

NEWS ABOUT TOWN AND COUNTY.

Now that State College has legally obtained Lytle's Addition we wonder what it is going to do with it.

The Catholic Daughters of America will hold a card party in their rooms, in the Lyon building, tonight, (Friday) May 20. Souvenirs for everyone. Refreshments. Admission 25 cents.

Among a large number of new appointments made at Harrisburg, on Tuesday, was that of Wilbur H. McClellan, of Centre Hall, as an examiner in the insurance department at a yearly salary of \$2160.

Word was received in Bellefonte, on Wednesday, of the death of Mrs. William Gilbert, mother of Mrs. W. J. Emerick, at the home of relatives in Milton. Mrs. Gilbert spent a good part of the winter with her daughter in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Copley and the latter's daughter, Marie Chandler, have leased the Baumgardner house, on east Curtin street, and will move there this month from the apartment in the Tate building adjoining the post office, just off Spring street.

Hood College, at Frederick, Md., had an elaborate May day celebration, on Saturday, and we notice that one member of the student committee in charge of the affair, was Miss Mary Louise Meyer, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Meyer, of Bellefonte.

Mrs. George A. Miller will open her sale of flowers for Memorial day, at the Miller hardware store, on Allegheny street, on Wednesday, May 25. Geraniums will be the special, but she will have an unusual collection of other potted plants and cut flowers, as well.

Bellefonte merchants are complaining about the depredations of shoplifters which have reached a point where it is proving a serious loss, and they have so far failed to take legal action because of the families of some of the offenders, who have been detected in their nefarious work.

Information made before justice of the peace J. L. Tressel charged W. S. Brooks, of Centre Hall, with a violation of the motor code. The charge is based on the fact that while driving on the wrong side of the highway a short distance south of Bellefonte, last Friday, Brooks collided with a car driven by Oscar Zimmerman, of Bellefonte. Nobody was injured and neither of the cars was badly damaged.

If we ever get so hard up that we have to put on a sale of some kind in order to get money to live, we're going to engage two young ladies we saw at the court house on Tuesday. The American Legion put on their poppy sale that day and inside of an hour the ladies in question had raked in the check-les to the tune of \$8.00, and they did it so pleasantly that they made a fellow feel they were doing him a favor by selling him a poppy.

In a statement of primary expenses filed at the court house Mervin S. Betz, defeated by Senator Harry E. Scott for member of the Republican State committee, says he spent \$252.22 in his campaign. Of this amount he received one contribution of \$250.00 from J. O. Heverly, so it didn't cost Merv very much personally. H. A. Rossman and John J. Bower, the two successful candidates for Republican and Democratic county chairman, each spent less than fifty dollars. Bond C. White spent \$58.50.

The Auxiliary to the Jackson-Crisman-Saylor Post No. 1600, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 25th, at 8:15 o'clock p. m., at the new home of the Post, the "Forge House." All members are requested to be present, also all eligible persons who wish to become members of the Auxiliary. Mothers, wives, widows, sisters and daughters of soldiers, sailors, and marines who have seen foreign service for the United States, and have reached the age of 16 years; also women who have seen foreign service, are eligible to membership.

Solicitors for the annual drive for the Centre County hospital began an active canvass of all the towns and country districts in the county, except the Philipsburg section, this week. One young lady who is making a house to house canvass on one of the streets of Bellefonte admits that she is meeting with better success than she anticipated when starting out, considering the way times are, but at that quite a number of people who have contributed in past years are compelled to forego a membership this year because they haven't the money to do it. Under these circumstances, if the drive is to culminate in the same measure of success that attended that of last year everyone who can give should do so, willingly and cheerfully.

DEATHS OF THE WEEK HERE AND ELSEWHERE

ZIMMERMAN.—William Zimmerman died at the home of his son Harry, on Reynolds avenue, Bellefonte, at 6:45 o'clock on Monday evening, of a complication of diseases. He had not been in good health for a year or more and had been confined to the house for several months.

