Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

On Monday morning a colored boy was brought to Bellefonte and put in jail by the constable of Halfmoon township. He was committed on a charge of malicious mischief. He caused quite a sensation in that section.

It is expected that the extension of the Bellefonte Central Railroad to State College will be completed by about the first of May next. This will be a great convenience to that institution and the town will hail its completion with eager delight.

Mrs. Barnard, wife of Prof. L. H. Barnard, of Pennsylvania State College, died on Sunday evening. She had been in ill health for a number of years . . . Mr. H. L. Barnard, of near Roland, was in town Monday. He has just passed through a long siege with the grip and it naturally has its after effects . . . Balser Weber, of Howard, returned this week from a trip to Virginia, where he holds an interest in a large stone quarry.

Mr. Isaac M. Orndorf, one of Haines township's active young Democrats, had business in town on Monday and called around to see us . . . The new secretary of the Y. M. C. A. is doing all in his power to revive interest and increase the attendance at their rooms . . . In some parts of the county over 24 inches of snow fell this week. It was a genuine snow squall and we were strictly in it . . . Many apples are being shipped from Coburn at present. Farmers get 25 cents a bushel on the track.

Sunday's Philadelphia Times of the 6th of March will contain the public life of Ex-Gov. Curtin, by A. K. McClure. For sale in Bellefonte by Fred Dunham at his news depot.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Samuel R. Gilliam, Philipsburg, and Nora Morarty, Ashcroft; William T. Fredericks and Lydia Musser, both of Penn Hall; E. J. Yearick, Walker township, and Elrie Decker, Nittany Valley; H. M. Allison, Lamar, and Clara A. Steele, Zion; D. W. Gardner and Hannah C. Neidigh, both of Ferguson township; George Heverly, Liberty township, and Mariah Creek, Clearfield county; Johnson Warner, Snow Shoe, and Hannah Miller, of Milesburg; William W. Rooouelman, Punxsutawney, and Cora C. Baker, of Ingleby.

Little Mary Musser, who was taken to Philadelphia on Monday the 22nd, died there the following Thursday. It appears that the fatigue of the long journey was entirely too much for the little sufferer to endure. The trip from the depot to the hospital on account of an unmanageable team added to the little one's sufferings. The parents returned with the corpse to their home, this place, and the funeral services were held on last Sunday afternoon. Services were held in the Methodist church and were very largely attended. Rev. Houck and Rev. Hoshur officiated. There was a very large audience present and the sermon delivered by Rev. Hoshur was appropriate to the occasion. Little Mary was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Musser, Reynolds avenue, this place, and her age was about 12 years.

Frank Naginey, the Bishop street furniture man, has ordered a very fine hearse and it will be here some time next week. He says it cost him considerable money but that doesn't matter. He wants things properly done.

Prof. Bristol, the proprietor of the horse show, offered several prizes for the best essay written on the subject of "The Horse." Daniel Keller, Jr., won the first prize of $5 in gold; Blanche Underwood the second prize of $2.50 in gold, and Lillie Parsons the third prize of reserved seats for the show.

Miss Nannie Carson, of near Bellefonte, accompanied by Master Orrie Kline, spent Sunday visiting friends at Vicksburg . . . The old desks and furniture from the Commissioners' and Prothonotary's vaults, were sold on last Saturday morning at auction at the Court House. There were plenty of buyers and it went lively.

Some of the Sugar Valley farmers have been trying the experiment of dehorning their cattle. The Sugar Valley Journal says the men who passed through the valley doing the work of dehorning met with but little encouragement as most of the farmers believe it to be cruel to subject their cattle to such an operation.

The mystery attached to the disappearance of R. K. Nelson, of Philipsburg, who has been missing since December 24, has been solved by the discovery of his lifeless body in Moshannon Creek. Coal diggers returning from work made the ghastly find last Thursday. There is no evidence of foul play upon the body. The probability is that Nelson fell off the wagon bridge into the stream and was drowned.

Prof. Isaac A. Harvey, Ph. D., of Beech Creek, recently was elected a member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. Prof. Harvey is well known in this section as a practical geologist and has done much towards developing the mineral resources of Central Pennsylvania. He has been honored with appointments to various positions in colleges and is deserving of the honor lately conferred upon him, as his scholarly ability eminently qualifies him for membership in the Institute.

