Mrs. Mary Wright is on the sick list, suffering from pleurisy.
Mrs. Mary Root, of Bellwood, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Frances Hall.

Aaron Hall is seriously ill at his home near town, suffering from grip and abscesses.
Mrs. Earl Waite, of Stormstown, spent several days last week at the home of her brother, C. K. Brugger.

The M. E. pulpit here was very ably filled, on Sunday morning, by our much appreciated Rev. M. C. Piper.

Quite a number of folks from here attended the M. E. quarterly meeting at Milesburg last Wednesday evening. Rev. Crawford is having an interesting series of revival meetings there now.

We are informed that Mrs. Bertha Williams, who was taken to the Geisinger hospital, Danville, stood the trip very well and is resting as well as can be expected. She is under observation, the doctors not having fully diagnosed her case at this writing.

Mrs. Rebie Kerchner, Miss Ruth Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McElwain, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fox, Mrs. Mary McClellan and sister, Miss Helen Blackwood and Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks attended the baked ham supper at Milesburg, Tuesday evening.

Last Thursday morning while Elmer Roller was waiting in the post office for the mail he felt he was getting dizzy and requested the assistance of some of his friends who were nearby. They hurriedly got him into a car and conveyed him to his home. A physician was called who found he had suffered a stroke which affected one side of his body. He gained in strength and conversed with his friends as usual and on Sunday forenoon seemed very much better, but during the afternoon suffered another stroke in a more severe form. He is reported better at this writing.

An important meeting of representatives of the farm bureau with Union Grange will be held here in the Grange hall Tuesday, February 18th. The first session will be at 10 a. m. and also an afternoon session. Speakers who are well informed on farm problems will be present, also Miss Lovelace of the home economics department, whose part at the afternoon session for the ladies will be interesting and instructive. All farmers of Union and Huston townships, with their wives, sons and daughters, who are interested in farming are cordially invited to attend. Union Grange will furnish free lunch.

Lonesome Little Louise—"Nobody loves me, and my hands are cold."
Hard-Hearted Henry—"Well, God loves you, and you can sit on your hands."
"Your face, my thane, would make a clock stop."
"And yours, my lord, would make one run."

PINE GROVE MENTION.

Joseph E. Johnston is acting as chauffeur for Dr. G. H. Woods. G. F. Mitch and wife spent the middle of the week in the mountain city. Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bodle visited friends in Millheim the late end of the week.

Samuel Marks of State College spent the Sabbath day with his son W. S. and family. Miss Helen Cleaver is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Hesse, and family at Roanoke, Va.

George Kuhn, wife and children and Miss Ruth Lytle spent Sunday in the mountain city. Mr. and Mrs. James Lytle are spending a week with Gilbert Watts and family at Bellwood.

Rev. C. W. Rishell is conducting protracted meetings at present at Meech church, Fairbrook. Mr. and Mrs. Diemer Pierce had as their guest on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pierce of Clearfield.

Wm. B. Fry, who is holding a good position in the mountain city, spent Sunday with his family in town. Our grain merchant, J. D. Neidigh, loaded and shipped two cars of wheat from Struble station last Thursday.

John Irwin Markle, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last November, is improving and able to take short walks about the house. Walter Weaver is having his sawmill put in shape for the sawing of lumber of different sizes before he moves his mill elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall Bottorf have as their guests their son Irvin of the Mt. Alto Forestry School, who is taking his mid-winter vacation. J. M. Campbell, director of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, braved the blizzard on Monday looking up insurance risks.

Miss Hattie Keller, who was under the knife in the Clearfield hospital, was discharged, and is convalescing nicely at her home on Water street. After spending a two weeks' vacation among home folks in Indiana, Miss Gertrude Miller returned to her position as nurse to Dr. R. M. Krebs.

Homer N. Walker and family visited their son, Harold, who is a surgical patient in the Centre County hospital on Sunday and four days. Evidently the wood chuck has been fast asleep. We are having daily snow flurries and real winter weather. Many farmers are carting water.

The Margaret Reed sale on Saturday was well attended and most articles brought fair prices. The sale totaled \$250. The real estate was not offered.

Charles Campbell accompanied his sister, Mrs. Mildred Black, to her home at Alentown after having visited her many friends in Centre county during the past month. Hon. John T. McCormick, accompanied by N. C. Hess, spent some time in town Saturday p. m. on a business mission and made short calls on old chums of their youth in Ferguson township.