He was a son of Lewis and Catherine Zimmerman and was born at Hecla Park on February 27th, 1860, hence had reached the age of 72 years, 2 months and 19 days. As a young man he learned the trade of a painter and paperhanger and followed that occupation all his life. He lived at Hecla Park many years, until coming to Bellefonte about six years ago. Though he was a hard working and industrious man all his life he found time for various diversions which added to the zest of living. For a number of years he was a member of the old Zion band, in its day the banner musical organization in Centre county. He played the solo alto and was also an expert on the snare drum. He was an enthusiastic hunter, not so much for the spoils of the chase as for love of the outdoors and the thrill of matching wits with the denizens of the forest. He was also an expert bee tree hunter and every summer season garnered a harvest of honey from the wild bees in the woodlands. He was a member of the Evangelical church all his life.

In 1888 he married Miss Blanche Robb, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robb, of Nittany, who died in 1907, but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Della Steiner, of Mt. Holly, N. J.; Harry L., of Bellefonte; Mrs. C. H. Hockman, of Centre Hall; John and B. R. Zimmerman, of Lamar. He also leaves one sister and a brother, Mrs. Kate Robison, of Milesburg, and Lewis Zimmerman, of Lamont, Okla.

Funeral services will be held at the Zimmerman home, on Reynolds avenue, at two o'clock this afternoon, by Rev. A. Ward Campbell, burial to be made in the Hubbersburg cemetery.

MINEMYER.—John William Minemyer died at 3:15 o'clock on Monday morning, at the home of his son, Warren Minemyer, at Valley View, as the result of a heart attack. He had attended church, on Sunday, and felt as well as usual when he retired that evening.

He was 84 years old on February 3rd and for many years was an employee of the American Lime and Stone company. One son, Ray Minemyer, died two weeks ago but surviving him are the following children: Mrs. Otto Thorn, Mrs. John Letterman and Morris Minemyer, all of Plains, Mo.; George, of Table Mon.; Mrs. Morris Mason, Mrs. Marie Gunsallus, Robert and Ralph Minemyer, all of Johnstown; Mrs. Ruth Boyer, of Youngstown, Ohio; Mrs. Abner Rider and Warren Minemyer, of Bellefonte R. D., and Mrs. Anna Krape, of Altoona.

Brief funeral services were held at the Abner Rider home at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. G. E. Householder, after which the remains were taken to Johnstown where final services were held in the Park avenue United Brethren church at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Burial was made in the Grandview cemetery in that city.

GARDNER.—Joseph L. Gardner died at his home in Howard, about 11 o'clock Monday morning, of a heart attack. He had been in failing health for a year but had been up and around until the day of his death.

He was a son of James and Elizabeth Gardner and was born at Howard on May 24th, 1859, hence was almost 73 years old. For forty-two years he taught school in various sections of the county. In 1882 he married Amanda Bickle, of Liberty township, who survives with seven children, Mrs. Blanche Sigaman and Milton Gardner, of Harrisburg; Donald, of Dauphin county; Mrs. William Beacham, of Altoona; Russell, of Berkeley, Cal.; Florence and Pearl, at home. He also leaves one sister and two brothers, Mrs. John Mann, of Orviston; Thomas and James Gardner, of Howard.

Funeral services were held in the Highland church at two o'clock yesterday afternoon by Rev. W. E. Yingling, of Howard, burial being made in the church cemetery.

HOUSER.—Edward P. Houser, well known farmer of College township, died at his home near Pine Hall, on Tuesday, as the result of a stroke of apoplexy, although he had not been in good health for several years.

He was a son of John and Lydia Decker Houser and was born on the Branch in 1871, hence was 61 years, 2 months and 11 days old. He married Miss Minnie Evey, who died thirteen years ago, but surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. C. E. Clouser, of Ashland, Ohio, and Mrs. Bond Brungard, of State College. He also leaves two brothers, Thomas and Jacob Houser, both of State College.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, by Rev. Wink, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

ALFARATA CHORUS WILL SING ON SUNDAY IN REFORMED CHURCH

Those who enjoyed the visit of the mer's chorus of Trinity Reformed church, of Lewistown, last month, will be interested to know that the St. John's Reformed church, Bellefonte, will have as its guests the Alfarata children's chorus next Lord's day, May 22nd, 7:30 p. m. This chorus is the only one of the kind touring Central Pennsylvania out of Lewistown, filling forty-five engagements during the last twenty-three weeks. At several places the people were turned away from the churches because of the large audiences. There are twenty-seven members in the chorus, ranging in age from nine to seventeen, marvelously well trained with all music memorized, attractively uniformed in red and white. The engagements of the chorus have taken them over a radius of two hundred and fifty miles. The public is cordially invited. A silver offering will be taken.