Great excitement prevails at Green Briar, in Gregg township, because C. E. Finkel discovered what is supposed to be a vein of hard coal. Enough was taken out to fill a stove and it burned to ashes the same as genuine coal. The vein is located south of the railroad, at or near which used to be Gentzel's sawmill dam, and it is thought, will lead in the direction of the mountain. The discovery was made in the old Penn's Creek bed where the stream used to flow before the bridge was filled in and its course changed. The surrounding lands have already been secured, and operations are to begin shortly. Should this vein prove successful it would go far to disprove the theory advanced by geologists that no coal could exist in the soil and rock found in our valley. Everyone around here is looking forward to the prompt opening of the mines. (The above is from a correspondence in the Millheim Journal last week and we cannot vouch for its truth).

Twenty Years Ago

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the engine house and two dinkey engines owned by the American Lime & Stone Company at the Buffalo Run quarries. The loss was estimated at between $2,000 and $3,000.

A Shropshire ewe owned by J. Harold Long, of Flemington, gave birth to four well developed ewes. Two of them were weak and died. Twin lambs are quite common, triplets are occasionally reported, but quadruplets are a rarity.

Mrs. Stephen S. Applin, wife of the Bellefonte YMCA secretary, who lived with her family in Philadelphia, spent the weekend in Bellefonte. The Applins had made arrangements to lease part of the Shoemaker residence at the corner of Allegheny and Curtin street and planned to occupy the premises about April 1.

Cleve E. Snyder, Port Matilda garage owner, died in the Altoona Hospital as the result of burns suffered when he tossed some gasoline-soaked waste into a stove to hasten the fire. In the resulting explosion a can of gasoline near the stove caught fire and Mr. Snyder was showered with the flaming liquid. He was badly burned about the head, shoulders and hips and his lungs were seared when he inhaled some of the flames.

A George Washington party was held by the operators and managers of the local Bell exchange in the exchange offices. Out-of-town operators present were: the Misses Rowe and Royer, of Centre Hall; Misses Boon, Musser and Smith, of Millheim; Misses Condo, Frankenberger, Zettle and Zeigler, of Spring Mills. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dale Musser, Roy Grove, Misses Emma Waite, Ruth Waite, Helen Kerstetter, Kathryn Wian, Kathryn Conaghan, and Mrs. John Sholl.

Lee Wolford, aged 10, of Nittany, was rescued from a watery grave by two companions, Bruce Stattin and Paul Gunsallus, aged 15, also of Nittany. The rescuers had been recommended for the Carnegie medal. The boys and other members of their class, taught by Miss Grace Williams, were on a school hike when they wandered away from their classmates and went along Fishing Creek. Wolford, attempting to cross a footlog, fell in and was swiftly carried downstream. His companions ran beside him along the bank yelling for help. About a quarter of a mile downstream they found a fence rail with a spike in one end. They succeeded in dragging the unconscious victim from the water, and gave him first aid for nearly two hours before they were rewarded by signs of life. Wolford then was carried to a farm house and a physician was summoned. No permanent ill effects resulted.

Hills orchestra announced that it would sponsor a dance every Thursday evening in the Logan House, Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Coxey departed for Clearfield where Mr. Coxey was transferred from the Bellefonte freight office.

The Bellefonte Academy driveway fund total was reported to be $2,071. Recent donors included Walter Leskaris, of Elmira, N. Y., and Arthur Whalen, of Binghamton, N. Y.

The Bellefonte Elks lodge announced that construction would begin soon on a new sandstone porch in front of their home on West High street.

The high schools of Centre Hall and Millheim were planning to engage in a debate and spelling contest. The event was to be held in the Grange Hall at Centre Hall.

Miss Helene Overton, instructor at the Bellefonte Academy, was recovering from a fracture of the left wrist and other injuries suffered when she fell in front of the Katz store.

Rev. Reed O. Steely, pastor of the Evangelical church, and lay delegate E. J. Teaman, of Reynolds avenue, were attending the annual session of the Central Pennsylvania Conference of that church in Lewisburg.

