

NOTABLES AND BUSINESS LEADERS OF CENTRE COUNTY.

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GEORGE S. DENITHORNE

Mr. Denithorne is head of the important concern trading as the Bellefonte Engineering & Construction Co., fabricators of structural steel and builders of bridges, buildings, towers, trestles and miscellaneous structures.

This enterprise is making history in this community and is located on the highway about midway between Bellefonte and Milesburg. The large and imposing list of structures that stand to their credit is a mute evidence of their superior ability. An idea of the work done by them may be gleaned from the extensive equipment they use and the many men they continually keep busy in their work. That the public's confidence has been well placed in them has been proved by their actual performance and achievements. As head of this enterprise, Mr. Denithorne not only maintains the highest standard but he has enhanced it, and the business has been constantly on the increase. Mr. Denithorne was formerly identified with the Koppers Construction Co. of Pittsburgh, which specializes on building large by-products coke ovens and water gas plants. It is the largest industrial contracting concern in the world. In recent years Mr. Denithorne has been connected with the Medart company, St. Louis, Mo., manufacturers and engineers specializing in material handling, power transmitting and steel mill machinery. He came to Bellefonte several years ago and took over his present plant from Horatio S. Moore, one of the brightest engineers in the country. Mr. Denithorne has a host of friends in Pittsburgh as well as in Bellefonte. It must be a source of great satisfaction to be engaged in an occupation of such a highly constructive nature—to know that by one's work one is directly a potent factor in the upbuilding of the nation. Beside, every contract executed by this concern, no matter where has its benignant influence on local industrial and commercial advance. Mr. Denithorne is indeed a highly esteemed citizen and a mighty valuable one to our community.

W. HARRISON WALKER

In the hurly-burly of business, education and politics, represented by countless mercantile and manufacturing interests which abound in a well governed community, there is bound to be both friction and salve. The tempests are called forth and are allayed. The part the lawyer plays in this drama is of a soothing nature contrary to the view that lawyers create contention. The constructive ability of such a legal light as W. Harrison Walker must be regarded as one of the helpful influences which tend to make any community great. He is a lawyer in broad sympathy with the community's development. That is what makes up the character of the builder, and a man does not need bricks and mortar to build well if he is willing to give the best in his character and cement it with the best that is in others. It is instructive and necessary to contemplate the activity of the leading "business builders" of Bellefonte, of the quiet men who never carry a hod but who carry ideas in their head and strength of purpose in their hearts, and thus help to build a citadel which will withstand that which bricks and mortar never could. Mr. Walker is therefore not only a prominent lawyer but also a prominent citizen. His offices are in the Masonic Temple Bldg. and they are oft times a miniature court room for Mr. Walker more often than not acts as both attorney and judge in settling cases by arbitration instead of carrying them through expensive litigation in the courts and thus preserving the friendship of two citizens. Not every barrister can do that. The requirements are deeply rooted. Mr. Walker is immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club, is member of the committee of underprivileged children, chairman of the Penna. Distr. 1930 and member of the International committee, 1931.

HARRY E. DUNLAP

The duties of sheriff of a county the size of Centre County, is by no means a sinecure. It requires a man of many years experience as well as a man possessed of many other attributes such as fairness of mind, bravery of spirit and a willingness to weather the elements, no matter how inclement. The sheriff who attends strictly to his duties may be called out at any hour of the night, he may run afoul of the most desperate bandits; he may lose his life at any moment. Thus it may be seen that being a sheriff is not the easiest or most pleasant occupation. It requires a rugged type that is capable of meeting any exigency and the general public never fully appreciates the large part the sheriff plays in safeguarding its interests in more ways than one.

Offtimes a man or firm finds it impossible to collect a just debt and suit is instituted. In the event the debt is recognized by the courts, a judgment is entered and then it is up to the sheriff to see that the debt is satisfied. In fact, were we to attempt to catalogue all the services rendered by such a man as Sheriff Harry E. Dunlap, we would have to write columns. Sheriff Dunlap for years has been one of the most dependable and most highly esteemed men in Bellefonte. He has made for himself a host of friends because he has always evinced a fair and square method of dealing with his fellowmen. Since the advent of his administration of the office of sheriff, he has proved himself to be one of the ablest public servants Centre county has ever known. It is men of this type who are to be counted among the most valuable citizens in any community.

