

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Clearfield county offers a reward of \$150 for the arrest of a jail breaker. Centre county offers a like amount for the conviction of a murderer. Centre county, evidently, has a small set of Commissioners.

The big trout in the aquarium at Green's Pharmacy is a great attraction to the people; but just at this time the attraction at his well known establishment is two-fold; by reason of the fine line of holiday goods he has opened up.

Last Thursday night the depot at Centre Hall was broken into. The combination was smashed off the safe with a sledge but they did not get it open. Nothing was taken from the building. Benner's grocery, a few doors above, was entered and several dollars worth of goods, along with a dollar in cash, were taken.

One of the biggest porkers killed this season has been slaughtered by Mr. Michael Burkholder, of near Centre Hill, last week, which weighed when dressed 625 pounds. The length of this hog from root of tail to tip of nose was 6 feet, 10 inches; and circumference of 5 feet, 10 inches. Michael certainly understands how to raise big ones and make long sausages.

Keplinger, the druggist, is quite a nimrod. Last week while hunting down along the Bald Eagle Creek he stopped under a large tree to rest and watch for game. He and his dog kept an "eagle eye" on everything within a quarter of a mile. Finally they found things rather monotonous and got up and started walking to their surprise a flock of wild turkeys flew out of the tree where he rested. He never swore a bit.

Brookway, the candy man, has a novel invention which he expects to put on the market in a short time in the shape of an envelope opener. A thread is stitched in the edge of an envelope and when one wants to open it, can be done by simply pulling the thread which neatly breaks open the paper edge and the contents can be removed without the use of a knife and there is no danger of tearing or cutting them.

One of the finest displayed windows in Bellefonte is that of Zeller's Drug Store, which is tastefully arranged with Xmas goods. The new window urn, which is illuminated at night, attracts much attention. Next Sunday and several Sundays in succession, thereafter, Rev. Miles O. Noll, the pastor elect of the Reformed congregation in this place, will preach in that church morning and evening. This announcement will certainly delight the members of the church as well as the hosts of friends he made in this town during his temporary residence here last summer.

A young man named Newton Grinoble, employed at Knecht's flouring mill in Nittany Valley, was caught in the machinery Monday afternoon of last week, and narrowly escaped a horrible death. He was engaged in oiling the machinery when the accident happened and in some manner, which is difficult to account for, his clothing came in contact with the revolving shaft by which he was drawn into

Twenty Years Ago

When the lights spread on the tracks at the Glass Works, a Bellefonte Central freight train was derailed and tore up the roadbed for a short distance. No one was injured. John Ammerman was forced to suspend work because of two painful bealings on his left eye. The company was notified and the current was turned off, several hours elapsed before repairs were completed.

An epidemic of measles was spreading through the county and numerous cases were reported at State College, Ferguson township, Holt's Hollow and adjacent communities. The schools at Holt's Hollow were closed on account of the disease. Dr. J. L. Seibert, county Medical Director, stated that no new cases of diphtheria or scarlet fever had been reported.

The style committee of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers Association recommended skirts from three to four inches shorter for the 1920 season. The committee decreed skirts from seven to nine inches from the floor. In 1919 style set skirt height at four from four to six inches. Fullness at the hips was to be a feature of many of the smart spring suits.

William Taylor butchered seven fine porkers from which he rendered 15 cans of lard. James Kerstetter butchered three hogs that weighed 439, 502 and 532 pounds. One of the largest hogs butchered during the season was one William Taylor purchased from A. C. Hart. The hog, a purebred Poland-China, weighed 760 pounds live weight, and dressed 632 pounds.