A pair of ferrets were shipped to Centre Hall for delivery, but express agent Bradford refused to notify the consignee because it was unlawful to ship ferrets into this state. The animals came from the State of Indiana and were returned there.

Chester Foust, of near Centre Hall, was kicked on the leg by a horse with such force as to break the bone just above the knee. The break was so close to the knee that reducing the fracture was a difficult task. He was brought to the Bellefonte Hospital for treatment.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: M. Clair Lauer, Lock Haven, and Florence A. Lutz, Flemington; Sumner Frankenberger and Dorothy J. Bower, both of Millheim; William J. Barkas, Bradford, and Edna E. Perry, of Port Allegheny; Ollie O. Sprankle and Margaret C. Kelley, both of Bellefonte; Charles E. Chamberlin and Louella D. Kerstetter, both of State College.

William H. Solt, of Howard, was admitted to the Williamsport Private Hospital, suffering from an attack of aphasia. Mr. Solt fell on the sidewalk and was removed to the hospital, where he was unable to tell anything about himself. A letter in his clothing showed that he had resided with his daughter, Mrs. William B. Shaffer in Howard. The man quickly recovered and was discharged from the hospital.

A kitchen shower was held at the home of Miss Ella Gates in the Crider Exchange building in honor of Miss Mildred Emerick, who was to be married in the near future.

Word was received of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gates, of Johnstown. Mr. Gates formerly was a member of the editorial staff of the Keystone Gazette, but currently was employed as night editor of one of the leading Johnstown newspapers.

When Ross Lowder, of Oak Hall, dug an excavation in which to bury a calf which had died, he came upon a hibernating groundhog, which to all appearances was dead. He took the animal into the kitchen and placed it near a warm stove. Soon the groundhog began to breathe, and later he awakened. About that time the family dog became resentful of the intruder and as a result of a fight which ensued the groundhog was turned out to hunt himself a new home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Cora Baney to Dean H. Baney, of Howard, tract in Howard Borough, $1.

Paul Rogus, to Victoria Rogus, et al, of Snow Shoe Twp., tract in Snow Shoe Twp., $1.

George S. Snyder, et ux, to Maurice J. Campbell, et ux, of Altoona, tract in Walker Twp., $1.

Joseph Chille, et ux, to Angela Chille, of Tyrone, tract in Ferguson Twp., $500.

Centre County Treasurer, to W. G. Frantz, of Port Matilda, R. D. 1, tract in Taylor Twp., $54.30.

J. K. Johnston, to Walter R. Stonebraker, et ux, of Julian, R. D., tract in Union Twp., $1.

J. K. Johnston, to Elwood W. Teaman, et ux, of Julian, R. D., tract in Union Twp., $1.

Lock Haven Trust Co., to John H. Snyder, et ux, of State College, tract in State College, $1.

Centre County Commissioners, to George F. Dunkle, of Philipsburg, tract in Rush Twp., $6.

Isaac Dando, execr., to Tyrone Lodge, No. 212, B. P. O. E., of Tyrone, tract in Taylor Twp., $800.

J. E. Rimmey, et ux, to Harry P. Kelley, et ux, of Pleasant Gap, tract in Spring Twp., $150.

J. K. Johnston, to James H. Shirk, et ux, of Mackeyville, tract in Union Twp., $1.

W. S. Bierly, to John Hanselman, et ux, of Rebersburg, tract in Miles Twp., $1,000.

Della Fishel, to O. Hammil Bathgate, of State College, R. D., tract in College Twp., $1.

John A. H. Grimms Heirs, to William B. Keeler, et ux, of State College, tract in State College, $1.

Albert E. Knisely, Sr., et al., to William B. Keeler, et ux, of State College, tract in State College, $1,333.33.

Roy E. Vonada, et ux, to Z. A. Weaver, of Coburn, tract in Penn Twp., $1.

W. M. Woomer, to William P. Breon, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. 1, tract in Boggs Twp., $125.

Luther L. Smith, et ux, to Alonzo M. Gummo, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. 3, tract in Spring Twp., $150.

Mabel Houser, et al, to Merrill Lowry, of Hublersburg, tract in Walker Twp., $1.

Florence A. Wian, to Ellis R. Houser, et ux, of Bellefonte, tract in Bellefonte, North Ward, $1.

