Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Messrs. Miller and Spangler, agents for an improved roadster, gave our office a call on Tuesday. They have sold over a thousand roadsters in this county. They say everybody takes one.

Miss Sally M. Bunnell, daughter of J. M. Bunnell, will be united in marriage with Mr. Thomas E. Mayes of Lewistown, at the home of her parents near Milroy, on next Tuesday evening. The young lady has a large circle of friends and acquaintances at this place.

One day last week W. G. Kessling, a brakeman on the Snow Shoe railroad, was thrown from the train by a jolt and a car passed over him. His left arm and left leg were broken. The accident occurred at the Snow Shoe yard. The injured man is slowly improving.

Brockaway, the candy man, gave the employes of this office a surprise last press day by leaving several pounds of taffy and candy for their inspection. They pronounced it elegant . . . Prof. J. A. Weaver will conduct a musical convention at Pine Hall, commencing December 31, and ending Saturday evening with a grand concert . . . It is now believed that the man who murdered merchant W. H. Lee, in Altoona, has been traced and caught in the penitentiary at Pittsburgh . . . The "Heroic Dutchman of '61" will be played in Bush's Opera House on Friday evening of this week.

A dastardly attempt was recently made to burn the sawmill of Mr. E. M. Huyett, on the Bartges tract of land near Rebersburg. A can of oil with a tallow candle fixed therein was found. When the candle was lit it would have to burn four inches to reach the oil and cause an explosion, but for some unknown reason it only burned about two inches and then went out. In that shape it was found under a board pile within two feet of the saw mill with some dry wood piled around the can to help start the flames. A reward of $50 is offered for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties.

Last Friday evening John Brunner, ex-State Councillor of Easton; District Deputy Coun. John Ewing, of Snow Shoe, and about twenty visiting members from the Milesburg and Snow Shoe lodges were in Bellefonte and affected an organization at this place. They met in the K. of L. Hall and the new lodge was organized with some 30 charter members. The following officers were elected: Councellor H. D. Yerger; vice councellor, John Feaster; recording secretary, Howard Yerger; financial secretary, R. H. Irwin; treasurer, W. H. Poorman; ex., W. J. Musser; c., Harvey Benner; j. p., Orian Attwood; o. p., George Coffman; sr. ec-c., Thomas Donachy; jr. v. c., H. P. Rhine; trustees, Thomas Donachy, David Haines and John Feaster. After the installation of officers the body then adjourned to Cedar's restaurant where they partook of an elaborate banquet. The new lodge starts with a strong membership and is one of the largest orders in the country.

On next Tuesday evening the Logan Hose boys will hold their annual New Year's eve hop in the Skating Rink. An elegant orchestra has been engaged for the evening and a first class hop can be expected.

The Zion Band with some 20 members furnished the music for the skating rink on last Tuesday evening. We understand that this band has been engaged for the balance of the season. This band is one of the best in the county and is well equipped and organized. Their music will attract large numbers to the rink.

Leland Powers' entertainment in the Court House on Friday evening drew a moderate house. The next entertainment given by this course will be "Emmerson's Boston Stars," in the Court House January 3, 1890. Walter Emerson is one of the finest cornet players in the country, and the entertainment will be a rare musical treat.

G. M. Marks was appointed postmaster, for Hannah, this county. Only a few left in the county with Bellefonte's appointment not made . . . All the hotels in town closed their bars on Christmas and the town was quiet and orderly . . . Christmas this year was more like a Spring day than of the Winter season. The sun was bright and the day was warm and pleasant. Such Christmas weather is an unusual occurrence.

