

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

On last Friday Mr. John R. Tate, one of Pleasant Gap's oldest citizens, died from a paralytic stroke. He was afflicted with this disease during the past nine years and was an invalid most of the time since then. He was 72.

We do not blame the company for getting as good a price as possible for their work, but the men elected by the taxpayers to manage the borough's finances and protect a tax burdened people from further impositions have evidently been negligent and indifferent in this matter or were they influenced by mercenary motives?

Last Friday at a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Parish, Bellefonte, a communication was read from Rev. J. O. Davis, the rector, in which he announced his resignation, to take place the latter part of July. Rev. Davis has accepted a call from a parish at Beatrice, Nebraska, and this parish will be compelled to engage another rector.

On Monday Mr. S. H. Diel was seen on our streets. About one year ago he moved from Aaronsburg to Montrose, Colorado, where he worked at his trade of coach making, but the climate did not agree with him and he concluded to return to Centre County. We hear he contemplates visiting at this place with his family and will engage in coach making. We hope the Centre County climate will agree with him.

Williamsport: 170 arc lights, burn all night, cost \$80 per light a year; Milton: 45 arc lights, burn from dark until 1 a. m., cost \$62 per light a year. When they burn all night the rate is \$85 per light a year; Huntingdon: 41 arc lights, burn until midnight, cost \$60 per light a year; Sunbury: 33 arc lights, burn all night, cost \$55.08 per light a year; Bellefonte: 17 arc lights and \$5 incandescents, burn till midnight, arc lights each cost \$96 per year and incandescents cost \$18 per light a year.

It is a common complaint from all quarters of our town that our taxes are entirely too high, and there is just cause for it. Who shall you censure? Extravagance, charged to all the various departments. Others claim there is bad management and some even think and frequently assert, that impositions are excessive, and fat jobs continually being worked that increase the load upon an overburdened and tax ridden community. Of late we have heard frequent complaints made in regard to the enormous price Bellefonte is compelled to pay for its street light service. Not being acquainted with the customary prices charged we addressed a questionnaire to the city clerks of a dozen neighboring towns for information. Nine replies were received, which are as follows: Lock Haven: 45 arc lights, burn all night, cost \$73 per light a year. Altoona: 96 arc lights, burn all night, cost \$80 per light a year; York: 169 arc lights, burn all night, cost \$90 per light a year; Harrisburg: 250 arc lights, burn all night, cost \$90 per light a year.

Twenty Years Ago

Luella, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Davis, of Phillipsburg, died shortly after eating several pills which had been prescribed for her mother. The pills were intended to treat a heart condition.

A flock of sheep owned by Orvis Peters, farmer residing near Stormstown, was attacked by stray dogs one night and three of the largest sheep were killed after a fierce fight. When Mr. Peters went to the pasture the following morning he found their badly mangled bodies.

Postal inspectors were here examining seven applicants for the position of postmaster at Bellefonte. The seven were: G. W. Rees, O. P. M. Smith, George T. Bush, John L. Knisely, Charles E. Gates, James M. Harlick and William Chamberlain. Hartzwick, Chamberlain and Smith were employees at the post-office.

As the result of dynamite explosion, Lynn Fromm, of Bellefonte, chauffeur of one of the American Lime and Stone Company's cars, lost the sight of one eye. Fromm was repairing the wiring of the tail light on the car and was using a length of wire to one end of which a blasting cap was attached. He had connected the other end to the battery and was cutting off the needed length of wire when the circuit grounded, setting off the blasting cap. He received the force of the explosion on his chest, but was protected from injury by a heavy jacket. One piece of the cap struck him in the eye. At the Bellefonte Hospital it was found necessary to remove the eye.

Harry Pogleman, of Milesburg, employe of the State Centre Electric Company, was severely burned by steam when a four-inch steam pipe broke in the company's plant at Milesburg. As a result of the break all towns in this area, including State College, Howard, Bellefonte, Milesburg Pleasant Gap, Millheim, and Spring Mills were without electric power from 8:30 until nearly 11 p. m. Pogleman was burned when, while examining the broken pipe, a volume of vapor poured out, striking him on the back and shoulders. Fellow workmen rushed him to the Bellefonte Hospital where he was said to be in great pain.

