

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

The storm on last Thursday caused considerable damage in the east end of Nittany Valley, and in the neighborhood of Flat Rock houses were unroofed, trees blown down and fences leveled in all directions.

Rev. W. P. Steck, of Phillipsburg, received a call to become pastor of the Lutheran church at Port Royal, Pa. at a salary of \$300 and a parsonage. He has not yet decided whether he will accept the call.

On Sunday, April 17, Michael Wilow died at his home in Centre Hall. He had been in poor health for some years; his age was 79 years, 3 months and 4 days. He leaves a widow and three daughters.

John Walker, aged 74, died at his home near Mifflsburg on last Saturday. He leaves a wife and three children. The deceased was a member of Gregg Post of this place.

On Tuesday evening at a late hour as a man by the name of L. More, an Austrian rag picker, living on Thomas street, was coming in from Coleville he was stopped by two men and claims he had \$17 in money taken from his pocket and a loaf of bread which he carried under his arm.

Daniel Tressler, of near Linden Hall, in about two months will end his 92nd year. The old gentleman is still healthy enough to live until he reaches 100. He belongs to a family of stout, hardy men, inured to hardships with constitutions that withstood service which men of our day and generation could not endure.

Twenty Years Ago

Mrs. Henrietta Hartwick, native of Stormstown, died at the home of her nieces, the Misses Kate and Minnie Walker, in Williamsport, at the age of 96 years.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Alexander Robinson, of Finking; and Isabel Spotts, of Port Matilda; William S. Arnold and Mary Ann E. Etters, both of Rumbleville; Arthur H. Dewey and Mabel P. Barker, both of State College; Clarence B. Wagner, of Marthas, and Mary H. Goss, of Hannah.

The Grange Park Association of Centre county was enlarging its holdings at Centre Hall. The organization had purchased from S. W. Smith of that place, thirty-four additional acres of land, valued at \$5,500. The tract was to be converted into a baseball diamond, racing and exhibition track, and parking space for automobiles.

A record class of 65 was to be graduated from the Bellefonte High School at exercises to be held on June 6. Students selected to participate in the Junior Contest were: Clair Parsons, of Finking; Isaac Yeager, Phillip Ray, Mahlon Robb, and Thurston Smith, and Misses Mary Katz, Mildred Brown, Kathryn Johnston and Elizabeth Hunter, all of Bellefonte.

An historic landmark passed out of existence when a fire which broke out about midnight, Saturday, destroyed the old passenger station at Hunter's Park, along the Bellefonte Central Railroad. Since passenger traffic through the station had decreased the building was used as a storage place and the railroad ties valued at \$1000 were lost in the flames. The building was erected in 1892 and for a time was the entrance to the once popular Hunter's Park. The railroad had no plans for rebuilding the structure.

Over the County News

A son, William Lester, was born Monday morning to Pvt. and Mrs. William L. Heisterman, in the Lewis-ton Hospital. The infant weighed nine pounds and two ounces at birth. The mother is the former Kathryn Winegardner of Milroy, and she has been residing there. Pvt. Heisterman of Millheim, who is now on furlough, is stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

According to a dispatch from England sent by Charles F. Danver, Pittsburgh Post Gazette correspondent, Sgt. Paul "Monk" Fanning, mess sergeant for Bellefonte's former National Guard unit in England is making strawberry ice cream and serving nice thick pork chops to the boys. Sgt. Fanning has been in the Army for 27 years and judging from his contented looking but window Danver thought he hasn't done so badly.

The Millheim Journal reports that the streets of that community are still in a disgracefully dirty state, and also points out that several of the drains along the streets need attention badly. Probably the drain in the worst condition is the one on Penn street at the Easternman & Stover building, where a large and deep hole has been washed out by draining surface water, and which is a hazard to children and adults who use the adjacent sidewalk.

George Harvey, instructor in physical education at Penn State College and local wildlife expert, hurried down to the golf course last Wednesday morning to see a report of a flock of wild geese. Pretty late in the afternoon, Mr. Harvey had told his informant, "I'll check up on it." George arrived on the third hole and did find the flock—about fifty birds. But they were sea gulls. "Very unusual," George said. "They must have been driven 200 miles inland from the coast. Caught in the storm, no doubt." The gulls soon departed to return to their usual haunts along the coast.

Pleasant Gap firemen answered two calls last week, one last Thursday morning in Axemann and the other on Monday evening in Pleasant Gap. Thursday's call was to extinguish a blaze on the first floor of the old Garman estate at Axemann, where flames, thought to have started from an open fireplace burned the flooring and caused damage to the extent of approximately \$200. Monday the company was called to stand-by while a fire in the Fetterolf home burned out.