JOHN G. LOVE

The success of John G. Love in the field of law is the kind that will endure. A lawyer may be able to recite a tome of Blackstone backward from memory and to cite every legal precedent on record to influence the decision of the court; but if he is not possessed of a native brilliance, he will remain mediocre. These attributes are necessary to a district attorney for in this office one must cope with the best legal ability and sometimes be pitted against a battery of legal lights. Some district attorneys demand the greatest penalty in all cases, regardless of circumstances, for personal aggrandizement and political ambitions, instead of tempering their views with true justice.

Mr. Love has the viewpoint that his office is a public trust and not a machine to lift him to dizzy heights in the political arena, using unfortunate souls who have erred against society, as mere puppets to serve as stepping stones for personal advance. Not Mr. Love! If it is the prisoner's first offense and there seems good reason for condoning the offense, Mr. Love considers this. It is such fairness that makes Mr. Love so beloved and so feared at the same time, for the hardened criminal suffers from his unmitigated prosecution which is both thorough and effective, and after all such a man deserves political preferment all the more though he does not ask it. Mr. Love is likewise a mighty civic spirited citizen.

JAMES K. BARNHART

In watching the evolution of finance in its varied forms, the development of the modern bank is in itself a comprehensive study. Mr. James K. Barnhart is cashier of the First National Bank. He is likewise one of the ablest bankers in the State; and one need not be an exceptionally keen observer of facts to realize that it is institutions of this kind that develop a community into the hotbed of business. The depositors have been constantly growing in numbers and the dollars and cents measuring rod, by which the amount of deposits are ascertained, has also had to be lengthened each year. Then on the other hand, there are few enterprises in Bellefonte that have been of equal aid in fostering the expansion of worthy local concerns. Without taking anything away from his associates, Mr. Barnhart has been largely responsible for the constant growth and increasing prestige of this institution. He has a personality that makes friends for him wherever his duties carry him, and what is more important, those friendships endure because Mr. Barnhart is of the square-deal type of man who is always ready to give of his financial experience and keen judgment in advice to clients of the bank and to also give financial aid where the cause is worthy and where the interests of the bank are not jeopardized. In this way he has been "father confessor," as it were, on many occasions, when he has been a large factor in some local enterprise gapping a chasm that might otherwise have proved disastrous. It is such men who make any community the richer by their presence.

H. LEIGH EBRIGHT

Mr. Ebright is cashier of the First National Bank of Centre Hall. A prominent character in the community's annals, without intruding upon the attention of anyone who is not inclined to look at the picture presented by local financial activities, is the man who sits behind an important executive's desk in a prominent bank. He is all but hidden from view at times, behind that desk, and yet we have a right to meet our citizens once in awhile. So today we are calling upon Mr. Ebright. The story of this prominent citizen's life is simply told. Supplementary to an academic education, he acquired a schooling in financial and commercial affairs. That is an education of the kind which there can be no doubt, because the results show what a complete training it has been. To grow up with the world of high finance has been his privilege and he has made himself equal to it, through self-correction, education, observation and thought for every detail of the banking business. There can be no broader education than that. Mr. Ebright is just as zealous of the progress of Centre Hall as of his own business and nothing can rouse his enthusiasm more than to be active in some worthy movement for the community's improvement or for the welfare of his fellow citizens.

