

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Died: On the 10th inst., Hannah wife of Elias Markle of Hubersburg in the 52nd year of her life.

On last Thursday evening Miss Blanche Holmes and Mr. J. Willis Weaver both of Milesburg, were married at Phillipsburg at the residence of William Erdley. The contracting parties are well known in this section and their many friends will be glad to learn of the nuptials.

Notice has been issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad that hereafter any corpse shipped over its lines shall be accompanied by a health permit, showing it to be free from contagion, and that one first-class ticket, full fare, will be required for a corpse, no matter what the age of the deceased may be.

The residence of John S. Yearick, in Spring township, with most of its contents, was destroyed by fire last Wednesday. Mr. Yearick, in trying to save some of the goods, was painfully burned about the head and arms.

Saturday evening and Sunday were the two coldest days of the season and took many persons by surprise. Sunday morning, at some points in the town the thermometer was eight degrees below zero. The Steam Heating Company was taxed to its utmost to keep the town comfortably warm, but the plant was equal to the occasion. Water pipes suffered in all sections and the plumbers were kept quite busy.

After weeks of illness from a complication of diseases, Mrs. Mattie S. Sell, wife of E. H. Sell, conductor on the middle division, died at the home of her husband, in Altoona, Saturday. Mrs. Sell was the daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Nichols and was born at Pine Grove Mills, Centre County, on July 23, 1846. Her mother is still living and made her home with her daughter. The funeral services took place on Monday, with interment being made in Altoona.

The Undine hose company will give a grand hop in the Bush Arcade this Thursday evening. Admission 50 cents—a fire in Dale & Company's store at Centre Hall last Thursday morning nearly destroyed the building. It was discovered before it had gained much headway. ... Landford Branson, who attended the G. A. R. Encampment of Erie last week, was appointed a delegate to the National Encampment of the G. A. R. ... Robert Valentine and family are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Hon. James P. Coburn, of Aaronsburg, one of the hospital Commission, was at Phillipsburg last Thursday selecting a location for the new hospital. He was escorted around by Judge Munson, W. E. Irwin, Dr. Alport and H. K. Grant and after a careful scrutiny of all the sites offered he finally selected the one on Fred Smith's farm, on the right side of the Loch Lomond road, on the hill side. It is a beautiful location and was selected on account of being easily and well served with water from the reservoir. Four acres of ground will be staked off and work begun as soon as spring comes. Mr. Coburn is looking very well and was in high spirits. He says he thinks Phillipsburg so well that he likes of coming here to live, which he devoutly hopes may come to pass.—Ledger.

Twenty Years Ago

George W. Port, for 17 years superintendent of the Union cemetery, had resigned from that post, the reason for his resignation being that age had made it impossible for him to carry on the work.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Harvey L. Confer and Sue V. McCarty, both of Munson; Joseph Pudislock and Caroline Verblisky, both of Clarence; Lester O. Fletcher and Ruth M. Poorman, both of Howard.

Robert W. Knisely of Bellefonte and Miss Myra V. Alkey, of Milesburg, were united in marriage by the Rev. M. C. Piper at his residence in Milesburg. Mr. Knisely, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Knisely, of Bellefonte, was employed in his father's restaurant here.

John Kelly, of State College, had a narrow escape from death when upon alighting from a bus at Gill street he stepped in front of Dr. Glenn's car. He was knocked down but had the presence of mind to hold on to the front end of the car until it stopped moving. His injuries were slight.

While the Thomas Z. Stover family was returning from Millheim to their home along Pine Creek, their Ford car skidded while passing a team near the residence of Mrs. Annie Stevenson. Sidestepping a telephone pole, the car's body and top were badly damaged. One of Mr. Stover's sons had three fingers crushed between the side of the car and the pole.

Samuel A. Krape, of Bellefonte, died at the Bellefonte Hospital as the result of injuries suffered several days previously when he stepped into an open elevator shaft in a building at Akron, Ohio, and fell, fracturing his skull and several ribs. He was brought to Bellefonte for treatment. A native of Penna Valley, he was a carpenter by trade and had helped with the construction of many of the finest buildings in the Penna Valley section.