The unconscious and bleeding body of Arthur McCoy, of Cold Stream, was found near the Phillipsburg Moose home early one morning by a Phillipsburg night police officer while making his rounds. Taken to the Phillipsburg Hospital where a physician examined him, the extent of his injuries

Hotel, at Phillipsburg. The bartender ordered them to leave. Benedict walked out first, and as Shaw came through the door the other man whipped out a revolver and fired the fatal shot. Shaw turned around, walked back into the room and told the bartender "That fellow shot me." Benedict ran toward a nearby railroad yard, but was caught by Officer Sterling who was in the vicinity at the time. Members of a jury impaneled by Coroner Dr. W. R. Heaton of Phillipsburg, were Joseph Cunkle, Chester Hutchinson, Burgess J. W. Beals, and State Policemen N. R. Leisner and Sterling. The jury found that the 32 caliber bullet had entered the left side of the abdomen and lodged in the muscles of the right side, causing 13 perforations of the intestines and severe internal hemorrhages. The quartal wound, which resulted in the shooting was variously reported to have been over who was going to pay for the drinks, and over an old grudge said to exist between the two men. Shaw was aged 25 and was survived by his wife, a brother and a sister.

RUNVILLE

Remember the lawn festival Saturday night, June 28th, on John Purk's yard, ice cream and all the delicacies of the season will be served. Come and heap a good cause.

The last quarterly conference of the year was held at Runville U. B. church. Dr. Leish presiding and he also delivered a message from the pastor of the word, to a good crowd present.

Mrs. Taylor Confer of Fairview church, was elected delegate to Allegheny conference at Phillipsburg in September and Malvin Lucas was elected alternate.

A good number of folks attended the children's day service at Yarnell last Sunday night and reported the children did splendidly.

Mrs. Dortha Shirk's Sunday School Class of Juniors held a picnic last Thursday in Mac Reese's grove. This class held the banner for attendance for the year. Ones present were: Miss Loraine Holderman, Ruth Purk, Nancy Lucas, Jane Reese, Kathryn Confer, Evelyn Bennett, Emma Bennett, Emma Jane Brooks, Louise Hackenberg, Bertha Shirk, Jane Fye, Amy Reese, George Reese, Walter Reese, Donald Hackenberg, Marshall Confer, David Watson, they all did justice and had a good time together.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Purk and daughter Sarah of Williamsport, visited with home folks Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Fisher of Bellefonte visited with Mr. and Mrs. William Howell's on Sunday.

The first Milton reunion was held at Black Mohannon State Park on Sunday, June 23rd. The president, Dr. John M. Woodland, and Nora Milton, deceased. There were fifty-one descendants present and many other visitors spent the day in boat riding, swimming, games and races. Prizes were won by old and young. At the noon hour all sat down to the table laden with the best of eats, while at the table numbers were drawn the lucky winners being Miss Barbara Spitzer, of Erie, Pa., who was an enlarged portrait of her grandmothers. John Milton, Mrs. John Wagner of Lewistown presided as president for the occasion, the newly elected officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Mary Grace of Lewistown; vice president, Mr. Ernest Milton of Runville; secretary, Mrs. Robert Wagner of Lewistown, and Mrs. Perry Luzier of Woodland, Pa. treasurer, Charlotte Spitzer, Erie, Pa.; Perry Milton, Port Matilda, Pa.; Mrs. Charles Craig, Lewistown, Pa. next meeting to be held at Black Mohannon State Park the first Sunday in June 1942. Those present were: Mrs. John Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Luzier and children, Donna Shirkley, and Jackie, of Woodland, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Perry Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Milton and children, Adam, Julia, Hershey, Robert, Elmer, of Port Matilda, Pa.; Mrs. D. E. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wagner and children, Jacqueline, Donna, Jean and Jeanette, Mrs. Donald Eberle and children, Joan and Barbara, Mr. and Mrs. Virgo Gross and son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Creig, Jr., Carl Milton, Anna Mae Milton, Ralph Clemens, of Lewistown; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Milton and children, Maxine, Erma, and Billy, Mrs. Samuel Holderman and children, Ducey, Eileen, Twila, Miss Loraine Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Bostain and daughter Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Milton of Valley View, Mr. William Spitzer and Mrs. Charlotte Spitzer, and daughter Barbara, of Erie, Pa.; Private Ellsworth Milton of Indiantown Gap, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. John L. Spitzer and children, Asher, and Sylvia, Mr. Norman Spitzer, Miss Nema Spitzer of Sandy Ridge, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dixon, Mrs. E. Dixon, of Woodland, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Houser and son of Valley View; Mrs. Mary Bennett, of Runville.

