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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Items taken from the Watchman issue of April 22, 1881.

A large number of cases of scarlet fever are reported along Buffalo Run.

Last Wednesday morning John Williams the town's highly respected colored resident died at his home in the West ward. He was 81 years old and was brought to Bellefonte by William A. Thomas who bought him out of slavery. For forty years he had been class leader in the A. M. E. church here and if there ever was a saintly man John was the one. He was the father of Mrs. "Mesh" Graham.

Dr. H. K. Hoy has opened an office on the second floor of the Courad house, on Allegheny street, and will practice the medical profession here.

It is now very positively predicted that a Baltimore concern will finance the Bellefonte glass works and that work will be begun very shortly.

Six car loads of raftsmen, on their way home to Clearfield county, have passed through here every day since Monday.

Larry Curtin is going to the far west to seek his fortune.

Perry Gentsell's team ran off on Bishop street last Saturday and smashed the wagon all up. One of the horses was badly injured.

Constans Commandery, No. 33 K. T., had public installation ceremonies last Friday evening. The hall was crowded with spectators for the impressive ceremony. A choir composed of Misses Clara and Mary Lyon, Evan M. Blanchard and Benj. Bradley furnished the music. Frank Potts Green, assisted by S. D. Gray, was the installing officer. Rev. John Hewitt made the address. Following are the officers who were so ceremoniously inducted: Eminent commander, Jackson L. Spangler; generalissimo, Daniel H. Hastings; captain general, Elias W. Harris; treasurer, John P. Harris; recorder, George B. Weaver; prelate, Rev. John Hewitt; senior warden, Wilbur F. Reeder; junior warden, J. Calvin Harper; standard bearer, Robert Hepburn; sword bearer, John H. Sands; warden, J. Irvin Hagerman.

Mr. H. L. Harvey, of Roland, continues to drive the four-wheeled cow around town, supplying our citizens with the best of milk.

The Bellefonte Morning News has entered upon the second year of its existence and is to be congratulated on having survived so long on so little.

The houses of ill-fame in Bellefonte were visited by the police on Monday and six of their inmates were lodged in jail because they could not furnish bail for trial at court.

Teacher Edward Woods closed his school term at the Weaver school in Spring township Tuesday of last week and it was a great day for both pupils and teacher. After Ed had distributed the prizes and keepsakes he had for his scholars they took charge of things and fairly deluged him with presents. Four Smeltzer children, Minnie, Dallas Lettie and Will, gave him a handsome gold watch chain. Then Mollie Hoover, Jennie Weaver, Thomas Weaver, Mary Swann, Lettie Smeltzer, John Kane, Edward Kane and handsome call boy, and to top it all off Fanny Butler presented the teacher with a cake fit to grace any wedding feast.

Oliver Brothers and Phillips, of Pittsburgh, have leased a large tract of ore land in Patton township, adjoining that of the Edgar Thompson Steel Co., and expect to begin mining at once.

John Paul Jones was baptised in the Episcopal church here last Sunday. His God fathers were Capt. Breeze and Roland Irvin. Miss Emily Natt was his godmother. (John Paul is now very capably carrying on for his well known father as runner for The First National bank.—Editor's Note).

Michael Cooney writes from Houtzdale to accept Geo. Miller's challenge, issued last week, to beat any fisherman lifting trout out of Spring creek. Mike means business, because he has posted \$25 to be forfeited if he doesn't beat George.

Landlord M. A. Landsay, of The Markland, received a collie dog as a present, last Friday morning, and it came to him by airplane from New York, reaching Bellefonte at six o'clock in the morning. The dog was a gift from M. P. Little, one of the N. A. T. pilots, whose principal hobby is raising dogs. The pilot is an intimate friend of landlord Landsay and it was because of this fact that he sent him the dog by airmail.

WEBER.—Samuel E. Weber, one of the best known residents of Boalsburg, passed away at his home in that place, at 6 o'clock last Friday evening, as the result of an attack of angina pectoris. He had not been in good health for some time past but was around as usual until Wednesday of last week, when he felt ill enough to call a physician. Friday morning he felt somewhat improved and was up and about in the house but during the day he became much worse and died at six o'clock.

A son of Jacob and Catherine Huber Weber he was born in Boalsburg on July 20th, 1859, hence was in his 72nd year. As a young man he learned the tailoring trade, an occupation he followed a number of years in Harrisburg and Lewistown, but as his health became impaired from the close confinement he gave up that work and returned to his home in Boalsburg. For a number of years thereafter he clerked in the store of his brother, John H. Weber, at Boalsburg, and in 1904 he and his brother purchased the flour mill and grain house, at Centre Hall, and he took personal charge of the same. A few years later he personally purchased the flour mill and grain house, at Oak Hall. Owing to impaired health he disposed of all his interests about fifteen years ago and had since lived a retired life.

