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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of March 13, 1880.

Died—In Spring township, near the Boiling Springs, on Monday, March 8th, Mr. James Armor, aged about 40 years.

—Among the new arrivals in town is a little girl, about two weeks old, round at Bartuff's on Bishop street, whose name, we believe, has not yet been positively assigned.

—Last Monday Mr. Louis Doll's youngest child, a babe about six months of age, bade adieu to earth and winged its way back to Heaven to rejoin the angelic band from which it had been separated during its short sojourn here on earth.

—From Hudson, Wisconsin, under date of February 25th, 1880, comes a letter from John O. Hennig, which is of such historical value that we shall publish excerpts from it.

Certain documents of record in Harrisburg that I have been looking over lately brought to my mind recollections of my residence as a child in Bellefonte and Milesburg. My grandfather, Robert Boggs, was born a short distance below Milesburg and my mother and myself were born on the same farm. There was an old, hollow buttonwood tree near the Bald Eagle creek, on the Boggs farm, called "the Eagle's Nest," from the fact that the old Indian Chieftain "Bald Eagle" had occupied it as a wigwam. The story of my grandfather's having shot an Indian who attempted to decoy him into an ambush by imitating a wild turkey may still be remembered by some of your oldest citizens. In 1821 my father removed to Milesburg and occupied the lot next below the bridge. At that time there was a two or three story warehouse on the rear end of the lot next the creek. The Tiptons, Greens, Milleses, Hoovers and McKibbens are still familiar names to my ear. In 1823 we moved to Bellefonte. My father purchased the stone house on the south end of Main street near the road leading to the Big Spring. William Irvin kept store north of us on the same side of the street. Judge Huston's residence was opposite the store, and following a lane east to the next street was the residence of Andrew Gregg and opposite him lived a Mr. Reed, a jeweller. The southwest corner from us was occupied by Mr. McGee, a blacksmith. The old Academy on the hill near the Big Spring was kept by a Mr. Hickock, and a Mr. Parker taught school on the street leading north from Petrik's corner. There was the Simpson's mill and the Snyder's mill on Spring creek and the iron works on the same stream towards Milesburg. I remember Judge Burnside, Roland Curtin, Henry Petrik, the Armour's, Humes' and C. Treziulyns well.

—A Philadelphian, named Armstrong, has purchased the paper mill in this place and work was resumed there yesterday morning.

—A three inch snow fell on Wednesday night.

—Mr. William Wolf was knocked down and badly hurt, last Friday, by a flying 12ft board from the roof of the Brockerhoff house. Mr. Daniel Garman's little daughter was struck on the head by a flying piece of tin, the same day, which caused an ugly gash. The wind was very high. It blew in the rear end of Joseph's brick building, on Allegheny street, and unroofed a lot of barns in the county.

—Mr. "Davy" Kochler, of Marsh Creek, an industrious young man and a strong Democrat, gave us a call on Monday last. "Davy," though badly crippled, is no drone in the hive of human industry and were he blessed with the physical powers that many others have he would be a king bee all the time.

—Frank Chanfrau is to play here in "Kit, the Arkansas Traveler." He's a great actor and has a high toned company so Mr. Sourbeck has to have the opera house all scrubbed out and carpet laid on the stage so the big city actors don't spoil their clothes.

—A pet hen owned by Balsler Weber Esq., of Howard, disappeared four weeks ago and has just been found imprisoned between two partitions. How she lived four weeks without food or water is a wonder, but Balsler says she is quite pert even though she did weigh only half a pound when they found her.

—Don't miss the dollar bargains at Sim's, Friday and Saturday. 11-11

—Judge Maxey is liable to lose the favor of both factions of the Republican machine in his desire to please each.

MATTERN—The community of Tyrone is united in common grief, having suffered a distinct loss, when, at 8:45 o'clock Saturday evening, Hays W. Mattern, one of her most beloved and highly respected citizens, passed to his eternal reward after a lingering illness of more than eight months. For weeks his many friends have waited anxiously hoping that the tide of ill health might turn, and that again he be restored to health and activity; but though he made a courageous effort to overcome his illness, he gradually became weaker, finally succumbing to the heart ailment which caused his death.

Hays Waite Mattern was a son of the late Jacob H. and Mary Waite Mattern, and was born April 25th, 1869, at Warriors Mark, where his early boyhood was spent. He was graduated from Pennsylvania State College in 1893, in the course of civil engineering, and for many years followed his chosen profession, being prominently identified with government work in the restoration of the Antietam and Gettysburg battle fields. In recent years he has been engaged in the lumber business.