P. Gray Meek, for over 50 years editor and publisher of the Democrat Watchman and for many years prominent in state politics, died at his home on West High Street, Bellefonte. Death came after a lingering illness with hardening of the arteries, although pneumonia was assigned as the direct cause of death. He was 77 years old and was survived by his wife and the following children: Miss Mary Gray Meek, and Elizabeth Breckinridge, both at home; George R. Bellefonte; Dr. Eloise, employed by the government at Trenton, and Mrs. Thomas King Morris, of Pittsburgh. Survivors also included a brother, Ollie Meek of Philadelphia.

According to Bellefonte borough election returns, 484 citizens voted in favor of allowing cows on the streets, only 182 against.

Married: On the 14th inst. at the Reformed parsonage at Jacksonsville by the Rev. D. O. Shoemaker, Mr. Harry Lutz and Miss Alice M. Fisher, both of Walker township.

The heart of Charles Since, who was killed by being struck by a log at Young Women's Creek, Clinton County, was found 100 feet from where he stood when struck.

E. A. Croll, the bright and energetic business manager of the Harrisburg Call, died at his home in Carlisle, on Monday morning of cigarette smoking. His right eye and mouth were drawn around on one side of his face. He suffered untold agony. Editor's Note: Egad!

Another of those atrocious crimes was committed on Thursday, the 14th, at Houtzdale. As usual, the occasion was another wedding, when every appearance and pretense to get away with a large quantity of beer and whiskey with the natural result of much drunkenness and riot. The contracting parties in the wedding were John Beros and Emma Ivan, and the ceremony took place at Eureka colliery, N. E. about 5 miles south of Houtzdale. About 11 o'clock at night a general riot took place, there being a free fight among all hands. Joseph Lorksi was very savagely set upon by a large dog and was thrown to the ground. While he was in that position Mike Rusnak, Andrew Joan, Steven Toma and John Simco pounced upon him in a brutal manner, using an axe and clubs and beating him with a fatal effect, cleaving his skull with the axe and clubs and breaking all of Lorksi's ribs on the right side. Lorksi was immediately taken to his home where he lived until about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the following day. In this case the party consisted wholly of Hungarians. The murder was kept from the officers of the law until after the death of Lorksi. Captain Clark, of Phillipsburg, who is one of the most successful detectives in this region, was consulted on the afternoon of the 18th. A post mortem examination of the deceased was made by Drs. Todd and Filmer, when the cause of death was ascertained. Capt. Clark arrested Mike Ivan, George Murrin and John Ivan and they were sent to the Clearfield jail yesterday and accessories to the murder. The principals in this horrible tragedy are yet at large, and we have every confidence in the ability of Capt. Clark to bring them to justice. The murder is all the more brutal if correct, which states that the two sons of the murdered man were present and beaten in the general riot and appeared to be very roughly handled. On seeing this one of the party ran to the old man and informed him of the circumstances. He hastened to the spot, and while endeavoring to rescue them from their assailants, he was thrown to the ground and beaten. The two boys from the reservoir, and Thomas left the mines together on the 19th, and will no doubt stay together. Ivan and Susnak are separated and are not with the others, it is believed. A liberal reward will be paid for the arrest of any of the above named parties, or any information concerning their whereabouts.

Farmer Mack Johnson, of Beech Creek, owned an ewe which gave birth to four lambs, all healthy. Johnson's livestock was doing well, for several days later a hen which had stolen her nest appeared with a string of chicks trailing her.

Roger E. Willard received an honorable discharge and was mustered out of service at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. Upon returning home he contracted a severe cold which developed into a mild congestion to remain in bed for several weeks.

Maurice Runkle departed for Shamokin after a short visit at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wagner, from Shamokin he expected to go to Lancaster where he conducted a first-class drug store. His wife and daughter, Dorothy, expected to join him in Lancaster in a week or so.

A leading confectioner of Bellefonte estimated that at least half a ton of candy a week was used by the people of Bellefonte and vicinity during the holiday season. Had it been a normal year when candy and supplies could have been freely purchased, it is quite likely that quantity would have been much greater.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Mrs. Ida Wilmer of Winstage called at the Fleming Poorman home on Saturday, Reuben Summers was also a caller.