He never married and his only survivors are one brother and a sister, Fred W. Weber, of Boalsburg, and Miss Anna M. with whom he made his home. He was a member of the Reformed church all his life and Rev. Wink had charge of the funeral services which were held at his late home, on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

BURRS.—Mrs. Alice Burrs, widow of William Burrs, and a member of one of the oldest and best known negro families in Bellefonte, died at the Centre County hospital on Sunday after a brief illness.

She was a daughter of George and Harriet Smith Sims and was born in a log cabin on Thomas street, where the old McQuiston carriage shop was later located, on April 19th, 1854, hence was not quite 77 years old. She lived in Bellefonte until her first husband, John Emery, died. Later she married William Burrs and they located in Altoona where she made her home until a year or more ago when she returned to Bellefonte and for some time lived with the family of her brother-in-law, William Mills, later taking a room in her old home, on St. Paul street. During her early life she worked for a number of the leading families in Bellefonte and her services were always in demand. She was a member of the A. M. E. church all her life.

Her only survivor is one brother, George Sims, of Altoona. Funeral services were held in the A. M. E. church at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. W. E. Gibbons, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

REISH.—William H. Reish, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at the Pennsylvania State College, died on Wednesday of last week following twenty days illness with an attack of pneumonia.

He was a son of James and Sarah Heckman Reish and was born in Potter township on September 14th, 1894, hence was not yet 37 years old. He was educated in the public schools of Potter township and prepared for college at Mercersburg Academy. He entered State College in 1915 and graduated in 1919. He spent a year with the New York Central railroad as a special apprentice, returning to the College in 1920 as an instructor in mechanical engineering. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1926. During the past few years he specialized in steam turbines and refrigeration. He was a member of Grace Lutheran church and the Lodge of Masons.

Surviving him are his wife and four children, Robert, William, Ruth and Helen. Funeral services were held in the Lutheran church, at two o'clock Friday afternoon, by Rev. John F. Harkins, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

LOSE.—Mrs. Emma Jane Lose, wife of Nicodemus Lose, died at her home at Coburn on Easter day as the result of pneumonia, following an attack of the grip.

She was a daughter of George and Savilla Armagast Meyer and was born in Snyder county on November 17th, 1851, hence was 79 years, 4 months and 18 days old. In 1872 she married Mr. Lose and all her married life had been spent in Haines and Penn townships. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son, Mrs. Katie V. Martin, of Coburn; Mrs. J. Frank Bible and J. Frank Lose, of Aaronsburg. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Krader, of Coburn, and Mrs. Tamie Rishel, of Spring Mills. Burial was made at Woodward last Thursday.

GARDNER.—Mrs. Emma Gardner, wife of George Gardner, of Blanchard, died at the Lock Haven hospital, last Thursday night, as the result of collapse following a major operation. She was fifty years old and had lived in Blanchard all her life. She was a member of the Church of Christ, the Col. John H. Chatham chapter D. A. R., of McElhattan, and the Rowena chapter Order of the Eastern Star, of Lock

Haven. She is survived by her husband and one brother. Funeral services were held at her late home, at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. David E. Neilson, burial being made in the Discipline cemetery, at Blanchard.

ALBERT.—Mrs. Mollie Nesbit Albert, wife of Henry Albert, died at her ranch home at Alta Loma, Cal., on March 12th, following an illness of two years, the result of a broken hip sustained in a fall.

Mrs. Albert was in the neighborhood of 75 years of age. As a young girl she came to Bellefonte to make her home in the family of H. N. McAllister, and at his death, a few years later, became a member of the family of Gen. and Mrs. James A. Beaver. She was educated in the schools of Bellefonte and at McAllisterville, and later taught a year or two in the McAllisterville soldiers' orphan's school. Returning to Bellefonte she taught school here several years, a portion of that time having charge of the separate school for negro children which was then located in a building on the southwest corner of the present High school grounds.

While at McAllisterville she met Mr. Albert and after coming to Bellefonte kept up an intimate correspondence. Some years later Mr. Albert went to California. In the meantime Dr. Thomas R. Hayes had acquired some ranch land in California and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Roberts, (the latter a sister of Mrs. Charles Gilmour) had gone to that State to live. At the solicitation of Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Miss Nesbit went to California to visit them, was met by Mr. Albert on her arrival and they were married within a few hours. They later took charge of the Dr. Hayes ranch and eventually secured a half interest in it. When Dr. Hayes died, and his will was read, it was found that he had given to Mrs. Albert his interest in the ranch.

