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FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

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

—Sixty-five liquor dealers have been arrested in Wilkes-Barre for keeping their bars open on Sunday.

Among the railroad rumors that are afloat is one to the effect that the survey that has been about completed up Beech Creek to Snow Shoe is for a railroad that will eventually become a link in Gould's great Wabash system. The other is that just as soon as the Scotia branch of the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad is completed engineers will be put on that section of the road between Hess and Lemont, then the road will be ironed from Lemont to Spring Mills and the entire line made ready for operation by fall. A third rumor is to the effect that a road will be built up Buffalo Run to Fillmore and from there across the barrens to connect with the L. & T. at Scotia.

—E. C. Bender, for four years editor and publisher of the Philadelphia Journal, has retired from that paper, leaving it in the hands of Mr. W. T. Bair, his assistant for the past two years.

—A goodly number of our citizens will accompany Gregg Post to Gettysburg. The Post will leave here this morning for the encampment.

—George Wolf, the noted tinner, is just now making a specialty of fruit cans. He makes them by the hundred and is selling them at a very low price.

—Last week we stated that Mr. Edward Humes is the only member of Bellefonte's first fire company now living in town. That was a mistake. James H. Rankin Esq., and Albert Ammerman were both members of the organization and they are living here.

—A goodly number of our substantial citizens assembled in Gen. Beaver's office last Monday evening to discuss the advisability of organizing a Board of Trade. After considerable deliberation it was decided that such an organization might prove advantageous to the town and committees were appointed to effect one.

—Mrs. J. N. Cassanova and Miss Irene Humphrey were thrown from a carriage in which they were riding, in Philadelphia, a few days ago. Their horses took fright at a drove of sheep and ran away. Miss Humphrey was slightly hurt, but Mrs. Cassanova escaped without injury.

—The old Father Linn residence at the corner of High and Spring streets is very nearly torn down and by the time this paper reaches its readers will be no more. The property now belongs to the Centre County Banking Company. A fine brick building for banking and other purposes is to be erected there at once.

—Sparks from the cupola of the foundry at the Bellefonte Car Works set the roof of the machine shop afire last Tuesday afternoon. For a time there was great consternation lest the entire plant would be destroyed and the 200 employees thrown out of work. The danger was very real, for while both fire companies were there promptly there were no plugs to attach hose to. Finally some one thought of the old fashioned pumper belonging to the Undines. It was dragged out to the scene and its suction pipe thrown into the race. Then many willing ones lent a hand at the pump and a great, strong stream of water was lifted to the roof of the burning building, soon putting a quencher on the flames.

—A little son of Mr. McKeever, proprietor of the Brockerhoff house, fell into Spring creek from the high board-walk opposite this office Monday afternoon. Howard Spangler, one of the Watchman employees, saw him fall, instantly rushed down into our press room, jumped out a window into the stream and got him just in time, for he was floating face-downward down the stream. The lad was suffering with a broken collar bone at the time and was practically helpless when he landed in the water.

—A rat ran amuck in the Bush house dining room, the other day, while seventy-five guests were at dinner. It is reported that the lady guests tramped every bit of china-ware on the tables to bits.

—Bellefonte's first military organization was the "Centre Guards" formed in 1819. Capt. William Patton was probably its first commander to be succeeded in order by John Armor and ex-Governor Curtin who commanded it until 1843 when Andrew Gregg became its captain. "The Farmers and Mechanics Infantry" was another organization that flourished here in 1827. In 1832 the "Bellefonte Greys" were organized. Later came such historic organizations as the "Centre Troop," "Bellefonte Infantry," the "Centre Dragoons" and the "Bellefonte Fencibles." They were mustered into the service of the State on July 10, 1858. The armory of the "Fencibles" was the second story of the stone building, formerly the Evan Miles hotel, that stood on the corner where the First National bank now stands.

Attractive Country Homes in Centre County.



Securely guarded by stately trees and surrounded with rolling fields stands the home of Henry N. Hoy, veteran dairyman and farmer, on the old trail to State College, two and one half miles South of Bellefonte. The frame homestead, coated with clean white paint, was built in 1900 by Mr. Hoy. Since that time the entire Hoy family have lent their every effort to bring the house and surroundings to the point of beauty it has attained today.

Tall trees shade the front of the dwelling from the heat of the morning sun while flowers lend an attraction to the front yard that would be difficult to equal. On the right of the house is a bed of red granite encased in a border of white stones. In the rear a vegetable garden, literally hanging with substance of life, adds a finishing touch to the immediate grounds.