In spite of last Tuesday night's downpour, the Alpha Fire Company answered its 18th call of the year as lightning raged down the electric wires of the Reed Service Station in Widdle. Telephone and electric wires between two wall partitions were the immediate source of the fire, according to George Z. Kerstetter, fire chief. Alone in the station, 77-year-old William G. Saxton had just left his customary seat by the wall telephone when the lightning struck. He heard a cracking snort or fire. Mr. Saxton tried to use the phone but it was dead as well as all other phones in the vicinity. Leaving his neighbor, Harry M. Williams, to check the fire, Mr. Saxton drove into State College to notify the fire company, then picked up his family and returned to the scene. By the time the engines had arrived Mr. Williams had torn away part of the wall and was using a bucket to pour water on the fire. Mr. Saxton, who turned out finished the job. Fire Chief Kerstetter estimated about \$100 damages which will be covered by insurance. The service station is the property of Mr. Saxton and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph F. Reed, of Port Matilda, R. D.

PORT MATILDA Daugherty-Miller

Miss Elaine Elvabeth Miller, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hoover of this place, became the bride of Adam Daugherty of 207 Willow Avenue, Altoona, at a ceremony performed after the preaching service Easter morning, April 25 in the Presbyterian church by the bride's pastor. Attendants were Richard Daugherty, brother of the bride, and Mrs. W. S. Miller, sister of the bride. The bride wore a baby blue crepe dress with navy blue accessories, and carried white roses, and the maid of honor wore dusty rose gown with beige accessories. The groom is a graduate of Altoona High School and is employed at the Sun Ship yard, Chester, Pa. where they will reside. The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Rev. Oakwood used the ring ceremony. The ushers were Robert Henry, and William A. Ross. Mrs. B. F. Nickodemus played Mendelssohn wedding march, Mr. W. S. Miller, "Love's Young Dream," Mrs. Ed. Hoover, "Yes Truly," a reception and dinner followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hoover. Mrs. Harry Marshall had charge of the church decorations which was Easter flowers and mountain greens. Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Oakwood, and Mrs. Helen Hoover, New York; Mrs. Hervey Hoover, Mary Pringle, Edna Shultz.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCutchen and two daughters, Dona Jean and Adella spent the weekend at Harold McCutchen's this place. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hartie called at the J. H. Marshall home Sunday evening. The Neighborhood Garden club met at the home of Mrs. Chester Eaves and held their regular meeting April 22. The topic for discussion was Garden Soil Fertilizer and how to use it, and perennials blooming in April. Mrs. C. A. Weaver, Mrs. Ross Knapp and Mrs. Edna Shultz discussed these topics which was very interesting. The committee on program for entertainment prepared a very good program, which was enjoyed by all. It was a First Aid class program, a question box and demonstrations, we found that some of our members need to attend a First Aid class, as some of the questions were hard to answer. "The Easter Parade" sung by Mary Pringle, Gladys Weston and Florence Williams. The hostesses, Mrs. Eaves, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Meek and Mrs. Stevens served a delicious dinner to the club. The next meeting to be at Mrs. Robert Reeds, Stormstown. Mrs. Ross, mother of William A. Ross has come to spend some time at the Ross home.

PENN STATE CO-OPERATES IN STUDENT CONTEST

Departments of rural education and agricultural engineering at the Pennsylvania State College will co-operate with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction and the Pennsylvania Electric Association in sponsoring an electrical contest for Future Farmers of America chapters in the state this year. The purpose of the contest, in its second year, is to encourage the future farmers to build useful equipment which will increase food production and save labor. Some schools have already built more than 20 baby chick brooders this year. Ten prizes will be awarded: first, war bonds and stamps to the value of \$50 and a plaque; second, war bonds and stamps to the value of \$25 and a plaque; third, war stamps to the value of \$15 and a plaque; fourth to tenth, war stamps to the value of \$10 plus a certificate suitable for framing. Awards will be made on the basis of written reports submitted by competing chapters. These reports will cover both individual student and group activities pertaining to the use of electricity in farming. Winners of the first three places last year were: first, Washington township chapter, Waynesboro, Lester Zook, teacher; second, Richboro chapter, Edward K. Bender, teacher; and third, Mercer Cross Roads chapter, Mercer, B. K. Hainer, teacher.