During her girlhood life in Bellefonte Mrs. Albert was a member of the Presbyterian church and active in all phases of church work. Her survivors include her husband, three daughters and one son. Burial was made near her California home.

RICHARD CROOKS, TENOR TO SING AT THE COLLEGE.

Richard Crooks, brilliant tenor, assisted by Rudolph Gruen, pianist, will give the concluding number of the Artists' Course Concerts at State College next Monday night, April 20.

Honored abroad with the title of "the new Caruso," and gaining in reputation with every public appearance, Richard Crooks is now recognized as the leading tenor of the concert stage. The fact that he is an American, and able to sing most attractively in his native language, has added tremendously to his popularity, and he stands today among the few singers of either sex or any nationality whose art and personality unflinchingly combine to give pleasure to every listener. Crooks commands the operatic repertoire as well as the great song literature, and his programs are always well chosen.

Seats can be secured at the business office in "Old Main."

EASTER DONATIONS TO CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

The Centre County hospital was not forgotten at Easter time, as the following donations have been reported:

St. John's Episcopal church, Bellefonte—4 dozen diapers, 2 dozen white squares, 4 blankets, 27 slips, 2 dozen undershirts, 3 1/2 dozen castile soap, 20 dozen safety pins, 15 wash cloths.

Mrs. Jacob Hoy—A dozen abdominal binders.

Mrs. Irvin Boerlin, State College—Caned dextrin maltose.

Reformed church, Bellefonte—Bread, one dozen rolls, jelly, cake, beefs.

ELK's club, Bellefonte—Roasted chicken, cakes, ice cream.

Bellefonte Public Schools—Pears, tomatoes, peas, corn, shredded wheat, potatoes, eggs, sugar, soap, oranges, raisins, macaroni, beefs, jellies, bread, dutch cleanser, cream of wheat, cherries, black berries, raspberries, cocoa, jello, puffed rice, tea, peaches, apricots, pineapple, cranberries, soup salmon, rice and prunes.

PRESBYTERIANS WILL MEET THREE TIMES YEARLY.

At the spring meeting of the Huntingdon Presbytery, held in Altoona Monday and Tuesday, it was decided to hold three sessions yearly of one day each instead of two sessions of two days each, and consequently the next meeting will be held on June 8th, at a place to be selected by the moderator and stated clerk.

PATIENTS TREATED IN CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Mrs. George Ross and infant son, of Bellefonte, were discharged on Monday of last week.

Mrs. Edward Houser, of Bellefonte, was admitted as a surgical patient on Monday of last week and discharged the same day.

Abel T. Moore, of Coriopolis, Pa., was admitted on Tuesday of last week as a surgical patient.

Mrs. Mary E. Markie, a student nurse at the hospital, who had been a medical patient, was discharged on Tuesday of last week.

Charles R. McCool, of Spring Mills, who had been undergoing surgical treatment, was discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. William S. Jeffries and infant son, of State College, were discharged on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith, of Bellefonte R. D., are the happy parents of a son, born at the hospital last Wednesday.

Mrs. Cyrus Hunter, of Stormstown, was admitted on Thursday of last week to undergo medical treatment.

Mrs. George Weaver, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Thursday to undergo surgical treatment.

Mrs. Richard Snyder, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Friday, after having been a surgical patient.

Mrs. Roland Spicher, of Spring township, was admitted on Friday to undergo surgical treatment.

Wilbur R. Shuey, of Bellefonte, was discharged on Saturday after having been a medical patient.

Miss Pearl W. Fetterolf, of Centre Hall, was admitted on Saturday for surgical treatment.

Mrs. Alice Burrs, of Bellefonte, who was admitted on Saturday to undergo medical treatment, died at the hospital on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cori, of Benner township, are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, born at the hospital on Saturday.

Mrs. Hugh Saxton and infant, of Pleasant Gap, were discharged on Sunday.

Miss Gladys Houser, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday to undergo medical treatment.

Mrs. Harry Eberhart, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday to undergo medical treatment.

Mrs. John Shope, of Bellefonte, was admitted on Sunday to undergo surgical treatment.

Harry Mitchell, of Spring township, was admitted on Sunday as a medical patient.

There were 37 patients in the hospital at the beginning of this week.

PENN STATE STUDENT DIES FROM AUTO INJURIES.

Donald C. Keeble, 21 years old, of Pittsburgh, a Junior in the school of liberal arts at State College, and manager of "Froth," died at the Memorial hospital, Johnstown, last Wednesday afternoon, of injuries sustained in an auto accident on the highway between Mundy's Corners and Ebensburg on Tuesday night.