On June 17th, 1896, he was united in marriage with Miss Helen Heckman who survives to mourn the loss of a devoted husband. Also surviving are his aged mother, two sons, Hays W. Mattern Jr., of Bellefonte, and Donald Heckman Mattern, of Jackson, Michigan; a brother, Frank K. Mattern, of Warriors Mark, and a granddaughter, Helen Patricia Mattern. To all of these bereaved ones deep and sincere sympathy is extended in this severing of family ties which have been of more than usual strength and sweetness.

Since boyhood Mr. Mattern had been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, ever concerned in the advancement of God's kingdom. He has served as a faithful steward of the First M. E. church in Tyrone for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Mattern have resided in Tyrone since 1917 and he has always been a public-spirited citizen, interested in the progress of his home town. But perhaps his outstanding interest was the welfare of the school children of Tyrone. He has served as president of the school board for several terms, and during the campaign for the erection of the new Junior High school he threw himself wholeheartedly into the work in an effort to secure adequate educational facilities for the children.

Mr. Mattern was a member of the Tyrone F. and A. M. Lodge, No. 494; the Good Samaritan, Royal Arch, Chapter No. 266, Gettysburg, Penna; the Gettysburg Commandery No. 79 Knight Templars; Cambria Council No. 32, R. and S. M. M.; of Jaffa Shrine Temple, Altoona, and Knights of Phythias, Mineral Lodge No. 89, Johnstown.

In all of these activities he will be sorely missed. His genial, kindly disposition made him a universal favorite and his sterling traits of character commanded respect and admiration. One of his friends thus beautifully phrases it, "He was my particular friend; in fact, he seemed to be everybody's particular friend." Measured by the standard of Edward Guest, Mr. Mattern was a great man, for Guest says:

"That man is great whatever be his station.
Who truly serves his God, his home, his nation."

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 906 Washington Avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, by his pastor, Rev. H. Willis Hartsock. Interment in Warriors Mark cemetery.

HUMPHREY—Fred Charles Humphrey, well known business man of Philipsburg, died at his home in that place, last Thursday morning, following an illness of three years.

He was a son of Charles N. and Lavenia Humphrey and was born in Philipsburg on June 21st, 1868, hence was in his 62nd year. As a young man he studied electrical engineering and for twenty-five years had been employed at the power house of the Associated Gas and Electric system. He was a member of the Methodist church and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

In 1903 he married Miss Gertrude Panghorn who survives with two sons and one daughter, Fred B., of Philadelphia; Donald and Miss Louise, at home. He also leaves one sister and three brothers, Mrs. Irene Houtz, of Philipsburg; Harry and Charles, of Chester Hill, and George, of Davis, West Virginia.

Funeral services were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, by Rev. S. B. Evans, burial being made in the Philipsburg cemetery.

SHIRK—Mrs. Ethel Grace Lutz Shirk, wife of Andrew Shirk, died at her home at Milroy at 5:30 o'clock a. m., on March 7th, as the result of childbirth.

She was a daughter of Victor R. and Elizabeth Hazel Lutz and was born near Bellefonte on January 15th, 1908, making her age 22 years, 1 month and 22 days. Surviving her are her husband, her parents and two brothers, LaRue and John, both at home near Bellefonte. Funeral services were held at her late home, at Milroy, on Monday, by Rev. J. Edward Kahler, burial being made in Woodlawn cemetery at that place.

FINKBINDER—John Adam Finkbinder died at 9:25 o'clock on Monday morning, at his home on east Bishop street, following an illness of one week with heart and kidney trouble.

He was a son of Millard Ludwig and Christine Barbara Finkbinder and was born in Williamsport on May 10th, 1860, hence was not quite seventy years old. His early life was spent in the city of his birth where as a young man he studied photography. About forty years ago he came to Bellefonte and took over the John W. Moore studio, in the Lyon building, on Allegheny street, where he pursued his art a number of years. He then purchased the Theodore Drescher building, on north Water street, which he remodeled into a photographic gallery and where he carried on a number of years. Deciding to quit that line of work he sold the building to Frank Kerns, who converted it into his present laundry.

Mr. Finkbinder married Miss Carrie Mechtley of Nittany valley, who survives with one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Eyre. He was the youngest of a family of seven children and the last to pass away. He was a member of the Lutheran church and Rev. C. E. Arnold had charge of the funeral services which were held at his late home at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

HAUGH—Mrs. Rosa Haugh, widow of the late John Haugh, died at her home at State College, on Thursday of last week, as the result of general debility. She had been in failing health for a year or more.