Extending to the rear is the farm land of Mr. Hoy. For a distance of three hundred yards the level a spot that would thrill the most cynical, a sheer drop of three hundred feet. Jagged rocks that protrude out into space. Far below, like a thin strip of silver paper is Spring Creek. The distant mountain peaks look like wisps of blue hazemerging into a white sky that resembles a great broad lake, broken only by a stray cloud. The notes of a bugle calling Boy Scouts to the noon meal echo back across the valley. It was from one of these rocks, the legend stated, that a beautiful Indian girl jumped to her death after being betrayed by an unfaithful lover. The valley bathed in the morning sun is a sight glorious to behold.

Mr. Hoy has named his farm "Floral Park," the name being very appropriate. The flowers lend an unexcelled attraction to the entire surroundings. Mrs. Hoy, assisted by her daughter, Eleanor, a Sophomore at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Penna. and a graduate of the Bellefonte High school, is the florist.

ATTRACTIVE FARM HOMES IN CENTRE COUNTY

BY JOHN M. FLEMING

With today's issue the Watchman will inaugurate a series of illustrated articles dealing with attractive farm homes in Centre county.

The appreciation of the spots of beauty made possible by the work of the home owners of Centre county is generally lent to those who visit from distant counties and States. In turn the people of Centre county admire the attractive places they see when vacation time comes around and they are visitors in distant places. The other fellow's grass is always the best. In order that a more careful appreciation may be had of the farm homes in Centre county that have become attractive due to the efforts of the owner and his family there will appear each week a picture of some one in the county that has merited selection as a spot of beauty due to the surroundings and the condition of the buildings.

The selection will not be made subject to size or splendor but simple beauty and effort to have the homestead and grounds neat, clean, and attractive will be the basis. The homes of wealth will be in no better position than those simple cottages that have been beautified by the consistent effort and labor of the home owner and his family.

There are scattered over the county farms and country homes that are attractive to the eye and pleasant for the passerby to look upon. Some are large and some are small, but all show distinct beauty in the clean paint and the flowers and trees that surround the house. It will be on these places that our efforts will center and along with a picture we will attempt to give a history of the farm and the family that have made it a spot that the roadside traveler, either from at home or abroad, may look upon as a pleasant place to reside.

The rolling hills and valleys of Centre county are deserving of much praise for their scenic beauty and the home owners who have chosen these fertile fields as a place of residence are also deserving for the labor and effort they have put forth to make Centre county one of the most beautiful sections in the State.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
9:30 A. M., Church school; Herman Hazel, superintendent.
10:45 A. M., Morning service; sermon: "Sin's Wages and God's Gift" Clarence E. Arnold, Pastor.

UNION CHURCH SERVICES

The union church service Sunday evening will be held in the Evangelical church at 7:30 o'clock. The preacher will be the Rev. Clarence E. Arnold.

BELLEFONTE METHODIST CHURCH.

Church Bible school, C. C. Shuey, Supt., 9:30; interesting study, extra events and exercises, chief of which will be a 10 minute report on an itinerary thru the West; what the young man saw and did not see, and what he heard. League meets 6:30, and prepared leaders. Preaching, 10:45, special exposition—pulpit preaching; 7:30 evangelistic period. Mid-week meeting, Wednesday evening. Congregational and church school picnic, Hecla park, Thursday, the 23rd. Pastor responds to calls for his services. Commercial travelers, week-end visitors and strangers share worship in this church at almost every public service.
Horace Lincoln Jacobs, pastor.

GRANGERS GETTING SET FOR 1931 ENCAMPMENT.

Depression, hard times or whatever the expressive term current these days, does not fit the spirit with which the people of Centre county are making plans for the coming Grange Fair which will open on Grange Park, at Center Hall, Saturday, August 22nd, with all its accustomed atmosphere of joyous enthusiasm.

With but few exceptions the campers of last year are again reserving tents and locations as usual, and judging from the large number of applicants listed and letters received almost daily, there is no lessening in the interest maintained in this distinctive feature of the Centre Hall fair. However, it was deemed wise by the management to continue the policy of safety and "pay as you go," which has placed this unique institution among the few fairs of the State fortunate enough to be on good financial footing this season. So but twelve new tents have been purchased which is entirely inadequate to supply the demand, a matter of great regret to all interested. It is hoped the disappointed applicants will be patient and by another year circumstances may warrant a larger increase in the supply of tents.

