

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Col. Robert McParlane was not in the best of health the past few weeks and at present is at his brother's home in Harris township.

The temperance organization has their rooms newly furnished in the Crider Exchange. Weekly meetings are largely attended and quite a number signed the pledge during the past week. If all the pledges taken are kept, Bellefonte will become a model little temperance town and some of our ministers will be cut short of "thunder."

We feel safe in predicting that Mr. Will Dukeman, of Bellefonte, will be appointed Deputy Recorder under the new Recorder, W. Caylor Morrison. Mr. Dukeman is a deserving young man and is well fitted for the position—Master Harry Holz rises these cold mornings at 5:30 a. m. to open Joseph Brothers store and to set a good example for his paternal ancestor and the other members of the firm.

Mr. Richards, of Julian Furnace, is around seeking monetary aid of his friends to enable him to send his son to a hospital in Philadelphia. About a year since the lad was suffering from typhoid fever, which left such a bad after effect in his system that he is now a cripple, but with medical skill and attention to be obtained at the hospital it is hoped that strength in his legs might be restored. Mr. Richards has been rendered poor by the drain upon his limited resources for medical treatment during the past year.

Marriage licenses were issued on the following couples: David P. Solt, of Lemont, and Miss L. May Houser, of Houseville; John E. Emel and Miss Amanda J. Cair, both of Bellefonte; Samuel Butler and Miss Eliza McCloskey, both of Curtin township; J. E. Koon, Pleasant Gap, and Miss Laura L. Gross, of Linden Hill; Clyde E. Thomas, of Harris township, and Miss Alice R. Zettle of College township; Cyrus M. Johnson, State College, and Miss Marion Miller, of Pine Grove Mills; A. C. Eshenuth, Coburn, and Miss Annie M. Haines, Woodward.

In a recent issue of The Tyrone Herald an article appeared signed "Jason," from which we make the following extract: "In Bellefonte during the past 14 years there have been 14 murders, every one of which is traceable to strong drink, and within the past 18 months there have been five liquor murders in Centre County. This is a fearful record for one part of our judicial district. If Huntingdon county returns to the licensed system she may have two or three murders in a short time. She will become responsible for four-fifths of the times of the county for the hunger of the drunkard's children, for the poverty and destitution of his wife, for the disorder and fighting upon the public highways, for increase of taxes, and for no end of evils that follow in the wake of the arch curse

dred and fifty armed men started in search of the missing young man, many of them are his intimate friends and they are determined to find him dead or alive. The young man is very likely in a very perilous position. The great forest does not contain a footpath or road. It is feared that he will not be found alive, as the cold past week has been very intense. Mr. Graham is a brother of Alfred Graham, of Clearfield, who returned Tuesday from Clearfield without finding the missing man, and it is supposed he now lies beneath a foot of snow.

20 YEARS AGO

Giannas Caproni, Italian airplane inventor, was planning a giant plane which was to carry 300 persons across the Atlantic Ocean in about 36 hours.

The honors for the heaviest porker killed in Pennsylvania went to David L. Geary, near Red Mill, who butchered a Chester White hog which dressed 618 pounds.

Prof. Jonas E. Wagner, of Beaver, former superintendent of the Bellefonte Schools, assumed the duties of his new position as assistant director of the bureau of administration in the Department of Education at Harrisburg.

Paul Sunday and Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Pine Grove Mills, were quietly married at the Lutheran parsonage at that place by the pastor, the Rev. A. M. Lutton. They were to go to housekeeping on the Sunday farm at Tadpole.

Clyde A. Spencer, whose wife was a niece of W. H. Bartholomew, of Centre Hall, was accidentally killed in Chicago, where he was employed as assistant chief in one of the first companies. Mr. Spencer was helping to battle a large fire when he was overcome by smoke and suffocated. The remains were brought east for interment at Curwensville. Deceased was a cousin of V. W. Spencer, of Bellefonte.

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Frank Gross, of Axemann, foreman of the carpenter crew of Gehret and Lambert, purchased the unfinished house on Pine Street owned by the contracting firm, and after completing the structure expected to move into the property. The price was \$2,300.

Miss Pearl Miller, of Beech Creek township, teacher of the Plunkett Run school in Bald Eagle township, and all the pupils of the school, numbering 14, were ill with whooping cough and as a result the school was closed by the Health Officer. Classes were not to be resumed until the teacher and pupils recovered.

Among postmasters confirmed by the Senate were these from Centre County: Robert S. Stover, of Millheim, and William H. Artz, of Port Matilda. With both legs broken and his body severely bruised, Daniel McGee, 65, of New Liberty, was brought to the Bellefonte hospital for treatment. The injuries were received while he was working at Moshannon 10 colliery.

Two pledges, one for \$40,000 and the other for \$1,000 were the latest contributions toward the building of a new track house at Penn State. The first of the subscriptions was received after a smoker held by the Pittsburgh Alumni, and the other came from the Erie Association. The total funds pledged to date were \$70,000, and plans were being made to break ground for the new building in the spring.