The Bald Eagle Game will meet on Tuesday evening, July 1st. Children's day services next Sunday evening at 7:30, standard time.

MILESBURG

Marjory Hill and Caroline Icker are among those camping at Newton Hamilton this week.

Mrs. William Walker and daughter Judith Lee returned home Sunday from a week's visit at Tyrone.

Miss Betty Hall and Louise Kline of Bellefonte, have returned from a weeks motor trip through Virginia and other points of interest South.

Rodman Hall left Tuesday as a delegate to the DeMolay convention in Pittsburgh.

William Keene of Langley Field, Va., is spending a ten day furlough at his home here.

The first day of summer was ushered in with a temperature of 70 at 8 a. m. and the weather man says more hot weather. So I guess we better get our electric fans out of storage.

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith quietly celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 22nd. Mr. Smith recently returned to work after a years illness.

Some of our residents who are improving the exterior of their homes are Lloyd Lucas and John Smith, also work has been started on the home of Emma Smith. It is being torn down and a bungalow is to be erected in the near future on the present foundation.

The carnival arrived Sunday for a weeks stay for the benefit of local firemen who are hoping for nice weather.

Mrs. F. L. Wetzler is expected to arrive from California the first week in July. Enroute home she will stop in Texas for a few days to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert King and two sons of Valley View, were Sunday evening callers at the George Smith home.

A wave of prosperity seems to have hit our town according to the number of new cars recently purchased. We hope it continues and we never have any more depression.

ABLE-BODIED PERSONS, 20 TO 40 YEARS, CUT FROM RELIEF

Pennsylvania's county relief boards have been ordered to remove "all unattached, able-bodied employable individuals" between 20 and 40 years of age from the state relief rolls on July 16.

Secretary Howard I. Russell said the order would apply to approximately 8,000 persons and was adopted after a full review of the present employment situation and the experience of county boards.

"A total of 286,522 persons now are receiving state relief.

The action, ordered by the State

LYONTOWN

On Sunday June 22, Harold Rupert of Beech Creek called at the home of William Lyon's and took them all to Beech Creek for the day, to have dinner and celebrate the birthday of John Swabb and Catherine Freise at the home of John Swabb. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Merril Priese and children, Catherine, Merril, Jr., and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rupert and daughter Elizabeth, Robert Russell, Mr. and Mrs. William Lyon and children, Anna Mae, Jacob and Billy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tierney and children Shirley and Charles, Mrs. Joshua Rupert and children Mary Lou and Ronald, Mrs. John Lyons, Marjorie Haslett, John and Pearl Swabb.

Jacob Lyons returned home on Saturday, after a weeks visit at Harold Reah's at Pleasant Gap.

Over the County News

The "Junior Fisherman's Paradise" on the enclosed section of Spring Creek owned by former Fish Commissioner O. M. Deibler, which has been open to Boy Scouts or this vicinity, has been closed until further notice because a number of the Scout leaders are away on vacation and there is no one to supervise the project.

According to signs posted last week at the "Fisherman's Paradise" on Spring Creek, all anglers must now land their own fish. Assistance in getting a landing fish has been prohibited. When an angler hooks a big trout and lands it himself he gets much more pleasure out of the act than if he has someone help him land it.

James H. France, head of the J. H. France Refractories which operates brick yards in Snow Shoe and Winesburg, and his wife, Mrs. Cora Wynn France celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary at their home in Phillipsburg last Monday. Mrs. France was bedfast for some time but her husband is still actively engaged in business.

A 4-year-old black cocker spaniel named "Dutech", owned by Mrs. Elmer Weber of Howard, took first prize in a blue ribbon in a field of 23 entries at the Bluff County Kennel show held at Bluff Park, near Tyrone, on Sunday. "Dutech" took first prize in its class at the dog show held in connection with the Centre County Sportsman's field day last night at Hecla Park.

