

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Last week John Sourbeck, the green groceryman, distributed several hundred loaves of bread among the poor of Bellefonte. There are many cases where families are very much in need of assistance.

William Lyons expects to change his business arrangements next April. His meat market will be moved to the vacant room in the Lyon building and the family will then occupy the residence on North Allegheny street, where Mrs. Butts and family are living at present.

On Saturday evening the new train of five cars for the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania arrived in Bellefonte and are in the Valentine Furnace stock house. The passenger coaches are exceeding fine, equipped with all the latest modern appliances for safety and convenience. The train will be superior to anything ever run heretofore into Bellefonte and no doubt will have the effect of attracting patrons to the road.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: W. E. Smith, Millheim, and Lizzie Warner, Pleasant Gap; Robert W. Bloom and Alda M. Houser, both of Centre Hall; George F. Durst, Harris township, and Maggie Keller, Potter township; William S. Frame and Sarah L. Ownly, both of Philipsburg; Isalah I. Woodel, Sandy Ridge, and Rosie Cowher, Port Matilda; Edgar T. Bechdel, Blanchard, and Anna M. Decker, Nittany.

On Wednesday evening while a son of the late E. H. Carr, of Milesburg, was driving home from Bellefonte, the team became frightened at the crossing of the new railroad on the pike below town, and ran into the fence, throwing Messrs. C. K. Essington, John Swartz, Justice Powell and James Gray to the ground. Mr. Essington had his shoulder dislocated and his ankle sprained. The others escaped with slight bruises. The horses got loose from the wagon and started down the pike but were caught at the toll gate. This is the team which ran off some time ago and killed Mr. Carr.

The little folks about town are having excellent coasting on the hills. Mr. Emanuel Brown has opened a wholesale oyster department in the vacant room in the Lyon building. William McClellan will be the new baggage master of the Central Pennsylvania Railroad at this place. Good selection of Henry Fiedler, of Madisonburg, father of James A. Fiedler, of the Gazette, has been in failing health for some time. The widow of the late Judge Larimer is seriously ill at present at the home of her son on East High street. John Strayer's bottling works has been moved from the basement of the Bush House to his residence on Thomas street. L. C. Bullock, of Milesburg, came to Bellefonte in a sleigh on Monday morning. Positively all the rust on the soles of his sled was taken off before he got home.

Twenty Years Ago

The explosion of an air compressor damaged the garage building of Jodon & Summers at Pleasant Gap to the extent of several hundred dollars. Mr. Summers was standing nearby when the explosion happened, but he escaped injury. A large hole was torn in one side of the structure.

After 40 years' steady service with the Ardell and Bellefonte Lumber Company, Charles Dann severed his connection there and accepted a position as foreman of the W. R. Shope planing mill.

Thirty-six little friends of Mary Baum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Baum, of Bellefonte, assembled at the family home at the corner of Allegheny and Curtin streets, for an afternoon of entertainment. Refreshments were served.

When Daniel Eberhart, of Bellefonte, reached his 90th birthday on Thanksgiving Day, the entire membership of the Bellefonte G. A. R. paid him a visit and presented him with a purse of \$25 in honor of Mr. Eberhart's 90th birthday. Mr. Eberhart was entertained at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry Badger.

Ferguson Parker, employee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, arrived in Bellefonte for a visit with local relatives and friends. Kerlin's Poultry Farm at Centre Hall, owned by A. E. Kerlin & Son, had installed a battery of three cabinet type incubators. The three had a total capacity of 120,000 eggs, and air property warmed and humidified, was changed every four minutes.

The home of Josiah T. Ziegler, on Reynolds avenue, Bellefonte, was sold Friday morning to Roy H. Grove, a clerk in the office of the Bell Telephone Company, who was to move here from Axemann. The consideration was \$2,500. Mr. Ziegler expected to sell his household goods and was to make his home with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ziegler, on Curtin street.

Considerable damage resulted in a freight wreck at Eagleville station, Monday morning, which delayed traffic several hours and scattered along the right-of-way perishable goods from ten broken box cars. The train was traveling east when a car in the middle left the rails, pulling nine others with it. All contained valuable cargo, one of them being filled with granulated sugar which was spilled over the area. The Lock Haven wrecking crew cleared the tracks.

Before a group of officials of the Keystone Power Corporation and the Penn Central Light Company, Chas. Kellerman, foreman of the construction gang of the local light company, pushed a switch Sunday morning which completed the circuit and supplied Bellefonte and other towns in Centre county with electric light from the big Penn Central power plant along the Juniata river at Huntingdon. The new line carried 44,000 volts into the new sub-station at Bellefonte where the voltage was reduced to 22,000 in three giant transformers. From here the current was sent to State College, Penns Valley and Bald Eagle Valley. The Milesburg plant was to be closed down but was to be held ready for emergency use.

