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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of April 18, 1930.

THE DEVIL FISHING.

The devil sat by the river's side— The stream of time where you'd always find him

Casting his line in the rushing tide, And landing his fish on the bank behind him.

He sat at ease in a cozy nook, And was filling his basket very fast. While you might have seen that his deadly hook.

Was differently baited for every cast.

He caught 'em as fast as a man could count; Little or big—it was all the same; One bait was a check for a round amount.

A Congressman nabbed it, and out he came.

He took a gem that as Saturn shone, It sank in the water without a sound;

A woman caught it who long was known As the best and purest, for miles around.

Sometimes he would laugh and sometimes sing, For better luck no one could wish, And he seemed to know to a dead sure thing

The bait best suited to every fish, Quoth satan: "The fishing is rare and fine!"

And he took a drink, somewhat enthused;

But now a parson swam 'round the line, Who e'en the most tempting baits refused.

He baited with gold, and with flashing gems; He hung fame and fortune upon the line,

And dressing gowns with embroidered hems— But still the dominie made no sign.

Then a woman's garter went on the hook "I have him at last," quoth the devil brightening,

Then satan's sides with laughter shook, And he landed the preacher quick as lightning.

—Lawyers should be careful what they say to the lady clients who call on business, as the following will illustrate:

He was a little lawyer man, Who meekly blushed while he began Her poor dead husband's will to scan

He smiled while thinking of his fee, Then said to her quite tenderly "You have a nice, fat legacy."

And when he lay next day in bed, With plasters on his broken head, He wondered what on earth he said.

—The public schools will close next week, the board having decided, for economical reasons, to have only a seven month's term.

—Mr. Jacob M. Kepler, formerly of this county, has purchased a newspaper establishment in Tionesta and intends to publish a Democratic journal there.

—The roof of Mr. Abe Ryan's residence on Thomas street, caught fire on Wednesday morning but the flames were extinguished by a bucket brigade before much damage was done.

—Justice George Sperring, of Howard, died on Friday last, aged about 68 years. He had served three terms as a Justice of the Peace in that place.

—Street lamps have been put up on Howard street lately and, of course, the Howard streeters are happy.

—The band belonging to Baird's New Orleans minstrels created quite an excitement on our streets on Monday.

—Mr. J. W. Mattern has been appointed and confirmed postmaster at Phillipsburg, this county, in place of the late R. D. McKinney.

—Considerable garden has been dug in town and some potatoes and early vegetables planted. The weather is unpropitious, however, because winter has been lingering in the lap of spring.

—Next Monday morning the first daily paper ever to be published in Bellefonte will make its appearance. It is to be called the Bellefonte Morning News and will be issued from the office of the Bellefonte Republican and edited by H. Byxby.

—Mrs. Bumgardner, the lady whom Dr. P. D. Neff, of Centre Hall, was administering to when he fell over dead, died the next morning. The Doctor's death was from heart disease and it is generally believed Mrs. Bumgardner died from the shock as she was not seriously ill.

—Manager J. H. Haverly and wife passed through Altoona on Monday. "Christ," as he was called

MILLER.—Dr. Edwin M. Miller, well known practicing physician of Millheim, passed away at five o'clock on Monday morning as the result of a heart attack sustained at three o'clock Sunday afternoon. For several months past the doctor had worked hard in looking after his extensive practice, and it was probably the prolonged physical strain that brought on the fatal attack. In fact he had a light attack on Saturday evening but it passed off so quickly that he gave it little consideration.

Edwin Melancthon Miller was a son of the late John A. and Mary C. Esterline Miller and was born at Rebersburg on June 21st, 1867, making his age 62 years, 9 months and 23 days. He was educated in the public schools of Rebersburg and Susquehanna University, later taking a course in medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1890. His first two years of active practice were spent in association with Dr. G. S. Frank, at Millheim. He then spent two years at Troxelville, Snyder county, and twenty-one years at Beavertown. Six years ago he returned to Millheim where he had since been located.

