

Echoes From the Past

Fifty Years Ago

The Bush House is undergoing extensive improvements at present. The halls and parlors are being re-furnished in elegant style. The business office will also be considerably improved.

Freight conductor William Daly, of the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, had his arm crushed at the elbow on Monday while attempting to make a coupling. It is thought it will not be necessary to amputate the arm.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: John W. Weaver and Mary A. Harris, both of Potter Twp.; Levi Long, Madisonburg, and Elizabeth Musser, Penn Hall; James McDermott, Clearfield, and Anna C. Johnson, South Philipsburg.

S. M. Campbell, of the furniture and undertaking firm of Harter & Campbell, of Millheim, has returned from Harrisburg where he completed his course in Clark's school of embalming. This puts Mr. Campbell at the head of the art and entitles him to a diploma.

On Friday evening at about 8 o'clock the public school building at Hecla was destroyed by fire. The teacher discovered the blaze and ran to the building to save what property he could but the structure and contents were completely destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The wild pigeon, which was once so plentiful in Pennsylvania, has almost entirely disappeared. A number of roosts to which they flocked in countless numbers and where they were killed with clubs, have been entirely deserted by them, and the flocks of these birds that used to blacken the sky are no longer seen. The cause of their disappearance has not been explained.

On Wednesday morning the fires at the Valentine Furnace were banked. The plant has been in successful operation for several months. A scarcity of ore caused by the bad weather and drifts and the necessity of making a few repairs about the plant are the reasons for the stop. The ore banks will be kept in constant operation so that a good supply will be on hand when the fires are relighted, which will be in a short time.

On Wednesday morning of last week the house on the Charley Snyder farm, better known as the Glasgow farm, near State College, was destroyed by fire with all its contents. The farmer, William K. Corl, had made the fire as usual and had gone to the barn to do the work while his wife prepared breakfast. On returning from the barn he noticed the flames bursting from the roof and at once gave the alarm and started the rescue of his family. The five small children—the baby only two months old—were carried out in their night clothes with what wraps could be gathered at the last moment and by the time they were gotten into the nearest house a half mile away, they were almost perished. The house being frame, burned rapidly. Nothing was saved and the loss is a severe one for Mr. Corl for the personal property was not insured.

At a recent meeting of the Bellefonte Board of Health the following resolution was passed: "Whereas, That in consideration of the heretofore proven fact that in the use of salt as a means of removing ice from the sidewalks and public highways, it is productive of throat and pulmonary diseases, be it Resolved: That the Board of Health of Bellefonte Borough recommend and it is hereby requested, that the practice of using salt for the above purpose be discontinued. William Shortridge, president. H. C. Quigley, secretary."

Centre county received the full benefit of a blizzard that swept over the most of the United States. The storm began on Thursday morning, February 7, and continued until Saturday evening. During that time the sky was overhung with heavy clouds. The intense cold weather prevailed, the thermometer standing below zero most of the time and in some places registered 20 below zero. With the wind blowing like a hurricane it was almost impossible for anyone to be out doors, while inside it was with the greatest difficulty that one could keep warm. A large quantity of dry snow fell and this was swept along with blinding effect. It drifted in heaps and swirls about buildings, along the fences and roads; high mounds were formed that soon made travel by vehicle impossible. On Friday all roads leading to Bellefonte were completely blocked, but an occasional train on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad was able to pull through, all others were snowbound. A passenger train with two locomotives on the Bellefonte Central Railroad, stuck in a drift near Pilmore and could move neither forward nor backward. A number of women passengers, on their way to State College, were assisted through the snow to Kephardt's farm house where they were cared for. The storm gathered more snow around the belated train, packing it around the engine and cars until it reached the roof of the passenger cars. The company had about one hundred men at work Sunday, and on Monday the road was finally reopened. A passenger train on the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania stuck in a drift two miles east of Bellefonte near Harrison Kline's farm and remained there until Sunday. Over two hundred snow shovellers were at work on this road on Sunday and Monday. The Lewisburg branch suffered the worst, there being no trains over that road from last Thursday for a change. The candidate for election is Rev. Lawrence Blair of Lancaster, a graduate of the Theological Seminary there. Centre Hall—Church school, 9:30; election of pastor conducted by Rev. A. S. Asendorf of State College, Tusseyville—Election of pastor, conducted by above pastor at 3:00; church school, 10:00; Spring Mills—Election of pastor, conducted by Dr. R. H. Dotterer of State College, 10:30; Farmers Mills—Election for pastor conducted by Dr. R. H. Dotterer, 2:30.

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Charles Miller, Bellefonte taxidermist, and Max Trexler, former hardware salesman, leased and converted the ladies' entrance to the Bush House into a small store room where they were to retail the Maytag electric washer and which also was to serve as a taxi depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mix, of DuBois, parents of Tom Mix, the noted movie star, celebrated fifty years of happy married life at a reception at their home in the A. E. F. and was unable to be present, but wrote a nice letter from Los Angeles, Cal., and sent them a gift of \$500 in gold.

Philip C. Shoemaker, of Linden Hall, had been appointed Captain of the Bobsleigh Machine Gun Troop, to succeed Captain Schell, resigned. Capt. Shoemaker served as lieutenant of the troop in the A. E. F. and was a time its captain when reorganized after the war.

Jacob H. Cole, of Bellefonte, who had been spending the winter with relatives in Altoona, fractured his right hip when he was struck by a car while crossing an Altoona street on his way to church. Mr. Cole, who was 78 years old, was taken to Mercy Hospital, Altoona, for treatment.

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Several tons of high explosive were used in dislodging a large quantity of rock at the Chemical Linn quarries. The concussion was felt in many parts of town, but the explosion loosened a large quantity of rock.