She was a daughter of Solomon and Barbara Rowland and was born near Newton Hamilton on July 26th, 1853, hence was 76 years, 7 months and 11 days old. Her early life was spent in Milfill and Huntington counties and on June 20th, 1882, she married John Haugh, a native of Scotland. They lived for a time at Scotia then moved to State College. She was a member of the United Brethren church since girlhood and held a certificate of life membership in the Foreign Missionary society of that church. She was also an active worker in the W. C. T. U.

Mr. Haugh died in April, 1929, but surviving her are three children, Mrs. J. Max Kirkpatrick, of Centre Hall; Thomas and Hubert Haugh, both of State College. She also leaves two brothers, Harry B. Rowland, of Spokane, Wash., and Charles B., of Chicago, Ill.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Bixler had charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. Witman. Burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

KRUMRINE—Albert Ralph Krumrine, a well known bricklayer of State College, died quite suddenly, at noon last Friday, as the result of a heart attack. He had worked at his trade all morning and at noontime went home, ate his dinner and sat down in a chair where he was stricken about 12:45 o'clock, dying almost instantly.

He was a son of John N. and Anna L. Krumrine and was born at State College 34 years ago. When but twenty years of age he married Miss Phyllis Johnstonbaugh, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnstonbaugh, who survives with one son, John Charles, at home. He also leaves his parents, three brothers and one sister, George Dewey, John Max, Paul and Miss Annabelle Krumrine, all of State College.

Rev. Ruth, pastor of the Evangelical church, had charge of the funeral services which were held at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

SCHOONOVER—Mrs. Helen Merrill Schoonover, widow of the late J. N. Schoonover, died at her home in Philipsburg, on Sunday, following an illness of several months.

She was a daughter of William L. and Mary Welsh Merrill, and was born at Kylertown on October 29th, 1855, hence was past 74 years of age. Her girlhood life was spent in Kylertown and most of her married life in Philipsburg. Her husband died in 1917, but surviving her are seven children, Mrs. Harry R. Downes, of Kittanning; Mrs. Inez Vail and Charles S., of Philipsburg; Mrs. Philip J. Spaeder, of York; Mrs. Howard Rowland, of Philipsburg; Mrs. John H. Minds and Bryant E. Schoonover, of Philadelphia. Burial was made at Kylertown on Tuesday afternoon.

LUCAS—Mrs. Margaret Lucas, wife of Evan A. Lucas, died at her home near Altoona, on Sunday, following an illness of several weeks. She was a daughter of Charles and Eliza Lucas and was born at Runville, Centre county, on March 2nd, 1879, hence was 51 years and 7 days old. She is survived by her husband and one brother, Frank Lucas, of Bellefonte. She was a member of the United Brethren church, and her pastor, Rev. J. S. Showers, had charge of the funeral services which were held at 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning the remains were taken to Runville where final services were held in the United Brethren church, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

TAYLOR—Mrs. Isabella Agnes Taylor, widow of the late William Henry Taylor, died at her home on north Spring street, at 5:30 o'clock last Thursday evening. She had been in ill health for many months but her death was the direct result of a stroke sustained two weeks previous.

Her maiden name was Isabella Agnes Young, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Wilson Young, and she was born in Pittsburgh on October 25th, 1845, hence was in her 85th year. Her girlhood and young womanhood were spent at Clarion, Pa., where her father was editor of the Clarion Democrat, and it was there she married Mr. Taylor. The first few years of their married life were spent in Clarion but eventually they came to Centre county and located on a farm near Lemont. From there they moved onto a farm east of Bellefonte where they spent a few years then left the farm and located in town, and this had been her home ever since. She was a member of the Presbyterian church all her life and until overtaken by illness a regular attendant.

Her husband died October 2nd, 1925, but surviving her are three sons and one daughter, Charles, of Huntington; Samuel H., of Bridgeport, Conn.; Reynolds, of Akron, Ohio, and Miss May, at home. She also leaves five grand-children and three great grand-children, as well as one sister, Mrs. S. F. Bowser, of Butler.

All the sons were home for the funeral which was held at ten o'clock Monday morning, at her late home. Rev. W. C. Thompson had charge of the services and burial was made in the Union cemetery.

FERREE—Mrs. Mary Ferree, widow of the late George I. Ferree, died at her home in Mackeyville, last Saturday, following a ten days' illness as the result of a stroke of paralysis. She was 79 years old and had lived in the house in which she died for forty-one years. She is survived by one son and two daughters, John W. Ferree, of Mill Hall; Mrs. Ellery Krape, of Garnett, Kan., and Miss Nellie, at home.