Arrangements are being made to furnish electric current for cooking, and in order that the lines are in readiness at the opening of camp, it is urged that those intending it use notify the secretary at once. A charge of \$1.50 will be made each tent in which it is used for that purpose. Tents will be lighted, and tent rents remain the same—\$7.00 for 12x12 ft. size and \$8.00 for the larger size, 14x14 ft., as in past years.

A noticeable improvement is being made in the horticultural building, long a dingy spot on the grounds. Weatherboarding and painting will change its appearance past recognition. It is hoped the favorable season will make it possible to fill it with best quality products of the farm, garden and orchards of Centre county. And that plans for that purpose were made months ago by those interested.

The shrubbery planted a year ago has made splendid growth and adds greatly to the beauty of the park. So much so that the expenditure has been more than justified.

—Alfred A. Farland, the world's greatest banjoist, has been engaged as an added feature of the program that will be shown at the Richelieu theatre next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Mr. Farland is really a great artist and, as the Los Angeles Times says: "In his hands the banjo receives a soul that makes it speak with all the sweetness and pathos of a violin."

—The Superior court has affirmed the decision of the Public Service Commission in regard to reparations sought by the Centre County Lime company against the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Bruce Zerby Bailey, of Spring Mills, and Martha Maretta Brungart, of Rebersburg.

Albert Gallatin Hines, of Chicago, Ill., and Frances Wilhelmina Gorman, of Clearfield.

Lyle Luzier and Genevieve Mullen, both of Woodward.

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ADDITIONAL PERSONAL NEWS.

—Mrs. W. R. Cliffe and her three children, Virginia, Catherine and Jack, are spending a part of the month of July in the Pocono mountains.

—Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan, having come up from Philadelphia Sunday night, spent Monday here as guests of Dr. and Mrs. Coburn Rogers.

—The Misses Rachel and Ellen Witmer who are here from Philadelphia visiting their sister, Mrs. John G. Love Jr., were the guests of honor at the four table bridge party Mrs. Love gave, Tuesday.

—Mrs. Edward L. Gates and three children, Betty, Edward Lindley and Martha Marie, of Johnstown, are expected to arrive in Bellefonte, tomorrow, for their annual summer visit with the home folks.

—Miss Mary Knox is expected here from Pittsburgh, to-morrow, to be a house guest of Miss Betty Curtin. Miss Knox was among the visitors whom the Curtins entertained during their two month's stay in Bellefonte last summer.

—Miss Helene Williams spent last week with Mrs. Harriet Ray Smith, at Wyomissing, having driven down for a ten day's 4th of July vacation. The time while there was mostly spent by the women in motoring through that section of the State.

—Lloyd Flack of Blairsville, spent a short time in Bellefonte, Wednesday, his trip over having been made to bring his father, Harry Flack, home and to get his son, Harry II, who had been at the Y. M. C. A. camp at Howard, for the first two week period.

THE HORNERS CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

An old time celebration in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Horner, of Pleasant Gap, was given, Wednesday, July eighth at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Burris on the Brockerhoff farm. It was also a welcome home and farewell party.

A welcome home to Claire and Homer Horner, sons of George Horner, who had driven in, with their families, from Freeport, Illinois, to attend the celebration and, a farewell for Mr. and Mrs. Horner who went back with their sons for their first visit in the Middle west where they will remain several months. At the same time, the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ream was celebrated and the Rev. Piper, of Milesburg, read a ceremony for both couples. About ninety relatives and friends were present at the all day celebration, the chief feature of which was the table placed on the barn floor and laid to seat fifty six. Turkey, chicken, ham-cold, of course, several kinds of salads, every known variety of pickles, cakes, gale, coffee, lemonade and ice tea, were served. The table was not cleared but re-plenished to welcome anyone who wanted refreshments through the afternoon. After the dinner, the second barn floor was used for dancing and exchange of happy felicitations. When our representative departed at four o'clock, the table was being, again, put in array for the supper and so abundant had been the supply, that little diminution even after ninety had partaken, could be noticed.

Business depression, unemployment, rumblings of war in other countries seemed far removed from this happy, enjoyable occasion savoring of an earlier period when joy was found in a simpler, more natural hospitality than the present day jazz parties.

—Uncle Andy Mellon is "living in clover." He imagines he is controlling the finances of the whole world.