HENRY ERDLEY

A financial institution should become an inherent part of the community, working for its welfare and prosperity. From its inception, the First National Bank of Spring Mills has striven to justify the confidence placed in them. They handle financial requirements of the largest magnitude the same as the smallest savings account. Mr. Henry Erdley is the able president of this fiduciary institution and his well applied efforts and genius for matters financial, as well as his friendly personality, have done much to contribute toward the present influence and prosperity of this bank. We are therefore only too glad to mention his name prominently in this special department of this publication, for the one big reason that he so well deserves it. However if Mr. Erdley were asked the question, he would eagerly try to pass on the glory to everyone else but himself. That is the way with some people who have so many achievements to their credit. But a community does not find it hard to know a man because they base their opinion upon his actual performance and accomplishments. Mr. Erdley has achieved much and no one will care to deny that. Moreover he has been just as attentive to the local progress and civic pride as he has to the conduct of the bank and his own interests. That is a real citizen.

WALTER R. CLIFFE

Walter R. Cliffe manifested an intense interest in business early in life and he has worked diligently ever since, always trying to improve conditions; and it has been on account of the success of those desires that he has risen to the enviable position the present day finds him. Instead of beating at problems blindly, Mr. Cliffe has always gone prepared. His experience and ultimate attainments in the lime and stone business, in which he has had such a wealth of experience, are of a remarkably successful character, and it is this experience that contributes so largely to the high prestige enjoyed by the American Lime & Stone Company of Bellefonte, of which he is the able superintendent. Mr. Cliffe's success has not been the result of being acute or extremely clever, in the sense of being a so-called genius, nor has it been the result of enigmatical circumstances. It is one of those healthy successes that has come as the result of hard work and perseverance plus confidence and honesty. He has always been sure before going ahead. It is that kind of success that never graduates into failures. Mr. Cliffe is indeed the kind of citizen of which Bellefonte may well feel proud.

F. V. GOODHART

Wise people will not fail to face squarely the economic and business side of death, since in many cases it finds the family financially unprepared. F. V. Goodhart knows from long experience that those of limited means are just as worthy of these last rites being done properly, as is true of the well-to-do. Moreover he is an honorable mortician, true to the finest traditions, who gives a service that fills the requirements of every purse. Thus the family returns from the obsequies with a feeling of gratitude, knowing that the solemn business connected with a death has been handled with a dignity and smoothness that has robbed it of many of its terrors. Mr. Goodhart's funeral establishment is in Centre Hall where he has been for many years and his splendid methods have always been appreciated because his kindly words have oftentimes greatly lessened the burden. Mr. Goodhart is to be heartily commended for his generous attitude toward the community in which he is such a public spirited citizen. He also has a fine furniture store and you will find it well worth your while to visit it.

J. GROSS SHOOK

There must be a determined effort to reach a position of excellence and maintain it in spite of everything, or no such product as the Shook milk could exist. To establish a reputation for uniformity in the case of such a perishable commodity requires not merely system, but super-system. It is probable that the Shook Dairy Farm is inspected with more rigorous attention to cleanliness than would be absolutely necessary; but excessive care is a safer fault—if it can be so termed—than negligence. Sweet milk and cream, from the finest of Guernsey Dairy Cattle, and other allied dairy products, constitute the staples handled by Mr. Shook who is located in Spring Mills. He furnishes milk to the public, which can be depended upon as absolutely pure and hygienic. His dairy products are the first word in the mouth of the medical fraternity when prescribing a milk diet for infants or adults. Healthy people have just as much reason to be careful in selecting the kind of milk and cream they use if they want to stay healthy. The enormous amount of sales in Bellefonte and surrounding territory well testifies as to the popularity and real merits of the Shook product.

J. B. TURNER

One visit to Turner's store at Julian, reveals an array of merchandise of quality and value. J. B. Turner gives his customers the best that the market affords in the newest and most up-to-date goods at prices that are the best evidence that Mr. Turner knows the best sources of supply. This establishment is a credit to the community's mercantile standing and its reputation as a community of good merchants. Here we find none of that spirit of demanding a purchase. No one watches you every move to make you feel that you must buy. People are invited to come to this store and inspect the merchandise to their heart's content. When pleased, their patronage is appreciated, and if one is merely inspecting for a future purchase, every courtesy and welcome is extended. No wonder Turner's is a favorite shopping center and Mr. Turner such a popular merchant. It takes a genius to institute such admirable methods and principles and that man is worthy of both commendation and appreciation. Judging from the large patronage Mr. Turner is getting, that appreciation is something more than words too. His establishment is veritably an institution and one of which Mr. Turner has a right to feel proud.

