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For Representative in General Assembly JOHN G. MILLER of Ferguson Township.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items from the Watchman issue of August 13, 1880.

—Dr. Tanner concluded his fast of forty days at noon last Saturday. Immediately he started to eat voraciously. First he gulped a peach. Then ate nearly a whole water melon. He drank large quantities of milk and wine and chewed up a beefsteak, swallowing only the juice, however. His is a strange case. In defiance of all the theories of medicine he survived the forty days on nothing but water. Then, heedless of the advice of other physicians interested in his feat, he started in to shatter all their beliefs that he would be able to safely take food in only the smallest quantities until his long unused organs again accustomed themselves to functioning.

—Former Governor William Bigler died at his home in Clearfield, Monday morning, August 9, at 9 o'clock. He was born at Shermansburg, Cumberland county, in 1813. In 1830, or at the age of seventeen, he entered the printing office of his brother John, in this place, and resided here three years while helping his brother publish "The Centre Democrat."

—It was hot as cat fat all day last Sunday.

—The face of Mr. Francis Murphy, the great temperance apostle, is already a very familiar one on our streets. He is friendly and courteous and even the little boys are making up to him fast.

—The store of Lucas Bros., in Howard, was broken into one night last week and robbed of goods valued between \$100.00 and \$200.00.

—A spring wagon in which were seated Miss Maggie Sweeney and a boy driver, from Pleasant Gap, came apart on the east end of the High street bridge on Tuesday forenoon. Both its occupants were precipitated to the street, but as the horse did not become rambunctious no one was hurt.

—The barn on the farm of Mr. Van Tries, in Pennsylvania, on which George Swabb resides, was struck by lightning Wednesday afternoon and entirely demolished. All of this season's crop as well as a lot of old corn went up in the flames.

—Francis Murphy has been holding temperance meetings in the court house every night this week and it is assured that he will remain in town all of next week, too. Great crowds greet him every night. He is such a fine, friendly man that he is having many more sign the pledge than was expected. On Tuesday night his success was almost unbelievable and people rubbed their eyes when several noted wine-bibbers and scores of young men and boys trooped up the aisles of the court house to "swear off."

—Mrs. Martha Irvin, widow of the late Dr. Irvin, and sister of ex-Governor Curtin and also of Constans and the late Roland Curtin, died at her home in Lancaster last Friday. Her body was brought here Saturday night and buried from the home of Mrs. Eliza Curtin on Sunday afternoon.

—One night last week some ill disposed person or persons mutilated the large and venerable willow tree at Mrs. McBride's corner, Allegheny and Bishop streets. The tree is a landmark, but the vandals cut off its largest limb. Just what it was done for no one seems to know. Nor is there any suspicion as to who might have done it.

—The Shiloh Cemetery association requests all persons having lots in the cemetery or relatives buried therein to meet there on Thursday, August 14th, at 9 o'clock and assist in the work of straightening tombstones, lowering corners and leveling up graves and lots, thus beautifying one of the oldest burying grounds in the county.

COWAN.—James P. Cowan, a steam shovel operator in the employ of the Chemical Lime company, died at the Centre County hospital, at 3:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon as the result of an attack of angina pectoris. He became ill shortly after nine o'clock in the morning and was rushed to the hospital but failed to respond to treatment and died within six hours.

Cowan was born at Mauston, Wisconsin, on August 7th, 1873, hence was not quite 57 years old. For twenty years past he had been a resident of Juniata, near Altoona, where the family still lives. He was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic church and Altoona council no. 551 Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife and six children, Miss Catherine, a member of the staff of the McKeesport Journal; Grace, Josephine, Bernadine, James and Jeanne Marie, all at home. He also leaves two brothers at the old home in Wisconsin.

The remains were taken to his home in Juniata, on Saturday, and funeral services were held in the Catholic church at Juniata, at 9 o'clock Monday morning, by Rev. Bernard Conley. Burial was made at Lilly.

LINGLE.—Lycurgus Lingle, well known retired farmer, died at his home in Centre Hall on Tuesday afternoon, following an illness of several weeks.

He was a son of James and Marcella Malone Lingle and was born at Eagleville on March 12th, 1859, hence was 71 years, 4 months and 24 days old. When a boy his father moved to Boggs township and he lived there until upwards of forty years ago when he engaged in farming in Potter township, an occupation he followed until his retirement a number of years ago.