Nevin Watson visited relatives at Bellefonte and Gum Stump recently. Edith Burd spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Confer of Milesburg. About 11 o'clock and attended church at Yarnell.

Edwood Robb was a Sunday caller at the Charles Lucas home. Jane and Hilda Bennett of Runville, visited friends at this place on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Switzer and daughter Jon and Joanne Rhoads of Bellefonte, were guest at the Watson home on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burd of Central City called on home folks at this place on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Powell of Pleasant Gap, helped Fleming Poorman to celebrate his birthday anniversary on Tuesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Orvis Watson entertained at a quilting party at her home on Wednesday last week. Mrs. Clyde Watson and son, Mrs. Agnes Shawley of Milesburg, Mrs. John Kelly, Mrs. Hayes Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Roy Leathers and daughter, and Nevin Watson.

Sunday callers at the Poorman home were Frank McKinley, of Milesburg, Frank, Marie and Anna Johnson and Pearl Poorman.

Mrs. Edith Burd and Mrs. Arthur Burd enjoyed a chicken dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Posinger at Coleville in honor of Mrs. Posinger's birthday anniversary on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Butler and family of Runville were recent visitors at the Roy Leathers home.

Tonroe Burd spent the weekend with relatives at Runville. J. B. Poorman of Johnstown, visited home folks over Sunday.

PLEASANT VALLEY

A birthday party was held on Saturday night Feb. 18th, at the home of William Ebers for his step-son's 14th birthday. Those present were Robert, Paul and Ralph Confer, Helen Confer, Ralph McCartney, sons David and Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gilbert and children, John, Lester and Betty Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. James Lucas and son James, Mrs. Edna Fairview, Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, two children LeRoy and Franklin Walker, of Orriston; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones, baby Ernest, Mr. and Mrs. George Houdeshell, William Ebers, son Ardell, Lewis, Eugene, Lee, Charles, James Lucas of Pleasant Valley.

Irvin Confer spent last Sunday at Lock Haven at the home of Mrs. George McCloskey.

Toner Packer and son Howard, were Monday evening visitors at the home of Harvey Emmlinizer.

Mrs. George Houdeshell visited on Monday afternoon with Mrs. Harvey Emmlinizer.

Orvis Lucas and Lester Mayes of Yarnell, were Saturday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Richner.

Mrs. Harvey Emmlinizer, son Theodore, and Jane Eagler were Sunday afternoon visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Molts of Howard, R. F. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bressler, Jack Bressler, Jack Wilder all of Reading spent the weekend with William and Theodore Bressler.

Sunday visitors at the home of Harvey Emmlinizer, Clair Confer, of Summit Hill and Cordis Robison of Mt. Eagle and William Bressler.

Harvey Emmlinizer visited on Sunday morning at the home of Mr. William Richner.

Lee Richner spent Sunday morning at Summit Hill with his brother Clair Richner.

RUNVILLE

A number of our taxpayers attended the hearing at the Court House last Friday relative to an additional school room at Runville, which is very badly needed. Our teachers here certainly have a lot of patience to conduct this crowd so orderly, and try to teach them. Anyone knows a teacher cannot do them justice, this matter is not settled as yet, more folks to move to Runville soon.

Miss Laura Confer and daughter of Runville, and Mrs. Claude Confer was operated on for appendicitis, last Wednesday at the Centre County hospital. The operation was a success and she is resting fairly good at this writing.

Two Mrs. Confer's are both improving.

John Lucas' condition is improving at this writing.

Master Martin Packer spent the weekend at State College, with relatives.

A number of our folks attended Evangelistic meeting at Yarnell U. B. church last week, every night brings larger crowds, to continue with Rev. Tobias, being his own Evangelist and does preach plain gospel truth.

Hard work may scare some people to death, but it has never killed them.

Sunday School Lesson

PETER IN SAMARIA.

International Sunday School Lesson for February 26, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."—Isaiah 55:1.

(Lesson Text: Acts 8: 4-25.)

Taking up our lessons on Peter where we left off two weeks ago, we find that through the witnessing of the apostles and the display of their miraculous power of healing, the new faith grew by leaps and bounds. So much so, that the people came to believe that if Peter's shadow were only to fall on their sick, laid in the street, that they would be healed.

