

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Shingletown, above Boalsburg, has been made a postoffice, and we guess all are happy there now. It is the only Shingletown in the United States.

The Daily Keystone Gazette completed its first volume this week. While we do not agree with our esteemed contemporary in all things we must admit that it is a new and interesting paper.

Work will be commenced next week in laying new composition stone floors in the vaults of the prothonotary's and the commissioners' offices in the court house. After this is completed the new metallic furniture will be put in place and everything will be in good order and well systematized in those departments.

On Tuesday, January 19 of the officers of the Camp at State College were installed. There were 53 present at the time and there were three applications for membership.

The most remarkable and at first seemingly unaccountable stupor and sleep of Miss Carrie Hoffman, of Philadelphia, is peculiarly explained. She lay in a comatose condition at Superintendent Anderson's home from Tuesday evening until Thursday, and then only partially regained consciousness.

Twenty Years Ago

Poison liquor killed 103 persons in the United States in the first 18 days of 1922, dispatches from various parts of the country revealed. Wood alcohol was the cause of many of the poison casualties.

Pope Benedict XV died in his royal apartments at Rome, Italy, on Sunday morning, January 22, following a short illness with pneumonia. Pope Benedict was in his 68th year and had reigned as pontiff of the Church of Rome for seven years and about four months.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hayes Run Fire Brick company, held at Orviston, directors were re-elected as follows: Ellis L. Orvis, Charles E. Kurtz and Nelson E. Robb, all of Belleville; C. S. Brown and Carl W. Keller, Lock Haven; W. O. Bentley, Beaton, Mass; and John K. Furst, New Castle.

A slight seismic seen outside the Orient or tropical countries was soon to be found on a Centre county farm. Elmer Felsler, of near Yarnell, had completed training a team of oxen and he expected to use them regularly in tilling the soil.

Over the County News

Brooks-Doll Post American Legion, Belleville, announced that it would sponsor a home-talent minstrel show at the Garman House early in February.

The following Belleville Masons attended a meeting of the Consistory in Williamsport: George Bush, Donald G. L. Frank, Mayes, W. Fleming, Clyde Smith, Charles Beatty, George M. Gamble, Charles Mensch (Sr.) and C. Y. Wagner.

Fire which had its origin in an overheated stove, slightly damaged the home occupied by Carl Cronmiller, on Spring street. Mr. Cronmiller had boarded up a fireplace and set a stove in front, and when the stove was fired one morning the boards at the rear caught fire.

Thirty-two horses, well trained in cavalry drill, arrived in Belleville from San Antonio, Texas, consigned to the local National Guard unit. They were taken to the old sale barn on Wilson street, where they were to be stalled.

Waste paper and cardboard collections by the Boalsburg Girl Scout troop have totaled 4800 pounds since the drive was started seven weeks ago, it is announced. The collection for national defense and funds for the troop is under the direction of Esther Graham and supervised by Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Airmen flying from the Belleville airport who have been grounded since the outbreak of the war have received the necessary credentials and are again able to take plane aloft. Henry Noll, manager of the air field reports, A 24-hour guard at the airport has been set up and all precautions are being taken to prevent any acts of sabotage.

Centre County Commissioners, to Clear Hall, of Clearfield, tract in Snow Shoe Borough, \$1. W. H. Snavely to Jacob H. Florus, et al. of Flemington, tract in Walker Twp., \$50.

John L. Zimmerman, to Charles E. Zimmerman, et al. of Belleville, R. D. 2, tract in Walker Twp., \$500. B. Franklin Lutz, to Guy W. Lyons, of Belleville, tract in Walker Twp., \$1.

State College Borough to L. F. Womer, et ux. of State College, tract in State College, \$1. John T. McCormick, by executors, to Jean Canby Bischoff, et bar. of State College, tract in State College, \$1.

John L. Harkins, et al. to Henry Willett, et ux. of Philipsburg, tract in Philipsburg, \$150. J. R. Irwin, et ux. to Foster M. Charles, of Harris Twp., tract in Harris Twp., \$100.

Harry E. Brown's Heirs, to David E. Rippe, et ux. of Akron, Ohio, tract in Gregg Twp., \$800. Harry W. Brown, et al. to David E. Rippe, et ux. of Akron, Ohio, tract in Gregg Twp., \$400.

W. F. Bradford, Adm. to George H. Stover, et ux. of Centre Hall, tract in Centre Hall, \$3,755.

ORVISTON

There were 161 present at Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Moltz, son and daughter of Jersey Shore, were Sunday supper guests at the Clair Butler home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Page of West Decatur, visited with Sherman Conner and sisters. Mr. and Mrs. William Crispin of Julian, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Aber of Lock Haven, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bechdel of Williamsport, spent Sunday at the home of Clayton Watson.

Mrs. Paul Lomison spent Sunday afternoon and evening with her family. Mrs. Leo Condo spent the weekend with her family.