This chorus is under the direction of Prof. Raynard Von Wisenpluh, who studied in Europe and played the violin there. He will be accompanied at the piano by Mr. Edward Clark, a graduate of the Conservatory of Music, at Syracuse, N. Y. This program will be the same as given last Lord's Day in Berwick, before eleven hundred people.

Invitations have been received in Bellefonte, for the marriage of Miss Virginia Harper and William Cordis Snyder Jr., which will take place at Echo Point, Wheeling, W. Va., on Saturday, the 4th of June. Mr. Snyder is a son of W. Cordis Snyder, a former general manager of the Lehigh Co., coal mines, at Snow Shoe, and very well known in Central Pennsylvania.

LAMBERT.—Harry E. Lambert, of Milesburg, died at the Dr. Sanford private hospital, at Jersey Shore, on Tuesday, following a lingering illness with heart trouble.

He was a son of John and Mary Lambert and was born at Milesburg 49 years ago. For a number of years he was employed by the West Penn Power company and two years ago had both feet badly frozen with the result that he never recovered from the effects of it. During most of last year he worked for the Federal Match company but was compelled to give up his job in March.

In 1910 he married Miss Nellie Shutt who survives with eight children, Ethel, Edwin, Norma, Lorraine, Levon, Harry, Phyllis, Richard. He also leaves one brother and a sister, Tracy and Miss Ethel Lambert, both of Milesburg.

Funeral services will be held at two o'clock this afternoon by Rev. M. C. Piper, burial to be made in the Curtin cemetery.

ROSSMAN.—Mrs. Susan Rossman died, on Sunday evening, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Cupp, on Penn street, Bellefonte, as the result of a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Reed and was born at Lamar on July 14th, 1852, hence was in her 80th year. She married Ira C. Rossman who died six years ago but surviving her are the following children: Mrs. Elizabeth Cohan, Mrs. Minnie Watson and Elmer Rossman, all of Warren; Charles, of Franklin; Mrs. Rebecca Cupp, of Bellefonte; John, Isaac and James Rossman, of Coleville. She also leaves two brothers and a sister, Milton and William Reed, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Margaret Mills, of Tyrone.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. G. E. Householder, burial being made in the Troczynski cemetery.

NERHOOD.—George W. Nerhood died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Verna Dunkle, at State College, on May 6th, as the result of general debility, aged 80 years. He was a son of Adam and Kathryn Nerhood and was born in Snyder county. Many years ago he moved, with his parents, to Centre county, and located near Centre Hall, where most of his life was spent. He was a member of the Reformed church, the Odd Fellows and the Rebekah lodge of Centre Hall.

He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Sarah Fauber and the second Miss Alice Meyer. The latter survives with one daughter, Mrs. Dunkle. Funeral services were held on Monday of last week, burial being made at Centre Hall.

PAUL.—Harry M. Paul, of State College, died at the Centre county hospital, on Sunday evening, following three days illness with pneumonia.

He was a son of Jennie and Daniel Eboch Paul and was born in Monroe county in March 1865, hence was in his 68th year. When he was a boy the family located in Philipsburg and there he grew to manhood and learned the trade of a carpenter. He spent a number of years in Philadelphia, working at his trade but for some years past had been located at State College. He was the last of his family. The remains were taken to Philipsburg where funeral services were held and burial made on Wednesday afternoon.

INSURANCE RATES ARE FINALLY REDUCED IN BELLEFONTE BOROUGH

Deficiency Charge Reduced From 22 to 12 Cents Will Affect All Business Places.