This growing popularity aroused the religious rulers, who became "filled with jealousy." They determined to stamp out this new faith by any means possible. When, the imprisonment to Peter and John failed to accomplish its purpose, they determined to kill Peter. However, they were dissuaded from such a course by the great teacher, Gamaliel, who argued that if the apostles were impostors, their work would soon be overthrown, but if it was truly of God, there was no use fighting against it.

Subsequently, Stephen, ordained as one of the first seven deacons, was so effective in his witness for the Lord that he aroused the Jews against him. Falsely accused by them, he fearlessly answered them, so arousing their anger that they seized him, dragged him out of the city of Jerusalem and stoned him to death. This act brought on a reign of terror for the believers, driving them away from Jerusalem and scattering them throughout Samaria, Judea and the surrounding country.

Although they left their homes, the scene of their persecution, these believers did not leave their faith but, immediately began teaching and preaching Christ wherever they went. Philip, another of the seven deacons appointed by the twelve disciples, was most effective in winning converts in Samaria. On hearing of his work, Peter and John were sent to investigate the report. They found many who had accepted the new faith but who had not yet received the Holy Spirit. This, after prayer, the apostles bestowed upon them.

There was among the throng who witnessed this miraculous event, a man named Simon Magus, a sorcerer and worker of magic. Misunderstanding just what had taken place, but recognizing the fact that some strange new power had been bestowed upon the Samaritan converts, he sought, by offering Peter money, to bribe him to show how he, too, could "acquire, use and impart, all in the way of trade, these powers." Peter vehemently denounced Simon, declaring "Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the gift of God with money."

Then Peter explained something that many people, even today, have overlooked, and that is, God does not bestow His power on those whose hearts are not right before Him. That is a sobering thought. Many there are who think they can purchase the right to enter the Kingdom of God; that they can live as they please but, by giving a little money to charity or to the church, they are doing all that is necessary.

There are instances known where money has been used to obtain high positions of authority in the church. Those who are guilty of such practices are to be condemned just as severely as Peter denounced Simon. We might as well realize, while man may approve and honor such a display of power. God is displeased for "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart."

The sooner everyone realizes and accepts the fact that the eternal things—those that do not pass away—cannot be bought with money, the sooner will a truer conception of the real values of life be had. The gifts that the world needs more than anything else today are those that may be given without cost to the giver—the gifts of smiles, of sincere sympathy, of helpful encouragement and of true love.

SNOW SHOE

The W. C. T. U. held their monthly meeting Monday evening at Mrs. H. W. Baber.

Mrs. Margaret Jane Heshey entertained following people at an ice cream party on Thursday evening: Misses Velda and Marie Viedorfer, Edna and Peggy Thompson, Geraldine Bathgate, Mary Katherine Flynn, Jane McGowan, Dorothy Smith, Betty McCloskey, Peggy Weaver, Pauline Tyner, Vera Lewis, Ruth and Helen Krieger, Helen Krieger, Joan Drapcho, Margaret Jane and Patsy Heshey, Harry Price, Bill Bates, Robert Kellander, Phil and Charles Badinger, Arthur Marshall, Lloyd Conaway, Max Confer, Max Shope, Joe Drapcho, Tom Lucas, "Bon" McCloskey, Bill Lewis, Bill Musser and Jr. Heshey, Mr. and Mrs. Leasher Heshey, chaperons, also Norman Harris. Games, dancing and the entertainment of the evening, refreshments were served at a late hour. The jitters bugs broke loose with the new and latest steps of the year.

Kenneth Barton spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Pearl Barton, Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hall Jr. daughter Sandra, of Tuwanda, visited over Sunday with his mother, Mrs. William Hall and family.

Miss Edna Walker has been housed in with a severe cold for over a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Reiser, Osceola Mills, have moved in with Mr. Reiser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reiser.

Melvin Gillette returned home from Towanda, after being employed there.

Mr. Saul Confer was called to Harrisburg on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Confer's mother, Mrs. Ida Years.

John Park, of Shillington, spent over Sunday here with his mother, Mrs. Mary Park who returned home after visiting her son for an indefinite time.

