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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

PENN'S VALLEY LUTHERAN (Rev. L. Arthur Wagner, Pastor) Spring Mills—9 to 10 A. M. Centre Hall—10:30 A. M. Tusseyville—7:30 P. M.

CENTRE HALL REFORMED (Rev. Delag R. Keener, Pastor) Centre Hall—1:30—Church School. 2:30—Church Worship. Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing will preach the sermon.

Spring Mills—9:30—Church School. No preaching service. Farmers Mills—9:30—Church School. No preaching service.

EVANGELICAL (Rev. W. K. Hosterman, Pastor) Centre Hall—Sunday School, 9:30 A. M. Lemont—Sunday School, 10:00 A. M. Worship Service, 11:00 A. M.

Tusseyville—Sunday School, 9:30 A. M. Worship Service, 7:30 P. M. Bethesda—Worship Service, 9 A. M. Sunday School, 10 A. M.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL (Rev. I. L. Miller, Pastor) Centre Hall—Unified Service, 9:30 a. m. Sprucetown—10:00—Sunday School. 10:45—Morning Worship.

PRESBYTERIAN (Rev. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Pastor) 9:30—Sunday School. 10:30—Church Worship

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SHERIFF We are authorized to announce the name of W. C. WITMER of Spring Township as a candidate for Sheriff of Centre county, subject to the rules governing the Democratic Party at its primary election to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 1939.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER To the Republican Voters of Centre County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner of Centre County subject to the rules governing the Republican Party at its primary election to be held Tuesday, September 12, 1939. Your vote and support are respectfully appreciated. WILLIAM H. (BILL) BROWN, Bellefonte, Pa.

PLEASE The haphazard manner of parking motor cars on the streets of Centre Hall needs some attention. It will not need the hiring of a town policeman to show off authority when a stranger comes to town, nor the installation of meters with ever-open slots to scotch your nickel and then refuse to register properly, no, none of these, but let each motorist practice a bit of common sense and always keep in mind that he is not the only one who drives a car and that sidewalks are made for the convenience of pedestrians and not a free parking lot.

Preparations are being made by the Belle Telephone Company to install the dial system in Snow Shoe.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL Did you get credit on your label for subscription paid any time prior to Tuesday of this week, when our mailing list was corrected? If not, notify this office at once. If you find you are in arrears, a remittance will be welcome,—today.

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Deaths

CROUSE.—Miss Bernice Crouse, a once familiar figure at the scenic theatre when under the management of the late Clayton Brown, died in a Cumberland, Md., hospital following an operation. During her stay in Bellefonte she lived with Dr. and Mrs. Brown.

Miss Crouse, Penns Valley native, was organist and pianist at the scenic theatre for about seven years during the time it was operated by Mr. Brown.

Since leaving Bellefonte about ten years ago, she had been employed in a similar position for the Byron and Gosh Company of Cumberland, engaged in educational work in public schools.

The deceased was born at Smallton 38 years ago, a daughter of the late George W. and Louise Vonada Crouse. One brother, Domer Crouse, of Lock Haven, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Gentzel, of Spring Mills, survive. She was a member of the Methodist church. Burial was made at Millheim on Saturday morning, Rev. I. L. Miller officiating.

GROSS.—Frank Wion Gross, Warriors Mark, R. D., farmer, died at his residence Friday afternoon of complications after being bedfast since December 26. He was 59.

Born at Linden Hall March 14, 1880, he was the son of the late William and Ellen Win Gross. On Sept. 11, 1900, he married the former Lillie Way, who survives with these children: Mrs. Albert Hipple, Warriors Mark; Mrs. Jacob S. Knisely, Bellefonte; Mrs. Carl Rumberger, Tyrone, R. D.; Mrs. Jacob Reese, Warriors Mark, and Mrs. Walter Emigh, Warriors Mark.

Twelve grandchildren survive, as do these brothers: Samuel of Centre Hall; Daniel, Lewistown; John, St. College; Clarence, Towanda, and one sister, Mrs. Laura Kuhns, State College.

The deceased was a member of the Centre Line Lutheran church and was affiliated with the Stormstown Odd Fellows.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon with Rev. Allen C. Lambert officiating. Burial was made in Friends cemetery.

HESS.—Word has been received by the Charles Segner family in Boalsburg of the death at his home in Whitaker of Wm. J. Hess, native of Boalsburg, where he was born 71 years ago. Mr. Hess was the son of Adam and Mary Hess, and was married to the former Ella Messinger who preceded him in death.

He is survived by one son, John, with whom he made his home. Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon.