The long expected reduction in fire insurance rates on business buildings in Bellefonte borough became effective on May 13th. The borough council, with the advice of the Underwriters Association, and through a committee composed of members of council, the fire department, and local insurance agents, have been working on the proposition for several years and have been bringing the town fire defenses, step by step, up to the required standards, with the result that the town deficiency charge has been reduced from 22 cents to 12 cents. The council, the fire department, and the agents on the committee are to be congratulated on the results of their work, for this 10 cents reduction places Bellefonte in the forefront of towns throughout the State that are protected by all-volunteer departments. It is believed that there are few, if any, towns of the same class with as low a deficiency charge.

In explanation of this rate reduction, it should be understood that all business buildings are rated specifically on the basis of their location, construction, occupancy, and exposure to other buildings, and each one is charged for bad features and given credit for good features from a fire hazard standpoint. Included in the schedule of each building, which shows all charges and credits, is a charge for lack of certain necessary elements of fire defense. All Bellefonte business buildings were charged 22 cents under this item, and now that new and modern pumps, equipment and adequate hose have been purchased, and many minor improvements have been made in the water pumping systems, alarm system, and an up-to-date building code adopted, that charge has been cut almost in half, bringing it down below that of most all-volunteer towns and placing it in a class with many towns and cities which maintain part-paid fire departments.

The district secretary of the Underwriters Association called a meeting, last week, of all local fire insurance agents, and explained to them how the reduction works and what buildings are affected, in order that no misunderstandings might occur in the application of the new rates. He brought out the point that the 10 cents reduction applies only to mercantile and specially rated risks in the borough which are now charged 22 cents under the deficiency item. It does not affect dwellings, which have always been rated on a minimum basis, nor any other buildings which have not heretofore paid the 22 cents charge.

This 10 cents reduction is not retroactive, and applies only to fire insurance policies dated May 13th or later. All policies which go into effect on or after the 13th are entitled to the reduction in rate, and those written before that date will get the benefit of the lower rates at their next renewal. Figures are not available as to the total amount of insurance carried on business buildings and their contents, so no estimate of the total saving can be made, except that it will run into large figures over the period of a year. Bellefonte should be proud of its fire department, and should give full credit and recognition to all those who cooperated and worked towards the successful reduction in fire insurance rates.

The town need bow to no place when it comes to fire protection and efficient, loyal firemen.

MRS. WITTER HOSTESS FOR GARDEN CLUB LAST WEEK

Mrs. Harry G. Witter was hostess for the May meeting of the Bellefonte Garden club, which was held at her home, on east Curtin street, Wednesday of last week. As evidence of the interest being taken by the women of Bellefonte in this effort to make beauty spots out of yards and gardens, forty-four members and one visitor were in attendance.

The president of the club, Mrs. Gregg Curtin, presided and the program committee reported that calendars for the year had been furnished to each member of the club.

Mrs. G. M. Gamble, chairman of the membership committee, submitted five names for new members, namely: Mrs. L. R. Woodring and Mrs. L. G. Peters, of Milesburg; Mrs. H. E. Fenlon, Mrs. Elsie Rankin Helliwell and Mrs. Ellen G. Gray, of Bellefonte. They were all elected. Mrs. Curtin announced that plans for the flower show to be held on June 21st have been about completed and full details will be made public in due time.

A number of seedlings were offered for exchange and distribution after which the president introduced Manus Curran, of the Orchard Mills nursery, Mill Hall, who gave an interesting talk on the proper way to construct and maintain rock gardens.

Before leaving the members inspected the beautiful gardens at the Witter home and the recently constructed lily pond.

NEWS PURELY PERSONAL

John M. Fleming, feature writer of the Philipsburg Daily Journal, spent the early part of the week in Bellefonte, called here as a witness in court.

Mrs. Sude Wooden went over to Reading, Saturday, with plans for spending an indefinite time there with her niece, Mrs. James Harris, and the Harris family.

Mrs. Elsie Rankin Helliwell returned to Bellefonte, Tuesday, from an over Sunday visit at her former home in Atlantic City, having gone down by train Thursday.

Miss Helen Tanner, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tanner, went to State College, last week, to accept a position in Mrs. Witcraft's shop, The Band Box.

