

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

There were nearly 13,000 fewer children born in Pennsylvania in 1929 than in 1928.

The Belleville Central R. R. Co., recently added two locomotives to its equipment of rolling stock.

Robert G. McClellan has been appointed constable of Harris township in place of William Raymond, deceased.

At a meeting of the special committee of council, held Tuesday evening, it was decided to recommend a new fire alarm system for Belleville, at an estimated cost of \$1500.00.

Robert A. Graham, of State College, has been commissioned second lieutenant of Company A, (Boat troop) mounted machine gun unit of the 103rd cavalry, Pennsylvania National Guard.

Think of paying \$400 for a puppy. That is what Miss Mary Fleming, daughter of Judge Fleming, paid for one last Tuesday evening. It was only "Red Arrow" money, however, that she was bidding with.

Coincident with the change in schedule on the Pennsylvania railroad the morning train east on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad now runs from Altoona through Harrisburg, returning at 4:53 in the afternoon.

Gifford Pinchot's primary campaign itinerary provides for a stop in Belleville on Saturday, May 10th. So far as known now there will not be a general meeting, only an informal gathering of the forester's supporters.

Only eight deer were reported killed by farmers of Pennsylvania during the month of March. As none of the reports were from Centre county it might be presumed that deer have not been damaging crops to any great extent this spring.

The West Penn Power company has extended a line to Roopsburg to accommodate some five or six patrons. The line was completed on Monday afternoon and the first patron connected up on Tuesday morning was Mrs. Mary Kane.

Mrs. J. C. Struble, of Ferguson township, died on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of Samuel I. Corl, where she had gone on a visit. An attack of pneumonia caused her death. She was 83 years old. Burial will be made at Pine Hill this morning.

While presiding over quarter sessions court in Philadelphia, last week, Judge Fleming refused the petitions for parole of two registration assessors who had been convicted of fraud. Both of them then went to Moyamensing to begin serving their sentence of thirty days.

The Western Union telegraph office inaugurated daylight saving time yesterday morning to be in line with the head office in Philadelphia. This will mean that the Belleville office will open at seven o'clock in the morning and close at seven o'clock in the evening during the daylight saving period.

Pennsylvania produced the fourth most valuable apple crop in the United States in 1929. Centre county grew 52,020 bushels with a value of \$93,849. Adams county was first in the State, with Franklin, York and Berks in order as named. The value of the Adams county crop is estimated at \$1,315,580.

The Watchman was in error, last week, in stating that Sidney Crawford and Dabert Heaton had pleaded guilty to stealing Willis E. Wion's cash register, at a hearing before justice of the peace S. Kline Woodring. The young men denied all knowledge of the theft and were held for court solely on the testimony of John Anderson.

According to a contribution to "The Warner American News," by Geo. Porter Lyon, of this place, there are 207 men in the operating department of the American Lime and Stone Co., plants here. Of that number 34.75% own their own homes, 42.5% are renters and 15.5% are single and live with their parents who live in rented houses.

The spring rummage sale for the Belleville hospital will be held in the vacant room in the Penn Belle block, formerly occupied by John P. Eckel as a meat market, on Wednesday of next week, May 7th. All persons having anything to contribute are requested to send their donations to the room at any time, the key for the room being at the Penn Belle office. If unable to send notify Mrs. Richard Brouse and the articles will be called for.

"Aunt Lucia" is coming to town week after next and for two nights, May 14th and 15th, you can see her at the State theatre. Academy artists will make the presentation to the people of Belleville and vicinity, and according to those who have had a glimpse at the rehearsals it will be far more entertaining than the crack Academy minstrels. As an aftermath of the play the minstrel dance will be held in the pavilion, at Hecla Park, on the evening of May 16th. A splendid orchestra will furnish the music. The public is invited.

MAIL PILOT SAVES LIFE BY PARACHUTE JUMP.