In March, 1894, he married Miss Jennie Boal who survives with one son, James B., of Marshallton, Del. He also leaves two grand daughters, Janet and Ruth Lingle, as well as the following brothers and sisters: E. P. Lingle, of Lemont; Harry, of Port Arthur, Tex.; Charles, of Pittcairn; Mrs. F. L. Wetzler, Mrs. John Weaver and J. B. Lingle, of Milesburg.

Funeral services will be held at his late home in Centre Hall at three o'clock this afternoon, burial to be made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

ROTE.—Mrs. Chestie Lavinia Rote, widow of the late James L. Rote, passed away at 1:30 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, at the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. George Geisinger, at Coleville, following thirteen week's illness with stomach trouble and other complications.

She was a daughter of William and Mary Garbrick and was born at Zion on November 5th, 1853, hence was in her 77th year. She married Mr. Rote when a young woman and ever since had been a resident of Coleville. She was a member of the United Brethren church for many years and during her active life a regular attendant. Mr. Rote died six years ago but surviving her are two sons and a daughter, Charles Rote, of Pennsylvania, N. J.; Clayton, of Coleville, and Mrs. Richard Black, of State College. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Showers, of Zion.

Funeral services were held in the United Brethren church at 1:30 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, by Rev. William Snyder, burial being made in the Bellefonte Union cemetery.

SHALCROSS.—Mrs. Mae Miller Shalcross, wife of Thomas W. Shalcross, of Bellefonte, passed away at midnight, Sunday, at the Geisinger hospital, Danville, where she had been taken just three days previous for treatment for a heart affection with which she had suffered for some time.

She was a native of Elkton, Md., but before coming to Bellefonte about four years ago had lived for some years in Wilmington, Del. She is survived by her husband, one son, Samuel Shalcross, of Bellefonte, and two daughters, Mrs. Sidney Swinbell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Kathryn, who has just completed the course at an art school in Philadelphia.

She was a member of the Methodist church and Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs had charge of the funeral services which were held at her late home on West Linn street, at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning. The same afternoon the remains were taken to Elkton, Md., where burial was made on Wednesday.

MILLER.—George Pennington Miller, a native of Centre county, died at his home at Pittcairn, on Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, following several week's illness with gall and bladder trouble.

He was a son of Abram V. and Jane Potter Miller and was born at Pleasant Gap on October 1st, 1871, hence was in his 59th year. He went to Pittcairn some fifteen or twenty years ago where he has been in the employ of the Westinghouse Electric company. He married Miss Jennie Noll, of Pleasant Gap, who survives with two children, Thomas and Jane. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. James Blythe, of California. Funeral services were held and burial made at Pittcairn on Wednesday morning.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT GRANGE PARK NEXT WEEK.

The Grange leadership conference looms up in advance of the fair next week. It will open on Grange park Tuesday morning, August 12th, and the Grange people of Centre county should avail themselves of this privilege and attend the sessions. Delegates and visitors will be there from probably every county in the State, in some cases groups as large as thirty coming from one county alone. They will live in the tents used by campers during fair week, and participate in the many splendid activities which have been planned by leaders in Grange and rural work.

Centre county is very fortunate, indeed, to be able to secure this State conference and it is only the suitability of Grange park for the purpose that has brought it in the past and again this year. Outstanding speakers have been secured, the leading one of which will be Louis J. Taber, master of the National Grange, and a man of national fame and importance as the heart of the great organization. He will speak in the auditorium on Tuesday evening and should have a large audience. Other speakers and leaders of men and women who are able to give instruction and training along many lines of interest and importance to rural and small-town people will be there. Things that will go a long way toward increasing the value of the Grange to the community. The program will be full and interesting for every day and evening.

The evening sessions will be free to everybody.

While this conference is in progress there will be no let up in the preparation for the great fair which opens Saturday, August 23rd. Many tents will be erected this week, buildings and equipment put in proper condition for necessary use. Concession and machinery representatives are eagerly seeking the most favorable locations for their respective exhibits or places of business and these two departments promise to be full to the point of crowding.

Play rehearsals have reached a stage where criticism must be careful and distinctive. Bands are practicing and ball teams testing out their players for the great days in view.

GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD ON TYRONE COURSE.

The annual tournament of the Central Counties Golf Association of Pennsylvania will be held on the Tyrone course August 13th to 16th, inclusive.