I. R. BAUMGARDNER

There was a day when father and husband selected holidays as a good time to take home ice cream or a box of candy. But today that has changed and fathers and husbands have adopted the happy habit of treating the family in this manner every week or even more frequently. Then again it breaks the monotony to take the family for an exhilarating walk during the afternoon or evening and stopping off at Baumgardner's for a pleasant treat. There you will find the most delicious, purest ice cream, made of the finest, real cream and home made too. It is decidedly a home made product and not a company ice cream. Words are inadequate to describe the superiority of this cream. It has to be eaten to be appreciated. Then there is a nice line of candies and confections too, some loose and some boxed, all pure and delicious and priced right too. Then we should call attention to the courtesy found at this establishment. In a word there is everything here to make a visit enjoyable and satisfactory and it has been this splendid service and particular regard of their patrons that has made Mr. Baumgardner's business so very successful. That is also true of their soda fountain where the syrups are all pure as well as the other ingredients. It is a favorite rendezvous for particular people who want the best without paying anything extra for the best and much credit is due Mr. Baumgardner for all this.

ROBERT M. HOOD, SR.

Man shall not live by bread alone, and a halt must be called while running harnessed to the shafts of business. If tired of one thing, do another. Some of the biggest minds take to playing pool with enthusiasm. It brings into play all the cleverness and keenness of mind and eye that can be mustered. It is not a game of chance but requires judgment and self control. It is a remarkable developer of human skill, and when indulged in by those of genial spirit, it is one of the cleanest and most intriguing games extant. Mr. Hood's establishment is well known for its excellent service, location and equipment. Under his direction it has become one of the finest billiard parlors where business and professional men try to get away from the busy routine and bury themselves in harmless pastime. The more strenuous such life becomes, the more need for the shoals in mind and body. He indeed merits commendation for having always kept his establishment up to such a high standard.

C. F. DEITRICK

Interest in automobiles increases with each recurrent year and that goes with a bang for the organization headed by C. F. Deitrick located on West Bishop St. Bellefonte. He has found that people want an ideal car at the right price. He is giving it to them regardless of what price they want to pay for he handles two of the most famous automobiles extant, the Buick and Cadillac. Here we have the highest possible attainment in engineering ingenuity which has brought the upkeep down to a minimum. Aside from the economic feature of both of these cars, in their respective classes, their fine appearance have had much to do with their popularity. These cars are making automobile history and are leading in their price class 4-1 and in every State in the Union in sales; and the same may be said of Mr. Deitrick, that popular citizen who is selling them; for the community knows that there are few men in the entire community who have had as large an experience in the marketing of good cars backed by a dependable service. He has every facility for the repair of all cars. He has a complete stock of parts and his mechanics have been selected for their skill. Moreover his idea of a service station is to really give service at the lowest possible charge; that it should be conducted as an accommodation to Cadillac and Buick owners rather than a means of making a large profit. It is this same spirit that is prevalent in Mr. Deitrick's policy of running his entire business, which has done much to bring about his present enviable success.

AUBURN SALES AND SERVICE CO.

One may judge a man's ability by the concern of which he is head. The Auburn Sales and Service Co., of Pleasant Gap, headed by Mr. Shreffler, is making automobile history handling the famous Auburn cars. Mr. Shreffler has the advantage of a car of exceptional merit that appeals to a certain clientele that has a decided predilection for the best and nothing but the best. It is oftentimes said of such people that it is not a case of price when they make a purchase. But this is not at all true. The fact is, they are the most exacting people in the world with which to do business. They buy a quality product that does naturally cost more than the cheap grade, but they do so because they know they are getting more for their money in the long run, as well as the short run, than the fellow who spends half as much for his purchase. Seasonal cars may be all right for the chap who likes to turn them in every year; but he is paying a lot more in the end than the man who sports a high grade car that just does not wear out. Mr. Shreffler carefully studied all the advantages of the Auburn cars before he became a dealer and a few words of his advice and a proving demonstration will usually convince most any sensible person as to the logic of this reasoning.

