

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

The wife of John T. Mallon, who resides near Sandy Ridge, Centre county, recently gave birth to triplets. All of them were girls. One of them died, but the others are doing well. A new camp of the Patriotic Sons of America will be instituted in Bellefonte this Thursday evening. The exercises will occur in the Mechanics Hall, and a number of prominent officials of the order from a distance will be present. Mrs. Lizzie Boyle, daughter of Mr. Joseph Murray, of Millsburg, died Tuesday morning of the grippe. She was about 23 years old and her husband is now employed on the railroad at Wheeling, West Virginia. She had been married about one year and leaves no children. Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: George Branson and Lucy Patterson, both of Bellefonte; Jacob E. Route two miles and Ripka, both of Potter township; Floyd E. Bowersox and Venetia May Gramley, both of Rebersburg; Frederick Fehl, Rebersburg, and Chester Treese, Tyreville. A citizen of Bellefonte recently preferred grave charges against Prof. Johnstonbaugh of the Bellefonte High School. The school board, by request, met in special session Monday night to hear the same and act accordingly. To the surprise of all, Mr. Hafer, the accuser, did not appear and his attorney sent in a communication. We understand the school board passed resolutions that exonerated the Prof. of all charges preferred. On Wednesday morning Mrs. Margaret Bezer, widow of Elias Bezer, living on the farm about two miles west of Bellefonte, along Spring Creek, died of asthma. She was subjected to the disease for some time, but her death was unexpected. She took cold one day last week and had been ill since then. When she arose Wednesday morning she could hardly get her breath and went outside when she became worse and had to be assisted. She went to her bed immediately and about an hour thereafter died. Mrs. Bezer was about 51 years of age; her husband died three years ago. The interment will occur Friday in the Catholic cemetery. Last Saturday the court paid further attention to the disposal of licenses. On Monday previous it is said that Judge Furst went to Phillipsburg and held a little court of his own at the Potter House for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiment of the town in regard to certain new applications made. That visit must have made a favorable impression upon the court, for on Saturday morning the applications of Simons & McCormick hotel, Phillipsburg, and Tattersall Ingham hotel, Phillipsburg, were granted. Wm. R. Haynes, Snow Shoe, was granted a wholesale license. The court then returned the petition of Joseph Lehman, hotel, Phillipsburg, and the application of Snow Shoe. The applications of Martha Ashcroft hotel, Phillipsburg, and Thomas Riley, wholesale, Phillipsburg, were held over and will be disposed of Saturday, March 26. Twenty Years Ago Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Fisher, of Millsburg, were receiving congratulations on the birth of their tenth child, a daughter, who had been named Rachel Jane. A large clock was installed in the outside wall of the Bellefonte Trust Company building. The clock occupied a space which had been designed originally to hold a burglar alarm. W. M. Bortoff, Bellefonte hardware merchant, had been summoned for duty as a Federal juror in Scranton. A. G. Morris and his daughter, Miss Lydia Morris, of Bellefonte, had gone to Pittsburgh to spend several days with friends. Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Darreh C. Oves, Harrisburg, and Anna Mary Brown, Bellefonte; Emerson E. Ermit, Potlert Mills, and Dorothy J. Hanna, Spring Mills; Joseph C. Gares, Philadelphia, and Nina V. McMurtrie, Bellefonte; John G. Adams, and Mary Blacsky, both of Port Matilda. The 1922 automobile show sponsored by the Centre County Auto Dealers Association was in full swing at the Armory building, North Spring street with about 50 passenger cars, as well as trucks and tractors on display. Entertainment features during the show included the following artists: Harold Wion, trombone; vocal selections by Mrs. M. A. Krader; James Shope, xylophonist; Charles A. Mensch, drummer; R. Russell Blair, soloist, and a number of others. While walking down East High street, Sunday morning, Miss Alice Walte, daughter of Allen Walte, slipped on a frosty sidewalk in front of the Fauble residence, suffering a fracture of a small bone in the wrist. S. G. Rote, proprietor of Rote's mill, near Coburn, started a team and wagon toward Centre Hall to deliver flour. Near the Beaver Dam school house one of the horses stepped into a hole and suffered a broken bone in one of its legs. The animal had to be destroyed. 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Over the County News