Media Torsell, who conducted a shoe repair shop on High street, west of the railroad tracks, and his son departed for New York City where they expected to board a ship bound for Italy, where his wife was seriously ill. He expected to be gone until spring, and if his wife's health permitted, he expected to bring her to this country.

While his mother was at a neighbor's home preparing for a funeral, Donald William, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Zettle, of Georges Valley, tripped over a board while playing and toppled into a well where his lifeless body was discovered about a half hour later. The child was survived by his parents and two sisters.

Centre County Pomona Grange held a meeting in Grange Arcadia, Sunday evening in honor of their officers for a two-year term: master, David Hall; overseer, George W. Ralston; lecturer, Prof. R. G. Bressler; chaplain, Clem Dale; steward, R. C. Bair; treasurer, Jacob Sharer; secretary, J. Gross Shook; lady assistant steward, Mary Zerby; Pomona, Lizzie Grove; Flora, Bertha Evey; Ceres, Margaret Allman; auditor, D. M. Kline; telephone directors, J. S. Dale, Jacob Sharer, E. E. Swartz and D. A. Grove.

Roy B. Henry, aged 20, of Pine Grove Mills, second Centre county man to own an airplane, was planning a cross-country flight from Pine Grove Mills to San Francisco. He owned a Thomas Morse single seated scout plane with a top speed of 100 miles an hour and expected to complete the flight west in two days. The ship carried 90 gallons of gasoline and had a 90-horsepower Curtiss engine. Henry planned to have his mechanic, Henry R. Johnson, of Pine Grove Mills, trail him on the ground in a speedy racer.

The race was well known in Centre county. It was painted bright red with a large "2" decorating the hood. It had a speed of 70 miles an hour and the mechanic expected to complete the trip west in six days, with stopovers in hotels at night. The two men expected to remain in California indefinitely.

Miss Miriam Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, of Bish-

op street, was a patient in the Clear-shoe repair shop when she was undergoing treatment for an ailment of the spine. Miss Smith was employed as stenographer in the offices of the American Lime & Stone Company.

J. R. Miller, assistant cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Millheim, who was having an addition built to his home, stepped on a rusty nail which penetrated his foot, causing a wound which obliged him to remain off the member for several days.

JULIAN

A family get-together was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Alexander in State College last Sunday evening in honor of their son Francis, who is enjoying a short furlough from the army. Those who attended from this community, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander and family.

Gene Dando of Harrisburg, spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dando. Gene also enjoyed a few hours of his favorite sport, deer hunting.

Raymond Weller of Altoona, spent the weekend at the home of his brother, John Weller.

Mrs. R. M. Alexander is confined to her home due to illness. Her many friends hope to see her experience a speedy recovery.

We hope to see John Swisher, David Chandler, and Edna Cross pay us a visit for deer season. Krider, Mattern, II, enjoyed a weekend leave from the Penn. State military base.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Dillon have moved into their new home on Railroad avenue.

Mrs. Ethel Richards of Allegheny street, was among the skillful hunters on the ground in a speedy racer.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donnelly of Chester, were hunter visitors in the community this week.

William Lynn of Chester, was a weekend visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wharton Hosben.

SPRING MILLS

Butchering season is in full blast with some record porkers. Danny Slagel so far leads with the laurels for heavy-weights.

There was an influx of hunters in our town the first day of the hunting season, hotel facilities being overcrowded and a number of visiting hunters secured accommodations with private families. While hunting weather this season has been exceptionally good, the report of kills has not been heavy.

Carl Bressler and Seymour Stover each bagged a fine buck. The Myers hunting party bagged a fine specimen of a buck the first day of the season.

Robert Kennelly is reported confined to his home with an illness. Clarence Breen and family recently moved in the house vacated by Abraham Grassmeyer, and Richard Slack and family of Millfilingburg, moved in the house vacated by John Robinson.

Mrs. R. E. Henry visited friends and relatives in Lewistown last week. Mrs. Lydia High visited her son, George High in Lock Haven, last week. Doc Alkens took a crack at a nice buck and the buck ran some distance to a highway in Poe Valley where it collapsed close to another party, who quickly deposited it in their trunk and disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kerlin of Pottstown, are spending a week at the Miles Bressler home while Mr. Kerlin is engaged in hunting. Miss Leona Detsler returned to her home from the Dr. Black hospital at Lewistown last Saturday, where she was a surgical patient.

Mrs. Merle Walker spent last week at Lorain, Ohio, visiting her husband who is employed in that city. Mrs. Maud Rishel and daughter, Mary Lou of Coburn, were visitors at the S. L. Condo home on Saturday.