William Bishop, 39, Houtzdale, former major league baseball player and David Parker, 18, Phillipsburg, escaped injuries last week in a car-truck collision two miles east of Phillipsburg on the Port Matilda road. Investigating motor police said the accident happened when the truck, driven by Parkes, attempted to make a left turn off the highway. Bishop, following Parkes, rammed into the truck.

Two DuBois fishermen were arrested last Monday night at the Fisherman's Paradise when they were caught fishing in the big spring where swarms with big trout placed there for the benefit of placefishers but not for angling purposes. The two men, O. P. Hess, Jr., and Robert L. Grimm, were arrested by Fish Warden Arthur S. Snyder, and were given a hearing before Squire Harold D. Cowher in Bellefonte that night. Both pleaded innocent to the charge of fishing in a restricted area properly posted against fishing but were found guilty and fined \$20 and costs each. The fines were paid.

Dr. William L. Rhein, of Harrisburg, accompanied by their Wildwood Zoo Keeper, Dick Rauch, came into Centre County recently to photograph a rare bird—the large-plumaged woodpecker. Many of us have seen this largest member of the woodpecker species, a black and white feathered bird with a large red crest, but not often. For, indeed, they are rare. Dr. Rhein traveled 1400 miles to get his color movie, which was the first ever made of this bird. They took the movie of the bird while it was at its hideout

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

R. C. Herman, to Alice Lillian Wilson, et al, Phillipsburg, tract in Rush township; \$1.

J. W. Shook, et ux, to Joseph Bolding, et ux, Bellefonte, tract in Boggs township; \$125.

Hugh M. Longwell, et ux, to Roy T. Bloomquist, Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, south ward; \$325.

Maude Aida Reinert, et bar, to H. May Homan, State College, R. D. tract in Ferguson township; \$2,050.

Harry C. Zeigler, to James E. Zeigler, et ux, Rebersburg, tract in Miles township; \$1.

John M. Hartswick, et al, to George W. Ebert, et ux, State College, tract in State College; \$1.

Commissioners of Centre County to R. G. Fye, et al, Moshannon, tract in Snow Shoe township; \$225.

Commissioners of Centre County, to James R. Riley, Oseola Mills R. D., tract in Rush township; \$27.50.

Mary S. Witmer, et bar, to Arthur P. Stephens, Pine Grove Mills, tract in State College; \$1.

A. B. Dietrich, to Clara E. Miller, State College, tract in Clete College; \$1.

Manasseh Stover, et ux, to Boyertown Hunting Club, Henry G. Levensong, et al, trustees, Boyertown, tract in Miles township; \$15.

Elizabeth N. Hazel, et Herman J. Hazel, et ux, Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, south ward; \$1.

Jonas Elwood Wagner, et ux, to Lewis W. Baylets, et ux, Bellefonte, R. D. 1, tract in College township; \$3,800.

DRY TOP (BOGS TWP.)

The welders were drilling a well last week at the Clayton Slaker place.

Pearl Poorman who spent a few days with home folks, after having the nail removed from her toe, has gone back to work.

Shook Kelley and family of Shooks Addition, spent Sunday afternoon with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stamm with Mrs. Sim's as guest were Lock Haven visitors.

Visitors at the Forrest and Candace Aikens home were Mrs. Clara Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Vince Orick, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Orick, all of Altoona, and Mr. Wertz of Brush Valley.

Mrs. John Kelley spent Sunday at the Howard Hicks home.

George Weyland's new house is going right up and all of ye get your dancing shoes and slippers oned, maybe George will let you use the new floors before he moves in.

Mrs. Mary Elker, of Milesburg spent one day last week with her son Clayton.

Vernal and Charlotte Poorman spent Sunday with their aunt, Eva Poorman spent Sunday with their aunt Eva Poorman of Holt's Hollow.

Rosemer Warren and Carrie were recent visitors in our community.

The Nazi military technique might be explained as matter over mind.

Sunday School Lesson

LESSONS FROM THE EARLY CHURCH
International Sunday School Lesson for June 29, 1941.

GOLDEN TEXT: "For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. 3:11.

(Lesson Text: 1 Cor. 3: 1-15.)

For the past three months, we have been studying the early church, its formation and progress, in order to somehow learn the secret of its marvelous power and success so that we, as Christians and church members, might apply the information gained to ourselves and our church better and more useful, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The first twelve lessons might have been in the form of a diagnosis and now that we have learned the secret, we want to apply the lessons learned to ourselves, in the lesson for this week.