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SNOW SHOE

Robert Black, of Phillipsburg, suffered his first accident in 52 years of mining when he was struck by a mine of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company at Winburne. He got under a trip of cars and was dragged for a distance of 40 feet, receiving a number of painful cuts and bruises about the head and body. Mrs. Milford Cox, of Orviston, was admitted to the Lock Haven Hospital to undergo surgical treatment. The price of eggs in Millheim dropped to 20 cents a dozen, and a week later another drop put the price at 18 cents a dozen. Walter Fetterolf, of Madisonburg, was planning the erection of a planing mill as soon as weather permitted. A farewell party was given by the freshman class of the Centre Hall High School for Isabel Snyder. The following guests were present: Miss Isabel Rowe, teacher, Mary Dutrow, Charlotte Keller, Gertrude Gault, Zella Ripka, Edith Floray, Ruth Bergman, Florence Zettle, Agnes Geary, Prof. N. L. Bartges, James Brooks, Curtis Reiber and Paul Smith. One miner was instantly killed, another seriously injured, and a third escaped injury at Snow Shoe one night when the shanty in which they were sleeping was blown to bits by a charge of dynamite, supposedly planted by enemies. The dead miner was William Bukosky, of Allport, aged 38 years, married and the father of six children. Death was caused by a fracture of the skull and shock. The injured man was William Shikella, of Snow Shoe, who was internally injured and suffered from shock. He was a patient at the Phillipsburg State Hospital. Fred Shikella, brother of the injured man, escaped injury, but suffered from shock. The blast in the two-story frame building occurred about 1 p. m. Three hours after the men had retired. Although the shanty was only about one mile from Snow Shoe and the blast was clearly heard in that town, little was thought of it since explosions at night were commonplace in the coal mines of the area. Fred Shikella managed to crawl from the debris to the shanty of other miners about one-half mile distant. Reports from the vicinity were that the blast may have been set off as the result of union activities among miners in the region.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stauffer and three children, Mr. Edward Stauffer and son of Warren, Ohio, were called to Altoona to attend the funeral of grandma Stauffer. They also visited home folks in this section, Mr. and Mrs. George Stauffer and son of Altoona, and also at the J. T. Watson home on Saturday evening. Mrs. Olive Rhoads and children, and Jane Reese were supper guests at the Walter Switzer home in Bellefonte on Saturday. Milford Burd of Pleasant Gap, visited with his mother, Mrs. Edith Burd, also with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burd. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller of Dry Top, were callers at the Arthur Burd home. Mrs. Miles Stauffer and children of Ohio, Mrs. Olive Rhoads and children, Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Johnson visited at the M. C. Reese home at Gum Stump on Friday. Mrs. Arthur Burd called on Gertrude and Arvilla Petzer on Sunday. Mrs. Mary Kelly and daughter of Juniata, were recent visitors at the Orvis Watson home. Hayes Johnson returned home on Thursday after spending the winter at Huntingdon. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sheeley and family, Anna Catherine of Howard, Jane Reese of Gum Stump, and Linn Johnson were Sunday guests at the J. T. Watson home. Mrs. Ira Lucas of Pleasant Gap, called on friends at this place on Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. John Watson called on George Confer and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Long and family at Millsburg, Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burd had a new water pump installed in their home on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lucas spent Wednesday of last week at the Wild Emmerich home at Lock Haven. Mrs. Rosie Emmerich of Dix Run, is spending some time at the home of her grandson, Willard and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, Mrs. Olive Rhoads and children were supper guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Watson in Bellefonte on Tuesday of last week.

RUNVILLE

The Sunday school presented Rev. E. R. Miller with a fine Bible in a token of remembrance of his birthday, last Sunday. Pvt. Ralph Howell of an army camp in New York, spent a 3-day furlough last week with home folks. Leonard Mays of our community, left for army service last Saturday morning with a group of six from Bellefonte by special train. Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stauffer and two children of Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. John Watson of Holts Hollow, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mac Reese last Friday. Earl Milton of Lewisdown, and his sister Maxine, motored here last Saturday, visiting with home folks. The stork left a fine baby girl at the Centre County Hospital for Mr. and Mrs. William Howell, last Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bennett, Mrs. Pearl Pyle, Mrs. Laura Holt and Mr. and Mrs. John Furl motored to Pottersville last Sunday afternoon and visited with James Fye, who has been under the doctor's care for some time. He is not improving very fast. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Furl visited with home folks at Pottersville, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Lemoyne Lucas of Snow Shoe, visited with their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Lucas over the weekend. Raymond Poorman is having public sale this Thursday, which is a clean-up sale, and they expect to sell the farm and move from our community. We are sorry to lose these fine neighbors. Bold Eagle Grange will meet Friday night, March 20, at Millsburg at 7 o'clock. Preaching service next Sunday evening, March 22, at 7:30.

