

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

Rev. H. A. Grant is the new pastor of the A. M. E. church in Bellefonte. He delivered his first sermon on Sunday morning, and it was highly spoken of by the congregation.

The Undine Band made its first appearance in public last Friday evening by tendering Gen. Hastings a serenade. After that they played at the opera house. Everybody was surprised at the fine playing by the new organization.

Belleville is now the Mecca for Republican office seekers. Daniel H. Hastings is the great mogul and the boys are willing to pay due tribute if they can present their respective petitions.

The deaths of Col. Tate and E. M. Blanchard, Esq., leave but six surviving members living in this place of the old Bellefonte Band organized in 1856.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Martin Smith, of Marengo, and Mary E. Adams, of Patton Twp., High S. Taylor and Katie L. Bauer, both of Bellefonte.

Edwin Gephart, son of Philip Gephart of Zion, who has lived in Elk county, Kansas, the past ten years, arrived at his former home last week after a journey of 47 days.

On Wednesday evening of last week Evan Miles Blanchard died at his home in this place, aged about 59 years.

John Blanchard, originally from Vermont, who came here early in the century from Chester county, and Evan read law in his father's office and was admitted to practice November 27, 1856.

Andrew McNitt, well known Centre county lumberman, Friday went to Philadelphia to transact business and to attend a football game.

Charles T. Crutt, farmer residing east of Centre Hall, suffered a severe laceration of one hand while cutting wood on a circular saw. Three stitches were required to close the wound.

Elmer Barnes, of Pine Grove Mills, was admitted to the Centre County Hospital suffering from blood poisoning in one leg. In order to save his life, surgeons planned to amputate the leg.

The Farmers' National Bank in Millheim observed the 15th anniversary of its founding. Officers were: G. S. Frank, president; C. L. Gramley, first vice president; A. A. Frank, second vice president; L. W. Stover, cashier, and J. R. Miller, assistant cashier.

William Curtin, of Philadelphia, is in Bellefonte at present on business connected with the settlement of his father's estate. An effort is being made to have the Bellefonte Central Railroad extended from Pine Grove Mills to Stone Valley, Huntingdon county.

There are many people who envy Gen. Hastings' success in politics, but there are few who fully realize the labor it requires, the sacrifices that are necessary and the annoyances one must endure, without even considering the expense of the thing.

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On Wednesday evening of last week Evan Miles Blanchard died at his home in this place, aged about 59 years. A lingering illness of nearly two years ended in his peaceful death. Deceased was born January 25, 1835, and was a son of "honest" John Blanchard, originally from Vermont, who came here early in the century from Chester county, and Evan read law in his father's office and was admitted to practice November 27, 1856.

The government, blazing a trail for an 8 to 9 hour two-way over-night mail service between New York and Chicago, had designated Bellefonte as the main intermediate field on the route.

CENTRE HALL

CHURCH SERVICES

Reformed: Robert E. Dickey, supply pastor. Tusseyville—Church service, 9:00; church school, 10:00. Centre Hall—Church school, 9:30; worship, 10:30; Woman's Guild, 7:30.

Penn's Valley Lutheran: Rev. C. C. Otto, pastor. Centre Hall—Church school, 9:30; worship, 7:30. Farmers Mills—Church school, 9:30; worship, 10:30. Georges Valley—Worship, 9; church school, 10.

The Junior business class of the Centre Hall-Potter High School will sponsor a square dance in the high school gymnasium on tomorrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mark, Mrs. Emma Emerick, Mrs. Ida Weaver and daughter Evelyn, visited recently with William Mark and daughter Miriam at Avis, and with relatives in Lock Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Margaret Kuhn of Boalsburg, visited recently with Mrs. S. W. Smith.

Mrs. Arthur Cummings of Rebersburg, spent Thursday with Mrs. A. E. Lunkin and family. Mrs. M. W. Brown of Rebersburg, visited on Wednesday at the Lambert home.

Miss Cora Luse of Altoona, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Agnes Luse.

Mrs. Minnie Adams and Mr. and Mrs. William Adams of Millheim, called on Friday evening to see Mr. and Mrs. George McCormick and the latter's father, E. G. Mingle of Altoona, who has been ill at the McCormick home.

Mrs. Alwilda Bitner of Centre Hall, R. D., spent Wednesday at the Bartholomew home.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wert, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Traeger, children Barbara Ann and Harry, Jr., of Centre Hall, R. D., were recent guests of Mrs. Mazie Lee and Mrs. Kathryn Breen. Mary Ann Wert of Centre Hall, was a supper guest on Wednesday of Mrs. Breen's sons, Ronny and Donny.