Ex-Prothonotary W. F. Smith, of Millheim, celebrated his 74th birthday anniversary. A summer camp was being built in the vicinity of the ladies' entrance to the Bush House, Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The undersigned will offer at public sale the following described real estate situate in Gregg Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1945, at ten o'clock A. M., at the Court House, Bellefonte, Centre County, Pennsylvania.

Being the same property which was sold to Daniel F. Runkle by Thelma E. Carter, et al., by deed dated December 26, 1919, recorded in Deed Book 123, page 379 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Centre County, Pennsylvania.

The Bellefonte Business Men's Association was enthusiastically reorganized with the election of the following officers: president, R. S. Malroy; secretary, John P. Payne; and treasurer, John M. Bullock. It was decided to hold a regular meeting once a month in the dining room of some hotel, where dinner was to be served. The association will cooperate with the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club.

Miss Elizabeth Livingston, teacher in the schools at Yarnert, Pa., and Mrs. E. S. Brooks, Mrs. Annie Brooks, Mrs. Ernest Wagner and son Larry, called on Wednesday evening to see Mrs. W. C. Duplap at her home in Tyrone. Mrs. Duplap's husband, who died on Sunday, was buried on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Duplap is the former May Rhoads of Centre Hall.

CENTRE HALL NEWS

CHURCH SERVICES

Reformed Church: The 4 churches for a change. The candidate for election is Rev. Lawrence Blair of Lancaster, a graduate of the Theological Seminary there. Centre Hall—Church school, 9:30; election of pastor conducted by Rev. A. S. Asendorf of State College, Tusseyville—Election of pastor, conducted by above pastor at 3:00; church school, 10:00; Spring Mills—Election of pastor, conducted by Dr. R. H. Dotterer of State College, 10:30; Farmers Mills—Election for pastor conducted by Dr. R. H. Dotterer, 2:30.

parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Miller, of... Mrs. John Foster of Aaronsburg, was an overnight guest on Saturday of Mrs. Lovan Smith. Mrs. Hope Strunk of State College, called on Sunday afternoon at the Spaw-Dutton home. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Brooks, Mrs. Annie Brooks, Mrs. Ernest Wagner and son Larry, called on Wednesday evening to see Mrs. W. C. Duplap at her home in Tyrone. Mrs. Duplap's husband, who died on Sunday, was buried on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Duplap is the former May Rhoads of Centre Hall.

The Centre Hall Music Club will sponsor a concert in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, March 1 at 8 o'clock. The concert will be given by the Titan Metal Chorus under the direction of Frank Guilo of State College. This will be the second appearance of the chorus in Centre Hall. At another time they gave an evening of music in the Lutheran church. The concert will be open to the public. A silver offering will be taken.

Legal Notices

LOST STOCK CERTIFICATE. Notice is hereby given that Certificate No. 36, dated July 1, 1922, for five (5) shares of the Capital Stock of the First National Bank of Centre Hall, Pa., registered in the name of L. Frank Mayes, has either been mislaid or stolen, and that an application has been made for the issuance of a duplicate thereof.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of EMMA L. WATSON, late of Boggs Township, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate to present the same without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of WILLIAM W. BLAETT, late of Centre Township, Centre Co., Pa., deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate to present the same without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of OLIVE K. MILLER, late of Millheim Borough, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate to present the same without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Estate of DAVID H. STEINER, late of Haines Township, Centre County, Pa., deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate to present the same without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

Resourses table with columns for Due from Tax Collectors, Due from County on Taxes, Returned and Liens Filed, Total. Signed: MARY HALL BRYAN, Z. T. SUMMERS.

Public Sale of Real Estate and Personal Property. The undersigned will offer at public sale at the late residence of Rheue E. Leitzell and Harry Leitzell on Main Street in the Borough of Millheim, Pennsylvania.

PERSONAL PROPERTY. Full line of household goods consisting of the following articles: Two bed room suites, sewing machine, radio, rug, dining room suite, living room suite, dishes, electric washing machine, kitchen range, G. E. electric refrigerator, 6 cu. ft. desks, stools, electric sweeper, beds, garden tools, cooking utensils, lamps, chests, chairs, and many other miscellaneous articles too numerous to mention.

RECEIPTS. Taxes collected in cash during year: \$549.10. Taxes collected on Old Duplicates during year: 180.00. Amount received from County on Unpaid Taxes or Liens Filed: 39.73. Amount received from Other Sources (a) to (d) Form 965: 3,219.47.

EXPENDITURES. General Government: \$482.12. Protection to Persons and Property: 290.20. Highways: 1,892.93. Miscellaneous: 457. Total: \$2,639.83. Cash Balance at End of Year: \$2,913.58.

REGISTRAR'S NOTICE. The following accounts and schedules of distribution have been examined, passed and filed for record in the Registrar's Office for the insolvency of being legatees, creditors, distributees and all others in any way interested and will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Centre County for the confirmation of the same on Monday, February 28, 1945.

W. M. B. RANKIN AGENCY. COMPLETE INSURANCE SERVICE. Crider's Exchange Building. BELLEFONTE, PA.

Twenty Years Ago

F. Q. Hartman, owner of the Centre county silk mill at Millheim, purchased the McMullen brothers brick mill at Millheim, together with the Elk Creek dam, the race and all water rights.

Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples: Herbert A. Wahl and Ethel R. Shaffer, both of State College; Alexander O. Morrison, Bellefonte, and Maude E. Kellerman, Milesburg.

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account of J. Bruce Arney, admr. of etc. of I. Mervin Arney, late of Potter Township, deceased.

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