HOSTERMAN.—Warren E. Hosterman, well known resident of Haines township, died at his home in Aaronburg, at one o'clock on the morning of July 4th, as the result of cerebral hemorrhages caused by a stroke of apoplexy. He had business interests in Lewisburg and had been there the day before he was stricken, at that time being apparently as well as ever.

He was a son of Thomas and Rachel Hosterman and was born at Woodward on February 7th, 1867, making his age 64 years, 4 months and 27 days. His early life was devoted to farming, but some years ago he quit the farm and had since devoted his time to his various business interests. He was a member of the Evangelical church at Woodward but during his residence in Aaronburg was a regular attendant at the Methodist church.

Mr. Hosterman was married three times and is survived by his third wife, who prior to her marriage was Mrs. Sue M. Augstadt, of Lewisburg, and the following children: John Hosterman, of Woodward; Blaine, of Fiedler; Mrs. Eugene Stover and Moran Hosterman, of Millheim; Mrs. Wilbur Brungart, of Rebersburg; Ellsworth and Earl, of Woodward; Morris, of Aaronburg, and Glenn, at home. Two brothers and three sisters also survive, William Hosterman, of Aaronburg; Thomas, of Coburn; Mrs. Thomas Motz, of Woodward; Mrs. John Krumrine, of Weikert and Mrs. Harry Snyder, of Tower City. Funeral services were held in the Evangelical church, at Woodward, on Tuesday afternoon of last week, by Rev. Paulhamus, assisted by Rev. Ward Hosterman, of Mt. Holly, burial being made in the Woodward cemetery.

TYSON.—James Gordon Tyson, a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at Mill Hall, on July 1st, as the result of general debility.

He was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Tyson and was born at Pleasant Gap 89 years ago. He served during the Civil war as a member of Company C, 51st regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. Returning from the war he engaged in farming and for many years followed that occupation in Howard township. Retiring from the farm he moved to Mill Hall where he lived until his death. He was a member of the Reformed church and the G. A. R. His wife died some years ago but surviving him are a son and daughter, Edward D. Tyson, of Howard, and Mrs. John Lucas, of Mill Hall.

A military funeral was given the aged veteran on the morning of July 4th. Rev. Robert Thena, of Bellefonte, officiated and burial was made in the Schenck cemetery, at Howard.

FORTNEY.—John B. Fortney, well known farmer of Potter township, died at his home at Tusseyville, on July 1st, following a brief illness as the result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

He was a son of John and Nancy Bitner Fortney and was born in Potter township in 1860, his age at death being 71 years, 7 months and 13 days. He followed farming all his life and was one of the dependable citizens of his home community. He was a lifelong Democrat and while he never aspired to a county office yet he was always deeply interested in the welfare and success of his party. He never married but is survived by one brother and two sisters, David and Annie, of Tusseyville, while the whereabouts of the other sister is unknown.

Funeral services were held at his late home on July 3rd, by Rev. S. F. Greenhoe, of the Lutheran church, burial being made in the Tusseyville cemetery.

BEDLYON.—Mrs. Bertha May Bedlyon wife of George W. Bedlyon died at her home in Williamsburg, Blair county, on Wednesday of last week, following a short illness.

She was a daughter of James B. and Mary Horner and was born at Tusseyville, Centre county, on May 12th, 1888, hence was a little past 43 years of age. She married Mr. Bedlyon in November, 1908, and most of her married life had been spent in Blair county. In addition to her husband she is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. Margaret Wertz, of Blair county. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Wilkie Horner, of Altoona; Harvey Horner and Mrs. Emma Page, of Mill Hall, and Mrs. Elsie Stem, of Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at her late home, on Saturday afternoon, by Rev. J. A. Turner, burial being made in the Shelly cemetery in Blair county.

SUMMERS.—Mrs. Rebecca Summers, wife of James R. Summers, died very suddenly of a heart attack, at her home on Penn street, Bellefonte, on the morning of July 2nd. When Mr. Summers got up early that morning and went out to work in his garden he left her sitting in a rocking chair in the bedroom. Going to the room about nine o'clock he found her lying beside the chair dead.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Garrison and was born at Frederick, Md., in September, 1853, hence was almost 78 years of age. She married Mr. Summers fifty-two years ago and most of the time since had lived in Bellefonte. In addition to her husband she is

survived by one son, Charles E. Summers, at Harrisburg. Funeral services were held at her late home on July 5th, by Rev. W. E. Gibbons, of the A. M. E. church, burial being made in the Union cemetery.

