

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Cards are out for the wedding of Col. J. L. Spangler and Mrs. Lydia W. Holiday, both of this place. The happy event will be celebrated at the home of the bride, corner of High and Allegheny Streets, Tuesday evening, March 25th.

On Monday evening the Bellefonte band gave a short concert from the court house steps. Everybody stopped to hear it and the many strangers in our town who heard it complimented the band highly upon their playing.

The Bellefonte Telephone exchange is preparing to change quarters and move to the second floor of the new Bush Arcade. Larger poles for the wires are being put up and will take considerable work. The change will be made without any interruption to the public.

From this time on the Bellefonte postoffice will be kept open every weekday evening until 8 o'clock and the mail on the 8:45 p. m. train will be distributed for the accommodation of the public. Money orders and postal notes will also be issued until 8 o'clock in the evening. It is hoped the patrons of the office will appreciate this advance as they did others which were brought about during the past month or so.

On Monday evening a serious accident occurred at Morris' lime stone quarries near this place. The workmen had drilled a hole and set off a blast, which, not being tamped properly, had no effect. Terrance Murray then went to work to place another charge of powder in the same. The powder was put in by him and he was in the act of stamping or packing it when it went off. Mr. Murray received a portion of the explosion in his face and was severely burned. His face, neck and hands were burned and filled with particles of burned powder. He was taken home at once and a physician summoned. He suffers much pain and his face may be disfigured.

The nail mills at this place are in full blast, having orders for more than they can ship. The company is thinking of adding another larger engine and several more rolls which will greatly increase the capacity. The ice shipped here last week in car lots was over eight inches thick and was clear, hard and solid. It is strange, but it was cheaper than ice sent here from Snow Shoe and Glen Harris. Messrs. Beezer and Gentzel arrived Tuesday morning with a car load of horses purchased in Illinois and Michigan. They are mostly gray and are fine animals. Vick Frank, the novelty man, is packing up his stock of goods which he will ship to Bradford, Pa., where he expects to conduct a similar establishment.

At a special session of court, the following licenses were approved for the ensuing year: Daggett & Elliott, Bush House, Bellefonte; George B. Brandon, Brockhoff House, Bellefonte; Daniel Garman, Garman House, Bellefonte; David L. Bariges, Centre Hall hotel; W. S. Musser, Millheim hotel; James Fassmore, Phillipsburg hotel; William Parker, Phillipsburg hotel; Alois Kohlsbecker, Central City hotel; D. H. Rhule, Spring Mills hotel; John Odenkirk, Coburn hotel; W. W. Rishel, Coburn hotel; John G. Uzzell, Snow Shoe hotel; Mary C. Nolan, Snow Shoe.

Twenty Years Ago

At a regular meeting, Bellefonte Borough Council sprung a surprise by refusing to consider daylight saving proposals.

William Chambers, Bellefonte office employe, lost a \$50 gold watch on March 6, and found it March 12—on the wheel of the cart used as a parcel post delivery. Mr. Chambers believes it fell from his pocket while he was engaged in handling mail.

The early Sunday morning totally destroyed the building on West Presquise Street, Phillipsburg, occupied as a mercantile establishment, by Kaspas brothers. The building was owned by William Pilkington. The Kaspas brothers carried a stock valued at \$48,000, which was partially covered by insurance.

Myron M. Cobb had been engaged to succeed O. A. Kline as book-keeper at the Potter-Hoy Hardware store. He had been employed in a similar capacity in Wilkes Barre, and was to move his family here as soon as he secured suitable quarters. Mr. Kline was to take charge of retail sales at the Potter-Hoy store, succeeding Harry Murtorf, resigned.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Edward W. Walker, Phillipsburg, and Anna M. Wray, Morrisdale; Lester C. Stevens, Bellefonte, and Bessie M. Ghaner, Benore; Randall D. Hosterman, Millheim, and Mary E. Brungard, Rebersburg; Ephraim C. Dietz and Mary M. Weaver, both of Jacksonville; Amie Sitti and Mary Musser, both of Bellefonte.

C. Y. Wagner of Bellefonte, had begun work on the erection of his new flour mill at the junction of the two roads south of Mallory's blacksmith shop. The mill was to be reinforced concrete construction while woodwork was to be made from lumber salvaged from the old Wagner mill at Milesburg, which Mr. Wagner had purchased from Col. H. S. Taylor.