In the scripture given for our consideration, we find that Paul found it necessary, after establishing a strong church at Corinth and leaving it to preach the gospel elsewhere, to write a strong letter to the Corinthian Christians to correct some of the evils which had arisen in the newly-founded church.

While very unfortunate, factions in churches are not modern developments. Even from the beginning, it seems there were members who could not peacefully and gracefully get along with their fellow-members. In the church at Corinth there arose four factions, a Pauline party, over-zealous for Paul, the founder of the church, an Apollonian party, apparently switched by the oratory of Apollus; a Petrine party, named for Peter, which insisted on mixing up Jewish ideas with Christianity; and a Christ party, which, because it could not, or would not, get along with the others, became itself a party.

Paul began his letter to the Corinthian church members by praising their many admirable qualities. He gave credit where credit was due, which is a good thing for anyone who has the task of administering discipline to remember. However, after he had given them credit for the things which deserved commendation, he very strongly, but tactfully admonished them, calling attention to their weaknesses which existed in the church, the immaturity of the church members, their imperfections, and condemning the partisan divisions.

It seems to us, after thinking about churches as a whole, that we might say in all kindnes, that most churches deserve the same condemnation which Paul gave to the Corinthian church. When Paul speaks of the "carnal" nature of these early Christians, he meant that they were worldly instead of being spiritually minded.

Paul's criticism that the Corinthian church were apparently content to remain "babes in Christ," certainly applies to a majority of Christians today. Few there are who make any effort whatever to "grow in grace"—they are satisfied to remain undeveloped dwarfs as far as

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spiritual nature is concerned. While the Bible continues to be the best-selling book in the world, there is little evidence that it is studied by many. Never, perhaps, in the history of the Christian church, have there been so many facilities open to those who would avail themselves of spiritual development, but all too few avail themselves of the opportunity offered.

Paul urged the Corinthians to realize that they were "workers together with God," even as you and I. A full realization of this fact on the part of every Christian would make a vast difference in the individual life and in the service he renders. To the Christian, it is given to be a co-worker with God in redeeming the world, in lifting men from sin, in leading them to Christ whose transforming power can make the vilest sinners into gentlemen in the high nobility of God.

(From last week)
Mrs. Ellen Wilkinson from State College is spending some time with her daughter Mrs. F. A. Carson.

The complaint was shocked on Friday to hear of the fatal accident of Mr. J. G. Boal, one of our respected citizens. The family has the sympathy of the community.

Last Tuesday a car from Mississippi struck the car of Mr. Charles Workinger at the Chestnut Street intersection. The car turned over damaged to some extent. Mr. Workinger suffered a bruised hip and side.

Mr. Charles Frost and family of Boyertown were here to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Margaret Page, and on account of the Mr. J. G. Boal death will remain until after the funeral.

Master George White had his misfortune while working in the barn to fall through the hay hole and break his arm on Monday.

Mr. Ray Sweetwood and family of Curin visited on Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sweetwood.

Mrs. Edward Loughner, Sr. entered the Lewistown Hospital on Wednesday for observation.

Miss Naomi Workinger, was taken to the Lewistown Hospital Sunday afternoon and operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Nora Gettys of Braddock is spending the summer in her home here. She improved the property by having a well dug and the water piped in the house. Her sister Mrs. Orpha Feather from State College visited over the weekend with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparr Wert from Aaronsburg visited at the Mr. H. E. Faust home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McCormick called at the Mr. A. E. Mingle home in Coburn, Sunday afternoon.

He KICKS SPOOKS OUT OF Haunted Houses

Special investigator opens his records to reveal his adventures as a ghost breaker, recalling many weird cases. Don't miss this unusual feature in the July 6th issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Baltimore Sunday American. On sale at all newsstands.

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20 MILES TO THE GALLON

They can hardly believe it—those surprised Mercury owners who are reporting 18, 19 and 20 miles per gallon. That so big a car with a 95 horsepower engine, so smooth, so quiet—so full of sheer dash can be so economical to drive is just one of Mercury's surprising features! You'll be equally pleased with the others. Come in. Take a trial spin. Take wings in a Mercury!

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