Dr. Miller stood high in the ranks of his profession and had the confidence of a large clientele in Millheim and vicinity. He was a member of the Centre County Medical society, the Pennsylvania Medical society and the American Medical association. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, of Millheim, a 32nd degree Mason, with membership in the Middleburg lodge F and A. M., the Harrisburg consistory and Jaffa Shrine, of Altoona.

Dr. Miller was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Regie Swartz. She died thirty-two years ago leaving one son, J. Randall Miller, of Millheim. His second wife was Miss Sarah Boush, who survives with two sons, Stanley E., at home, and Ward C., a dental student at Temple University, Philadelphia. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. G. S. Frank, of Millheim, and Mrs. Catherine Miller, of Harrisburg.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. L. V. Leshar, burial being made in the Fairview cemetery.

LOHR.—Frank Lohr, retired farmer, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mechtley, at Pine Hall, last Saturday afternoon, following an illness of some weeks. He was a son of David and Isabel Lohr and was born in Buffalo Run valley over seventy years ago. He followed farming until his retirement six years ago. His wife has been dead for some years but surviving him are two children, George Lohr, of Centre Hall, and Mrs. Mechtley, of Pine Hall. He also leaves the following brothers and sisters: Robert Lohr, of Pine Grove Mills; John, of Snow Shoe; William, of Penn township; Samuel, in the west; Mrs. Otis Corl, of Pine Hall, and Mrs. J. H. Hoy, of State College.

He was a member of the Pine Hall Lutheran church and the Boalsburg lodge I. O. O. F. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Keener, of Centre Hall, officiated and burial was made in the Meyers cemetery.

SAMPLE.—Ferguson township friends received word, this week of the death, on Sunday, of James C. Sample, at his home in Denver, Col., as the result of general debility. He was a son of Alexander and Margaret Sample, and was born at Pine Grove Mills 82 years ago. He was educated at the Pine Grove Academy and after clerking a few years in the stores of that village went west in 1878, locating at Downs, Kan., where he engaged in the harness business. A number of years later he moved to Denver, Col. His last visit to Centre county was made in 1910. He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, one brother and three sisters. Burial was made at Denver, Col.

WOODRING.—Samuel J. Woodring, a native of Centre county but who for many years had lived at Benazette, died at the Lock Haven hospital, on Wednesday evening of last week, following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases.

He was 78 years old and is survived by five children. He also leaves one brother and three sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. Jennie Woodring, of Port Matilda. The remains were taken to Benazette for burial on Saturday.

by his school mates at Bolling Springs (Now Axe Mann) where he was born, is the most extensive theatrical manager in the county. Besides this he is largely interested in silver mines in Colorado and told Altoona friends that he intends taking five hundred miners out there to work his new Eldorado.

In Walker township, this county, one day last week the wind blew a tree over leaving quite a hole where the roots had been. In the hole two little children of Joseph McCaleb were playing while he was cutting the tree top. He did not know they were there and when he cut the trunk off the stump fell back into the hole on top of the children. When taken out the little girl was dead and the boy badly injured.

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BARNHART.—Joseph Willard Barnhart passed away in his apartments on east High street, Bellefonte, at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday morning following a prolonged illness with diabetes and other complications. He had not been in good health for five years and had been confined to his home since last fall.

He was a son of Philip D. and Clarissa Weaver Barnhart and was born on the old homestead east of Bellefonte, on September 22nd, 1857, hence was in his 73rd year. He was educated in the schools of Spring township and Bellefonte Academy, later taking a teacher's course at Lock Haven and Millersburg Normal schools. He taught school six years then worked for several years with the Pennsylvania Railroad company, later accepting a position with McCalmont & Co. He clerked a number of years in Bellefonte stores and his last regular employment was with the Titan Metal company, where he spent nine years, but was compelled to quit work in May, 1929, on account of ill health.