GLASS.—Mrs. Elmeda J. Glass, 83, died Sunday night at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lingle, of Mifflinburg, R. D. She had been ill for five years with a complication of diseases.

Born in Centre county, she was a member of the Georges Valley Lutheran church there. Surviving in addition to the one daughter, is a brother, James B. Crawford, of Freeport, Illinois.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Strunk funeral home in Mifflinburg. The Rev. Joseph E. Brenneman, pastor of the Mifflinburg Methodist church, officiated, and burial was made in the Georges Valley Lutheran church cemetery, near Spring Mills.

Mrs. Glass belonged to one of the old and well-known families in Gregg township.

SUMMERS.—Mrs. Josephine Summers died Monday morning at her home in Boggs township of complications following a several months' illness. She was aged 32 years.

Deceased was born in Smulton, a daughter of Harry and Agnes Flory Burns. In addition to her parents she is survived by her husband, Geo. E. Summers, and two sons, Richard, at home, and Harry, Milesburg. John Berns of Boggs township is a surviving brother.

Funeral services will be held at her late home this (Thursday) morning. Rev. C. M. Piper of Milesburg will officiate.

Interment will be made in Millheim.

WHAMMOND.—Funeral services for Mrs. Sara Virginia Whammond, 76, were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lyle E. McKean, at Beech Creek, where she died, Monday afternoon.

The widow of David Whammond, Mrs. Whammond was born in Liberty township, Centre county.

Surviving are Mrs. McKean, a son, three grandchildren, three brothers, and a sister.

The deceased was a cousin of Mrs. J. W. Delaney of near town.

BOALSBURG

Mrs. Winifred Wisland Garbrick and daughter of Bedford were visitors in town on Saturday, Mrs. Garbrick calling on friends while her daughter visited with Mrs. Kenneth North.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stuart spent Friday afternoon with friends in this vicinity enroute to their home in Crafton after attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Philadelphia.

The Paul Coxey family of Greensburg were week-end visitors in town. Richard Goheen and family of Indiana spent the week-end at the M. W. Goheen and E. H. Meyer homes.

The members of the Home-making group attended a tea at the home of Miss Butler in Bellefonte on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lou Fisher of Huntingdon is visiting at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Nelle Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dale and son of Bellefonte and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. K. Rimmer of Centre Hall were Sunday guests of the Lather K. Dale family.

Rev. L. J. Kaufman is attending Central Penna. Synod in Harrisburg this week.

The senior class of the H. T. V. S. accompanied by Miss Pauline Billings left early Monday morning on a trip to Washington, D. C.

Dr. Peter L. Swank received a telegram Friday afternoon announcing the death of his son, Oscar Swank, who had been very ill in a Cleveland hospital for some weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Temple have returned to their home after spending several months in Phillipsburg while Mr. Temple was convalescing from his recent illness.

TUSSEYVILLE

Rev. and Mrs. Dubbs of Mifflinburg were Tuesday night guests of Mrs. Dubbs' sister, Mrs. Detwiler.

Mrs. W. B. Swartz and Mrs. Arthur Fortney of State College spent Tuesday evening at the Fortney home.

A baby girl recently arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rudy, which brings the total to three, two girls and one boy.

Misses Virginia Bennis and Esther Hastings spent Friday night at the Fortney home.

Arthur Brown and son, accompanied by other relatives of Nottingham, on Friday viewed the scene where the former's son lost his life in a motor accident while enroute to his home to attend the funeral of his mother.

Miss Ruth Detwiler of Lemont was a Sunday caller at the home of her parents.

John Hettlinger spent the week-end with friends in Jersey Shore.

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"BILL" BROWN SEEKING OFFICE OF CO. COMMISSIONER

The Reporter carries the announcement of William H. (Bill) Brown as a candidate for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner. He declares he is in sympathy with the Townsend movement, and if nominated as well as those who could put their money on the line. Appreciation of the care and service was instilled in these poor people with the result that the hospital lost a small amount thereby. In two years Brown had paid all back bills, and all new bills were being accounted. During his administration of eight years new equipment to the value of \$15,999 was purchased and paid for. The State appropriation was increased from \$5,000 to \$14,500 per year. His services were sought by metropolitan hospitals but he elected to stay in Bellefonte where his heart interest lay in this hospital.

"In 1930 the Reading bank became insolvent upon the payment of its loan. The depositor was on and money scarce. However, when the records of the hospital under Captain Brown were examined it was found by investors that bonds of the hospital were desirable investments. An issue of \$30,000 was prepared by the late John Blanchard, of which Captain Brown sold \$22,000 himself and with this money the Reading mortgage was paid in full.