Medal play of 18 holes will open the tournament August 13th and those who wish to qualify may do so on either the 13th or 14th. The first round of match play will get under way at 8:30 a. m., on the following day, August 15. The second round for all sixteens and beaten eights will get started at 12:30 p. m. on the same day. The semifinals of all sixteens and beaten eights will open at 9:0 a. m., August 16, with the finals about 1:00 p. m.

Dr. Grover Glenn, Centre Hills Country club, won the medal at Phillipsburg last year and Charles Morrill, also of Centre Hills, was the winner of the tournament. Centre Hills club also won the team honors for having the lowest team score.

Many beautiful and useful prizes will be given to the winners of the different sixteens. The prizes are very valuable and include suede windbreakers, golf bags, small leather bags, small trunks, golf shoes, and many other useful golf accessories. Besides the regular prizes there will be special prizes given during the qualifying days. To the three lowest scores made by members of each club, 10 gallons of Mobilgas will be given free. It will not be necessary to place in any of the sixteens to win any of the Mobilgas prizes. The last qualifier in each sixteen will receive a pair of Sandshus. A cup will be given to the club having the lowest team score.

TAX SALES POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22nd.

Seated land sales advertised by county treasurer Lyman L. Smith to take place at the court house, last Monday, were postponed until September 22nd, because of injunction proceedings instituted, on Saturday, by J. V. Bowers, of Phillipsburg, on behalf of himself and all others interested.

In his statement to the court Mr. Bowers claims the law is unconstitutional. The act was not signed by Governor Fisher until May 9th, whereas the taxes sought to be collected under it by the sale of properties had been laid in January and February, several months before the law became effective.

Judge Fleming granted the injunction and set Monday, August 25th, as the day for argument. He also ordered that the tax sale be postponed until such time as a court decision has been handed down in the proceedings.

Next Monday fifteen young folks, members of the Epworth League of the local Methodist church, will start for Newton Hamilton to join in the ten day institute and training camp in session there.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL NEWS.

—Miss Grace Rine, of west High street, has as guest this week her aunt, Mrs. Anna Rine, of Altoona.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Horne drove over from Phillipsburg, Friday, the day being spent with Mrs. Horne's friends in Bellefonte.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Phillips and Mrs. W. N. Straw, of Harrisburg, spent the week-end in Bellefonte, at the home of Mrs. Straw's father, James H. Rine.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Wagner are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Elliot Lyon Morris and her two children, Barbara and Elliot Jr., of Searcy, Arkansas.

—Mrs. Joseph Klump, of Overbrook, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Furst, was here with Mr. Klump for a week-end visit with Mrs. Austin O. Furst.

—The Alexander Morrisons, of Howard street, have had among their recent guests, Mrs. Morrison's sister, Miss Ellen Wilson, of Philadelphia, who was in Bellefonte for ten days.

—Miss Margaret Brockerhoff has been here for a week, having come up from Philadelphia Friday for a vacation visit with her uncle and brother, Dr. Joseph and Henry Brockerhoff, at the Brockerhoff home on Bishop street.

—Miss Bertha Laurie will arrive here from New York, Tuesday morning, for her annual ten day's summer visit back home. During her stay Miss Laurie will be a house guest of Mrs. George R. Meek and Mrs. J. M. Curtin.

—Miss Anna M. Mulholland, dean of the housemothers at the Methodist home for children, Mechanicsburg, Pa., is staying for ten days with her "homefolks," Rev. and Mrs. Horace Lincoln Jacobs at the Methodist manse on Howard street.

—Miss Beatrice Noll, of Pleasant Gap, and Miss Betty Nelly, of Gettysburg, both graduate nurses of the Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, are spending a ten day's vacation at the home of Miss Noll's father, W. H. Noll, at the Gap.

—Edward Love, of Breckenridge, was among the visitors to Bellefonte this week, having come in with his mother, Mrs. John Love, who had been his guest for some time. John Love, of Altoona, was also home on a visit within the week.

—Mrs. Harold Londo and her daughter, Rosemary, with Mrs. Londo's sister, Miss Martha Bezer, arrived here from week from Green Bay, Michigan, expecting to be in Bellefonte for the month of August, with the child's grandmother, Mrs. J. W. Bezer.