George P. Schreckengast, to Earl G. Gettig, et ux, of Bellefonte, R. D. 2, tract in Marion Twp., $1.

SNYDERTOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe, son Harvey and daughter Doris, and Betty Patters spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gust Fritz.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Haagen and Mrs. Annie Lutz visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spangler, Sunday evening, the latter being ill for some time. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

A surprise birthday party was held for Jean Walizer Friday night at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walizer, her Sunday school class being present. She received many useful gifts.

Mrs. Charles Emerick and son Dean, and Mrs. Howard Ardery visited with Mrs. Elery Krape and sister Nellie Ferree, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Beck are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter born Thursday, Feb. 26, whose name is Madge Lavonne.

Alvin Beck and family have moved from our vicinity to a farm near Lewisburg. We were sorry to see them leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walizer and children, Jean and Elery, visited with the former's brother, George and family of Mill Hall, Sunday.

Mrs. Elmer Stover and son Norman, spent Sunday afternoon at the Max Markle home in Bellefonte.

Mr. and Mrs. John Waltz of Nittany, spent Friday evening at the Kenneth Powers home.

John Beck and family of Lock Haven, visited at the home of A. B. Beck, Sunday.

Harry Harshberger and family of Burnham, spent Sunday at the George Harshberger home.

Mrs. Nevin Stover and son Donny, spent Saturday at the H. M. Walizer home at Clintondale.

Mr. and Mrs. Torrence Fisher of Philadelphia, were callers at the Ed Dorman home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Poorman of Lock Haven, spent Sunday at the W. W. Haagen home.

Lenten services will be held at the St. Mark's Lutheran church at Snydertown, Thursday evening, with Rev. Gulick delivering the sermon.

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Over the County News

Stanley Bierly reports that Millheim may have the use of a tennis court this summer. Mr. Bierly plans to complete his court in the spring and rent same to the public on an hourly basis.

The traffic light on the Millheim diamond has been changed to meet the legal requirements as explained by the state some months ago. Taken down and changed, the light is again in operation after a rest of two days—and its conduct from here on will determine the status of traffic through the middle of town.

Rev. Andrew H. Beahm, son of H. O. Beahm, of Aaronsburg, tendered his resignation as pastor of the First Lutheran church of Lock Haven to enter the U. S. Army as a chaplain. However, at the congregational meeting held last Sunday night, the parishioners refused to accept the resignation and made plans to use student pastors, together with the Rev. J. F. Bruch, retired, until Rev. Beahm's return.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hosterman, of near Aaronsburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mamie, 824 Meade street, Williamsport, to James Gephart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gephart, of Williamsport. Miss Hosterman is a graduate of the East Penns Valley High School, class of 1939, and is at present employed by by the C. A. Reed Company of Williamsport. Mr. Gephart is an employe of the Chesterfield Furniture Shops, Inc.

County Recorder Leamer Woodring has a new "wrinkle" to iron out in the affairs of his office at the court house. This time it's an inquiry from a man in far-off California, who wants to know if there is "any open land in the Allegheny mountains." To say that the recorder is scratching his head over the inquiry is putting it mildly, and to date he just doesn't know what to do about it. The inquirer is Alfred A. Wright, who gave his address as 135 S. Olive street, Los Angeles. "Is there anyone owning the land?" asked Wright's postcard. He also asked details about a "site 1 mile directly north of the Bellefonte post office," which Mr. Woodring pointed out, would be squarely atop Schad mountain.

What will probably be one of the larger farm sales in the southern part of the county will take place on the F. P. Stover farm in Brush Valley, this month. Mr. Stover is offering 108 head of livestock, including 10 head of horses and colts, 68 head of hogs and 30 head of cattle.

Ray N. Witmer, former P. R. R. agent at Coburn, who has been in the Geisinger Hospital for several weeks, suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday morning at that institution. His condition is reported to be serious. His daughter, Mrs. John Hite, and her son Terry, of Perkasie, are spending some time at the Witmer home.

The annual beaver trapping season is on right now. Reports indicate that some of the valuable fur bearing animals are still in this neighborhood—and available for experienced trappers. A trapper in the White Deer district caught one last weekend that weighed around thirty-five pounds, which is a big one and, with a prime coat, will bring a fancy price. Also, we are told that some thievery is going on, some of it occurring in the south end of the county.