Miss Margaret Alexander returned to her home last Monday after undergoing treatment at the sanatorium in Clifton Springs, N. Y.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Evangelical church met with Mrs. William Hanna on Thursday evening. Mrs. Stewart Hosterman led the devotions. Others present were: Mrs. W. K. Hosterman, Miss Ida Frazier, Mrs. C. A. Miller, Mrs. John Schaeffer, Mrs. Lawrence Hartley, and Mrs. A. E. Limbert. Refreshments were served during the social hour.

The Helping Hand Sunday school class of the Lutheran church met with Mrs. W. A. Alexander, Miss Ida Frazier, Mrs. C. A. Miller, Mrs. John Schaeffer, Mrs. Lawrence Hartley, and Mrs. A. E. Limbert. Refreshments were served during the social hour.

Mrs. Ann Wilson, 58, of Hawk Run, was killed, and four other persons residing in the same vicinity were injured, when their car was involved in an accident about a mile and a half east of State college while they were en route to their home from attending a meeting of the Rebekah lodge at State College. The driver of the car, rounding a curve, averted to the left to pass another machine parked along the road, and in so doing the front wheel struck a culvert, hurling the machine off the road.

Mrs. John Morris suffered internal injuries. Mrs. Mary McCliment suffered lacerations and bruises, and was rendered unconscious, and Samuel Morris and Mrs. Thomas Dixon escaped with minor bruises. Mrs. Wilson died while being taken to a State College hospital.

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Mrs. John W. Delaney had charge of the lecture hour in Progress Grange on Friday evening. Poems and games were part of the program. Mrs. George Seaton visited last Tuesday and Wednesday with Mrs. Clarence Decker and family near Centre Hall. Mrs. George Stover returned home on Wednesday from attending a beauticians' convention in New York City. Mrs. C. H. Light has recovered from an illness which confined her to bed last week. Her mother, Mrs. Harry Gould of Bellefonte, attended to the household duties for her. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Decker, sons Dean and Jack, Mrs. Greeley Jordan and Bobby Yonkers of Centre Hall, R. D., spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Jordan's brother, John Glasgow, in Huntingdon. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ross and son Don of State College, called on Saturday afternoon to see Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miller, near Centre Hall. Arthur Holdeman has purchased the Davd Stomer home near Tusseyville, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rudy and family. Rev. D. R. Kremer of Schuylkill Haven, stayed with friends here last week while hunting for small game. Milkweed Report, Potter Twp. and Centre Hall Schools: Tusseyville, 23 bags full; Tusseyville, 23; Plum Grove, 36; Pottery Mills Grammar, 15; Pottery Mills Primary, 5; Centre Hill, 32; Earlstown, 96; Colyer, 16; borough, grades 1 and 2; 6 grades; 3 and 4, 49; grades 5 and 6, 22; grades 7 and 8, 16; high school, 56; Boy Scouts, 50; or a total of 483. School Holiday Calendar Thanksgiving, November 23 and 24; Christmas vacation, December 22 to January 1; Good Friday, March 30. During the recent National War Fund drive the members of the Lions Club with Mrs. C. H. Light as block leader, collected \$927.88, of which the Centre Hall borough contributed \$736.36 and Potter township, \$201.52. Contributions to Salvation Army Centre Hall Borough Schools: Grades 1 and 2, Bertha Shaver, \$12.25; grades 3 and 4, Mrs. James Law, \$4.84; grades 5 and 6, Helen B. Miller, \$4.21; grades 7 and 8, J. Ernest Wagner, \$3.01. Centre Hall-Potter High School: Senior class, \$4.44; Junior class, \$4.25; Sophomore class, \$2.80; Freshman class, \$5.46; high school faculty, \$7. Potter Township Schools: Pottery Mills Primary, Mrs. Harriet Daup, \$4.04; Grammar, \$2.30; Plum Grove, Mrs. Madeline Dutrow, \$4.69; Colyer, Mrs. Vernon Wagner, \$6.69; Tusseyville, Mrs. Elizabeth Neff, \$7.06; Centre Hill, Mrs. Nele McCormick, \$4.71; Earlstown, Mrs. Nancy Potter, \$2.82; Tusseyville, Mrs. Mary Spiker, \$5.16. Total, \$77.24. United War Fund Drive High School, \$8.70; borough, grades (Continued on page five)

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