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FIFTY YEARS AGO

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Ira M. Packer and Miss Mary E. Robb, both of Curtin township, were married by Rev. G. P. Hartzell, at the residence of the bride's parents, on the 5th inst.

On March 30th Mr. Emanuel Noll and Miss Sarah C. Thomas, both of Milesburg, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian parsonage in that place by the Rev. W. O. Wright.

The Grand Circus, Royal English Menagerie and Astley's Museum will exhibit in Bellefonte Wednesday afternoon and evening, April 27th.

The April blizzards we have been having have brought out a lot of information about late springs of the past. Hon. M. Prescott Metcalf tells the Erie Observer that twenty-five years ago he hauled voters to the polls at the city election in Erie through a foot of snow and the election was held on May 25. Dr. Evans told us that he drove with his wife in a cutter from Franklin to Fryburg on May 13 and that the sleighing was really good.

Capt. Amos Mullen's Fencibles will have a target shooting match at the fair grounds on Saturday next, the weather permitting.

James L. Harrison, of Pleasant Gap, died last week as a result of an attack of both scarlet and typhoid fever. He was a studious, kind hearted and sociable young man who had the esteem of that entire community.

Ed Bronnell is now janitor at the Brockerhoff house.

James McAfferty, eldest son of Mr. Charles McAfferty, left for Bradford, Pa., Monday evening. He will take a position in a bank there.

The new bar-keeper at the Brockerhoff house looks like a Senator.

We should like to have a few bushels of potatoes at this office, on subscription account. If you owe us anything and have the potatoes, bring them in.

A 400ft siding is being laid at the car works and is nearly completed.

Noll's school house in Curtin township, said to be one of the oldest in the county, was burned to the ground one day last week.

Last week president Shortlidge of the Pennsylvania State College, tendered his resignation to take effect at once. Vice president McKee will act until a successor is chosen.

Friday night last a surprise party took the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bayard by storm. They had a glorious time, lots of eats and everybody was sorry when it was over.

Geo. C. Miller, the boss trout catcher of this section, has issued a challenge to any man in Centre county who thinks he can beat him lifting the speckled beauties from the streams.

The rain of Tuesday and Wednesday was much needed. It laid the dust and put the streams in good condition again.

James Only, eleven year old son of Elijah Only, colored, met with a strange death in the Moshannon tannery, in Philipsburg, last Tuesday. He had been helping his father wash, dry and bale hair. While the elder was out of the room the boy tied a hide rope around his hand and must have thrown the loose end over a line-shaft, for it was only a few moments until men on the floor below heard a thumping above. Going to see what it was they were horrified to find the boy's body drawn up against the shaft and whirling around it at terrific speed. The machinery was stopped and the little fellow taken down. He was still alive but was broken everywhere. He died two hours later.

James Goodwin a prisoner in the Clearfield jail died ten minutes after George Evans, another prisoner, stabbed him last Friday evening. Evans was in jail for manslaughter and Goodwin and an abandoned woman, Kate Sample, were visiting him in his cell when the men got into a fight over her.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

The Society of Friends will hold a quarterly meeting in their meeting house on South Atherton street, State College on Sunday, At 9 a. m. there will be a meeting of the ministry and church council; 9:45, Sunday school association; 10:30, meeting for worship; 12 o'clock, lunch at the meeting house; 2:30 p. m., Frederick J. Libby, of Washington, D. C., secretary of the National Council for Prevention of War, will discuss the subject, "Peace—Past, Present and Future."

RUSH.—William Charles Rush was found dead in bed at his home in State College, on Friday morning, March 27th, the result of a heart attack. While he had not been in the best of health for some time he was around as usual and had spent the previous evening in Bellefonte.

He was 63 years old and a native of Mifflin county. Eighteen years ago he located in State College and had charge of a cigar store on south Allen street. About twelve years ago the building in which the store was located was purchased by L. K. Metzger and since that time Mr. Rush had been in charge of the cigar and tobacco department in the Metzger store.

On Christmas day, 1891, he married Miss Lucinda Morrow Knox, of Lewistown, who survives with five children, Mrs. Samuel Blazer, of Lewistown; Mrs. Bert Straw, of Coudersport; Mrs. Francis Blazer and Herbert Rush, of State College, and Theodore Rush, of Bellefonte. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Anna French, of McVeytown.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Monday afternoon of last week, by Rev. A. L. Bixler, assisted by Rev. John Swigart, of McVeytown, burial being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

ALEXANDER.—Miss Kate Alexander, a native of Centre county, died at the home of her niece in Los Angeles, California, at 4:30 p. m. on Friday, March 27, following an illness incident to her advanced age. Had she lived until May 11th she would have attained her 80th year.