Thursday the Dinges News Agency and apartments in Millheim was taken over by the former owner, Ralph Brandt, of Coburn. The establishment was sold to Mr. Dinges last summer, the latter taking charge on July 1st. Now, the transaction is reversed, being consummated last week, and Mr. Brandt is back of the counter again. Mr. Dinges expects to go to the Baltimore area, where he has found employment and where he will move his family.

Ex-Senator Edward J. Thompson, of Philipsburg, expects to get into the U. S. Navy in the near future, it is reported. Mr. Thompson's law partner, David L. Baird, has been in the U. S. armed forces since last October, and Jack, deciding that the law business will be no good if Hitler and Hirohito get control of things, put in his bid for a job in the Navy. Being over weight, he is said now to be doing a good job of dieting until he is reduced to the required weight limit.

MARTHA

A Laymen's meeting of the Centre district of the Centre Baptist Association will be held at the Baptist church here Wednesday evening, March 11. Dr. R. B. Deer, executive secretary of the State organization, of Philadelphia, will be the guest speaker. This is a meeting you will not want to miss. Both men and women are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stanton drove to Wilkes-Barre Sunday morning to see their daughter, Mrs. Leslie Stanton, who had the misfortune of falling and breaking bones in her ankle. Mr. Stanton returned Monday, but Mrs. Stanton expects to remain there with her daughter for some time. Her many friends here wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Ada Larkin, Mrs. Roxy Knarr and Mrs. Jean Gensamer attended the Neighborhood Garden Club at Mrs. Bessie Stevens' home at Stormstown last Thursday afternoon.

Kelly Cronister, who is employed at Chester, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Cronister, here.

The Port Matilda Grange held a meeting in the Grange rooms on Thursday evening, February 26, to take in a class of members. Bald Eagle Grange degree team of Blair county, conferred the first and second degrees on the following: Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Reese, Katye and Thelma Reese, Dorothy Beckwith, Delilah McMonigal, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Beckwith, Mrs. John Beckwith, Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Larkin, John Miles and Harry McDonald. After the meeting a beef and noodle supper with all the trimmings, was served to 56 Grange members and friends.

Pvt. Elmer Stiver of Fort Eustis, Va., spent Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stiver.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bailey and family of Pine Grove Mills, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey.

Misses Florence, Faye and Patricia Steele of Tyrone, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Alexander and son Jackie of Tyrone, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merry of McKeesport, Mr. and Mrs. DeLaun Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby Spackman and son Ronald, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stiver.

ROMOLA

There were 71 present at Sunday school Sunday morning.

Harris Weaver has been under the doctor's care for the past week.

Quite a nice number of men turned out to work on the church Saturday. One of the main objects was to get the new part roofed, which they succeeded. There were also quite a number of other things accomplished.

The Kulpmont Messengers will be at our church Sunday p. m., March 8, at 2:30 o'clock. We also have our regular church services every Thursday evening at 7:30.

YARNELL

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller and children of Milesburg, spent Sunday afternoon at the H. E. Walker home.

A quilting bee was held at the home of Mrs. Wilson Walker on Thursday. Those who attended were Mrs. Mabel Brown, Mrs. Jerry Shawley, Mrs. Mary Shawley, Mrs. Frances Walker, Mrs. Lucy Fetzer, Mrs. Hannah Mayes, Mrs. Flerie Shawley, Mrs. Mildred Coakley and son, Mrs. Erma Witherite and son, Mrs. Merrill Richner and twins, Mrs. Norma Weston and son, Miss Ellen Packer, Mrs. Viola Shawley, Mrs. Verna Kessling and Mrs. Wilson Walker.

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WOODWARD

Steward Eisenhuth secured a job last Thursday with J. B. Smith and Co. at Camp Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Eisenhuth moved into the remodeled schoolhouse last week one day. The residence was lately vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hummel.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hummel and son Kenneth, returned home last Friday after about a two weeks' vacation.

Allison Hummel returned home to his son Benjamin, last Saturday noon from Philadelphia, where he was operated on for a cataract of the eye at the Wills-Eye Hospital about a week ago. The operation, we are told, was a success and his vision is much improved.