After the adjournment of institute on Monday afternoon, Rev. D. M. Wolf united in marriage James W. Rightnour and Miss May Morrison, both of Philipsburg, this county. The ceremony took place in the parlors of the Garman Hotel and our friend Galer Morrison acted as groomsman and Miss Nora Stephens, of Houtzdale, as bridesmaid. The happy pair returned to their home in Philipsburg on the evening train, carrying with them the best wishes of their many friends.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: James Shuey, Lemont, and Miss Annie M. Cronoble, Pine Grove Mills; Ernest Rothrock, Tyrone, and Anna Funk, Port Matilda; John Falotic and Mary Rabect, both of Taylor Ore Bank, this county; J. W. Minenger and Emma Grove, both of Benner township; James Hand, Clearfield, and Mrs. Jane E. Hoover, of Julian; James A. Leyden, U. S. Army, and Miss Hattie Foster, State College; B. E. Barkdoll, Ringold, Washington, and Miss Lizzie Albright, of Bellefonte; George L. Vantries, Bellefonte, and Miss Ettie Mattern, Tyrone; Clyde J. Coxey and Miss Nannie M. Hook, both of Boalsburg; Charles A. Campbell and Miss Emma M. Parker, both of Philipsburg; Harry Eyer, Washington Ter., and Annie E. Bible, of Lemont; Henry Runner and May Strunk, both of Eagleville; Michael Lebkicker, Snow Shoe, and Emma L. Robinson, of Bellefonte.

20 YEARS AGO

Rev. Ezra Yocum, of Woolrich, former pastor of the Bellefonte M. E. church, passed through Bellefonte enroute to Juniata to attend the funeral of a close friend, the Rev. Alexander Lamberson, of the M. E. church of that city.

Edward Zerbe, passenger conductor on the Bald Eagle Valley Branch, was terminating many years of faithful service with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He was nearing seventy years of age and was placed on the retired list January 1.

Major T. D. Boal entertained a group of friends at his home in Boalsburg. Guests were: Major William Leitzell, Harry Leitzell, Philip Foster, Mr. Griffith, Dr. Hand and Captain Light, of State College; Lt. Enock, of Connellsville; and Messrs. Harry Keller and Ives L. Harvey, of Bellefonte.

The following students were on the honor roll of the Howard High school: seniors, Vonda Johnson, Paul Spigelmyer, Iva Mann, Gertrude Leathers, Austin Allison; middlers, Helena Kling, Lillian Pletcher, Katherine Thompson, Verna Shank, Sherman Confer, Annie Spigelmyer, Sarah Gardner; juniors, Doris Young, Virginia Weber and Myra Solt.

Clement Dale, Esq., presided at a meeting in the P. O. S. of A. Hall, Bellefonte, in commemoration of the 120th anniversary of the death of George Washington. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Dunn, and the Rev. M. DePui Maynard, of the Episcopal church, gave a brief sketch on Washington's life.

Clarence Breon, of State College, was wounded in the right arm while he and nine companions were hunting deer. The accident happened when a gun carried by Arthur Corl discharged. Mr. Breon was so close to the muzzle of the weapon that he suffered powder burns about the face.

Recent births in the Bellefonte area were as follows: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Earl E. Armstrong, of Walker township; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Matuock, of Spring township; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mengine, Bellefonte; a son to Mr. and Mrs. William C. Bloom, Spring township; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelleher, Bellefonte; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kococic, Spring township; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Wright, Spring township; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Barrett, Spring township; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. William Botts, Bellefonte; a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Garman, Benner township; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brungart, Bellefonte; a son to Mr. and Mrs. William F. Cox, Spring township; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dawson, Spring township; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Al Hartle, Benner township, and a son to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hutton, of Spring township.

The following Centre countians were named as enumerators for the 1920 census: Bellefonte, George W. Rees, D. Paul Fortney and G. Oscar Gray; Benner township, Miss Vienna L. Grove; Centre Hall borough and Potter township, W. W. Kerlin; Potter township, Witmer E. Lee; College township, I. J. Dreese; Ferguson township, Harry L. Strouse and John F. Rossman; Gregg township, W. H. Sinkabine and James R. Condo; Haines township, George S. Cunningham; Harris township, Wilfred N. Keller; Howard borough and township, Charles Confer; Huston township, Miss Lydia Eberts; Liberty township, Daniel H. Hendricks; Marion township, John R. Harter; Miles township, William R. Brungart; Millheim borough and Penn township, Calvin A. Weaver; Patton township, T. M. Huey; Philipsburg borough, Harry Freeman and Rebecca Tuten; Snow Shoe borough and township, John R. Burns; Snow Shoe township, Hugh H. Gillette; Rush township, Irving Achmoody; Spring township, W. I. Miller, Henry T. Noll and John S. Spearly; State College borough, M. W. Neidigh; Unionville borough and Union township, Jacob E. Hall; and Worth township, George E. Ardery. No appointments had been announced for several districts in the county.