Funeral services were held at Los Angeles on the 31st of March and interment made in the Forest Hill cemetery, in that city.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Amos and Elizabeth (Keller) Alexander, the family home of whom was destroyed by fire in Millheim's first big fire loss. The Hosterman and Stover Co. hardware store stands on the site of the former Alexander home.

Miss Alexander was the last of a family of four boys and three girls. The others, several of whom attained prominence, have all preceded her to the grave.

Surviving are the following nephews and nieces: Mrs. Emily Voght, of San Diego, California; Mrs. Grace Reed, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Lizzie VanBuren and Frank Alexander, both of Charlotte, Michigan; Mrs. W. J. Harter, Mrs. J. W. Kerstetter and Mrs. D. H. Shook, all of Coburn, and A. A. Alexander and Mrs. Rose Kerstetter, both of Altoona.

CAMPBELL.—William R. Campbell, for many years a resident of Milesburg, died at the Lewistown hospital, last Thursday night, from complications incident to his advanced age.

He was 82 years old and was born at Blanchard. As a young man he took employment in one of the old-time iron works which at that time were quite plentiful in Centre county and became an expert foreman, an occupation he followed until the iron forges became a thing of the past in this section. For sixty years he had been a member of Bald Eagle lodge No. 410, I. O. O. F., and for a long period was its financial secretary.

He married Maria A. Kunes, of Liberty township, who survives with the following children: Frank and Thomas C. Campbell, of Lewistown; James W., of Renovo, and Miss Mary, at home. He also leaves one brother and a sister, John Campbell and Mrs. D. M. Berlew, both of Blanchard.

Funeral services were held at his late home, in Milesburg, at two o'clock Monday afternoon, by Revs. M. W. Crawford and M. C. Piper, burial being made in the Trzciulny cemetery.

FOHRINGER.—Mrs. Rilla Catherine Fohringer, wife of Perry Fohringer, of Clintondale, died at the Lock Haven hospital, on Monday evening of last week, as the result of collapse following an operation for appendicitis.

She was a daughter of James W. and Rachel J. Shamp and was born at Jacksonville 40 years ago. Following her marriage to Mr. Fohringer they located at Clintondale where they had lived ever since. She was a member of the Evangelical church and the Nittany Grange. In addition to her husband she is survived by six children. Mrs. R. J. Funk, of Lamar; William, Merrill, Harold, Mildred and Elva, all at home. She also leaves one stepson, Lloyd Fohringer, of Ridgway; her mother, living at Jacksonville, two brothers and three sisters, Ward Shamp and Mrs. Winifred Dietz, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Joseph Weaver and Mrs. B. C. Carner, of Hublersburg.

Funeral services were held in the Clintondale Evangelical church at two o'clock last Thursday afternoon, burial being made in the Cedar Hill cemetery.

KELLER.—Harold Arthur Keller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Keller, died at the parental home at Axe Mann, Wednesday of last week, after a brief illness with pneumonia, aged 7 months. In addition to the parents the following brothers and sisters survive: Belle, Helen, Madge, David, Linn William and Grant, all at home. Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, burial being made in the Lutheran cemetery at Pleasant Gap.

COUNTY HOSPITAL NOTES.

Miss Gladys Houser, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Tuesday of last week to undergo medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Saxton, of Pleasant Gap, are rejoicing over the arrival of an infant daughter, born at the hospital on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Peter J. Holter, of Spring township, was admitted on Tuesday of last week as a medical patient.

Mrs. Earl Boal, of State College, was discharged on Tuesday of last week after having undergone medical treatment.

Miss Edna Walker, of Snow Shoe, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Marguerite Port, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Port, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Tuesday of last week after having undergone medical treatment.

Mrs. Charles A. Addleman, of Harris township, and infant daughter, were discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Adam Ruth, of State College, was admitted on Wednesday of last week as a medical patient and discharged on Saturday.

George H. Adams Jr., of Sharon, a student at Penn State, was discharged on Wednesday of last week, after having undergone surgical treatment.

Earl Harpster, of Pennsylvania Furnace, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged last Wednesday.