He was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, a member of Bellefonte camp P. O. S. of A., and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he was a Jeffersonian Democrat and always stood up strong for the principles of his party.

As a young man he married Miss Ida M. Johnstonbaugh, who survives with five children, Mrs. Arthur C. Harper, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Miss Elizabeth C., at home; Mrs. Fred R. Seidel, of Hazleton; Mrs. Violet B. Morris, of New York, and J. Willard Jr., of Bellefonte. He also leaves five grandchildren.

The body will lie in state in the Methodist church here, from 2 to 2:30 this afternoon, (Friday) after which services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs and burial made in the Union cemetery.

HARLACHER.—F. J. Gray Harlacher, a son of C. F. and Lucetta Gray Harlacher, died April 15th, after a lengthy illness.

He was born at Centre Hall, April 5th, 1872, but spent most of his life on the farm near Stormstown. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and a great reader and student of the Bible.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Melville, of Greenwich, Conn., and Susan L. Harlacher, of State College.

Funeral services will be held at Gray's church this Friday morning, at 10:30, interment in Gray's cemetery.

JOHN P. ECKEL TO QUIT BUTCHERING BUSINESS.

Skinner calves and pulling hog bristles in Bellefonte is not what it used to be and one man, John P. Eckel, has decided to quit the butchering and grocery business and is now closing out his store in the Bush house block. When Mr. Eckel engaged in the butchering business his was the fourth shop in Bellefonte, and as everybody eats a certain amount of meat, there was some money in it. Today there are nine places selling meat in the town and as there isn't any more eaten the business is so divided up that there's not much in it for anyone, and that's why Mr. Eckel is going to quit. He may close out the latter part of this week or the beginning of next, but one thing is sure he's going to quit.

And his going out of business will leave another vacant room in town. Several weeks ago the Watchman published a list of the vacant store rooms, apartments, etc., but in the same was not included the space in the basement of the post-office building, which will be two large rooms. The White Bros. also have a basement room, first floor room and two apartments in the old Valentine building for rent.

A second floor apartment in the Harris stone building, Howard street, is for rent, and a third floor apartment was vacated this week in the Beatty Motor company building when the Mayer family moved to Brookville. Four rooms in the McClain block are for rent, an apartment over the Chrysler garage, on Allegheny street, two apartments and two single rooms in Crider's Exchange, and three apartments in the old Haag hotel.

Miss Snyder's two-floor apartment, on Bishop street, has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Lyon while John Bickel has moved into the upper portion of the old Strickland house, on Bishop street, and is converting the first floor into a store room with an all glass front.

At the drawings for place on the primary ballot, held in Harrisburg, on Monday, Congressman J. Mitchell Chase won first place on the ticket in the Twenty-third Congressional district, composed of the counties of Cameron, Centre, Clearfield and McKean. George W. Huntley, of Cameron county, drew second; George W. Minds, of Clearfield county, third, and Evan J. Jones, of Bradford county, fourth.

If Grundy and Brown are nominated we suggest General Atterbury as campaign manager.

A ticket composed of Grundy and Brown would offer a fine excuse for voting the other ticket.

INTERESTING TRIP TO BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

Last week the Watchman's Unionville correspondent was one of a party of eight women who took a trip by bus over the Susquehanna Trail, to Buffalo, N. Y., and she tells her own story of the journey:

Last Thursday morning a group of eight ladies, six of them major secretaries and two authorized secretaries for the Larkin Co., of Buffalo, N. Y., started for that city, chaperoned by field secretary, Mrs. Sidney Poorman, of Bellefonte. All met at the Lycoming hotel, Williamsport. They were Mrs. Anna Hall Finch, of Fleming; Miss Lottie Kauffman, of Zion; Mrs. Probst, of Lock Haven; Mrs. Thos. Smith, of Northumberland; Mrs. Harry Bruch, of Milton; Mrs. Ralph Keyser, of Selmsgrove, and Mrs. William Bostain, of Lewisburg.