The finding of a human skeleton in a wild portion of Rust Township had created considerable discussion throughout the country. The discovery was made by Mike Banas, of Clearfield County, while he and a group of friends were hunting. The bones were found at what is known as the "Sand Flat," about three miles from Sandy Ridge. District Attorney James C. Furs, of Bellefonte, directed Centre County Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton of Philadelphia to conduct an inquest and the Coroner found that the skeleton was nearly hidden by leaves and had fallen apart. A rusty 38 caliber revolver with one loaded shell and an empty shell in the chamber was found nearby. Dr. Heaton found that a bullet had apparently been fired through the mouth or under the chin of the victim, passing out through the upper part of the rear of the skull. The bones were white and free of flesh, indicating they had been there for some years, it was estimated. No clothing was found. There was no way to establish identification, but Houtzdale citizens were of the opinion the body was that of Jacob Bookemire, who disappeared suddenly from that community 37 years earlier and who had never been heard of since that time. Authorities were of the opinion that the case was one of suicide and that the body had been in the woods for at least 15 years.

Sunday School Lesson

SHARING THE SHEPHERD'S JOY
International Sunday School Lesson for December 22, 1940.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased."—Luke 2:14.

Lesson Text: Luke 2:8-20.

manager from which the cattle were fed, being filled with straw served this purpose.

Meanwhile, out on the outskirts of Bethlehem, shepherds were watching their flocks during the night and, we imagine talking among themselves as usual. Suddenly, there appeared unto them a vision—an angel of the Lord, shining with the glory of the Lord. These humble men were frightened at the occurrence, not knowing what to do or think. But the angel said, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And apparently in order to add emphasis to the wonder of the announcement; just made, a host of angels joined the first one, bursting into songs of joy and praise and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Immediately following the return of the angels into heaven, the shepherds made ready to do as bidden. They left their sheep grazing on the hillside in swaddling clothes, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger? This was just as the angel had said and, delightedly, they began to tell everyone about this wonderful thing which had been made known unto them, glorifying and praising God for all the things which they had heard and seen. "But Mary kept these things, and pondered them in her heart."

Does it not seem insignificant that the first announcement of the wondrous birth was to lowly shepherds? If we had had the privilege of making this announcement we would probably have made it to the most important person in the world at that time—Augustus Caesar, who had heard prophecies that the Messiah, the Saviour, would be born in Bethlehem. Or, we might have thought it best to give this wonderful news to the religious leaders of the day—surely they should be most interested in such an announcement. God does not always do his works in what we consider the most conventional ways. These shepherds, though probably poor in this world's goods, were more nearly prepared to receive the good news than those in authority either in government or in religious circles. Would this be true today? We wonder.

The message of the angel was "good news of great joy, which shall be to all people." While for centuries the Jews had been expecting a Messiah, this Messiah was to be "their" Saviour and theirs alone. However, the announcement of the angel gave promise of a universal gospel, a gospel which would be as free to the poor and the under-privileged as to the rich and learned. These shepherds heard of the birth of a king, but this king was to give the world a kingdom which was to be its first real democracy—a democracy in which the soul of every man is equally precious, into the fold of which all men of all races and of all ages might come on equal footing.

The song of the angels gives us, in terse language, the real mission of Jesus. He came (1) to reveal to men the glory of God as through his life to bring glory to God; (2) to make it possible for men to live together in peace because of their good will (love) toward each other. When men accept the teachings of Jesus Christ and try to follow his example, they will endeavor through their daily lives to glorify God, and if they conscientiously do this, then peace will reign in the world, for he who is trying to glorify God will surely not want to kill one of God's children.

from going out of production, it is considered wise to give the flock a reliable and effective treatment to remove the worms that are in the intestinal tract.

Frequent changing of litter and the addition of sand or gravel around the house will go a long way in reducing the danger of reinfestation.

ELIGIBLE SELECTEES CAN APPLY FOR FLYING TRAINING

Young men who are subject to call under the Selective Service Act are not restricted from making application for Flying Cadet training. This announcement was made by authorities at Hq. Third Corps Area in Baltimore in answer to numerous inquiries received from prospective inductees interested in flying training. Even though a man is included in a quota subject to report in the near future he is still eligible to apply for Flying Cadet training provided he is otherwise qualified.

Requirements for appointment as a Flying Cadet remain the same. Young men with two years of college, or able to pass a written examination in lieu thereof, who are physically fit, unmarried, and being between the ages of 20 and 27 are eligible for appointment.

Under the rapidly expanding program recently inaugurated by the Army Air Corps, opportunities for appointment as a Flying Cadet have been greatly increased. With the opening of many new training schools in various parts of the country the Army is fast reaching a capacity to handle over 1000 enrollees a month.