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CHURCHES

Union Prayer Meeting

The Union Prayer Meeting will be held December 24 at 2 p. m., at the home of Elica Kittler, in Lytle's Addition, State College. Everybody is invited.

Advent Church

Sunday School 9:30, Roy Leathers Sup't peaching 11 o'clock; Christian Endeavor at 7:30, Nevin Watson, president, the public is invited to all these services. C. C. Shuey, Pastor.

Dix Run Baptist.

Sunday School 9:30, Elmer Hosband, supt., followed with Class Meeting, instead of the Christian Endeavor, we will have a Christmas Pageant at 7:30 to which all are invited. C. C. Shuey Pastor.

Coleville Pilgrim Holiness

J. A. Byrd, pastor. Friday night, Prayer Meeting at home of Charles Way, Philipsburg Pike. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning worship, 10:45 a. m. Y. P. S. service, 7 p. m. Evangelistic service Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday night prayer and Bible study in the church at 7:45.

St. Paul's A. M. E., Bellefonte

Evans David Brown, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. with sermon theme "Peace Among Men." Allen Christian Endeavor League at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30 with special Christmas exercises. Call to Prayer Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m. Choir rehearsal Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Everyone is always welcome.

Milesburg Presbyterian

iBble school, 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Port Matilda—Special Christmas service, including school and church at 10 a. m. Unionville—Special Christmas service at 7:30 p. m. The meeting room has been thoroughly renovated since our last service. Sunday school at 2:30 Sunday afternoon. Howard E. Oakwood, minister.

St. John's Episcopal, Bellefonte

The Rev. C. Warren Newman, rector. Sunday, Dec. 24, Advent IV. 8 a. m., Holy Eucharist; 11 a. m., morning prayer, sermon. 11:20 p. m., Procession; Sung Eucharist. 4:30 p. m., evening prayer. 5 p. m., Church school festival, parish house. Christmas day: 9 a. m., Holy Eucharist. Tuesday (S. Stephen), Wednesday (St. John Evangelist), Thursday (Holy Innocents). 7:15 a. m., Matins. 7:30 a. m., Holy Eucharist. 9 a. m., Holy Eucharist.

Rebersburg Evangelical

Rev. Royal A. Babcock, pastor. Sunday school at 9 a. m., Kenneth Breon, Supt. Christmas message at 10 a. m. by Rev. Norman L. Hummel, Dist. Supt., of Williamsport. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Madisonburg—Sunday school at 9:15 a. m., Clarence Haugh, Supt. Christmas message by Rev. Hummel, at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening. Paradise—Sunday school at 1 p. m., C. Confer in charge. Address by the Rev. Hummel, at 2:30 p. m.

Program of Music For Midnight Service at St. John's

Organ Prelude, "The Heavens are Telling," Haydn; processional, Hymn 72; Kyrie, Bradley; Sequence, Hymn 73; Gloria tibi, Cruickshank; Gratia tibi, Cruickshank; Hymn 78; Anthem, "The People that Walked in Darkness," Galbraith; Sursum corda, Cruickshank; Sanctus, Gounod; Benedictus, Gounod; Agnus Dei, Cruickshank; Hymn 456; Gloria in Excelsis, Cruickshank; Bell Amen; Recessional, Hymn 79; Organ Postlude, "Adoration," Gaul. Organist, Mrs. Paul Beaver; violin soloist, Mrs. Louis Schad; tenor soloist, Mr. Jacob Yeager.

Boalsburg Lutheran

Sunday school, 9:30; Christmas worship, 10:30. Congregational meeting December 31, at 7:30 p. m., and election of officers. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Pleasant Gap—Sunday school at 9:30; Christmas Cantata, 7:45. Dec. 31, at 10:30 a. m. a Congregational meeting after worship service, for election of church officers and installation. C. E. at 6:30. Shiloh—Christmas worship at 9,30 a. m. Annual Congregational meeting Jan. 7, at 7:30 p. m. Installation of church officers. The pastor and family desire all church members and friends the most Blessed Christmas Festival and a More Hopeful New Year. L. J. Kaufman, pastor.