John C. Mullinger, Spring Twp.; distiller; N. W. Eby, Woodward; distillers; A. W. VanValin & Co., Coburn, distiller. Five other applications were refused, and four were held over for further consideration.

They are having a high time down at Port Matilda over the postoffice. The present official is S. E. Pringle, who is a staunch Republican. The citizens, we are told, have a petition asking for his removal.

The wedding of "Squire A. Rankin, of Karthaus, Clearfield County, and Mrs. Sarah Meyers, of Howard, occurred at the Cummings House this place on Tuesday, the 18th. Rev. Sarvis conducted the ceremony.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has dropped the name of caboose and substituted that of cabin car for the last car on a freight train. It is this company that is inaugurating the use of the water station instead of depot.

Prof. S. H. Ditzel, of Lancaster, will open a select school at Zion on the 14th of April. Those desiring to prepare to teach, or having a college course in view, will find this an excellent chance. The prospects for a good school are very encouraging. Zion is a lively little village and we congratulate her citizens in this new undertaking.

John Powers, of Williamsport, spent several days of the past week in town, being summoned by the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. William Brachbill. John left Bellefonte about a year ago and this was his first visit home. He holds a position as manager in a large shoe store at that place and is well pleased generally with Williamsport.

Rev. Vought, pastor of the Centre Hall charge of the Evangelical Church, last week held the Central Pennsylvania conference of that church, convened at York, tendered his resignation to that body as a member and as a minister. Rev. Vought's intentions at present are toward becoming a minister in the Methodist church. The conference of that church will be held at Carlisle next week and he will present an application for membership in that body.

Great excitement prevailed in the Oak Hill section, occasioned by the breaking of a dam of an extraordinary large sucker. Mr. Moore, a young man of Boalsburg, was the successful angler. This overgrown specimen of the finny tribe was measured carefully. Its length was two feet, and its circumference more than 15 inches. It weighed four pounds and fourteen ounces. Since this great catch became known all the fishermen in that place have been trying their skill, but no similar catch has resulted.

The Phillipsburg Ledger says County Detective Mullen was in that town on Wednesday looking around after the thieves who robbed Buddinger's store at Snow Shoe on Monday night. The burglars blew the safe open and got about \$400. Two tough looking tramps were captured up by the police on Wednesday evening, and not being able to give "Squire LaPorte" a very lucid statement as to whence they came and whither they were going, "Squire" ordered them sent to the lock-up for a day and then directed that they be escorted out of town.

John M. Coldron, of Centre Hall, was suffering from an abscess on the knee and for a time had to resort to the use of crutches to get about. His inability to work was causing him more concern than the knee.

A two-horse sled load of 2900 baby chicks was brought to the Bellefonte postoffice from the Hookman hatchery at Mingoville. The hatching season was just opening and Mr. Hookman was shipping from 2000 to 3000 chicks daily.

A. M. Rishel was "kicked" on the right wrist while attempting to crank a new Maxwell truck he had recently purchased and which was not working properly. As a result, he suffered a fractured bone and had several ligaments torn loose.

Samuel Gingerich, who took charge of Wallace White's mill at Axe Mann for several months while Mr. White was seriously ill with the "flu," has returned to his home near Centre Hall and was arranging to move into that community.

Thomas W. Cairns, of Bellefonte, was recovering slowly from a serious attack of influenza. As a result of extreme exhaustion, he slept continuously for four days and nights, a fact which had led to reports he had contracted sleeping sickness.

A. G. Morris, Sr., had begun work on the erection of a large hydrating plant at the glass works meadow. Although part of the plant was scheduled to go into operation in June, it was expected that two years would be required to complete the building program.

At a meeting of farmers from College and neighboring townships, at the State College, an organization was effected for community development. Temporary officers elected were: president, J. J. Markle; secretary, G. E. MacMillan. Members of a committee named to complete organization plans were: D. F. Kapp, chairman; W. K. Corl, C. H. Foster, J. G. Miller, J. P. Krummer, H. A. Grubb, G. B. Thompson, S. B. Watson, Matthew Goheen and George Glenn.