Paul Lomison, Jackie Fewher, Carol Conifer and Paul Lomison, Jr. motored to North Bend on Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Daley of Balltown, spent the weekend with their parents.

Genevieve Nyman, who has been confined to her bed is not improving as her friends would like to have her. Last Wednesday LeRoy Walker went to the training camp to help Uncle Sam. Much success to you, LeRoy.

Last Wednesday the Loyal Daughters held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Grant Hahn. There were 16 members present. After the business session was over contests and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Members of the Board of Directors and officers of the Farmers National Bank & Trust Company of Millheim all were re-elected at the meeting of stockholders held recently in the Municipal building. Directors are: J. R. Miller, H. T. Frank, R. S. Stover, L. E. Stover and S. W. Gramley.

Church services: Sunday school at 9:30; preaching, 10:30. Glass for church membership will be at Sunday school hour. The pastor, Rev. B. C. Dearsham will assist with evangelistic services at the Evangelical church at Runville this coming week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hodge and sons Phil and Dick, attended the Farm Show at Harrisburg Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lewis, daughter Vera and granddaughter, Jean Genzel of Snow Shoe, and daughter, Mrs. Ethel Genzel of Belleville, visited at the William Hoover home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoover announce the birth of a daughter at the Philipsburg State Hospital. The little miss has been named Lorna Joyce. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vonada and family were shoppers at Belleville on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Lansberry and family of Mineral Springs, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Leon Meeker. Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowley of Port Matilda, were Sunday visitors at the Mr. and Mrs. Alden Dixon's.

Sunday School Lesson

JESUS CALLS FOUR DISCIPLES International Sunday School Lesson for February 1, 1942. Golden Text: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to be come fishers of men." - Mark 1: 17.

Lesson Text: Matt. 4: 18-22; Mark 1: 16-20; Luke 5: 1-11. The scene of our lesson this week is the Sea of Galilee, referred to in Luke's gospel as the Lake of Genesareth. While this region is not striking today, in the time of Jesus it was rather important, containing as Farrar says, "many villages of which the largest had fifteen thousand inhabitants. In our Lord's time it was covered with a gay and numerous fleet of four thousand vessels, from the ships of war down to fishing boats; now it is often difficult to find a single crazy boat, even Tiberias, and the Arabs fish merely by throwing poisoned breadcrumbs into the water near the shore.

As four great rods communicate with the lake, it became a meeting place for men of many nations. Jews, Galileans, Syrians, Phoenicians, Arabs, Greeks and Romans. Jesus was teaching by the Sea and entered into a boat to escape from the crowded throngs about him. He pushed out a little from the shore and sitting in the boat talked to the people on the shore. "The clear rippling water playing gently around the boat," comments Dr. Geikie, "the fields and vineyards and olive groves behind; the eager listeners with their varied and picturesque Eastern dresses; the wondrous preacher; the calmness and delicious coolness of the morning, and, over all, the clearest Syrian sky, must have made a scene striking in the extreme."

After his discourse to the crowd he told Peter to cast his net again. "Peter had fished these waters from boyhood," says F. B. Meyer. "There was nothing in the craft with which he was not familiar. The habits of the fish, the hours and spots most suitable for taking them, the effect of climatic conditions, in all he was proficient. He would have hotly resented any interference on the part of other fishermen of his acquaintance; and now he found himself suddenly confronted with a bidding which was contradicted by his experience, by the universal maxims and practice of generations, and by the bitter failure of the preceding night, which left him jaded, weary and out of heart. Is it not true that all who have been greatly used by Christ? There is no escaping the fact. At a certain moment in our experience, after long years of we have become disciples." The Master came on board the ship of life and assumes supreme control.

Jesus called Peter, James and John to follow him, all of whom were fishermen. "Not by chance did Jesus select his first companions from among fishermen," says Papini. "The fishermen who live a part of his days in the pure solitude of the water is the man who knows how to wait. He is a patient, unburdened man who lets down his nets and leaves the rest to God. The water has its caprices, the lake its tangles, no day is like another day; he does not know when he goes away if he will come back with his boat full or without a single fish to cook for dinner. He commends himself for bad days by thinking of the good days which have been and which will come. He washes his hands in water and his spirit in solitude."

"We see Socrates calling disciples round him, even as Jesus did," says W. J. Dawson, "explaining truth to them with an infinite patience, enabling them to realize that to know the truth is the only freedom; himself meanwhile bearing indignity and scorn, poverty and hardships, with the complete philosophic indifference of one to whom the only real life is the life of the spirit. But there the parallel ends, except in so far as the death of Socrates reveals those divine qualities of fidelity and courage which make all martyrs one. Socrates never said, 'Follow me.' He valued loyalty to the ideal he formulated, but passionate allegiance to himself he neither desired nor demanded. Christ, on the contrary, demands not so much intellectual convictions as personal loyalty. He never speaks of truth after the impersonal manner of Socrates; 'I am the Truth' is his great formula."