The first carload of material for the erection of the new steel hangar at the government aerial mail station arrived in Bellefonte, substantial proof that the building soon will be erected. Nicodemus Lose, of Coburn, butchered two fat hogs, the combined weight of which was 1,036 pounds. The larger weighed 537 pounds. Harry Emery, Phillipsburg confectioner, was exhibiting a lemon tree bearing a good quality of fruit. The tree was fourteen years old and had yielded a number of crops in previous years. Work on the State road between Bellefonte and Pottsville was halted for the winter, except for what was necessary to keep the road passable. The detour, much beset by motorists, was to be abandoned until work resumed in the spring. Fred Hartsock and Fred Roan, Philmore youths, went to Akron, Ohio, where they secured positions with the Whitman and Barnes Machine Shop.

and hunters attracted by the crash soon arrived at the scene and helped him back to civilization. O. A. Johnson, farmer living near State College, has his left arm torn off above the elbow while feeding a corn-husking machine. Fellow workmen who stopped the machine and extricated the mangled arm, from the gears summoned a physician, but in the 15-minute interval Mr. Johnson lost much blood and suffered greatly. He was rushed to the Glenn sanitarium at State College where the arm was amputated about four inches below the shoulder.

W. C. Heine, Esq., expects to occupy the room on the first floor of the Conrad building. It is being repaired and when finished will be most desirable location. According to an exchange Mr. George VanTries, of Bellefonte, was married to Miss Etta Mattern, of Tyrone, on Wednesday of this week. The new M. E. church at Leominster will be dedicated Sunday, December 15. B. B. Hamilton, D. D., of Tyrone, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

William Resides, of Bellefonte, was seriously injured when he fell from the top of a first story window of a house in which he was working. The fall was about ten feet and landed on his side. The man, who was 76 years of age, suffered numerous injuries, the exact nature of which had not been determined. The accident happened while he was in the employ of Bert Poorman, Coleville contractor, on the construction of a home for Wilbur Banney on East Curtin street.

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Blood-thirsty dogs raided the flocks of sheep on the farms of J. Foster Muser and Frank Homan, in west Ferguson township, during last week, killing a number in both flocks and badly maiming others. Whose dogs they were, where they came from or where they went to is unknown. A community Christmas tree on the diamond will be one of the holiday projects sponsored by the Centre Hall Women's Club. It was decided at the November meeting of that organization. Mrs. Paul Fetterolf will be chairman of the tree committee and Mrs. D. R. Keener, of a committee to arrange for a choral sing Thursday before Christmas, December 21. At this meeting Mrs. E. W. Miller gave a report on current events, national and foreign, and Mrs. Roy Jamison reviewed the book, "Wilderness Wife," by Kathrene Pinkerton. Baskets of provisions for needy families will be distributed at Christmas time, and it was decided that each person bring a contribution to the December meeting to be held December 18, at 6:30 o'clock, at the Bartholomew church. This meeting will be in the nature of a covered dish supper.

Dr. W. A. Stewart, of Wilkes-Barre, recently was honored on his 73rd birthday. Co-workers in his profession, friends, former patients and the press, in editorial comment, joined in a gesture of appreciation. His house is filled with flowers and all through the day they go to his Franklin street home with gifts and messages, making his day an outstanding event. Dr. Stewart, a native of Centre county, was born at Pine Glen.

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YOCUM GRAMMAR SCHOOL NEWS

Many of the boys and girls of the Yocum Grammar school have registered at the County Library for reference work, and reading for enjoyment. After awhile possibly we will have required reading from the room.

The grades in spelling are coming right along in obtaining "headmarks." James McClellan, Clair Young, Myra Schlegel, Clara Reese, Laura Young, Lucretia Cain, Gerald Miller, Margie Zell, Martha Baughman all have credits at this time.

The pupils of this room decided to write songs for the Christmas program to be given in the evening of December 22. We are writing them as a part of penmanship practice and as an aid to a proposed choir.

Some complaints have been made concerning the art material being of a poor texture. We will try to show enthusiasm however in the month's instruction. Already attractive drawings and designs have been completed for Christmas.

Names have been chosen for Christmas gifts under the supposition that the name you selected from the "grab-bag" would be kept secret. I believe though, that every name is known except the one Mr. Doan selected.