When the motor on his big air-mail ship sputtered and went dead, at an early hour last Saturday morning, as he was flying between DuBois and Clearfield, pilot Henry J. Brown calmly climbed out of the cockpit, balanced himself on the wing of the plane for a minute then stepped off into darkness. He pulled the string of his parachute, the life preserver opened and Brown glided to earth, landing without a scratch.

Hardly had he abandoned the plane, however, when the motor began to function and the ship flew unguided over half a mile before it took a header and fell to the ground. The wreck burst into flames and although pilot Brown got to it as quickly as possible he was able to save only twelve pouches of his cargo of mail. As considerable of the mail he carried was registered and valuable it is quite likely the loss is considerable. Brown left Cleveland, Ohio, at 1:25 a. m. for New York and passed over DuBois about 2:30 o'clock. After passing DuBois the pilot noticed that the gas tank in one wing was almost empty and he attempted to transfer a portion of the load from the other wing to the empty container. But the gas line was clogged and it was only a question of a few minutes until the motor began to sputter. The plane went into a dive and to save his life Brown jumped. He was the first man at his plane after it crashed and worked valiantly to save as much of the mail as possible. He later walked to a farm house and telephoned an account of his experience to Cleveland. Later in the day a postal inspector was sent from Altoona to the scene of the wreck to determine as far as possible the extent of the loss in mail matter.

DR. BEACH WILLS BOOKS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The will of the late Dr. Robert Mills Beach was filed for probate during the week. Included in his possessions was a large and extremely valuable library, the result of a life's work in collecting books. In his will he directs that his widow shall have first choice of any and all books she may care to keep. After she has made her selection a certain number of volumes are bequeathed to Bryn Mawr College. The bulk of his library is then left in trust to the burgess and borough council of Belleville for the establishment of a public library. In the event, however, that no library be established at the expiration of ten years then the books shall go to the public library of Springfield, Mass.

Dr. Beach left no real estate but personal property specified at \$12,800. This is left in trust to the First National bank of Belleville for care and investment, the income from which is to be paid monthly to his widow up to a specified sum, and any balance, if there should be any, to be divided between a niece and nephew.

NEW COACH SIGNED FOR BELLEFONTE ACADEMY.

Syl V. Pautis, of Wilkes-Barre, was signed up, on Saturday, by headmaster James R. Hughes, as athletic coach at the Belleville Academy next year to succeed coach "Jakie" Bohren who will go to Hobart College. Pautis, who was an Academy visitor on Saturday, was selected from a large list of applicants from various States. He is a graduate of Dickinson College where he was one of the stars on the football team. Since his graduation he has coached at Conway Hall, of Carlisle, Bethlehem Prep, Tome Institute, Wyoming Seminary, an assistant at Dickinson College and last year at Penn Military Academy. His brother is a member of the coaching staff of the University of Pennsylvania. Pautis is unmarried and about thirty-one years of age. He will come to the Academy in the late summer in time for the opening of football training.

A BELLEFONTE GIRL IN SAXOPHONE SEXTET.

Miss Ruth Miller, born in Belleville, is a member of the Saxophone sextette that will play in the Evangelical church in this place next Sunday morning. The sextette is from the Evangelical orphanage at Lewisburg and is said to be quite an expert musical organization. They will play in the Evangelical church at Howard on Sunday evening. Special services are to be held in the church here on Sunday and these, with the unusual musical features, should make them very interesting for all.

Shortly afternoon, on Wednesday, a candle under a gas refrigerator in the apartment of George T. Bush, in the Bush Arcade, fell over and started a fire which resulted in calling out both fire companies. The firemen were able to extinguish the blaze with chemicals before it got much of a start, though it did look a little threatening in its early stages.

MUSIC WEEK PROGRAM IN THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Monday night, the opening night of Music week activities, the program will start promptly at 7:30. There will be classes in sight reading in music by the second grade pupils of the Belleville public schools and a cantata, "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," by the two fifth grades, and "Rip Van Winkle" by the sixth and seventh grades of both buildings, and four-part choruses of the two eighth grades. No admission.