Violet Bethlehem, aged 10 years, of Benner township, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged last Thursday.

Mrs. Russell Mallory, of Spring township, was admitted last Thursday to undergo surgical treatment.

Mrs. Wilbur Gates, of Howard, was admitted on Thursday to undergo surgical treatment.

Mrs. Joseph Dunkle, of Howard, was discharged last Thursday after having undergone surgical treatment.

Miss Mildred Askey, of Liberty township, was admitted on Friday of last week as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Edwin Anderson and infant daughter, of State College, were discharged on Saturday.

Frank T. Meese, of Spring township, was admitted on Saturday to undergo medical treatment.

Paul Benzie, 10 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Benzie, of Benner township, was admitted on Saturday as a medical patient.

Ray Wenger, of State College, who had been under surgical treatment, was discharged on Saturday.

Paul D. Long, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Long, of Aaronsburg, who had been a surgical patient, was discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. Harvey H. Barnhart, of Milesburg, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Sunday.

Edward D. Houser, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday to undergo surgical treatment and discharged on Monday.

There were 35 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

MOERSCHBACHER.—The death of Paul Moerschbacher, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Moerschbacher, at 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening, was a shock to his parents because of its mystery and suddenness. He was taken sick on Thursday evening and the symptoms indicated mumps. On Friday a physician was unable to determine the nature of the ailment and Saturday morning a consultation of three physicians was held. Notwithstanding the combined skill of the doctors the boy died Saturday evening. It was after the death of the boy that a quarantine for scarlet fever was placed on the house.

A son of Cyril and Olive Howard Moerschbacher Paul was born in Bellefonte five years ago. In addition to his parents he is survived by three sisters and two brothers, Mary, Betty, Cyril Jr., Billy and Agnes. Private burial was made in the Catholic cemetery at nine o'clock on Monday morning.

BORLAND.—Mrs. Sarah A. Borland, widow of Adam C. Borland, died on March 27th, at the home of her son, Prof. A. A. Borland, at State College, as the result of an attack of influenza, aged 78 years, 3 months and 25 days.

She was born in Mercer county, Pa., and lived there all her life until the death of her husband several years ago, and since then had made her home with her son. Another son, Dr. R. G. Borland, lives at Conneaut, Ohio. She leaves five sisters. The remains were taken to Sandy Lake, Mercer county, where burial was made on March 29th.

WEBBER.—Mrs. Olive H. Webber, widow of the late Prof. R. L. Webber, died at her home at State College on March 29, following an illness of one week. She had been a resident of State College for twenty-five years and was active in church and social work. Her husband died two years ago but surviving her are a daughter and son, Mrs. Margaretta Dambly, of State College, and Deane Webber, of Llanerch. Funeral services were held on Wednesday of last week, burial being made in the Pine Hill cemetery.

John Henry Walton, 57 years old, of Pine street, who recently suffered a physical breakdown which resulted in an impaired mentality, was removed to the Danville hospital on Wednesday.

MENNONITE MINISTER ENDS LIFE BY HANGING.

Rev. Jacob Grove Snyder, pastor of the Mennonite church at Roaring Springs, and former compensation referee for the Sixth Pennsylvania district, which includes Centre county, committed suicide by hanging himself to a rafter on the second floor of his garage, at his home at Roaring Spring, last Wednesday night. He was the first referee appointed after the enactment of the compensation law and served sixteen years, until failing health compelled his retirement last December, when he was succeeded by Edward Baldrige. Since that time he had devoted his time to his ministerial work.

He held church services on Wednesday evening and accompanied his wife home. He spent the remainder of the evening reading a book. His wife retired at 10:30 and when she awoke at five o'clock Thursday morning she discovered that her husband had not been in bed. She searched the house, then the church, which was nearby, and not finding him, summoned some of her neighbors. A further search revealed the minister's dead body suspended from a rafter on the second floor of the garage.

Rev. Snyder, who visited Bellefonte a number of times in connection with his duties as compensation referee, was a native of Huntington county and was upward of 70 years of age. During his early life he worked as a furnaceman, a teamster and for the Pennsylvania Railroad company. He was ordained a minister in the Mennonite church in 1906. He was appointed referee by John Price Jackson, Commissioner of Labor under Governor Brumbaugh. He is survived by his second wife and seven children; also four brothers. His funeral was held on Sunday, burial being made at Roaring Spring.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS TO HAVE CONFERENCE

There will be a conference of the workers of the Centre County Sabbath School Association in the Lutheran church, Bellefonte, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, April 21.