Mrs. Bruce Zettle left on Saturday to visit her husband, who is stationed at Denver, Colo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hise of Ab-

MONUMENT

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Leech are the proud parents of a boy born at the Lock Haven Hospital, Tuesday of the past week.

On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calbraith were the parents of a baby boy, too. It was born at the Lock Haven Hospital. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mrs. Albert Mackey made a business trip to Mill Hall on Thursday of last week. Weekend visitors at the Mackey home were: Henry Schrack of Cedar Springs, and sister, Mrs. Edward McBride of the same place, Walter Condo of Howard, R. D., Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Young and family, Mrs. Lulu Clark and son Jimmy, James Mann, Esther Mann, Joan Durkin, Phyllis Schenck and Neil, Bennett and Wayne Mertryman, and Robert Hanley, all of Monument.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert DeBoer and two children of Olean, N. Y., were visiting with friends in Orviston and Monument the past week. Bob preached a sermon in each of his former churches here.

Grover Fultz and family moved to Beech Creek the past week. Grover is working at the Piper Aircraft plant at Lock Haven.

Mrs. Fultz's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Haines of Port Matilda, have secured employment at the Piper plant and are making their home with the Fultz family for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mackey visited with the latter's father, Charles Dolan of Howard, R. D., who is under the doctor's care. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gates also visited the same place. They are from Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Gates and Mrs. Mackey are sisters.

Our hunters here are bringing in some deer but report the deer are not plentiful.

Pfc. John Packer returned to his base in Alaska. Pfc. John and his wife, the former Eunice Wolford of Mill Hall have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packer. They were married Saturday a week ago at Mill Hall.

The weather here the past week has been pretty cold. The skaters

around here are enjoying the ice ponds.

Fire broke out in the home of John Mann the past week but it was extinguished quickly before any real harm was done.

Kenneth Schenck, small son of Mertis Schenck, is suffering with whooping cough. Joan Schenck will enter the Lock Haven Hospital on Monday of this week to have her adenoids removed.

Visitors at the Schenck home over Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Young, daughter Sara, Mrs. Albert Mackey of Monument, and Cleveland McCloskey of Mill Hall.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Johnson of State College, were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Ida Johnson and daughter.

Fred Watson and Jean Fuehne made a business trip to Ohio recently.

Mrs. Olive Rhoads and children of Pleasant Gap, were dinner guests at the Orvis Watson home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gates and granddaughter of Mr. Eagle, were Sunday callers at the Roy Leathers home, also Ruth Magargel of Pleasant Gap.

Mrs. Emma Watson spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. George Magargel, Jr., and daughter and Mrs. Olive Rhoads and children at Pleasant Gap.

Marjorie and Stella Leathers of Bellefonte, spent the weekend with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Watson and family were Sunday callers at the Fred Watson home.

The Peace sisters of Central City, visited school chums at this place last week.

Mrs. Paul Emerick spent some time at the E. L. Heaton home recently.

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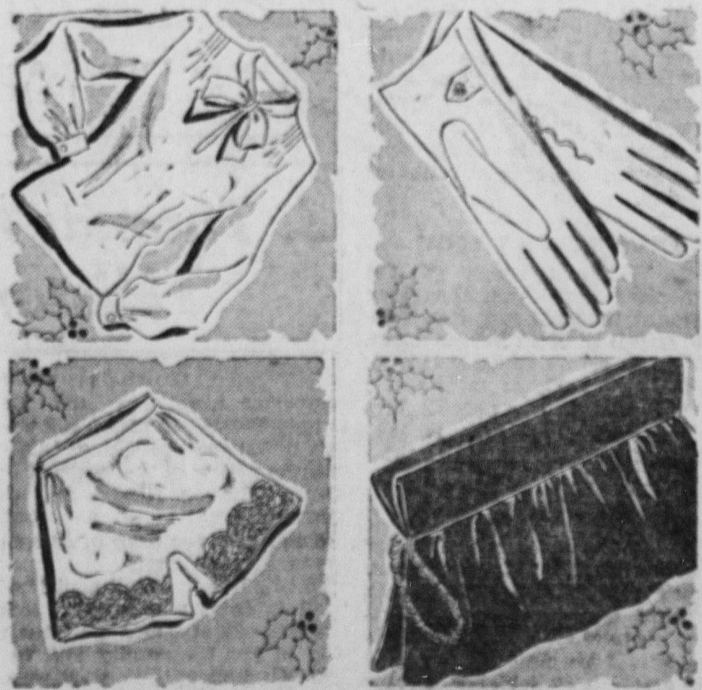
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