On Tuesday night at 8:15 P. M. in the High school auditorium, the Senior class of the commercial department of the Belleville High school will produce a three act farce "Poor Father." Impersonation of the male characters by the girls of the class adds attraction to the production. The play will be directed by Mrs. Alberta Krader.

A special feature of this play will be: Peggy Stouck, eleven years of age, pupil of Ned Wayburn Studios, New York, who will put on acrobatic and tap dances, including a military buck routine. Peggy has just returned from New York where she took additional advanced work. She will appear at Allentown, June 11th, at the ball of the grand chapter session Order of the Eastern Star. Also will appear in the annual recital revue of the Ned Wayburn Studios to be held June 14th at the Hecksher theatre, New York City.

This feature alone is worth the price of admission—35c. Proceeds of the play to be used for educational trip to Gettysburg.

"VAGABOND KING" COMING TO RICHELIEU NEXT WEEK.

When a stage production is rendered upon the audible screen it is natural to draw a comparison. But in the case of "the Vagabond King" which opens at the Richelieu Monday and continues Tuesday and Wednesday, a comparison is a paltry means of expressing the glamorous wonderment of this marvelous screen version.

Dennis King, as the master of the sword, the leader of the vagabonds, the redeemer of Paris and the captor of a princess' heart leaps into the very front rank of romantic actor-singers of the cinema in his "Vagabond King." Warner Bros., Vitaphone the poet-hero of "the Vagabond King."

Here is a picture so bewilderingly wonderful, what with its gorgeous technicolor treatment throughout, its powerful plot, stupendous sets, breath-taking action, romantic glamour and musical richness, both in the singing and orchestral departments, that the poor critic, abetted merely by the meagreness of the printed word, cannot even begin to tell you how "swell" it all is. All he can tell you is, go see it—three or four times.

"GENERAL CRACK" AT THE STATE

America's most distinguished star, John Barrymore, whose voice has charmed two continents on the stage, speaks from the screen for the first time as the star of "General Crack," Warner Bros., Vitaphone special which will be shown at the State all next week, one show daily at 8:15.

MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM FEATURES AT PENN STATE.

More than a thousand parents of students at the Pennsylvania State College are expected to be guests of the College on May 10, the Saturday preceding national Mother's Day, and at the chapel exercises on Sunday morning when Dr. Henry H. Tweedy, of Yale University, will be the speaker. The College will be assisted in entertaining the mothers by the Association of Parents of Penn State.

In addition to a campus tour visiting parents will be guests at a tea in the women's building in the afternoon and later attend the crowning of the May Queen, one of the annual outdoor fetes given by the college women. Miss Mary Woodring, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kline Woodring, of Belleville, was honored by being chosen their Queen by her fellow co-ed at State several weeks ago. In the afternoon there will be a track meet with the University of Pittsburgh, and in the evening the Penn State Players will present "Skidding," a comedy of American family life.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE.

Mrs. George Miller's flower sale for Mother's day will exceed in variety, of both cut flowers and potted plants, any she has heretofore held. Early orders from out-of-town patrons will receive prompt attention. Sale at Miller's hardware store, Saturday, May 10, 8-2t.

We would advise any who have not seen it to go to see "General Crack," which will be the all week offering at the State theatre next week. We know whereof we speak when we say it is one of the most interesting pictures we have ever seen. "The Vagabond King" which will be shown at the Richelieu, next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, is also exceptionally good entertainment.

UNLICENSED DOG OWNERS ARRESTED AND FINED.

Dog owners in Spring township learned to their sorrow last week, that it does not pay to keep a dog about the place unless he or she is wearing a license tag. Just how many of them learned the lesson we have been unable to determine. Reports on the exact number vary. Some put it as high as two hundred while others state it was less than two dozen. Be the number what it may, however, it cost some of them \$10.25 in fine and costs in addition to paying for a license.