She also leaves two step-sons, Benjamin P. Ferree, of Mackeyville, and William, of Oak Hall, and two step-daughters, Mrs. James Tobias, of Jersey Shore, and Mrs. Charles Emerick, of Nittany. Two brothers and six sisters also survive. Funeral services were held at her late home on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

—Big dollar specials, Friday and Saturday, at Sim's final clean-up sale. Don't miss them. 11-11

—Be surprised—go to Sim's and see what all you can buy for a dollar on Friday and Saturday. 11-11

BOALSBURG.

Miss Helen Gheer spent the week-end in Lock Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. John Derner transacted business at Oak Hall, on Monday evening.

Mrs. William Brouse is caring for Mrs. R. C. Young, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Harold Fisher and daughter, Mary Lou, have returned from a visit in Huntingdon.

Mrs. Reed, of State College, spent part of last week at the home of Mrs. Edwin Dale.

Mrs. Charles Kuhn is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara Stover, and other friends in Altoona.

More than two hundred children attended the toxin-antitoxin clinic on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Houser, of State College, spent Thursday evening with friends in town.

Miss Virginia Hess was confined to her home for more than a week with an attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hess spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Musser, at State College.

Mrs. John Jacobs and her guest, Mrs. McFarlane, spent Thursday with Mrs. D. B. Thomas, on the Branch.

Miss Anna Sweeny, who was taken ill while visiting at the F. S. Dale home, at State College, is confined to her room, although slightly improved.

Miss Rhoda Harrison is arranging to sell some household goods and has leased part of her house to Harry Gearhart and family, of Pine Grove Mills.

The Ladies class of the Lutheran Sunday school held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Merle Homan, near State College, on Saturday evening.

Rev. W. J. Wagner will conduct the second of a series of Lenten services on Friday evening, March 14th, at 7:30. The Women's Missionary society is holding Lenten services Monday and Friday evenings.

The Senior class of the Harris township vocational school will serve a chicken and waffle supper at 5:30 o'clock p. m., March 15th, in the vocational school building. The price will be 60 cents, including ice cream and cake.

W. H. Harris and family moved to Pine Grove Mills and John Horner and wife, having purchased the Markle home vacated by the Harris family, are now located in their own home. Mr. Sampsel and family moved from the Ad Smith farm to the Boal home farm.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Philip A. Mark, of Philipsburg, and Edna G. Crust, of Port Matilda.

Chester L. Burnett, of Williamsport, and Lela Belle Smith, of Centre Hall.

Calvin R. Hunter, of Bellwood, and Elizabeth Barber, of Tyrone.

—If you don't find it in this paper it isn't worth reading.

HOWARD.

Miss Nettie Swartz spent the week-end with Mrs. Alma Kuhn, of Beech Creek.

Mrs. G. Haberstroh, of Lock Haven, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Stella Williams.

Mrs. Levan Smith, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Yearick, returned to her home in Centre Hall this week.

Friends of Irvin Reber will be glad to know he is some better. Although still confined to his bed, he is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ekdahl and family and Mrs. A. M. Butler spent Sunday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Mary Fisher, at State College.

Mrs. W. K. McDowell spent a few days, last week, in Lock Haven, taking care of her sister, Mrs. William Russell, who had just returned from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dohner Tice and Kenneth Lantz, of Altoona, spent Sunday with Mr. Tice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Tice, and Mrs. Tice's grand-mother, Mrs. Etta Painter.

Mrs. Lem Poorman, who lives back of Schenk's cemetery, died, on Monday, at her home from a stroke of paralysis. The funeral was held at the Evangelical church Wednesday afternoon.

On Monday evening the ladies sewing circle enjoyed a chicken and waffle dinner at Nittany Inn, and afterwards saw the picture, "Happy Days," at the Richelieu Theatre in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood, of Williamsport, came up to see the former's father, Tom McCartney, of Mt. Eagle, who is seriously ill. On their way back home they called on Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McDowell.

Mrs. Lide Fletcher received word, Monday morning, of the death of her sister, Mrs. Regina Rutherford, of Zanesville, Ohio. Mrs. Rutherford was a sister of Mr. John Meese, of Bellefonte. Mrs. Fletcher left immediately for Zanesville.

The "Win-One" class of the Reformed church will hold its regular monthly business meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. C. A. Yearick, in honor of the club's twenty-first anniversary, with ten of the original members present.

Mrs. M. F. Dixon and granddaughter, Miss Shirley Ulsh, of Altoona, spent Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. K. Elder, helping "Happy" Elder celebrate his second birthday. Mrs. Elder and "Happy" accompanied them to Altoona to spend the week-end.

The faculty and students of the Howard High school held a square dance and card party in the store room of the Odd Fellows building, last Friday night. Music was furnished by Gates' orchestra. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

—Believe it or not, but go to Sim's Friday and Saturday, and see all the things that a dollar will buy. 11-11

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