"In 1933 he procured a loan of \$45,000 from the Federal Government to build a nurses' home. This created work, which was then scarce. Brown supervised the work as the hospital's share of the project. It was his thought that the building of the nurses' home would save the nurses training school and make it certain. Upon the election of a new board of trustees not in accord with the Brown plan he was compelled to resign and abandon the work in which he was so deeply interested.

"In 1935 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Prothonotary but was defeated by the present incumbent.

Persons interested in Mr. Brown's candidacy have issued the following statement in his behalf:

"William H. (Bill) Brown, who is an aspirant for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner, is a native Centre countian and comes from a line of rugged forebears who had much to do with the industrial life of Centre county in years gone by. His great-grandfather, Captain George Brown, was a charcoal furnaceman and in his day operated many of the now historic furnaces, such as Howard, Nittany, Washington, Hecla and others. His grandfather, for whom he was named, married a Miss Logan, from whose family have sprung many of the substantial families of the county, such as the Kelley, Long, Flack, Miles, McKinney, Shay, Miller and other families.

"His father, also a charcoal furnaceman and a veteran of the Civil War, died when he was but twelve years of age. This necessitated his quitting school and from then on he was compelled to work at small wages, on the railroad, in the quarries and at the lime kilns or wherever an honest dollar could be made. He finally learned the plumbing trade under J. J. Sobad and Brother, and continued in their employ for many years thereafter.

"He entered politics in 1908 as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Recorder of Deeds. Centre county had but one Republican in this office in its entire history (Nelson E. Robb, and this fact coupled with the fact that he did not have the favor of the party organization seemed to make his task almost impossible of fulfillment. Having no money and being without means of transportation he walked a greater portion of the county, met and talked on common ground with the voters, and much to the surprise of the politicians was nominated and elected. He was re-nominated in 1911 but fell a victim to the Democratic landslide which followed the remodeling of the court house. In 1915, however, he was again nominated and elected, and in 1919 he was returned by the votes of the county, being the first individual who has ever been elected three times to this office.

"Politics played no part in Brown's conduct of his office. He was affable, courteous and accommodating to all. It was his pleasure to take his time to help an inquiring citizen. While a great worker at all times in the Republican party, he was independent in his thought and did not blindly follow the leaders, moulding his thought and actions to what he believed to be for the best interests of all the people. On several occasions he led his thoughts to success at the polls much to the chagrin of the so-called "organization." This success was attributed to the fact that he was honest and straight-forward and never indulged in double dealing of any sort.

"When he was twenty-one years of age Brown enlisted in the National Guard under the late Capt. Hugh S. Taylor and after seventeen years of service rose from the ranks to the rank of Captain. In 1912 he was transferred from infantry to cavalry and forthwith organized the first troop of cavalry ever to be organized within Centre county. In 1915 he resigned owing to the pressure of his public duties. However in 1917 Brown enlisted as a private, and was sent to the Officers Training Camp at Fort Niagara, his wife becoming Deputy Recorder during his absence. While there his health broke and he was sent to the hospital and subsequently discharged on account of poor health. Brown objected to this discharge but was told he would not live a year. Returning home he did all he could to assist in the draft and has always maintained a deep interest in military matters.

"In 1923 he was nominated by the Republicans for the office of Sheriff but was defeated at the general election.

"In 1926 he was called to the Centre County hospital as its superintendent. It had been known as the Bellefonte Hospital and was in a serious financial condition. In 1924 a \$100,000 drive for an addition to the building had fallen short by \$20,000 and this had been financed by a Reading bank to the extent of \$30,000, the proceeds of which were \$28,000. The State appropriation was but \$5,000. The hospital was running in the red to the extent of about \$500 a month—bills were unpaid and the institution was about ready to close its doors.

"As superintendent he was given full charge under the supervision and help of the Board of Trustees. He visited other hospitals to observe their systems and then returned to Bellefonte and put in effect his own system. He employed for the first time a technician and dietitian. Each year he reported to the public in a printed pamphlet showing all the detail of operation and giving the public full knowledge of what had been done. An annual drive was instituted. Patients unable to pay immediately were tak-



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"Broken in health and in finances he was compelled to seek employment as night janitor at the Elks Club, Bellefonte, where he has since worked. Brown's health has greatly improved and his old vigor and fight seem to have returned, and he expects to make an old-time campaign for the position which means so much to the tax-payers of the county. He earnestly solicits your support and influence."

SENIORS' EFFORTS ON STAGE, THURS. NITE, WELL RECEIVED "The House of Strangeness" was the title of a play put on the stage by the seniors of the Centre Hall-Potter high school, on Thursday night. The attendance was very good, as was also the reception of the efforts of the young people.

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