Up to the beginning of last week over a thousand less dog licenses had been issued in Centre county this year than were put out in 1929. Whether it was this decided disparity in numbers or for some other reason has not been definitely made public, but early last week a representative of the animal bureau in the State Department of Agriculture made his appearance in Spring township and proceeded to round up the owners of unlicensed dogs. They were all notified to appear before a justice of the peace for a hearing.

Squire J. L. Tressel had fifteen cases and the fine and costs in each case were \$10.25. The Squire also informed the writer that there were others, but he didn't know how many, who were taken before other justices. So far as could be learned neither of the Belleville justices got any of them.

It is also reported that the roundup is to continue throughout the county. The Spring township arrests created a sudden demand for dog licenses at the county treasurer's office, and to avoid arrest all owners of unlicensed dogs had better get a license at once or dispose of the dog.

MORRISDALE YOUTH SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Henry Shimmel, seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Shimmel, of Morrisdale, is a patient in the Philipsburg State hospital terribly burned as the result of a powder explosion. Shimmel accompanied John Neff, a youth about his own age, to a small powder magazine, on Sunday afternoon, when the latter went there to get a supply of carbide for use on Monday in his work in the mines.

Shimmel went into the magazine with Neff and picked up an open keg of powder, spilling some on the floor. He then struck a match and against the expostulations of Neff applied the flame to the spilled powder. The burning of the latter ignited the powder in the keg and a terrific explosion followed. Shimmel was enveloped in flames and all the clothing was burned from his body. He was rushed to the Philipsburg hospital where everything possible is being done to ease his suffering, but his condition is considered gravely serious.

Neff was painfully burned on the hands and face but his condition is not regarded as serious.

SAUNDERS DAY OBSERVED BY UNION GRANGE.

At the regular meeting of Union Grange, at Unionville, last Friday evening, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Blaney were obligated in the first and second degrees, which was followed by a literary program in celebration of William Saunders day. Those who took part were the worthy lecturer, Mrs. A. F. Showers, C. Houtz, Mrs. K. M. Alexander, F. Sanderson, Mrs. R. Hall and Mrs. G. W. Holt. Jean Alexander sang a solo and Josephine Alexander gave a recitation, "The Gray Raccoon." A forsythia, crimson rambler and white rose were planted by Mr. and Mrs. C. Houtz in memory of Mr. Saunders.

"Good health" day will be observed on May 9th with a playlet to be given by the children, which promises to be quite entertaining. Light refreshments will also be served.

Sheet-Cain—Benjamin F. Sheetz, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Sheetz, of Howard, and Miss Anna M. Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cain, of Belleville, were married on Monday, April 21st, by Rev. F. R. Husler, at his residence in Lock Haven. The young couple will make their home in Howard where the bridegroom, an industrious young man, conducts a job printing office.

Sweitzer-Watson—Walter Sweitzer and Miss Arametta Irene Watson, both of Belleville, were married on Wednesday afternoon, before the altar of the Methodist church, by the pastor, Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, the ring ceremony being used. The young couple were attended by the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Martha S. Fanning, of Belleville.

The Anthracite Bridge company, of Scranton, has been awarded the State contract for building a new bridge over the Bald Eagle creek, at Milesburg, at its bid of \$40,631. L. R. Mathieu, of Altoona, has been awarded the contract for constructing 86-100 of a mile of concrete highway and grading 1.75 miles in Potter township for \$99,286. The work will be started as soon as possible.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harry Walkey has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Harold Johnson, who arrived here from West Pittston Sunday.

Mrs. H. Laird Curtin went to Atlantic City, yesterday, to spend a part of the month of May at the Shore, hoping by the change to completely recover from her recent illness.

Mrs. Charles R. Beatty is in Pittsburgh, having gone out yesterday to spend several days at her former home there. Both Mr. and Mrs. Beatty's families are residents of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Charles R. Kurtz drove to Virginia, this week, to meet her daughter Lois, a student at Fairfax Hall, who will accompany her mother back to Belleville to attend a dance at Penn State.