Keeble and Newell J. Lewis were on their way back to the College from spending their Easter vacation at their homes in Pittsburgh. Lewis was driving and on a bad piece of roadway the car skidded, the door flew open and Keeble was thrown out. Helping him back into the car Lewis drove to Ebensburg and to a doctor's office. The physician advised taking Keeble to the Johnstown hospital. There it was found that in his fall from the car he had fractured five ribs, one of which had punctured a lung. Death ensued at 1.20 p. m. Wednesday afternoon.

P. O. S. OF A MEETING TO BE HELD IN BELLEFONTE.

At a meeting of representatives of four camps, in District No. 1, P. O. S. of A., held at Pine Grove Mills last Friday evening, announcement was made of a county meeting to be held in Bellefonte on Wednesday, May 6th, in the camp rooms in the Potter-Hoy block. Prominent men in the order who are expected present at that meeting are: Arthur R. B. Fox, the State president; Charles Brum Holms, State secretary; A. D. Miltner, former field representative; E. J. Thompson Esq., of Philipsburg, chairman of the State school committee, and others. It will be an open meeting and the public is invited.

At the district meeting, at Pine Grove Mills last Friday evening, 222 members were present from the four camps represented. Bellefonte sent a delegation of 102, Hublersburg 43, Lemont 60, and Pine Grove Mills 17.

Officials and employees of the West Penn Power company, in Bellefonte, listened in on KDKA, Wednesday night from 9 to 9:30 o'clock, to the concert given by the West Penn band, of Pittsburgh, and all who heard it were pleased with the various numbers rendered.

The 30 varieties of wheat in Pennsylvania ten years ago have been reduced to four varieties especially adapted to soil and climatic conditions here through the work of agronomy extension specialists of the Pennsylvania State College.

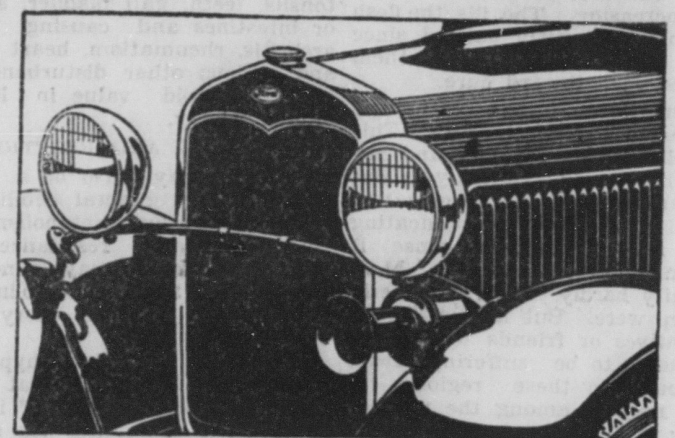
The C. D. of A. will have a food sale at the Variety Shop, Saturday April 18, and will have on sale just what you want most for your Sunday lunch. Arrange to be there Saturday morning early.

Dr. Fred Lewis Pattee, professor emeritus of American literature at the Pennsylvania State College and special lecturer at Rollins college, Florida, will return to Penn State this week to deliver his annual series of lectures on current American literature. Opening the series with a discussion of Theodore Dreiser, Dr. Pattee will speak of the "Newspaper Column as a Literary Evolution" on Tuesday, and of poetry of the future, Sinclair Lewis as the Nobel prize winner, and the "New Generation," on the succeeding days of the week. All of the lectures will be given in the little theater in Old Main.

Among the twelve women students of the Pennsylvania State College who were recently elected to Alpha Lambda Delta, honorary scholastic fraternity, was Miss Mary McFarland, of State College. She was the only Centre county student who attained the honor.

Lloyd Royce, of Philadelphia, is in Centre county hunting insect fossils for the Smithsonian Institute, at Washington, following a lead that dates back over twenty years when two men secured a valuable collection in Buffalo Run valley and up about Scotia.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF FORD VALUE



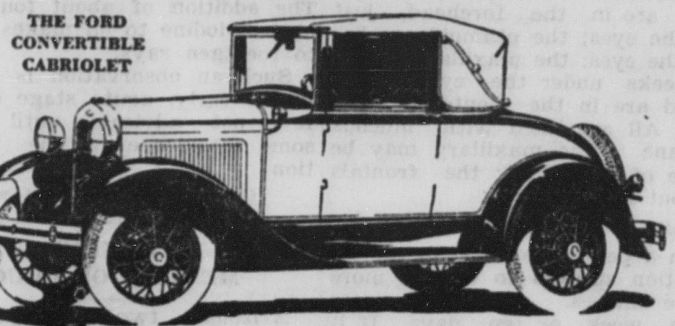
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