With a number of spectators on the High Street bridge waiting the rapidly rising waters of Spring Creek, a young Academy student, R. D. Brown, of Bellefonte, took a bet advanced by companions and leaped from the bridge into the stream, without removing his clothing. After struggling in the waters for a distance of about fifty feet, he reached the stone wall at the rear of the Bush House and pulled himself

to land, hurrying off to change clothing. He won the \$5 bet.

As a sequel to the supposed drowning of Jervis Hall, 10-year-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, of Snow Shoe, on August 17, 1919, four Snow Shoe boys, ranging in age from 11 to 15 years, were arrested upon suspicion of having hanged the youth and then throwing his body in the Uzzell Pond, between Snow Shoe and Clarence, to make the death appear as a drowning. At the time of the youth's death, the boys' grandfather suspected that he had not drowned, since the youth's tongue protruded from his mouth and there was no water in his lungs.

He began an investigation and enlisted the aid of the State constabulary. Several of the four boys under arrest were the ones who reported Hall's "drowning." According to a confession reported to have been made by the boys, they captured Hall while he was going to the fields to bring home the cows. They carried him to an old stable, and hung him from a rafter. The body was suspended for about five minutes, they said. Then they cut him down, removed his clothes and put on an old pair of trousers to make it appear that he had been swimming, and threw his body into the pond. No charges were to be filed against the boys until after a habeas corpus hearing scheduled to be held before Judge Quigley.

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Leone Kunes, of Blanchard, sustained an injury to one eye while working at the General Refractories plant last Thursday when he was struck by a piece of flying cinder. He was taken to a physician at Lock Haven where the cinder was removed and the eye treated.

Jane and Anna Klinger, Woodcrest singers appeared on the amateur contest sponsored by Altoona radio station WFBO at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Klinger, and have appeared in contests throughout the county.

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ORVISTON (From last week)

There were 176 present at Sunday School.

The revival services in charge of the Lancaster Brothers are well attended and will continue until Sunday night, March 17th, everyone welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin Condo and family of Beech Creek, spent Sunday with relatives.

Lois Yeager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yeager was admitted to the Lock Haven hospital last week for an appendix operation, she is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. David Conifer and daughter Carol spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hoiler at Beech Creek.

Mrs. Blanche Daley, son John Emeline Butler, Blanche, Kelsey and Ann Lomison called at the Roy Oyer home at Jacksonville and the O. J. Wensel home at Milesburg on Sunday.

Miss Verna Shank of Tyrone, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shank.

Mrs. Elmer Decker of Loganston, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conifer.

Ed. Furber visited his home at North Bend on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Conifer visited the James Conifer home at Martin's Grove on Sunday.

Quite a lot of excitement was raised here Tuesday morning about 6:30 when the roof of the house of Leonard Yeager caught fire from a fire when sparks ignited the shingles. It was quickly put out with water and chemicals before much damage was done.

There are millions of Americans whose eyesight remains unimpaired who do not read anything by design.

Sunday School Lesson

TRIUMPH OVER DEATH

International Sunday School Lesson for March 24, 1940.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep." 1 Cor. 15:20.

(Lesson Text: Matt. 27:57-28:6)

Having been arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane late Thursday night, falsely charged, convicted and humiliated early Friday, and finally escorted out to Golgotha, Jesus was crucified between two malefactors.

Among those standing by watching the proceedings, probably smitten to the heart by the cruelty and injustice rendered, was a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who, although he was a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin, had been impressed by the teachings of Jesus and was "Jesus' disciple." Courageously, this man, in order to render a last act of service to his Lord, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate granted his request.

Tenderly, the body of Jesus was taken down from the cross, wrapped in a cloth and borne to the private garden nearby of this rich man and laid in the new tomb which Joseph had hewn out in the rock. There the body of Jesus was hastily prepared for burial because the work had to be done before sunset and the beginning of the Jewish sabbath; those touching the body would be defiled and unable to observe the sabbath.

The usual method of preparing a body was to wrap it round and round with a long linen cloth, laying a layer between the folds, the face being left bare. Another cloth was

twisted, turban-like, around the head, Joseph, assisted by Nicodemus another prominent Jewish leader who had been a secret follower of Jesus in the approved manner, as quickly as they could. Before leaving the garden, however, they were careful to see that a heavy stone was placed before the door of the tomb.