Hublersburg Evangelical-Reformed

Rev. James B. Musser, Minister. Services for Sunday Dec. 24th. Trinity (Hublersburg)—9:15 a. m. Sunday Church School; 10:30 a. m Worship and Sermon befitting Christmas, also election of Elder and Deacon. 2:45 p. m. Pastor's Class. Friday evening Dec. 22nd at 8 o'clock, Trinity's School presents a Christmas program. Zion—9:30 a. m. Union Sunday Church School; 6:30 p. m. Christmas Vespers.

St. John's Evangelical-Reformed

Rev. C. Nevin Stamm. Morning Worship 10:45 a. m. Christmas Eve Service 11 to 12 p. m. In the Christmas Eve service, the choir will present a musical service composed of carols, and anthems. Church School 9:30 a. m. Mr. J. M. Hartswick, Supt'. The children of the Church School will have their Christmas party in the Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

St. John's Lutheran, Bellefonte

The Rev. Clarence E. Arnold, pastor. Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 24. 9:30 A. M. Sunday School; 10:45 a. m. The Service and Sermon: "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord." 11:00 P. M. to Midnight; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, ushering in the natal day of our saviour with carols, the Christmas Scriptures, special music by the choir, and an address, "The Prince of Peace." All those whose churches do not have a service at this hour are cordially invited.

First Evangelical, Bellefonte

H. Halbert Jacobs, pastor. 9:30 a. m., Sunday Church school, Mr. E. J. Teaman, Supt. 10:30 a. m., Christmas program by the Beginner and Primary departments. 6:30 p. m., Young Peoples League. 7:30 p. m., pageant: "White Gifts For The King." Under the direction of Mr. Augustine. The Young People of the church will sing Christmas Carols at the institutions and several sections of the town. They will arrive at the church at 5:30 for breakfast. At 6 o'clock they will sponsor a candlelight service. This has become one of the outstanding services of the church calendar. The public is welcome to worship with us. Prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7:30. On Thursday evening at 7:45, the pageant, "White Gifts For The King" will be repeated for the benefit of those who will be unable to see it on Sunday evening.

United Brethren, Bellefonte

G. E. Householder, Pastor. The services in the United Brethren church next Sunday are as follows: Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. J. R. Shope, Sup't. Sermon by the pastor at 10:45 a. m. subject: "Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus." The Christian Endeavor societies will meet at 6:30 p. m. Christmas Carol sing at 7:30 p. m. Special music as follows: The Christmas Story, by Adams. Senior choir Holy Night, Brahms-Wilson; Senior choir, with obligato by Junior choir. Lo, There is Born a Savior, Wilson; Junior choir. The Christmas Story, Adam-Wilson; Adult Choir; This number includes soprano obligato by Mrs. D. H. Heim, and violin obligato by Mr. V. H. Pifer. The Christmas Glory Song, Tillitson-Wilson; Junior choir, Joy to the World, by Wilson; Senior choir. This number is a double choir arrangement. No Sweeter Song. (Londonderry Air) Male chorus. Glory, by Meredith; Junior choir. Glory to God in the Highest, by Rogers. Brief message; "The Christmas Story, by the pastor. Closing song, God be with you Till we Meet Again.

PORT MATILDA

(From last week)

E. M. Woodring and Clifford Kiely are attending court at Bellefonte this week as jurymen.

Connie Pringle shot a nice deer on Saturday.

The members of the Baptist Missionary Society were quilting at the home of Mrs. Chester Smith on Wednesday.

Mr. Leroy Metzler and two daughters of Ohio, visited with relatives here over the weekend.

George Casher is repotred to be seriously ill at his home in Stormstown.

Mrs. M. G. Maines and Miss Roxie Robison spent Wednesday in Altoona Christmas shopping.