McMULLEN.—Oscar Robert McMullen died at his home at Coleville, at 10:45 o'clock on Sunday morning, following an illness of some weeks with a complication of diseases.

He was a son of Ishmael and Marguerite Watson McMullen and was born in Boggs township in 1870, being 61 years and one month old. He had lived at Coleville a number of years while working for the American Lime and Stone company. He was a member of the Bellefonte camp P. O. S. of A. Mr. McMullen was married three times. His first wife was Miss Annie Emel, the second Mrs. Eva Lucas and the third Mrs. Amelia Baughman. The latter survives. He also leaves the following children: Mrs. Stella E. Shaffer, at home; Mrs. Elizabeth Trostle, of Warriorsmark; Mrs. Marie Baney and Mrs. Violet Fanning, of Bellefonte; Mrs. Anna Eckley, of Coleville; Oscar McMullen, of Austin, and Mrs. Dorothy Shawley and Harry, of Milesburg.

Brief funeral services were held at his home, at Coleville, on Monday evening, and on Tuesday afternoon the remains were taken to the Advent church, in Boggs township, where services were held at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Horace Lincoln Jacobs, assisted by Rev. M. C. Piper, burial being made in the Advent cemetery.

HALLER.—Peter J. Haller died quite suddenly, at his home at Pleasant Gap, on Saturday morning. He had been a sufferer with heart trouble and dropsy for a year or more and spent some weeks undergoing treatment in the Centre County hospital during the early part of the year. Of late, however, his condition did not appear so serious and he was up and around as usual. Saturday morning he walked from the living room to the kitchen of his home, remarking to his wife that he felt sort of sick. Before she could reach his side he sank to the floor and expired almost instantly.

He was a son of Martin and Catherine Jaques Haller and was born in Pittsburgh on June 9th, 1867, hence was 64 years, 1 month and 2 days old. He was one of the first guards brought to Centre county at the start of the building of Rockview penitentiary eighteen years ago and remained there until his retirement about two years ago. On October 8th, 1891, he married Miss Ellen D. Donovan who survives. He also leaves two brothers and one sister, Theodore, Nicholas and Mary Haller, all of Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were held in St. John's Catholic church, Bellefonte, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, by Rev. W. E. Downes, burial being made in the Catholic cemetery.

SIMLER.—A. Perry Simler, a brother of Mrs. Forrest L. Bullock, of Bellefonte, died in St. Anthony's hospital, Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday of last week, following an operation for gall stones.

He was a son of Capt. Harry and Ellen Tice Simler and was born in Phillipsburg about fifty years ago. On leaving Phillipsburg, some years ago, he located in Johnstown where he was connected with the Union Radiator company. Ten years ago he went to Louisville, Ky., where he had been vice president of the Hoffman Heater company. Mr. Simler was a Spanish-American war veteran, having served three years in the Philippines as a member of Company I, 17th regiment.

He married Miss Celia Baker, of Chestnut Hill, who survives with two sons, David and Richard Simler, both of Johnstown. He also leaves four brothers and three sisters, Blaine Simler, of Tulsa, Okla.; Robert and Chester, of Pittsburgh; Fred, of Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Charles Carnahan and Mrs. Frank Baldrige, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Forrest Bullock, of Bellefonte.

The remains were taken to Phillipsburg where funeral services were held and burial made on Friday afternoon.

ROSSMAN.—Bruce Rossman, Penn township farmer, died at the Centre County hospital, on Tuesday evening, following a surgical operation performed over a week ago.

A son of Lewis and Catherine Weaver Rossman, he was born at Spring Mills 47 years ago. In 1900 he married Sarah Elizabeth Koch who survives with three children, C. Russell and Ralph Rossman, of Millheim and Mrs. Wendell Goodhart, of Youngstown, Ohio. His father was killed in a motor accident, near Milton, about a year ago but he leaves his mother, one brother and three sisters, namely: Charles Rossman, of Millheim; Mrs. Bright Bitner, of Spring Mills; Mrs. Harry Mensch, of Milton, and Mrs. Nelson Wertz, of Akron, Ohio. He was a member of the Salem Reformed church and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Funeral services will be held in the Salem Reformed church at 10 o'clock this (Friday) morning, by Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing, burial to be made in the Millheim cemetery.

—Mary went over the mountain on Wednesday and it didn't rain in Bellefonte. It poured down in many other nearby places, however.