All Sunday School workers of the county are invited and urged to meet with us and share in the services. A lunch will be served in the church by the ladies at a nominal price. Kindly notify Mrs. W. E. Hurley, Bellefonte, if you expect to be there for lunch so that they may know how many to provide for. One of the State workers will be with us.

C. C. SHUEY, President.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Church Bible school, 9:30, with vital topic-study. League 8:30, timely subject, well discussed; young people leaders. Worship, 10:45, with preaching by the Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg. At 7:30 an evangelistic meeting with the Rev. R. Ralph Stanley, an accredited evangelist, in charge and preaching. Pastor responds to all calls for his services. Strangers and commercial travelers invited.

The young people of the Methodist churches in the Bellefonte group of charges will go to Snow Shoe this (Friday) for their April meeting this exceptionally strong program is assured for the evening, including entertainment and refreshments. They on the mountain say "Come—sure."

Members of the Ladies Aid society of the Bellefonte church delivered in person plants to the sick, shut-in and aged members of the church and school with Easter greetings—twenty-seven receiving these remembrances.

Sunrise service was featured by good singing, suitable Easter study, and a presentation of the real meaning of the Resurrection. An exceptionally large morning congregation shared the worship, which was regular and extra. Such singing—well, it stirred one to hear it and join in. Sermon was followed by reception of three persons into the church. An impressive memorial period closed the worship. With the singing of very suitable hymns, rich with Easter truth and hope, very pertinent scripture selections, the pastor gave a concise analysis of each member of the church and school that had died since March 1, 1930, and then, amid silence, the throng standing, each name was announced in the order of the date of death.

The school had a good program: attendance, 341; offering \$113.00.

Horace Lincoln Jacobs, Pastor.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

9:30 A. M. Sun-day school, Herman Hazel, superintendent.

10:45 A. M., Morning service; Sermon: "When in Doubt."

7:30 P. M., Evening service; Sermon: "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

9:15, Sunday school, Fred Billett, Supt.

10:30, Morning worship with sermon, "The Secret of the Burning Heart."

6:45, Mission band, Ruth Teaman, superintendent.

6:45, Young People's League, Roxie Johnson, leader.

7:30, Evening worship with sermon "The Happy Man."

The Y. P. M. C. will meet on Monday evening at the home of Kathryn Peters, on Thomas street.

The Ladies Aid society will meet

PORT MATILDA MAN DIES AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT.

Joseph Flack died at his home at Port Matilda, at one o'clock yesterday morning, of pneumonia, the result of serious injuries sustained on Thursday of last week, at the brick works at Port Matilda, where he was employed. He was pushing a car into the kiln when he slipped and fell into a deep hole. His left side was badly crushed and he was injured internally. Pneumonia developed and his death followed.

He was a son of Jeremiah and Emma Flack and was thirty-two years old last Friday. Eleven years ago he married Miss Ruth Alkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toner Alkey, of Bellefonte, who survives with three children, Virginia, Donald and Pearl. He also leaves his parents, living at Port Matilda, three brothers and two sisters, William, John and Clarence Flack, all of Port Matilda; Mrs. Herbert Miller, of Coleville, and Mrs. Hannah Wilson, of Port Matilda.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed at this writing, but burial will be made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

DEMONSTRATIONS FOR TREATING SEED OATS.

Demonstrations showing the proper method of controlling smut in oats have been arranged by county agent, R. C. Blaney, for Friday of this week, April 10th, according to the following schedule:

9:30 a. m. at Nevin Yearick's, Nittany, R. D.

1:30 p. m. at S. W. Rearick's, Millheim.

3:30 p. m. at Geo. Mc Cormick's, Centre Hill.

A decrease of from 10 to 30% is often experienced in the yield of oats due to the presence of smut. The treatment for this disease is one that every farmer should be familiar with.

At these demonstration meetings G. L. Zundel, of State College, will show the simplest and most effective methods to treat the seed. Smuts on other grains and their control will also be discussed.

Anyone not familiar with the control of this disease will find the time well spent to attend one of these meetings, which are open to everybody.

on Tuesday evening. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening. There will be an illustrated lesson on "Jesus, Rejected in Galilee." The S. S. Board will meet at 8:30.

A. Ward Campbell, Minister.

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