On the twenty-third and twenty-fourth of this month both rooms celebrated Thanksgiving. Eating seemed to be the main role played by all. If you don't believe so, ask James Schlegel. Letting you in on a secret, James ate too much.

M. G. Luckovich was the one who held the lucky number for the Thanksgiving money-raising event. Why didn't everyone choose number 380?

So much enthusiasm has been shown by parents, friends and pupils concerning our party at Hecia last month that another skating party is being planned for December 4. Parents, pupils and anyone responsible for transporting any pupil are to be admitted without charge. Anyone else wishing to go will have to have a personal invitation by one of the pupils and will be charged 25 cents per ticket.

The State Nurse visited one day in the forepart of the month and found very satisfactory improvements. Some pupils have gotten glasses, lights were installed, everyone showed an increase in weight and height, and found conditions generally well.

We received our second seal as a reward for penmanship specimens that were up to standard. Now that we made a good beginning, we hope to continue our work for the year just as earnestly.

This week we are having tests in all subjects so that Mr. Doan knows what must be re-studied, and as a grading scale for report cards due on the first of December. So, if you will excuse us, we will hurry and review now and in our next column you will see our names on the honor roll.

Commissioners of Centre County to Thomas A. Pletcher, of Howard, tract in Curtin Twp.; \$490. Clifton J. Strait, et ux, to S. E. Rote, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, tract in Benner Twp.; \$1,250. Lawrence H. Dall, et ux to Augustus W. Fulton, et ux, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg; \$5,700. L. P. Fiedler, to S. Ward Gramley, et ux, of Millheim, tract in Haines Twp.; \$1. Ray C. Noll, et ux, to W. Charles Lindsey, et ux, of Centre Hall, tract in Spring Twp.; \$300. Vincent Hoover, et ux, to Olive Hoover, of Pleasant Gap, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1. Olive Hoover, to M. Clair Gates, et ux, of Pleasant Gap, tract in Spring Twp.; \$850. Steve Seppich, et ux, to W. M. Oswald, of Clarence, tract in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$300. Katherine J. Strouse, et bar, to Edwin Gill, et ux, of State College, tract in Patton Twp.; \$135. H. W. Weaver, et ux, to Delbert E. Myers, et ux, of State College, tract in State College; \$1. Bertha C. Taylor, to Hugh B. Taylor, of Bellefonte, tract in Burnside Twp.; \$1. Austen E. Smith, et al, to George H. Ashcraft, of Phillipsburg, R. D., tract in Phillipsburg; \$260. Union Joint Stock Land Bank to Pierce E. Peters, et ux, of Fleming, tract in Unionville; \$1. Walter Milewaki, et al, to I. M. Mohrkern, et ux, of State College, tract in Potter Twp.; \$500. Mary C. Studebaker, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,168. W. B. Rook, et al, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$817.84. George Ellis Smouse, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,697. Charles B. Croyle, et al, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$2,226.60. Thomas A. Croyle, et ux, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,113.30. Nell G. Gephart, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,810.50. John S. Brice, et ux, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$2,362.84. Ada E. Smith, et al, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$500. C. Arthur Thomas to Edward A. Kline, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, West Ward; \$1. Margaret Kane Caskey, et al, to James Kane, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, tract in Howard Boro; \$1.

Got His Buck Early Nick Zeno, of Washington, D. C., killed a 10-point 175-pound buck Friday near Kane, 10 minutes after the 1939 deer season opened at 7 a. m. the first reported kill in the state. James McCullough, of Kane, reported he brought down a 14-point 235-pound buck at 7:12 a. m.

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REACTIONS TO THE GOOD NEWS International Sunday School Lesson for December 10, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—Matt. 11:28-30.

The eleventh and twelfth chapters of Matthew's gospel contains an important part of Jesus' teaching about himself. Our lesson text comes from the former.

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan and witnessed the testimony of the Spirit. Their paths ran differently during the early months of Jesus' ministry. John continued his fiery denunciation of sin and iniquity, sparing no one, and calling for repentance.