Information can be obtained readily by writing to the Commanding General, Third Corps Area, Baltimore, Maryland, or by a visit to the nearest Army Recruiting Office.

Over The County News

Glenn Hargrave, a junior officer on the steamship Santa Paula, of the Grace Lines, whose home port is New York City, is a guest of his mother, Mrs. Paul Musser, having arrived in Millheim on December 3 for a 12-day vacation.

Millheim borough's Christmas streets lights have been placed and were turned on during the weekend. Up until now, the only holiday decorations in evidence have been confined to the interiors of business places, with the exception of a few store fronts.

A young buck deer apparently frightened by the army of hunters in search of the likes of him, ran from the woods into State College last Saturday morning and was killed. Blinded by fright, the buck ran into a fence surrounding New Beaver field on the Penn State campus, suffering a broken neck and died.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Babcock, of Rebersburg, attended the butchering at Samuel Yearick's farm, west of Madisonburg, last Thursday. While there, they saw six deer cross the road just to the west of the Yearick buildings. Some hunters pursued them for a short distance but none of their shots took effect and, temporarily at least, the animals made good their escape.

At a meeting of the Millifenburg school board held Friday evening, John W. Throssel was re-elected president of the board. During the session, Miss Margaret Grenoble, of Spring Mills, was released from her contract, at her own request, effective December 27. Miss Grenoble was music supervisor in the Millifenburg school since the beginning of the present term and is a graduate of Susquehanna University.

Samuel C. Yearick, popular West Brush Valley farmer, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury early last Saturday morning, when a hunter mistook him for a deer. Mr. Yearick intended to drive up to the Reuts Hartz farm home to participate in the butchering there that day. However, the icy condition of the roads caused him to forego the use of his car and he started off across his fields to the Haugh place, about a quarter of a mile away. In the before-dawn darkness, his walking figure was spied by a hunter in that neighborhood, and the song of a bullet coming dangerously close brought Sam down to earth, as flat as a board and as quiet as a mouse.

Members of the committee of the Cooperative Coal Operators and Truckers Association recently formed at Philipsburg visited coal operators in the Snow Shoe area last Wednesday and reported these operators are interested in an organization which can bring cooperation between area operators and truckers. As a result of the visit, committee members stated the Snow Shoe area will be represented at the next meeting of the Association. Committee members are contracting operators in the Karthaus coal section getting their opinion on pooling the Association which hopes to secure zone coal prices which will benefit both coal operators and truckers.

Only the one shot was fired—but that was enough for Sam—and probably too much for the fellow who dug the shooting, if he is found out.

Damage to the extent of approximately \$100 resulted when cars driven by E. S. Peterson of Pennsylvania Furnace and Dewey Krumrine of State College collided at the corner of College avenue and Burrows street, State College, at noon last Wednesday. According to the report made by Police Officer Grant Kough, the Peterson car, a sedan morning west on College avenue, made a left turn at the corner as the newly-installed traffic lights changed to green, and swung directly in front of Mr. Krumrine's car, also a sedan. There were five passengers in the Peterson sedan, while with Mr. Krumrine was his son. No one was hurt.

Eleven year old Michael Rhodes, who disappeared from his home in Milesburg Tuesday of last week was found at Lock Haven Thursday morning and taken to police headquarters, where he was cared for until the arrival of someone to take him home that afternoon. Officer Harry D. Clark noticed a similarity between the youngster's appearance and the description of him given in a teletype message to Lock Haven police, after he was reported missing, and took him to headquarters for questioning. Apparently hungry he had tried to beg a cup of hot chocolate at a drug store there when Officer Clark came along. He was given a good meal at noon and returned to headquarters. A telephone call was made to the State Motor Police at Rockview with the request that they notify the boy's parents. The child, who carried no food or extra clothing, said he was going to Harrisburg.

BUFFALO RUN

Mrs. Mable Rosman visited with her daughter Mrs. Nellie Moyer last Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Moyer visited with Mrs. Etta Mae Koffman of this place last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Johnson helped Mr. Johnson's parents' butcher last Tuesday at Milesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Grubb visited over the weekend with Mrs. Edward Moyer.

Mr. Edward Moyer and Mrs. Leroy Grubb visited with Mr. Emilio Scitti of Nigh Bank last Friday.

Ocean Scitti and John Tressler of Nigh Bank went hunting through Buffalo Run valley last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Johnson butchered last Friday.

The largest star in the heavens, we are advised, is 99,000,000 miles in diameter, about 800 times larger than the sun, which we think is some ball of fire.

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Odie C. Spicer, et ux, to Otto E. Spicer, et ux, of State College, R. D. 2, tract in Ferguson Twp. \$300.

Commissioners of Centre County to Samuel Scabala, of Spring Twp., tract in Spring Twp. \$15.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co. to Clair Hall, et ux, of Clarence, tract in Snow Shoe Borough, \$850.

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