Mrs. Ivey White and Miss Verna Rockefeller, of Sunbury, visited Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Julia Sinclair.

Mrs. Hazel Lucas and Betty Price, Altoona, spent Sunday with Betty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Price. Mr. and Mrs. Moshannon, also visited home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shope, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Confer left last Wednesday for a vacation in Florida. Mrs. Mollie McGowan returned home after visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Welch, of Phillipsburg, for an indefinite time.

Mrs. William Confer, of Renovo, returned home Friday after spending the week with Mrs. Eva Wenrick and family.

Rev. Paul Stewart of Pittsburgh, Rev. W. J. Kerry, of Moshannon, and Mr. Huber, of Palestine, were supper guests at the home of Eva Wenrick and family on Thursday evening.

Lem Hipple visited on Sunday with his brother Frank Hipple and family.

Ellen Wenrick spent the weekend with friends at Moshannon.

Mrs. Eva Wenrick called on Mrs. Martin Cartwright on Friday.

Mario Hipple has returned to school after being absent a couple of days last week.

Miss Celia Smoyer of Bellefonte, spent a few days last week at the Ore Conaway home.

Oris Conaway, son of Lloyd and Eva Wenrick were Bellefonte shoppers on Monday and were supper guests at the James Smoyer home on Beaver Street.

Lloyd and Muriel Conaway are able to be out and around again after being housed up for a few days with the gripe.

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COLEVILLE

Mrs. John Residen and two daughters, Frances and Lois of State College, spent the weekend with Mrs. Residen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Sellers and daughter Patsy spent the weekend at Warriors Park visiting friends.

Mrs. E. T. Kellerman and Mrs. Clarence Odel and son, spent Wednesday very pleasantly with Mrs. Dean Smeltzer of Centre Hall.

Mrs. Edith Byrd of Yarnell, spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. John Posinger.

Mrs. Martha Rider received word Wednesday of the death of her brother Morris Minemyre of Montana.

Mrs. Harry Kellerman and Mrs. E. T. Kellerman spent Thursday in Centre Hall as guest of Mrs. Dean Smeltzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Garbrick spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Paul Reber of State College.

Mrs. Kenneth Houser and three daughters Faye, Janet and Larue attended a kitchen shower in honor of Harold Boone of Howard.

Chester Thomas, Donald Rider and Kenneth Emmlinizer motored to Mt. Union Sunday to transact business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Malone spent Sunday evening at the George Thomas home.

Mrs. Earl White and Mrs. Jack Wilmer spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Larrie Justice who live in the Cadillac apartments.

Mrs. George Thomas spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Wilson Sholl. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Meesher and Leo Lucas of Lock Haven visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Billett Thursday evening.

Mrs. George Robb of Holts Hollow took supper with her daughter, Mrs. Earl White on Wednesday evening.

Miss Dorothy Justice visited her boy friend Harold Boon of State College.

Mrs. Howard Watson was a Sunday evening guest of Mrs. Owen Kelley.

Mrs. Joseph Krescovich spent Sunday at the home of her parents in Clarence.

Donald Rider of New York City visited at the home of Roy Rider over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Elvina Stover attended services in Summit Hill last Saturday night.

About two hundred people were present to hear the Missionary from Mexico, Miss Daisy Buby, Miss Buby is from San Diego, California, and is traveling the east in interest of Pilgrim Holiness Missionary work in Mexico. She is spending Monday and part of Tuesday here.

KENNEDY

Mr. and Mrs. William Watkins and family were recent callers at the Irvin Watkins home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McCartney and son also Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCartney of Milesburg, were callers in our vicinity Sunday p. m.

Milford Lucas is digging a foundation to build a barn.

Joseph Irvin Leathers is much improved at this writing.

The Mt. Eagle boys have a boxing match every evening at the H. E. Runkle home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Mann and family of Jersey Shore were weekend visitors with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder and son of York, Pa. were weekend visitors at the William Gates home.

Russell Lucas and family of Fairview were callers Saturday at Guy Lucas' home.

The sick in our community are all reported better.

The Chinese, it appears, do not realize that they have been whipped.

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