MARATHA (From Last Week)

Pvt. Elmer Stiver, stationed at Fort Eustis, Va., spent Sunday at the home of his parents. Callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stiver on Sunday were: Pvt. Elmer Stiver, of Fort Eustis, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Merry of Mt. Keesport, Leo Frantz, Charles Terrano, Bob Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Alexander and son Jackie of Tyrone, Glen Williams, Harry Stiver, Boyd Gensamer, Harold Williams, Walter Heaton, Shorly Williams, Wilbur Wagner, Leonard Waller, Mr. and Mrs. Delain Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby Spackman and son Ronald, and Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Williams of Altoona. Miss Jane Robinson is visiting her brother at Baltimore. Mrs. Willis Dillon was a patient at the Phillipsburg State Hospital last week. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Walter Merry spent two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Stiver. The Organized Bible class of the M. E. church held its monthly meeting Wednesday evening, March 4. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. Lundy Steier, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ginery, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Spackman, Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby Spackman, Mrs. T. K. Larkin, Mrs. Ethel Richards, Mrs. Belle Bailey, Mrs. Gilbert Bailey, Lois Steele, Wanda and Mona Stiver, Ethel Waller, Gwen and Nancy Bai, Grace Spackman, Ronald and Clifford Spackman, Gene and Merck Merrill Alexander, Beatrice Andrews, Helene Spackman, Betty, Wanda and Mona Stiver, Helen and Lois Steele, Marjorie Woodring, Ethel Waller, Betty Cain, Marjorie Tomco, Ann Nicodemus, Rochelle Knarr, John and Bobby Henry, John and Norman Silver, Lawrence Williams, Charles and Harry Woodring, Walter Williams, Ronald and Clifford Spackman, Morris and Gene Steele, Glenn Williams, Freddy Waller and Jimmie Williams.

SNYDERTOWN

Church services for Sunday, Mar. 22: Sunday school, 9:30; preaching, 10:30. Frank A. Heaton was instantly killed Thursday while working at a sawmill near Hubbersburg. We extend our sympathy to the family. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wallizer and children Jean and Elery, were visitors Tuesday evening at the Charles Krape home. Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Rhine and Mr. and Mrs. George Harshberger spent Sunday evening with Mrs. Elery Krape. Dorothy Emerick of Williamsport, was a weekend visitor at the A. B. Beck home. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wallizer of Clintondale, were Thursday evening supper guests at the Nevin Stover home. Mr. Robert Dreese and son Donny, and Mrs. Harry Haines of Lemont, and Mrs. William Poorman of Lock Haven, were Sunday afternoon callers at the Nevin Stover home. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wallizer and family were Sunday evening supper guests with the latter's sisters, Mrs. Claude Ginery and family of Linden. Mrs. Glenn Rogers and daughters June, Helen and Marion, were Friday evening visitors at the Mrs. Harvey Lutz home. Glenn Rogers, Jr. spent Friday evening with Elery Wallizer. Mr. and Mrs. John Doorman and Mrs. Margaret Decker were Sunday visitors with Mrs. Annie Lutz and sister Katie. Mrs. Sadie Huffman of Jersey Shore, was a weekend visitor with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Haagen. Otter Hillers at the same home were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dreese, and son Donny of Lemont, Mrs. Harry Haines, Miss Edith Burrell of Salona, Mr. and Mrs. William Poorman of Lock Haven. Mrs. Nevin Stover and son Donny, spent Thursday at the H. M. Wallizer home at Clintondale. John Doorman of Moxeyville, spent Sunday afternoon with his brother, Ed and family. Mr. Shadle and Harry Harshberger were callers at the George Harshberger home Sunday. Mrs. Albert Beck and daughter Elsie, visited Monday at the Nevin Stover home. Callers at the same home recently were: Florence Corter and friend of Salona, Mrs. Geo. Lockard and daughter Leona of Lamar, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yearlick and son Ronald of Lamar. Glenn Rogers left Friday to spend some time with his brother, Lloyd at Detroit, who has been quite ill.