—Mrs. Louis Grauer and her granddaughter, Millicent Payne, are among those from Bellefonte who are at the Shore for a part of August, having left Sunday, for a stay there and for a visit with Mrs. Grauer's sisters and her son, Edward, in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. C. D. Casebeer will join her daughter, Betty, at Avalon, N. J., on the 18th of the month, for a two week's stay and to make the trip back home spending the months of July and August at a girl's ocean camp.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holobaugh returned to Bellefonte, Tuesday, after spending a part of the week with friends in Austin, Potter county. During their absence, Evelyn Irvin, of Akron, who is visiting in Centre county, was with her grandmother, Mrs. Washington Irvin.

—Mrs. Robert Wray, who was in Bellefonte during the week, came in from Cleveland to bring her daughter Jane, for a visit with Mrs. Wray's mother, Mrs. Sarah Brown, before the latter returns home to Cleveland. Mrs. Brown is in Bellefonte for the summer, living in one of the Sim Baum apartments.

—Leaving last Friday in their car Mr. and Mrs. Myron M. Cobb, their daughter Doris and son Junior, drove to Norwich, N. Y., where they spent the first week of Mr. Cobb's vacation. Today they will go to Factoryville, Pa. Mrs. Cobb's former home, for the second week and from there return to Bellefonte late next week.

—Dr. Grover C. Glenn, of State College, and Mrs. Glenn, will leave Sunday, to go to Canada, hoping that two weeks on the trails and streams of the Canadian woods will avoid the attack of hay fever to which Dr. Glenn is subject at this season. Their daughter and son will accompany their parents, but will spend the time in summer camps.

—M. F. Hazel Jr., went last Saturday to Oklahoma City to be field engineer for the Oil Well Supply company of Pittsburgh and Oil City. He was graduated from the Mechanical Engineering department of the Pennsylvania State College in June and from that time has been in Oil City until transferred to Oklahoma. Let us hope he gets in on some of those big gushers, for we've had all sorts of celebrities but never an oil baron: Its up to "Mike" to win the distinction!

—Friend J. Orvis Peters, of Stormstown, dropped in to see us on Monday. He came down merely to see what would happen at the much talked of tax sale that was scheduled for that day and, while he had no personal interest in the matter, seemed very happy that the whole scheme was busted up for the time being, at least. Mr. Peters is looking none the worse for the accident he met with some weeks ago when he was working corn. You know he is just helping his sons along with their big farming and dairying venture near Stormstown. The boys are an up-and-doing lot and they have their tractor harnessed up so that they can drive it with lines from the corn worker or hay wagon or whatever it might be drawing. This saves a man. Well, Mr. Peters was on the corn worker and the tractor started before he was ready, jerking him off. Before the combination could be stopped he was dragged through the field quite a distance. While he was severely shocked no serious injury was suffered and, after lying awhile, was able to get up and proceed home on his own power.

—On Tuesday morning water superintendent J. D. Seibert placed a fire hydrant on the east end of Curtin street and shortly after the noon hour firemen put it in use in fighting a brush and grass fire in the rear of the Bingham property. Several acres were burned over before the fire was extinguished.



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 widest latitude in incentive when the subject is this paper or its editor. Contributions will be signed or initialed, as the contributor may desire.—ED.

Tribute to Two Good Women.

New Castle, Pa., Aug. 3, 1930. Editor Watchman, Dear Sir:

No doubt the words enclosed please find check, as you have mentioned before, are pleasant ones to read.

**** It might interest you to know that the last words I had with Miss Ida Greene were after church on a Sunday morning some time ago. Upon inquiring as to her health she assured me that she was just as well as she looked and then, true to her nature, began to express concern for others whom she told me were suffering.

To some of us a few of her traits seemed peculiar and yet how many, under the same circumstances and mode of living, would pass the final examinations with colors flying as we feel "Miss Ida" must have done.

Perhaps a word of praise and admiration might be added here for another whose obituary appeared in the same issue and that was Aunt Crissie Tanner. She was a friend to many and loved by not a few.

With best wishes for your good paper, I am

Very sincerely PAULINE JOHNSTON STITZINGER.

The Watchman adds a fervent "Amen" to Mrs. Stitzinger's word of praise in memory of her aunt, Mrs. Tanner. Bellefonte had no more generally esteemed or beloved woman.—ED.

Who Remembers Barber Beck?