C. E. Kreamer, the official delegate to the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical church, is scheduled to leave with his pastor, Rev. H. A. Houseal, on Wednesday afternoon for Berwick. The conference convened in Bower Memorial Evangelical church in that city that evening and will continue until Monday noon, March 9.

An impressive Washington's birthday program was rendered in the local Evangelical church on Monday evening of last week to an attentive audience. The large audience very much enjoyed the program. Rev. G. A. Fred Griesing and Rev. H. A. Houseal conducted the devotional exercises. A group of public school children gave a very appropriate exercise. Floyd Ammerman of Bellefonte, rendered a number of appropriate musical pieces on the piano which were very much appreciated.

Carrie Fultz of Northumberland, Richard Kessinger of Willow Grove, and his father, Russel of Chester, visited among friends and acquaintances over the weekend.

Miss Bessie Plank and niece, Miss Gladys Plank, of Camp Hill, accompanied the former's nephew, Harwood Kreamer, to Mr. Kreamer's parental home, that of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Kreamer over the weekend.

The physical condition of D. J. Benner has not improved any to date.

RUNVILLE

The U. B. revival is still in progress with good interest and good attendance. Cottage prayer meetings each afternoon at 1:30, and last Thursday night was a record breaking night when one adult and fourteen people came out to the altar. Rev. Miller deliveres inspiring messages each night and will continue until Wednesday night, and if any more interest is given, will continue until Sunday night.

Pvt. Ralph Howell of an Army camp in New York State, was home for 3 days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Hancock of Philipsburg, visited with relatives last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Furl and daughter Sarah of Williamsport, and Mrs. Clara Kantz of Lancaster, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Furl, Sunday.

Leonard Mayes of our community, we learn is to go to an army camp this week.

James Fye, who has been ill for some time, has developed a cold and is not very good at this writing.

Bald Eagle Grange will meet Friday evening, March 6th.

Mrs. Katherine Furl motored to Harrisburg and visited with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Estright last week.

LOOK of the MONTH LEAGUE
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(From Last Week)

Mrs. William Walker of Bellefonte, spent the weekend with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Clevenstine.

Sorry to note the death of William Smith. He was well known by his many relatives and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul J. Keller and family of Martinsburg, greeted their many friends on Monday.

Glad to report Grandma Sharer, as she is known by all, is recovering slowly, in spite of the fact she will reach her 81st birthday in June. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

The Ladies' Bible class will meet Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Harry Rockey.

The first lesson in home nursing will be given Friday evening in the Reformed church. All students are requested to be present at 7:30 promptly.

Wednesday evening guests at the Nevin Gilmore home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dowie and son, who recently returned from Panama, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Grove of Bellefonte, Lloyd Sampsel of Pleasant Gap, Roy Grove and family of this place.

Mrs. McCaleb is spending a few days at her home in Loganton.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Watson entertained a number of relatives, children and grandchildren and one great-grandson, on Saturday in honor of Mr. Watson's birthday anniversary. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Reese of Gump Stump, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sweitzer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Watson of Bellefonte, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sheesley and family, Paul Miller, Ethel, Donald, Anna and Constance Catherman of Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stauffer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson, Fred Watson, Kelsey Confer and Claude Wyland of Warren, Ohio; Mrs. George Magargel, Jr., and daughter of Pleasant Gap, Robert Confer of Pleasant Valley, Mrs. Lee Johnson, Anna Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson and family, Gladys and Geraldine Kelly, Mrs. Olive Rhoades and children, and Lynn Johnson. A delicious dinner was served and Mr. Watson received many valuable gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Merril Watson and son of Greensburg, were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreese and son of Lemont, greeted friends and attended church at Runville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stauffer and family of Ohio, were supper guests at the Orvis Watson home on Sunday evening.

Frank Johnson and Harry Butler of Ohio, spent the weekend with home folks.

(From Last Week)

Laura Confer of Runville, was a visitor at the Lee Johnson home recently.

Roy Sheesley and son of Howard, spent the weekend with relatives in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Watson entertained Mrs. Watson's sister and brother-in-law from New York over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell of Runville, called on relatives at this place on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson and children and J. T. Watson were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Magargel and daughters at Pleasant Gap on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leathers were Saturday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreese and son of Lemont.