Mrs. M. C. Breese, of Downingtown, is arranging to come to Bellefonte, about the first of June, to be with Miss Anna H. Hoy, at her home on north Spring street, for the summer.

Mrs. Newton Haupt who, since leaving here several years ago, has made her home in Harrisburg, was in Bellefonte, last week, for a visit with relatives and seeing some of her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harrison Walker drove to Frederick, Md., last Sunday, for a day's visit there with their daughter, Mary Louise, a first year student at Hood College.

Dr. Walter Stewart was over from Wilkes Barre for a part of the past week, spending it here with his sister and brother, Miss Margaret and David, at the Stewart home, on west Linn street.

John Bair had as guests, during the week, his daughter, Mrs. Walter McKinley, of Philadelphia who, with Mr. McKinley, spent Sunday with Mr. Bair at Mrs. Hannah Kelley's, on Spring street.

The Harry Whitecocks had as guests at their home on Howard street, recently Dr. and Mrs. Spencer Hurst, of Altoona, and their two children, Bobby and Louise. The Hurst family motored over for the visit.

Miss Harriet Sloan, a cousin of Mrs. John A. Woodcock, was here from McConnellsburg, for several days this week, a guest at the Woodcock apartment. Mrs. Woodcock's condition has become very critical.

Mrs. Frank West, who is home from a visit of several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Pearce and Mr. Pearce, at Zellenople, drove in with Mrs. Widdowson and her son, Kenny, who went to Butler county, Tuesday, for her.

Edward R. Owens, of the Bellefonte Hardware Co., will go to New York, today, and sail from there for a five week's trip to Europe, his objective being Wales. Mr. Owens is going over to visit some cousins whom he has never seen.

Miss Kitty White, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. K. White, of Philipsburg, has just returned from the Canal Zone where she had been for six weeks, as a guest of Col. and Mrs. Walter Gray, former residents of Philipsburg.

While members of the Blanchard family have made frequent visits to Danville during the week, the condition of John Blanchard Esq., who was operated on, at the Geflinger hospital, a week ago, is very satisfactory, with prospects of a speedy recovery.

Mrs. David Dale, who was in Philadelphia last week, for the wedding of her cousin, John McPherson, went from there to Gettysburg to be a guest over Sunday, of her brother, Judge Donald McPherson and his wife, arriving home Monday.

Frank M. Derstine, with the Kline Stores of Altoona, was among the Motorists Day visitors to Bellefonte whom we failed to mention last week. Mr. Derstine came over, Saturday, to be here for the night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. William Derstine.

Mrs. Joseph Baker and Mrs. J. M. Curtin, with a party of friends, drove in from Philipsburg, Tuesday, to spend the remainder of the week at the Baker summer home at Wingate. The visit will constitute the formal opening of the Baker place there for the summer.

Motorists entertained at the H. C. Yeager home, on Tuesday, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson and Miss Anna Wilson, of Altoona, cousins of Mrs. Geisinger and Mrs. Yeager, and Mrs. Ella Pomeroy, of Union Level, Virginia. The party drove over from Altoona for the day.

Mrs. Harry Curtin left, Monday, with her grandson, John Curtin Jr., to drive to Greenville, Pa., where she will be with her daughter, Mrs. T. V. Hodges, for an indefinite time. Mrs. Curtin returned from Downingtown about a month ago, after having spent the winter there with Mrs. Breese. John Curtin Jr., who is a salesman for the American Lime & Stone Co., had been home for the week-end, and the drive was made, Monday, to resume his work in the Erie territory, his present location.

Mrs. James R. Hughes, who had been a patient in the Centre County hospital for eleven weeks, was taken to the Green home, on Linn street, the latter part of the week, and will be there while convalescing from her long illness. Mrs. Richard Holmes has also left the hospital, having been taken to her home, on west High street, this week, in the hope that her improvement will be faster in her home environment. Mrs. Holmes has been ill for more than two months.