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Sunday School Lesson

JESUS FORETELLS HIS DEATH International Sunday School Lesson For March 22, 1942. Golden Text: "For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it."—Mark 8: 35. Lesson Text: Mark 8: 25-38. Six months before his crucifixion Jesus led his disciples once again away from the crowd and, anxious to ascertain the fruit of his association with them, asked as he walked by the roadside: "Who do men say that I am?" Peter, the impulsive leader of the group, made his great confession of faith. "It was a divine revelation to Peter, in a flash of intuition, which drew into itself the best thoughts, feelings and expressions of the past two years," says William A. Grist. "The lowly origin of the Carpenter, the familiarity of daily intercourse, the shocks of disapproval, the delay of hopes making the heart sick, the haughty repudiation of Jesus by the authorized teachers of Israel, and the ebbing tide of his popularity in Galilee, might have almost justified a fisherman's ability to decide this momentous question. But, in spite of all doubts and dreadful uncertainties, there was that in Simon's soul which leapt up in answer to the Master's word—wholeheartedness and a sudden sense of the greatness of the Reality in Jesus—impelled by this spirit, he leapt down all doubts, and burst out in enthusiastic confession of faith and loyalty." Following Peter's outspoken recognition of his divinity, Jesus then began to explain to his disciples how it would be necessary for him to die, also prophesying his resurrection three days afterwards. The prophecy of so shameful a death was beyond the understanding of the disciples. Peter, again the impulsive spokesman, probably encouraged to speak by the recognition given his confession of faith, took Jesus aside and boldly rebuked him. Without realizing it, Peter was bringing back to his master the same temptation presented by the devil during the forty days. Jesus proceeded to rebuke Peter, intimating that he was serving Satan in such an advice and was unmindful of the things of God. "The words of Jesus opened up a strange path," says Francis J. McConnell. "Peter was not ordinarily adverse to strange paths, but this was too strange. If George Washington had told the assembled army at Cambridge in 1775 that it was necessary for him to die on the gallows before the American cause could be won, the astonishment could hardly have been greater than when Jesus said the he must be crucified. Of course, I know that the situation at Washington was not at all parallel to that of Jesus, but I am speaking of ideals of leadership. The Jews thought the Messiah as acting much like any national leader. It was strange, strange doctrine to hear that the Messiah must suffer, and the disciples were horrified by the Master's word. We may learn then from this scene at Caesarea Philippi that the instinctive revulsion against the new and strange may be of that part of our nature which fears the truth." Following up his rebuke of Peter, Jesus told his disciples the demands of discipleship. He laid down the doctrine of self-denial, and following this example by bearing the cross. Then, the paradoxical observation that whosoever would save his life would lose it, whereas whosoever should lose his life "for my sake and the gospel's" would save it. Then, Jesus asked the question which has come down the various centuries, presenting for each individual person the most striking and important interrogation any will ever be called upon to answer: "For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? For what should a man give in exchange for his life?" "Men are very prone in these days to say it does not matter what view we hold about Jesus, as long as we accept his teaching and obey it," says J. D. Jones. "And they dismiss all attempts at defining the Person of Christ as metaphysical and theological subtleties which are of no importance for daily life. That is not what Jesus himself thought. He attached the most tremendous importance to the account people gave of him; the whole future of the gospel depended in some vital way upon what men thought of him. He regarded the future of Christianity as bound up with a right understanding of his Person. If there is one thing the New Testament makes abundantly clear, it is this—that the Christian gospel is not a teaching merely, or a philosophy merely, or a morality merely; it is, as Dr. Van Dyke says, the gospel of a Person. It centers not simply in what Jesus said, but in what he was and did."

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION BY W.W. REID

The Leper Hospital in Eliat, Cameron, Africa, is caring for more than 1,200 lepers grouped in four separate colonies, according to Superintendent H. L. Weber, M. D. "Many of these unfortunates came as outcasts from among their own people," says the doctor, "but are returned after from one to four years' symptomatic free," healed in body and soul and many of the understanding of an occupation or craft learned while under treatment. This places them on a higher social plane than their fellow villagers. The leper complex with which they arrive must be reversed and reconditioned; from beggars to producers, from idleness to occupation, from lawlessness to obedience—indeed a major operation!" Dr. Ralph E. Diefendorfer, secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, lists 731 of the Division of Foreign Missions of the denomination as still in active service, despite the withdrawals—temporarily, he believes—of missionaries from occupied war zones in Asia. The Woman's division of the Board has almost as many more missionaries in service. "In three-fourths of Methodist's foreign fields work has not been interrupted by the war but has been made heavier," says Dr. Diefendorfer. The Board's missionaries are still carrying on evangelistic, educational, medical and agricultural service in the West Indies, Central America, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Uruguay, North Africa, Belgian Congo, Rhodesia, Portuguese East Africa, Angola, Liberia, Mexico, India, Burma, Free China. Because of the difficulty in securing American and European nurses for missionary service due to war demands, new emphasis is being placed upon the training of native men and women as nurses in various fields. Belgian government officials were especially impressed recently when six men and two girls were graduated at the Sona Bata School for Nurses, conducted in the Belgian Congo by the Board of Missions of the Northern Baptist church. The girls are the first to complete this five-year nursing course. The Belgian officials attended the graduating ceremonies, and spoke high praise for the school. One of the girls will remain in nursing service at the Sona Bata Hospital. During these days of war, many churches are using this prayer, issued by George Washington in 1783, and appearing on a plate in his pew in St. Paul's church, New York City: "Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large; and finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen." The first New Testament in the Man language, the native tongue of the Indians, of the mountains of Guatemala, have recently arrived, and the American Bible Society, the publisher, has received letters of appreciation for the translation from these people who but recently learned what their own language looked like on the printed page. The work of reclaiming this Indian dialect to written form was the work through

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