Bible Study was held at the John Watson home on Tuesday evening of last week; also a kitchen shower in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Watson. Those present were: Rev. Shucy, Mrs. Walter Sweitzer and daughter of Bellefonte, Orvis Sholl of Milesburg, Mrs. Oliver Bitner, Mrs. Bert Kessling of Moose Run, Rev. and Mrs. Byrd of Coleville, Mrs. M. C. Reese and children of Gum Stump, Mr. and Mrs. William Howell and son of Runville, Lynn, Dick and Harry Jones, Mrs. Orvis Watson and children, Geraldine Kelly, Paul Miller, Ethel Catherman, Mrs. Olive Rhoades and children, Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Watson, and Ken Lucas. Mr. and Mrs. Watson received many useful gifts. Delicious refreshments were served.

Mrs. Roy Leathers attended the quilting at the Claude Confer home on Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dreese and son of Lemont, were recent visitors at the Leathers home, and also called at the William Howell home at Runville.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sheesley and three children of Howard, called on home folks on Monday.

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Sunday School Lesson

WHY SOME PEOPLE DRINK BEVERAGE OR ALCOHOL

International Sunday School Lesson for March 8, 1942.

Golden Text: "Wine is a mocker . . . And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise."—Proverbs 20: 1.

Lesson Text: Gen. 43: 34; Psalm 104: 14, 15; Prov. 31: 5-7; Eliz. 2: 1-3, 10, 11; Isa. 56: 12; I Cor. 10: 6-7.

Whether we as a nation want to admit it or not, the problem of beverage alcohol is growing more serious every day. Statistics prove that the use of alcoholic beverages is becoming more wide-spread. Government sales records prove this fact; government crime records also prove this statement and hospital reports verify the truth of this assertion.

Therefore, it is important that thinking people discuss the question posed for our lesson this week: "Why do some people drink beverage alcohol?" We do thank God that we can put that "some" in the question, because there are numbers of people in this country who refuse to have anything to do with this evil.

If a group of people who drink alcoholic beverages were asked the question, "Why do you drink beer, wine, or whiskey," as the case may be, you would receive a number of different answers, but the sum total of the replies could be included in one or the other of the following reasons:

(1) For its medicinal or food value. In years past, when doctors and medicines were not as available as they are today, the use of alcohol for medicinal purposes was often recommended. However, physicians who keep up with the latest scientific discoveries no longer prescribe alcohol, for it has been replaced by more effective and less dangerous medicines. Dr. Charles Mayo, of the famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, declared "Medicine has reached a period when alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, being displaced by better medicines."

Beer has often been advertised as possessing great food values. While it is true that beer does possess calories, or heat units, beer contains no vitamins. A pint of beer contains 327 calories while a pint of milk which has 297 calories, also has vitamins A, B, C, and D. In three and one-half pints of milk one gets as much protein as he gets in 70 pints of beer.

(2) For its stimulating value. While users often state that they like the "pick-up" alcoholic beverages give, the fact is that alcohol does not stimulate; it depresses. Alcohol does not make one's mind more active. Dr. Haven Emerson, professor of public health administartion at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, says that alcohol results in "inferiority of both physical and mental performances."

(3) As a means of escape. This is a faulty argument for the use of alcoholic beverages because anyone who has tried this "means of escape," if truthful, would be forced to admit that taking a drink has never removed the unpleasant condition from which he was trying to "escape." Only the coward resorts to drink to escape the unhappy situations in life.

(4) As a means of popularity. This, perhaps, is where most drinking begins. Some people do not have the moral fortitude to be different from the crowd. Modern society, to its own disgrace, practically forces those who crave popularity, to indulge in cocktails and other drinking. In order to prove themselves "good sports," or "one of the crowd," many people, especially young people, take the drink which may ultimately lead to a drunkard's grave.

Abraham Lincoln once said: Liquor might have defenders, but no defense. Whether or not the world would be vastly benefitted by a total and final banishment from it of all intoxicating drinks, seems to me not an open question."

Robert Louis Stevenson, declared: "I have always thought drunkenness a wild and almost fearful pleasure rather demonical than human."