Two former members of the Legislature from Centre county met in the court house, on Monday. They were Hons. J. W. Kepler, of Pine Grove Mills, and Phil E. Womelsdorf, of Philipsburg. Mr. Kepler, by the way, has been identified with rural life so long that he is sticking close to his comfortable home in Ferguson township, and the only reason he was in Bellefonte this week was because he was a juror in court. Mr. Womelsdorf was in Bellefonte on business, but he couldn't resist the temptation to air his views on the political situation, because he is not convinced that the harmony talk in the Republican ranks is going to result in a solid front at the polls in November, as too many Republicans are harping for a change which they believe can only be achieved through the election of a Democratic President.

J. Thomas Mitchell is expected here shortly, for a visit with the family in Bellefonte and elsewhere in Pennsylvania. The visit north from Mississippi will be the first one in eight years. While here he will be a house guest of his sister, Mrs. John Porter Lyon.

The Rev. James B. Stein, of Harrisburg, who will have charge of both morning and evening service in the Methodist church, Sunday, will be house guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. (Shuey) during his stay in Bellefonte. Dr. Stein served a long and populous pastorate here, a number of years ago.

Mrs. John Van Pelt was called to Williamsport from New Jersey, where Mr. Van Pelt became so seriously ill with pneumonia two weeks ago, and has been with him there, since that time. Mr. Van Pelt, whose condition is not thought to be improving, has been associated with one of the leading tobacco houses of Williamsport for several months.

Jacob H. Weaver Jr., of Hubbersburg, was in Bellefonte, Wednesday afternoon. Like all the rest of us, he has been hit by the depression so hard that he hasn't had any real work since last fall. But unlike a great many of us "Jake" wasn't "making a poor mouth about it. There is a reason for that. The fact that he is one of the old fashioned fellows who have sense enough to know that "a rainy day" may be just around any corner in the way of life and the wise purpose for it, even though they hope it will never come. In other words, when work was plenty and wage were big "Jake" lived as he always has lived and stored away the surplus. After our chat with him we heard that Hubbersburg is going to celebrate her centennial some time this summer, but since the story came from the oracle of Wampus Run we cannot vouch for its authenticity.

CHECKS FOR TALBOT FUND SENT TO POOR OVERSEASERS BY COUNTY TREASURER

Centre county's allotment of the Talbot fund for the unemployed for the months of December, January and February, \$18,435.47, was distributed this week, checks for the same having been sent to the poor overseers in every district in the county by county treasurer Robert F. Hunter in accordance with a schedule prepared by the county commissioners on the basis of the unemployed in each district as reported by the overseers. The total number of unemployed was 2158. Rush township heads the list with 481. Philipsburg had 244 while Bellefonte is third with 165. Centre Hall had the smallest number of unemployed, only 3, while Howard reported 7 and State College 9. Following is a complete list of the number of unemployed and the amount of the award in each poor district in the county:

Table with 3 columns: District, Unemployed, Award. Lists districts like Bellefonte Boro, Centre Hall Boro, Howard Boro, etc., with corresponding numbers and amounts.

THRIFT CORPORATION REPORTS GOOD PROGRESS

The Centre County Thrift Corp., at its board of directors meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, reported considerable progress in their work in this community. While only recently organized, this year they have already started to show a fair profit and the demands for loans have exceeded the expectation of all the directors.

Charles Sturm, vice president of the Pittsburgh Thrift Corp., and a director of the Centre County Thrift Corp., died recently, and Henry Russel Miles, assistant secretary-treasurer of the Pittsburgh Thrift Corp., was elected as his successor. George H. Hazel, president of the Thrift Corporation, reports that the demands for loans have been so large that they have exceeded the supply of money on hand. Sale of the stock, which has been conducted by Miss H. I. Farrar, is rapidly running towards a close and the directors propose to advance the price of the stock ten points after the initial \$40,000 par value has been issued. Miss Farrar reports that she believes the stock will be entirely disposed of by the end of this month.

L. A. Schaeffer, the oldest ex-prothonotary in Centre county, who suffered another attack of illness a week or so ago, is recovering very satisfactorily though still confined to bed.

Bellefonte Grain Markets

Table with 2 columns: Grain type, Price. Lists Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Buckwheat with prices.