The blizzard and stormy weather has filled the byways with drifts and travel through fields is necessary at some places. The State highway is being kept clear for traffic by the steam scrapers.

The States sale on Thursday brought out a good crowd of slow bidders. Most articles brought fair prices. The highest price paid for a horse was \$124 and the highest price for a cow was \$134. The sale totaled \$1600.

John Dodard, a Penn State student in dairying and agriculture, spent the latter part of the recent vacation taking practical work in dairying on the C. M. Dale farm on the Branch. He is enrolled from Montgomery county.

The many friends of Max Ward will be pleased to know of his discharge from the Centre County hospital yesterday, after a four months' treatment for gunshot wounds in the leg. He is able to move about with the aid of crutches.

Arthur Whitmer recently became the owner of the farm on the Branch which he tenanted for several years. In addition to general farming he expects to engage in the lumbering business, having a sawmill on the south side of his plantation.

Harold, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer N. Walker, complained of illness Saturday morning. Dr. Woods diagnosed his ailment as appendicitis and the lad was taken to the Centre County hospital, where he underwent the knife at 3 P. M. Late reports say that he is doing well.

Our mutual friend J. D. Neidigh has decided to quit farming in the spring, when his son, Clayton, will take over the stock and implements and try his luck in growing bumper crops of fancy stock. Mr. Neidigh and wife will retire to Millbrook for a well earned rest for himself and wife on "Easy street."

It has again been proven that a woman can fool a man. On last Friday evening George C. Wieland passed his 19th milestone on life's journey. He was repairing his "Henry" in his garage. At eight o'clock in the evening he and a chum went to the home when they found it filled with friends who hoisted him to the ceiling before he realized what was all about. George soon regained his composure and joined in the pleasures of the evening. Mr. Wieland received many gifts which he so well deserved, for he is a sober, industrious young man.

Major Hugh Probst of Penn State R. T. C. with his wife and two interesting little daughters, Bettie and Margaret, were callers at the C. M. Dale home on the Branch Thursday evening, getting acquainted with the lay of the land in Pennsylvally and also to form new acquaintances. The Major was over seas during the World War, and after the close was engaged in R. O. C. T. work at the National Capital, being ordered to Penn State last fall. The Major and his wife are natives of West Virginia and we hope they will not regret the change to Penn State.

IN THE CHURCHES ON SUNDAY.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.
Friday evening, at 7:30, Miss Gaynell Ardell, of Tyrone, will give a stereopticon lecture in the church entitled, "Opportunity and the Christian." The offering will be given to Miss Ardell to remunerate her for the splendid service she is rendering in the Children's work this week.

Sunday morning, beginning at 9:30, there will be a combined Sunday school and church service at which time Miss Ardell will bring a message on "The Master Teacher," demonstrating different methods of teaching by various object lessons, such as African villages (miniature), etc., and Sunday evening, at 7:30 she will deliver a missionary message, giving her experiences in Chinatown, Chicago, showing various Chinese curios and singing in Chinese. The public is invited, to all of these services.

Rev. W. M. Snyder, Pastor
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
9:30 A. M., Bible school.
10:45 A. M., Morning service; Sermon: "Spiritual Knowledge Through Obedience."
7:30 P. M., Evening service; Sermon: "Defective Spiritual Eyesight."
Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor

DIX RUN
The Holy Communion service will be celebrated in the Dix Run Baptist church on Sunday evening, February 16 at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody is invited to be present at this very helpful service.
C. C. Shuey, Pastor

THE ADVENT CHURCH
Holy Communion service will be

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned executrix of the estate of Charles C. Cochran, late of State College borough, Centre county, Pa., hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present them, properly authenticated, for payment, and those knowing themselves indebted thereto are notified to make immediate settlement of such indebtedness.
MRS. MARY E. COCHRAN
W. Harrison Walker, Atty. Executor
Bellefonte, Pa. State College, Pa.
75-7-6t

celebrated at the Advent church on Sunday morning, February 16, at 11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to be present for the benefits of this service.
C. C. Shuey, Pastor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary upon the estate of Margaret Louise McMannus, late of Bellefonte borough, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment, and those having claims against the same must present them, duly authenticated, for settlement.
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Executor
James C. Furst, Atty. 75-7-6t

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Without **WOMEN**
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Cooper's First Starring Role
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Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Next Week
The Greatest Fox Movietone All-Talking Thriller Ever Produced
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