WITMER GARAGE

No town of its size has more automobiles than Bellefonte, and vicinity. This means the necessity of many good garages. Among these none provides more advantages than the Witmer Garage at Axemenn, headed by Mr. Witmer. He has had many years of experience and knows what particular people want. What is more he knows how to give it to them. Moreover, judging by his large patronage he must be giving real service with a fair charge. The first man visitors meet is the garage man, and the impression they receive is the impression they get of the community. Much praise is due Mr. Witmer in this respect for he is always there with a smile and a courtesy and he is sincere and therefore it comes natural to him. It is therefore small wonder that he has so well succeeded in building up his business to its present proportions and the community gains by his methods in two ways—by enjoying the excellent service themselves and by seeing visitors so well treated that they go away with a kind word to everyone about the town. Moreover if you are caught on the road with a need of repairs, a phone call to 74-J-2 will bring an expert to the spot in short time and you will not have to mortgage the car to pay the bill either. This service is to be had day or night for this garage never sleeps.

EBERHART PLUMBING SHOP

Any community is the richer for the possession of a heating and plumbing engineer whose skill and experience is a guarantee of dependable service. The old saying that one gets exactly what one pays for, is particularly true of plumbing and heating and the cheapest job is oftentimes the most expensive in the end. A splendid example of a successful business because of fair and dependable service rendered, is Mr. Walter R. Eberhart who heads the Eberhart Plumbing Shop on Water St., Bellefonte. There is a man and a concern of which the community does well to patronize, for with every job entrusted is the satisfaction of knowing that the results will be all that is expected. It is work like that that makes a concern succeed and that places it in a position where it is almost in a class by itself.

Mr. Eberhart takes as much care with a small jobbing contract as he does to equip a row of houses. The small job, done well at the right price, may in future years lead to the big job. Treating everyone alike and giving full value, always pays, as is admirably evidenced in Mr. Eberhart's career, and for which he is justly entitled to much praise and credit. He is indeed one of Bellefonte's most representative business men and likewise one of its most estimable citizens.

MAYER BROS.

The miller has always been a most important man in any community, for he supplies the staff of life to the community and the people's health and hardiness depends upon the quality of flour he gives them, and they depend upon him as a clearing house for the grain from their farms, a source of livelihood that forms a large factor in the community's prosperity. Therefore it is fitting to give credit to the splendid manner in which Mr. A. L. Mayer guides the destinies of Mayer Bros. in doing service for the community and so large is its business that its products are shipped to many other territories, and so excellent are its products that a just fame has been reflected on Bellefonte thereby. Thus, through several avenues of activity, Mr. Mayer and his concern are of great benefit to this community. Moreover, so public-spirited is Mr. Mayer that one would just naturally expect him to be engaged in such a line of business, for he is never happy unless he is doing a service for someone. Mayer Bros. is indeed a leader par excellence.

CITY COAL YARD

By concentrating their efforts on filling orders promptly and efficiently, the City Coal Yard is putting more coal into the bins of Bellefonte than the average person could imagine. Thousands of tons are being delivered, keeping their full auto truck service going to capacity. Located opposite the R. R. Station they are busy at all hours of the day. Even in rush season, this concern, by reason of excellent equipment, never fails to give the same fine service. This may be attributed to the wealth of experience of Mr. O. G. Morgan who heads this successful enterprise, which covers many years of personal attention to every detail of the business. Thus the high prestige and enviable standing of this firm may be directly traced to his keen business acumen and high standards.

The same attention is given to an order for a ton or a carload, and only the best quality is handled. This is assured by Mr. Morgan's careful selection at the source of supply. That means good heat and less ash from every pound consumed and to this may be added positive weight of a full ton. Mr. Morgan has made a large success of this business and he well deserves the appreciation he is receiving in such tangible manner—that of constantly increasing patronage.