COLLEGE INSTRUCTS 25 WOMEN FOR WAR INDUSTRY

The Pennsylvania State College has undertaken the instruction of 25 women for Consolidated Vultee Aircraft as part of its plan to assist war industries in the training of women technicians and engineers. All of the trainees are getting ready to take over drafting jobs. They are receiving their training at the Curtis-Wright center. The Vultee program is the first of its type undertaken by the College extension services with all of the enrollees women. However, Penn State is training 110 women for posts as junior engineers for the Curtis-Wright Corporation. In the Allentown center, the future aircraft workers are studying such subjects as aerodynamics, manufacturing procedures as they apply to the aircraft industry, and other related subjects. They receive salaries from the Vultee Co. while attending classes.

SPRING SNOW BENEFICIAL

A fall of snow in late spring is a "poor man's fertilizer," according to Ed. W. Mitchell, advisor of the General Electric Fair Forum. "The old saying is 'Snow is the poor man's manure,'" he said. "Snow is particularly beneficial in early winter and late spring to insulate and protect plants from the effects of alternate freezing and thawing that heaves up the crown and breaks it loose from the roots. "Snow at any time adds water and raises soil temperature or checks the penetration of cold and is very desirable cover; but is of greatest benefit during alternate freezing and thawing periods in the spring when soil is full of moisture."

War Garden Vic

"Throwing tomatoes is my hobby," says Mrs. E. A. Weaver. "I throw them in my garden. I needed an anti-worming diet at Rumford-baked foods—1 level teaspoon of Rumford Baking Powder supplies 1/2 the individual minimum daily requirement of phosphorus, is the daily requirement of calcium. FREE: Rumford's new folder, Lunch Box Ideas, Write today, Rumford Baking Powder, Box 3 Rumford, Rhode Island."

FARM CALENDAR

Timely Reminders From The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture

Prevent Forest Fires—Everyone can help to prevent forest fires. Be sure that matches, cigars, or cigarettes are entirely out before throwing them away, and also be certain to extinguish campfires before leaving them, remind extension foresters of the Pennsylvania State College. Valuable timber, seedlings, trees, small game, and even human lives are lost when forests burn.

Feed Cows on Pasture—Early pasture grass does not contain enough nutritive value to maintain a dairy cow in good flesh and high production. Dairy specialists at the Pennsylvania State College urge that when cows are first turned out on pasture, barn feeding be continued for a couple of weeks the same as before.

Grow Good Potatoes—Disease-free seed and fertile soil are needed to grow a good crop of potatoes. Agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College recommend that the seed be well prepared so that the seed can be planted deeply, 3 to 4 inches. Liberal application of fertilizer will help to produce profitable yields.

Plant Strawberries—To help the food supply next year, home gardeners who have sufficient space are urged by Penn State fruit specialists to set out strawberry plants this spring. Select a good variety, and the corn cobs should be chopped, and the corn cobs ground to make them more absorbent.

Supply Dry Litter—Straw, corn fodder, corn cobs, and shavings are all practical materials to use in the brooder house, say Penn State poultry specialists. The straw and corn fodder should be chopped, and the corn cobs ground to make them more absorbent.

Feed Animals Properly—Proper feeding of animals never was more essential than at the present time, say Penn State livestock men.

STUDENT ENTERTAINERS APPEAR BEFORE SOLDIERS

The Penn State Thespians, a collegiate musical comedy organization, is rounding out a year of wartime service. The first undergraduate organization of its kind to travel from campus to camp for the entertainment of Uncle Sam's soldiers, the Thespians have now performed at every camp in Pennsylvania. Thirty-five student singers, dancers, and musicians recently appeared before the Oldfield Field Officers Club at Middletown. A great majority of these Pennsylvania State College students will themselves be serving in the armed forces by next month.

Chinese Dishes for American Tables

A collection of savory meals taken from recipe books of famous Chinese cooks that will help save vital wartime food. Look for this helpful feature in the May 2nd issue of The American Weekly, the big magazine distributed with the Evening Sunday American. Ask your dealer to reserve your copy.

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Sunday School Lesson

CHRIST'S CHARGE TO PETER International Sunday School Lesson for May 2, 1943.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."—John 15: 13 (Lesson Text: John 21: 15-24.)

Our lesson text tells of the appearance of Jesus to seven disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Some days have elapsed since the resurrection. While this is the seventh appearance of Jesus since that supreme event, it is only the third to the disciples. The first time it was to the eleven on the evening of the day of resurrection. The second appearance was eight days later to the same group, with Thomas who was previously absent, then on hand. So, the present appearance at the Sea of Galilee is the third appearance of Jesus to his apostles. All three are reported by John's gospel.