Mrs. James K. Barnhart went up to Syracuse, yesterday, to serve as a patroness at a house party at the fraternity of which her daughter, Eleanor, is a member and student of music at the University of Syracuse.

Mrs. Violet Barnhart Morris, who came to Belleville early in the year, to be with the family during her father's last illness, returned to New York, Wednesday, to resume her nurse's training work at the Mount Sinai hospital.

Mrs. M. Ward Fleming will go to Butler tomorrow for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Miller. Butler being Mrs. Fleming's girlhood home, it has been her custom to make frequent visits back with her home people and friends.

D. L. Sommerville, of Jersey Shore, spent yesterday in town with his brother John S. Sommerville and other relatives and friends here. Don appears to be fully recovered from the very serious illness he came through some months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Reiter, and their children, stopped in Belleville for a short time, Sunday to see a few of their many friends, driving here from their present home at Cumberland, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Reiter left Belleville early last fall.

Miss Caroline M. Valentine returned to Belleville, the early part of the week, to open her house for the summer. Miss Valentine spent the winter in Bermuda, coming to Philadelphia a month ago, where she had been at "The Colonial" since that time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller had as dinner guests last week, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mallalieu, of Williamsport, who, with their daughters Helen and Martha Jane Craigie, drove up from Williamsport for the day. The Mallalieu family were former residents of Belleville.

Miss Ruth Glenn, a graduate of the Thompson business college, of York, Pa., and who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, will leave on Sunday, for York where she is in the employ of the A. B. Farquhar Company, manufacturers of farm machinery, boilers, etc.

Mrs. Blanche Fauble Schloss, who has been spending ten days in Belleville while Mr. and Mrs. Irvin G. Noll were on a vacation drive to Canada, was the guest of honor last week at a dinner given by Mrs. Adolph Fauble, at the Brouckhoff House and also at a card party given by Mrs. Charles R. Kurtz, at her home on east Linn street.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Landis, of Lewistown, with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Landis, of Belleville, as driving guests motored to Berwyn Saturday, for a visit with Mr. Landis' sisters, the Misses Ida and Bessie Landis. The Landis family are natives of Belleville, but left here a number of years ago to make their home near Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wetzel drove from Buffalo, Saturday, to join in the birthday celebration given for Mr. Wetzel's mother, Mrs. Henry Wetzel, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Millard Hartwick. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoffer and their family, of Belleville, and Mr. and Mrs. Pifer and their family of Howard, were included in the list of guests who were at the Hartwick home for the day with Mrs. Wetzel.

Dr. W. T. Hunt, of Huntingdon, who has been in charge of Dr. Sear's practice since the latter's death, a year or more ago, is now arranging to spend three months in the clinics of Vienna; expecting to sail the middle of next month. Dr. Hunt is the only son of W. T. and Mabel Woodring Hunt, of Renovo, and although very recently out of medical college is already recognized throughout Central Pennsylvania as an authority on the head and throat.

Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, pastor of the Belleville Methodist Episcopal church, has accepted an invitation to address the Kiwanis club, of Philipsburg, at noon on Thursday, May 8th, at the club's Mother's day observance.

Miss Annie Gray returned to her home at Benora, early in April, from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Thompson, at Evanston, Ill., to find that some one had helped themselves to all her chickens. The chickens were to be cared for by a neighbor, during Miss Gray's absence but disappeared the second day she left.

G. W. Ward, of Pittsburgh, and his nephew, Bert Ward, of Pine Grove Mills, were Belleville visitors Tuesday afternoon. G. W. has been visiting his old haunts up in Ferguson township for three weeks and will spend a day or so more there before going back home. He does contract carpentering out in Pittsburgh but says there is no need for hurrying home because things are flat as a flounder out there. His splendid appearance would indicate that he has been doing no worrying about that, however. Among Mr. Ward's souvenirs is a receipt for subscription to the Watchman given to his father, in 1858, and signed by Seely and Barnhart, the then owners of the paper. That was three years before P. Gray Meek bought it.