Jesus contemplated the spread of his kingdom by the conversions of individuals one by one. Personal work by his followers is the agency Jesus depends upon. Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, who was led to Christianity by the influence of a teacher, says this about the possibilities of personal work: "As you up the mountains there is a little spring; it seems so small that an ox might drink it up at a draught. By and by it becomes a rivulet; other rivulets run into it. Before long it is a large brook and becomes a broad river sweeping on and on to the sea. On its banks are cities, towns and villages, where many thousands live. Vegetation flourishes on every side, and commerce is carried down its stately bosom to distant lands. So if you turn one to Christ, that one may turn a hundred, the hundred may turn a thousand, and so the stream small at first, goes on broadening and deepening as it rolls toward eternity."

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

During the ten years from 1929 to 1939, the Catholic population of China increased 28 per cent, according to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. During this same period there was an increase of 50 per cent in the missionary forces; 48 per cent increase of Chinese clerics; 45 per cent increase of Chinese brothers; 46 per cent increase of Chinese sisters; 83 per cent increase in the number of dispensary treatment per year; 14 per cent increase in the number of pupils in Catholic elementary schools. In 1939 the Catholic population was estimated at 3,182,950.

Sunday, February 1, will be observed by the Baptists of the world as a day of "united thanksgiving, prayer, and testimony," according to the call issued from London, Eng. by Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance. In connection with this day, British Baptists are celebrating the hundred fiftieth anniversary of the founding among them of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in 1792. "That," says Dr. Rushbrooke, "was a year of war and confusion; but precisely then God brought a new and glorious thing to pass. Surely it is conceivable that amid the turmoil and distress of a world war, he may bring to birth something yet more splendid."

Something of the suffering of the Chinese and the way in which Christian groups are trying to help the victims of war is pictured in this report from Dr. John Hybert, of Tientsin, Chekiang Province: "Daily new inmates arrive, little wasted babies and children from other islands where there is famine. Already we have two overflow War Relief Nurseries; these are full, yet room must be found for these little newcomers. Many of them are too far gone to save their lives; they can only be made warm and comfortable until God takes them to Heaven. Old men and women also arrive begging for a place in the Hospices for the Aged. These are full, not an empty bed, and there is a waiting list of those in the town who want to come in Urgent cases have to be received in the hospital until there are empty beds. The hospices are full, with bad cases of dysentery and malaria. All are poor, free cases; no one can pay these days."

A new Methodist church was recently completed by the Chinese Christian fishermen of Bagan Si Api-Api on the island of Sumatra. This village is now rated the largest fishing community in the world; formerly it was second to Bergen, Norway. For thirty years the Methodist church has had a chapel and a school here. One hundred seventy-eight Hokkien Chinese children are in the school. Government figures show that the revenue from opium sales diminished from 1,500,000 florines in 1925 to 500,000 florines in 1940 in this region because of the sentiment created against it by the Christian community.

"The German public is buying more Bibles and more religious books than ever before," says a recent Swiss Catholic traveler in that country. "Sermons are much better than used to be. The clergy is conscious of the call of the hour; there are only too many questions to be dealt with and the people are more receptive to the word of God. The church is the only place where the Germans of today can still hear a comparatively free, true, courageous word. It was rejoiced and astonished to see that these preachers are now ever-cautious. Their preaching is up-to-date and deals exclusively with the fundamental truths of Christianity; and they courageously defend the rights of personality and the uniqueness of the Christian faith over against the exaggerated nationalistic theories. . . . With what tense attention do the masses in crowded churches hang upon the words of these beloved preachers!"

The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, both with headquarters at 152 Madison avenue, New York City, have issued a call for young Christian people to prepare for and enter Christian service abroad "to help reconstruct a broken world." The call is especially for hospital workers, teachers and evangelists.

The frozen body of Robert Cole, 26, a resident of Rush township, was found lying in the snow about a half mile from the Rounder Club house in that vicinity, discovery being made by Frank Reynolds and Barney Robinson, of Philipsburg, who set out in search of the man after he was reported missing. As a coroner's inquest it developed that on the morning of an unusually heavy snow Cole had walked from George Walk's home six miles across a mountain to the home of his brother, Henry Cole. He had dinner there and set out in the afternoon to go to the Nanty-Glo Hunting Club where his wife was staying. The body was covered with snow and there were indications that it had been disturbed by animals.

Unemployment for some when there's so much to be done seems a paradox before a defense-conscious nation. Some way must be found to provide work for all willing hands. Buy Defense Bonds now!

To Abandon Crossing The Public Utility Commission approved plans of the Highway Department to abolish the grade crossing carrying Route 16 over the Bloomsburg Branch of the Reading Company in Benton township, Columbia county. A new crossing is to be built, 185 feet east of the present grade. The improvement is to cost \$10,000.

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