After the crucifixion, Peter and the other disciples left Jerusalem, in dark despair, and had returned to their own home towns. It is easy to imagine the state of mind these disciples were in at this time. Probably, as a means of keeping their minds occupied on order that they could not think of the happenings of the recent past, Peter declared, "I go a-fishing" and he was immediately joined by several of the other disciples.

They fished hard all night and the dawn was breaking the several tired men were returning empty-handed to the shore. Suddenly they heard a voice from the shore asking about their catch and commanding them to cast in their net on the right side of the boat. They obeyed and drew in so many fish that they were in danger of sinking their boat.

The effect of this incident caused John to exclaim, "It is the Lord!" Peter, impulsive as ever, jumped overboard and swam to the shore. There he and the disciples found that Jesus had prepared a tempting breakfast for them. When the meal was over, Jesus turned his eye on Peter and, in the hearing of all the disciples, asked him a very pertinent question, "Lovest thou me?"

Three times Jesus asked Peter in regard to his love for him. At first, the word used by Jesus involved the idea of affectionate reverence, prompt obedience, grateful recognition of benefits received. In his answer Peter employed a word indicating a personal emotional love. Finally, in the third question, as said by R. C. Trench, Jesus "employs the word which alone will satisfy Peter, which alone expresses that personal affection with which his heart is full."

"Simon was thoroughly emptied of self, thoroughly broken down, and the love of Christ had done it," says Dr. George Reith. "It was well that all this should take place in the presence of the rest of the apostles. They, too, would feel humble in the humiliation of their representative self; they too, would feel lifted up in their brother's lifting up; for the fall of one brother is the weakness of all. In thus restoring Simon Peter, the Lord was making the bond of brotherhood among the disciples, which had been relaxed and strained through Peter's fall, strong and firm again."

We have a personal lesson from Peter's experience, as stated by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick: "Down beneath the things I do, God is looking for the things I am struggling to do. Down beneath the things I accomplish he is looking to see the thankful passion of my life, and that God, the man who has truly committed his life to the Lord God and set the main stream of his life Godwards, can go up before the throne with all his stumbling and mistakes and say, 'Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee.'"

"A supposed loyalty to Christ had led institutionalized Christianity always to be suspicious and intolerant of those who achieved new or unusual experiences with God, or discovered fresh sources of inspiration and power in Christ," says Harry C. Munro.

"Again and again the church has bled herself white of her most vigorous personalities and her most vital and creative forces by expelling as heretics those whose religious experience transcended or burst from traditional moulds. Denomination after denomination has been started involuntarily and unexpectedly to embody some fresh outpouring of God's spirit which institutionalized religion was unable to recognize and unwilling to entertain."

"No Christian society exists in which a Peter would be freely pardoned of his offense," says W. J. Dawson. "The best that could be hoped would be the infliction of humiliating penance, and a reluctant reinstatement in the apostleship after a long period of bitter ostracism. Yet who would venture to challenge the conduct of Jesus in these respects? Who would not find his opinion of Jesus tragically lowered, and his adoption practically destroyed, if some new and more authentic Gospel were discovered by which we learned that Jesus branded Simon Peter for his perfidy, and drove him out forever from the apostleship because he had disgraced, denouncing him as a son of hell and a predestined citizen of the outer darkness?"

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

BY W.W. REID

The Rev. Marcel J. Brun, S. T. D., of the French Church of Saint Saviour, Philadelphia, has been appointed chaplain in the Fighting French Forces. He will report at General de Gaulle's headquarters, London, Eng., for assignment. Dr. Brun is a native of France. He entered Protestant Episcopal orders in 1937, following service in the French Reformed church in France, England and America. He has received the rights of a chaplain in the United States Army, and in London he will be received by the Archbishop of Canterbury and apply for the same privileges in the British Army.

"Until humanity comes to believe in the principles of Christ and to build upon them no possible economic programs or social reforms or political arrangements, or international conventions, no amount of good will or peaceful desire or progress of the arts and sciences—ever can build a civilization which will satisfy the insistent needs of humanity," says the Hon. Francis B. Sayre, former High Commissioner to the Philippines. "First things must come first. In a world so various, so beautiful, so richly endowed, but so torn by confusion and struggle, so darkened by suffering, the primal task of those who have caught the vision of Christ's message to men must be to impart to others this burning light."

It is essential that there are more than 2,000,000 lepers, many of them children, living within the confines of the British Empire. Both the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and the American Mission to Lepers are working in many parts of the empire to wipe out this annual convention, no amount of



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