In the debating contest between eight schools in central Pennsylvania, held at Juniata College, at Huntingdon last Saturday, Belleville High lost out by a meagre 23 points, Williamsburg High capturing first position, Belleville was second, but as "seconds" do not count our local debaters are now out of the race for good, although they made a very creditable showing.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING.

The regular meeting of the woman's club was held in the H school building Monday evening with Mrs. R. S. Brouse presiding.

Under the work of the Welfare committee, Mrs. Emerick, the club man, reported need of special work among children whose parents are financially unable to have it done. However, owing to lack of funds no definite action taken by the club. The straggling nuisance was again a subject of discussion, in the matter of which the women were assured that Burgess and council are cooperating in an effort to rid the town of this annoyance. The club's annual donation was voted for hospital as was also one to Wilkes farm, a project sponsored by the State Federation of woman's clubs.

At the close of the business session, Miss Mary H. Linn gave most instructive talk on "The Ginning of Centre County." Miss Linn's treatment of the subject, care, time and effort in getting together reliable facts, will no doubt give her paper a place in the story of the county. Miss Linn presented her talk with an appeal for the proper spelling of Centre.

ALLEGED FORGER IN CENTRE COUNTY JAIL.

Landen Shreckengast, of Loganton, Centre county, is in the Centre county jail in default of \$1000 ball on the alleged charge of attempting to pass two forged checks in Pennsylvania. Shreckengast has been working on the farm for LeBechtel, near Penn Hall, and April 19th attempted to get a check for \$500 cashed at the Penna Banking company, at Centre. The check was forged. Later he attempted to pass the same check at Homan's garage, and the same morning he tried to pass another check for \$500 at Rebersburg. He was arrested on Monday of last week and at a hearing before Squire Jamison, at Spring Mills, was set in \$1000 ball for trial at court. Being unable to give bond he was sent to jail.

MISS WEAVER WILL DO PUBLIC STENOGRAPHY.

Owing to the indisposition of former Judge Ellis L. Orvis, who makes it rather uncertain as to just when he will be back in law offices in Temple Court, E. B. Weaver, for many years capable stenographer of the Judge Orvis offices, will do public stenography work.

She can be reached at the phone 506, and will be glad to do any work of this sort that you may have to do.

It is needless to add that it will be well done.

The American Lime Stone company are making preparations to put off a tremendous bomb in their quarry at Mount Union.

They have a rock face almost a hundred feet in height and drilled sixteen 6-inch holes 16 feet deep. Several carloads of powder and dynamite will be used in the blast which is expected to dislodge a quarter of a million tons of rock. According to preliminary plans the blast will be put off about May 15th, and railroad highway officials as well as prominent men throughout the State will be invited to see the explosion.

Rev. J. O. C. McCracken closed a ten year's pastorate of the Presbyterian church, at Juniata Blair county, on Sunday, and week moved to Export, Westmoreland county, where he will be pastor of the Presbyterian church. Rev. McCracken was born and raised in Ferguson township, Centre county. During his ministry he has served twenty years as pastor of a church in Johnstown ten years at Juniata. His work in both places has been fraught with success and he has gone to Export with sanguine hopes for the future.

The Dickinson Seminary will be the opponents of the Belleville Academy baseball team, Hughes field, tomorrow. Game will be called promptly at two o'clock p. m., and the price of admission will be 50 cents. The Academy boys are playing good ball, having won both games played so far, one against the Boal Troop nine the score of 3 to 0, and the one Saturday against the Pittsburgh Collegians of Johnstown, 8 to 6. Out tomorrow afternoon and see boys in action.

Two boys stole the car of E. Lane from in front of Lane home, on Allegheny street Belleville, Saturday night, and Sunday the car was found on Locust street. One of the boys who stole the car was thirteen-year-old die Sweitzer, and he has been placed in charge of the juvenile court officer.

Belleville Grain Markets

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and Price. Includes entries for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Buckwheat.