Allison Bennett and family expect to move into their new home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Woodring and Mr and Mrs. D. J. Woodring were shopping in Philipsburg Saturday evening.

Mrs. Grace Thomas visited with relatives in Tyrone recently.

Mrs. Ellis Auman and Mrs. E. M. Woodring were shopping in Tyrone on Saturday.

The Townsend Club members held their meeting on Monday night in the Pringle Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lytle spent Saturday in Tyrone, shopping.

J. S. Williams is installing a hot water furnace in his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver are grand parents, their first grand child arriving at the home of their son Ralph at Philadelphia, recently.

Mrs. H. Kupper, of Rochelle, N. Y., visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Williams. Other during the week were: Miss Marion Myers and Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, of Altoona, and Miss A. Stephens of Tipton, Pa.

Sunday School Lesson

THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM

International Sunday School Lesson for December 24, 1939.

GOLDEN TEXT: "A little child shall lead them."—Isaiah 11:6.

Lesson Text: Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19-13-15.

It is most appropriate that one of the most beautiful lessons in all of the New Testament comes in one of the most beautiful seasons of all the Christian calendar. As all of us get ready to observe Christmas Day, with its gift-giving and gift-receiving and its happy associations with childhood and children we should be sure that we have made ready our hearts for his coming, in order that it may not be said of us that "there was no room" for Him in our lives.

The story of the birth of Jesus begins in the Garden of Eden where, after succumbing to the temptation to sin, Adam and Eve became separated from God and it became necessary for them to be saved from their sin. All through the subsequent ages, by various means, God tried to bring back to Him. These human instrumentalities proved of very little consequence and it became wise, in the providence of God to send His only begotten son into the world, in order that the link which had been broken could be welded again.

Thus, we see this Christmas, Christ was the Child of the Kingdom. He invites all those who have child-like faith into the Kingdom.

Jesus emphasized time and again the supreme value of children. Our lesson this week gives us several occasions when Jesus showed special attention to a child or to children. In the first, he used a little child to rebuke the selfish ambition, the envious pride and the self-seeking spirit of aggrandizement which had caused his disciples to argue as to which one would be greatest in the kingdom which they thought Jesus had come to establish. With a little child, Jesus emphasized the desirability of humility, love and unselfishness if one would even be a part of the new order he came to establish.

Since children and child-like adults are kingdom people of the first rank, it naturally follows that befriending them will be blest and offending even one of the least of them will be considered as great an offense as offending the King himself. Jesus pronounced a terrible curse upon any who mistreat "one of these little ones who believe in me."

In this connection, our modern age might do well to consider the perils to which our youth are constantly exposed—the encouragement of infidelity, infinorality, unwise living through the examples being set by the adults all around them.

On another occasion, Jesus was busy with the multitude, teaching healing and preaching. Crowds pressed upon him wherever he went and he had very little opportunity even to eat or rest. It is little wonder, then, that when the mothers bringing their little children to him to be blessed, were practically ordered away by the weary disciples, who felt that Jesus had more important things to do than to be bothered with a number of children.

However, upon seeing the children, Jesus rebuked the disciples and, in one of his most beautiful sayings, invited the children to come to him. "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Calling them to him, he laid his hands on their heads and blessed them.

How much better it would be for the world if we all could possess the child-like faith and sincere love of a child.

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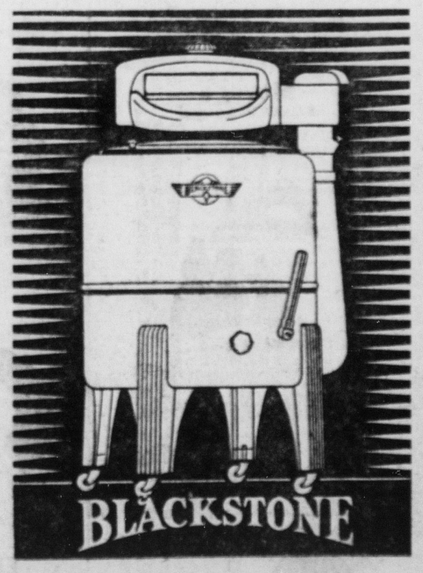

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