Huntingdon, Pa., July 22, 1930. Dear George:

Ever since you started your "Fifty Years Ago in Centre County" I have been very much interested. In your last one I almost remember some of the things mentioned and at that time I was just two years and four months old. Grandfather Keichline was a Democrat and Grandfather Wagner a Republican and when either one was at our home I had to wear a button of his choice, and I can remember that campaign between Hancock and Garfield—and he wasn't licked so bad either.

I would like to know if John Jarret's ear stayed put.

Barber Beck began to cut my hair about that time and how he could watch the street and at the same time do a fine job of haircutting was always a mystery to me. The personnel of Co. B is interesting—Corporal Jack Spangler and Sergeant William Fry—both Colonels now.

I have read the Watchman since childhood, at college, at Battle Creek, at Cairo, and every week since over in Huntingdon—and the number of people I meet who formerly lived in Centre county who look forward to its weekly visits make me feel we ought to form a

society.—The Democratic Watchman. I know of no other column that appeals to me more than your Ink Slings. I should hate to miss it. I'm glad of your opinion of Gifford and feel like you do to Senator Norris.

The Drys claimed prosperity due to the Prohibition Amendment and the Republicans promised the continuation of prosperity if Hoover were elected. I wonder what they blame the present depression on. I am not sorry I voted for Governor Smith, for the depression was coming, nothing could stop it. But am sure that he would have been able to better conditions and would have put teeth into Prohibition enforcement. His scheme was to strictly enforce it—not because he believed in it but to bring the thing to a climax.

Keep up your good work and maybe we can elect Hemphill and Sedge—stranger things have happened.

How long have father and Dr. Glenn had their professional cards in the Watchman?

With best wishes to you and yours

JOHN

Dr. Keichline is most generous in his praise of the Watchman. If it merits even a part of it we are justified in the "kick" we got out of reading his letter. The professional card of his distinguished father, John M. Keichline Esq., first appeared in the Watchman on December 11, 1874, and has run continuously since, over the period of nearly fifty-six years. So far as our records show the card of Dr. W. S. Glenn, of State College, appeared first in the Watchman in November, 1890. That was forty years ago.—ED.

WARNING AUTOMOBILE OWNERS AND DRIVERS.

The numerous complaints coming to me on account of the violation of the parking ordinance by cars and trucks, parking in sections where "No Parking" signs are installed, the double parking on the main streets, the parking in prohibited spaces marked for bus stops, compel me to call the attention of the public to these violations.

From now on all owners and drivers of automobiles and trucks are warned that this practice will not be tolerated any longer. The police department has been very lenient in the past in regard to parking, and it has been abused to such an extent that orders have been issued to the police officers to enforce the ordinance, and anyone not complying with the parking regulations will be dealt with accordingly. The police department has no objection to the loading or unloading of merchandise, but does object to the cars standing on the streets and blocking traffic when it is not necessary.

WARDMAN P. HARRIS, Burgess.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

S. Alfred Gibboney, of McAlleys' Fort, and Carrie M. Couch, of Sauburg.

Joseph Blazosky, of Phillipsburg, and Mary Kolena, of Hawk Run.

Ernest W. Force, of Grassflat, and Elsie Lapps, of Munson.

Carl H. Soder, of Grassflat, and Lydia Lapps, of Munson.

Earl Raymond Karns, of Akron, Ohio, and Catherine Helen Balaconie, of Osceola Mills.

Clearfield County FAIR DAY AND NIGHT Aug. 28---Sept. 1 Attractions For All Big Free Acts Every Day and Night Horse Show... Dog Show Dairy and Beef Cattle Show Flower Show... Poultry Show Swine Show... Horse Racing Horse Shoe Pitching... Base Ball Midway... Hicksville Band Penna. Department Agriculture Show Bigger and Better Farm Show The Big Days Thursday County School Day... Pupils and Teachers will be guests of Fair on this day. Free Acts. Midway will have Special Attractions for young and old. Friday Horse Races, Stock Judging, Free Acts, Base Ball—plenty to do every minute. Midway—the place for fun and frolic for all ages. Saturday Baseball, Free Acts, Horse Racing, County Grange Reunion, Fraternal Day, Famous Hicksville Band, Other Bands. Labor Day Harness and Running Races, Baseball, Political Booster Day, James J. Davis, Nominee for U. S. Senator, Hicksville Band, Baseball.