Among those severely criticized by John was the King, Herod, who was living shamelessly with his brother's wife, neither having been divorced according to the law of Moses. In his characteristic and outspoken frankness John had called the king to task publicly and in his presence, incurring his enmity.

The result of John's fearlessness in reproving and upbraiding Herod was imprisonment in the cells of Macherus, a palace-prison on the shore of the Dead Sea. There in confinement, oppressed physically and mentally, out of touch with events, his questioning as to the identity of Jesus arose, and the honest record recites it. Jesus was quite different in actuality than the Jewish expectations had pictured his advent instead of a fiery, crusading soldier for freedom, he was going about doing good, advising paying tribute to Caesar, and associating with publicans. So, John wondered, and sent an inquiry by one of his own disciples.

John's question was presented and Jesus invited the visitor to look about him. The blind were being healed, the lame were walking, the dead were being raised, so the proof was recited, and in climax, the gospel was being preached to the poor! That was certainly convincing testimony for the visiting friends to carry to John, in confirmation of his own earlier inspiration as to who Jesus was.

Then Jesus paid his tribute to John the Baptist, a mighty man for righteousness, no need shaken by the wind, but a prophet whose coming had been foretold by prophecy. No man had been greater, declared Jesus, who added that the least in the new kingdom would be greater, however, not in material things but in opportunity and privilege for spiritual truths.

The unbelieving generation was warned. Jesus pointed out that John had been stern, austere, uncompromising, and had been rejected, now, he came, sociable and free, and the people accused him—

Rather Indefinite Asking a clerk at Valparaiso, Ind., to look up her marriage license certificate, a woman told him she was married in 1938 but couldn't remember the man's name or the exact date. It was sometime during August and the man's first name was Eddie, she said. There was no record on file.

Dr. Paul Philippe Cret, recently appointed as architect for the Pennsylvania State College, has undergone an operation for the removal of his larynx. It was announced in Philadelphia this week. Dr. Cret's wife said that her 63-year-old husband is "doing as well as can be expected." "I am hopeful that some day he will be able to speak again, but I am told that he will have to be taught," she said. Dr. Cret won the gold medal of the American Institute of Architects last year for "the most distinguished service to the profession."

Ray C. Noll, et ux, to W. Charles Lindsey, et ux, of Centre Hall, tract in Spring Twp.; \$300. Vincent Hoover, et ux, to Olive Hoover, of Pleasant Gap, tract in Spring Twp.; \$1. Olive Hoover, to M. Clair Gates, et ux, of Pleasant Gap, tract in Spring Twp.; \$850. Steve Seppich, et ux, to W. M. Oswald, of Clarence, tract in Snow Shoe Twp.; \$300. Katherine J. Strouse, et bar, to Edwin Gill, et ux, of State College, tract in Patton Twp.; \$135. H. W. Weaver, et ux, to Delbert E. Myers, et ux, of State College, tract in State College; \$1. Bertha C. Taylor, to Hugh B. Taylor, of Bellefonte, tract in Burnside Twp.; \$1. Austen E. Smith, et al, to George H. Ashcraft, of Phillipsburg, R. D., tract in Phillipsburg; \$260. Union Joint Stock Land Bank to Pierce E. Peters, et ux, of Fleming, tract in Unionville; \$1. Walter Milewaki, et al, to I. M. Mohrkern, et ux, of State College, tract in Potter Twp.; \$500. Mary C. Studebaker, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,168. W. B. Rook, et al, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$817.84. George Ellis Smouse, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,697. Charles B. Croyle, et al, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$2,226.60. Thomas A. Croyle, et ux, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,113.30. Nell G. Gephart, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$1,810.50. John S. Brice, et ux, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$2,362.84. Ada E. Smith, et al, to Frank E. Colvin, of Bedford, tract in State College; \$500. C. Arthur Thomas to Edward A. Kline, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, West Ward; \$1. Margaret Kane Caskey, et al, to James Kane, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, tract in Howard Boro; \$1.

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