Nile Kinnick, the Iowa halfback who in 1939, won the Heisman Memorial, the Camp, the Maswell and the Chicago Tribune trophies and who was selected by the Associated Press poll as the year's best football player, says: I am a teetotaler, and I am in no way in sympathy with the use of alcoholic beverages."

David Abbot Jenkins, automobile speed king, says: "Some people think it is embarrassing to pass up drinks at banquets and parties. But my work and contacts have taken me to several occasions where intoxicants have been served, and never once have I felt out of place in passing along my glass. In fact, most people seem to respect a fellow for sticking to his guns."

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

BY W. W. REID

All of the seventy missionaries of the Methodist church, serving in Malaya, Sumatra, and Borneo, who were attending annual conference in Singapore when war with Japan broke out in December, were evacuated to India or to Java a few days before Singapore fell, according to Secretary Ralph E. Diffendorfer of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist church. This Board was the principal American missionary agency carrying on schools and churches in the Malay Peninsula—practically every important town had a Methodist school and church. Because the schools were supported largely by grants from the British colonial government, it is believed they will not be able to continue under Japanese occupancy. The churches, however, were self-supporting and served by Chinese, Tamil Indian, or Malay pastors, and Dr. Diffendorfer believes they will carry on "for the duration." "The Malaya Christians will not be idle while men, and women, and children suffer," he says. "They will increasingly minister to the increasing needs of thousands of people."

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Soerabaya, on the east coast of Java, is not only a great naval base but the center of the East Java Church of the Netherlands Missionary Society. In 1941 Soerabaya celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the erection of the first church building on the Island of Java at nearby Ngoro. This and other small churches in the region were founded by laymen—Van Coolen, a planter; Van der Emde, a watchmaker, and others—who instructed the Javanagese in their employ in the rudiments of the Christian faith and then built these churches for them. It was not until seven years later that the first missionary was sent out to them from Holland. In 1938 the independent East Java Church had 62 organized congregations, 48 ministers, and 34,000 church members. It has sent three missionaries to Bali.

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"Our first and present duty is to win the war, for unless we do this there will be no better world order and no peace for any of us," said Bishop William T. Manning, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, in a recent Lenten sermon. "This crisis calls for a re-birth of religion in all of us, all over our land. It is religion which gives men moral purpose which nothing can shake, courage which nothing can overcome, faith which upholds them through everything in this life and on into life eternal."

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Six men, from five nations, will speak on the economic, political, social and religious aspects of post-war peace in connection with the "National Study Conference on the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace," which is to be held at Ohio Wesleyan University, March 3-5. They are: Rev. William Paton, of London, Eng., secretary of the World Council of Churches; John Foster Dulles, of New York, an international lawyer; Dr. Leo Pasvolsky, Russian-born assistants to Secretary of State Hull; Bishop Francis J. McConnell, of the New York Area of the Methodist Church; Dr. Carl J. Hambro, president of Norway's parliament, and of the assembly of the League of Nations; and Dr. Wei Shih, China's ambassador to the United States.

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According to the American Bible Society, the Christian scriptures will continue to circulate in Japan under the direction of the "Japan Bible Society" which has taken over all the translation and publishing activities formerly conducted by the American, the Scottish, and the British societies. Circulation figures obtainable in 1941 showed increases in the distribution of the whole Bible over the previous year; but a decline in the distribution of Testaments and scripture portions. This, it is said, is because of the restrictions on travelling colporteurs as a result of the war.

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In accepting the honorary national chairmanship of the United China Relief, Wendell L. Willkie said: "It is now obvious to every American that our fate may be decided in the battles of the Orient. Quite unwisely and for years we have neglected China in her fight for self-preservation. Now that she is an ally, I think it is indispensable not alone that our government help her but also that the people of China know that the people of America, out of their own generosity, gladly give to alleviate the suffering and the famine and the distress of the Chinese people. We should do this, if for no other reason, for sheer admiration of one of the bravest fights in history."

Church Leader Dies

The Rev. Ira F. Bergstresser, district superintendent of the eastern Pennsylvania conference of the Evangelical church, died suddenly at his home in Allentown, Thursday.

Nothing is more pleasing to a hypocritical saint than to stick a knife into the back of an apprehended sinner.

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