Outside the tomb, intensely interested in the proceedings, were two women, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, probably the mother of Jesus and James. They had ministered unto their Lord for three years and were not willing to abandon him even though he was dead.

It would seem that the Jewish authorities who had been responsible for the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus would have been satisfied when they were convinced that he was dead and safely put away in a rock tomb. But, remembering Jesus' many prophetic words that he would rise from the dead on the third day, they went back to Pilate, requesting that he seal the tomb with the official Roman seal and place an armed guard there to make sure that his disciples did not enter the tomb, take away the body of Jesus and then go about declaring that he had risen from the dead. The request was granted; the great sepulchre stone was sealed, and a guard of soldiers placed before it.

Just as soon as they could, after the end of the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary returned to the sepulchre with more spices to anoint the body of their Lord, probably feeling that the hasty preparations were not as complete as they would like for them to have been. Arriving at the sepulchre, they were surprised to see the heavy stone rolled away from the door and an angel

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Sheriff Edward R. Miller, to Theodore C. Jackson, trustee, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$103.28.

Sheriff Edward R. Miller, to First National Bank of Bellefonte, tract in Union Twp., \$650.

Sheriff Edward R. Miller, to Edward R. Hunkeler, Esq., of Phillipsburg, tract in Union Twp., \$172.49.

Sheriff Edward Miller, to Farmers National Bank and Trust Co., of Millheim, tract in Haines Twp., \$169.21.

Fearon Eckley, to Forrest Eckley, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. tract in Benner Twp., \$1.

George G. Fink, et ux, to George Lester Fink, et ux, of Huston Twp., tract in Huston Twp., \$1.

Helen V. Burlingame, et bar, to Rebecca Valentine Mull, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, North Ward, \$1.

Maude Miller, to Titan Metal Manufacturing Co., of Bellefonte, tract in Spring Twp., \$1.

Weaver A. Witmer, et ux, to Mary Emily Miles, of Milesburg, tract in Spring Twp., \$1.

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Margaret Kane Coakley, et al, to Joseph M. Kelley, et ux, of Howard, tract in Howard, \$300.

J. C. Walters, et al, to Richard H. Hoffman, et al, of Bellefonte, tract in Benner Twp., \$250.

Philip Grey, et al, to James Colburn Musser, of New York City, tract in Penn Twp., \$1.

Harvey Musser, et ux, to Philip M. Grey, et al, of Danville, tract in Penn Twp., \$1.

Ida E. Long, to Annie S. Noll, of Spring Mills, tract in Gregg Twp., \$15.

Lillian B. Ickes, to Eleanor Ickes Pearce, of Phillipsburg, tract in Phillipsburg, \$1.

A. R. Everett, et ux, to A. R. Everett, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, \$1.

James L. Kerstetter, et ux, to James L. Kerstetter, of Spring Twp., tract in Spring Twp., \$1.

Fred Dyke, et al, trustee, to Odd Fellows Chapter of Bellefonte, tract in Milesburg, \$1.

BOALSBURG

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Reformed church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. George Ishler on Thursday evening. Those attending were: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Hosterman, Mrs. Wink, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. J. Myers, Mrs. Hazel, Mrs. Ream, Mrs. Young and Miss Beulah Fortner.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Corl, of State College, have recently moved into the Charles Segner apartment.

Edward Weber and sister, Miss Alice Weber, of Huntingdon, were visitors at the home of their aunt, Miss Annie Weber, last week.

The Reformed church will hold Communion services, Sunday evening, March 24th, at 7:30 p. m.

Miss Betty Jones, of Danville, spent the weekend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Jones.

Miss Pauline Charles, a graduate of Marinello Beauty School, has engaged in a new business enterprise in our town by opening Pauline's Beauty Parlor in her home on West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Segner and family, of Huntingdon, spent Sunday at the Charles Segner home.

The last of a series of Lenten services sponsored by the Ladies Missionary Society of the Lutheran church was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Charles, on Friday evening. The services were conducted by Mrs. D. B. Thomas.

The Christian Endeavor Society will hold an Easter Sunrise service in the Lutheran church Sunday morning, March 24th, at 6:30 a. m.

It is peculiar but the well-to-do often seem more reluctant than the poor to contribute to a public benefit.

DEAFNESS