Leaving Williamsport at 3:12 p. m., on the Lakes-to-Sea bus we went over the Susquehanna trail. The scenery was varied, beautiful and interesting. Most of the farms showed progress, having good buildings, flocks of sheep and cattle and preparations were being made for spring crops. Some farms had the antiquated stump fence and old rail fences, which were in need of repairs. Quite a number of villages and cities were passed through, and small inns were noted. Mt. View Inn, Trail Top and Park Inn. Going up the Trail we noticed Mt. Armenia, marked 1776 feet above sea level. There was snow on some of the mountains. At Blossburg, during a rest stop, Mrs. Bostain took pictures of the group. The clown and humorist of the crowd, Mrs. Bruch, usually kept looking ahead for the next town or city and suggested that when we came to the city of Bath that we must all stop for a bath. Darkness overtook us long before we reached that city, and judging from the scent that filled the air a skunk must have been a victim of our bus.

We had lunch at Corning but were late and the proprietor seemed rather disinterested in our welfare so we didn't get a very elaborate layout. It was midnight when we reached our destination, tired and weary. Our hostess, Miss Lucy MacKimmion, of the Larkin Co., had engaged rooms for their guests at the Lafayette hotel. After registering, we were taken to our rooms which were large, well furnished and comfortable. Friday morning Miss MacKimmion called for us and took us to the Larkin Co. restaurant for breakfast, then to the office where we met some of the officials and were entertained by music from a large pipe organ, then to the lecture room where we met others. At noon we were served a fine lunch in the restaurant and in the evening were taken out into the city for dinner, which was delicious.

The Larkin factory covers 75 acres of floor space and underneath it is railroad siding sufficient to store 75 cars. In the manufacture of soaps there are vats four stories in height, with a capacity of 450,000 pounds. They use one carload of salt to a vat. In manufacturing macaroni noodles, etc., a mixture includes 400 pounds of flour, 100 pounds of salt and 100 pounds of water. The company employs 350 people and an inspection of the plant was very interesting.

Sunday morning, at 8:15, we left for home, coming over the same route but having daylight for the part we had traveled over before at night. We noticed some fine farms, large orchards and fine views of the country for many miles; had dinner at the Hotel Wagner, Bath, N. Y., and found it a fine place to eat and rest. We had many stops on account of railroad crossings, which numbered forty-two, as counted by one of our crowd, from the time we left Buffalo till we reached the border line of New York. Some places of interest were Sonyen Epileptic Home, a picnic at Cooper's Plains. We had pictures taken again in the Genesee valley between Hornell and Dansville.

A heavy rain came up before we reached Elmira and when we drove through there the streets were several inches deep with water and the rain continued for some time. One place along the highway, near Troy, there was a peculiar curve which Mrs. Bruch called the "Ocean Wave." It gave some of the crowd who were napping a sudden surprise. We arrived at Williamsport about 5:40 p. m. and the group divided, going to their several homes, all delighted with that trip.

NO TRACE YET FOUND OF HENRY KALLENBERG.

Up to yesterday no trace had been discovered of the whereabouts of Henry Kallenberg, the German traveling salesman, of Julian, who left home on April 2nd and has not been heard of since. Last Friday a telephone communication was received by Julian people from Mrs. Harry Garner, of near Boalsburg, who stated that Kallenberg had been at her home on the day he disappeared and stated he was going to Lewistown.

An investigation was made of Mrs. Garner's story, on Sunday, and it was found correct, but no evidence could be found of the man having reached Lewistown. In the meantime the young wife, who has a four months old child, is on the verge of distraction at her home in Julian.

A survey of the students at the Pennsylvania State College reveals that more town and city boys are studying agriculture at that institution than boys from the farms. You wonder why? Ask the dads or the boys on the farms. They'll tell you. They know now what the town and city agriculturists will find out after a bit of experience on a farm.

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