

# LINN'S HISTORY

(Concluding Miles Township)  
The Rebersburg Reformed Sunday School was organized April 1, 1866, during the Rev. C. H. Hoffmeyer's pastorate in the charge. There are at present about 70 members.  
The Rebersburg Evangelical Sunday School was organized March 22, 1874. The Rev. W. H. Stover was preacher in charge at the time. It has enrolled about 85 members.  
There are two schools at Madisonburg—the Union, which has enrolled about 150 members, and the Evangelical, which was organized in 1870, and has enrolled 75 members.  
There is a school at Stover's, of about 40 members and one at Brungart's (Lutheran) about 70 members.  
Sunday Schools had been in existence prior to 1830, but they were not permanent. Before denominational schools were organized, union schools were kept up in nearly all, if not all, the school houses in the township during the summer season.  
Burial grounds—All the houses of worship in the valley have living adjacent to them burial grounds, which, however, are all comparatively new except the old Lutheran and Reformed Cemetery at Rebersburg. It is noted elsewhere when this ground was purchased. It is impossible to say when the first burials were made here, but it was while the locality was still woods and without inclosure. On the old or western part of the cemetery all interments were made prior to

1806. Persons from the east end of the valley, and from the west end as far as Murray's school house, were brought to this ground for burial. Some were brought from Sugar valley. A few families set apart small plots on their own farms for burial places, as the Rebers and Tobias Pickle. In the old section of the graveyard there are but few tombstones with inscriptions, and these were brought to the valley at considerable expense and inconvenience. There are several hundred graves that have merely small flat stones at the head and foot, and no mark whatever. Such has not been the fate of the poor alone, but some of the richest and at one time most influential pioneer citizens of the neighborhood "sleep their last" in unknown graves. Among these may be mentioned Francis Gramly Sr., Philip Wolfart, Martin Brungart, Sr., Christopher Spangler, Sr., Anthony Bierly, Sr., Henry Walbon, and the first wife of Col. Henry Meyer, who died in 1801.  
During the present year (1881), Mrs. Christina Reynolds had erected a tombstone at the grave of her grandparents bearing the following inscription: "In memory of Christian Gast and his wife Christina Brandt . . . Both emigrated in early life from Wurttemberg, Germany. Erected by their grandchild, Mrs. Christina Reynolds, 1881."  
The oldest monument with an inscription is that of Philip Schott who died April 26, 1802. Many of the first tombstones were made by Peter Smull, a stone mason. They are brown sandstone.  
Acknowledgments—Much of the information contained in the sketch of Brush valley was obtained from old deeds and records, but most of it was communicated by the older inhabitants of the valley, among whom are those named below, and to whom are due special acknowledgments.  
The Hon. Samuel Frank, Rebersburg, aged 60; Jonathan Spangler Sr., Joseph Kreamer, John Wolfe, Centre Mills; William Wolf, Centre Hall; Anthony Bierly, aged 75; Jacob Steffery, aged 80; Mrs. Christina Reynolds, aged 81; John A. Schaeffer, Madisonburg, aged 84; Henry Meyer Sr., aged 86; John Hoy, Madisonburg, aged 87; Mrs. Sallie Corman, aged 89.

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## 50 YEARS AGO: Company B Plans Entertainment At Court House For Memorial Day Funds

The members of Co. B. are trying to raise some money for Memorial Day and are going to give a stereopticon entertainment in the Court House on Friday evening, March 22, 1901. Frank Kunkle, a young man who saw active service while with the 10th Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Philippines will lecture as the pictures are shown by Mallory and Taylor. These pictures were all taken by Kunkle, "Mickey Irwin," a well known Irish comedian, a good orchestra, a band and illustrated songs are all on the program. Before the Company went to Washington to attend the inauguration Mallory and Taylor made a fine picture of them on the Diamond.

James Wolfenden, a public spirited citizen of Lamar, has issued a circular letter addressed to "Our Governor, Law Makers and the people," in which the advantages of Lamar as an ideal location for the State capital are shown. Mr. Wolfenden wants the Legislature to appropriate \$200,000 for the improvement of Fishing Creek.

Hon. D. F. Fortney's admirable address delivered before the State Directors' Association, printed entire in the Centre Democrat two weeks ago, has received favorable comment by journals of the State interested in our common schools. One paper in one of the eastern counties copied the address entire from the columns of the Centre Democrat. Mr. Fortney may well feel proud of being ranked as one of the foremost champions of our local system.

The bill was passed finally by the State Senate accepting from Andrew Carnegie the gift of \$100,000 for the erection of a library building for the use of the Pennsylvania State College, pledging the faith of the State to fulfill the condition on which the donation is made, which is that the Legislature must provide annually \$10,000 for the maintenance of the library, and making the College as far as the act is concerned, a part of the public school system of Pennsylvania.

Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gault on East Curtin street was the scene of a very happy and joyous event, their two daughters Misses Ella and Stella Gault, were married to Harry E. Stover and Alfred F. Showers, respectively. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. Immediately after the ceremony an excellent wedding dinner was served. Mr. Stover is employed in the Altoona Glass Factory. Mr. Showers is an industrious young man and is a carpenter by trade.

Harry T. Miller has been appointed policeman to succeed Jacob S. Knisely who resigned. Mr. Miller put the uniform on Tuesday and Knisely like one of the regulars. Mr. Knisely came to the conclusion that it would be more profitable to keep his blacksmith shop going than playing cop.

Bruce Garman and Sim Baum made a business trip to Lock Haven on Tuesday.

## 20 YEARS AGO: Petition To Demand Action On Widening Water Street

A movement to widen Water street in the vicinity of the Falls of Spring Creek, was undertaken at the meeting of the Bellefonte Kiwanis Club Tuesday noon at the Brockerhoff House. Under the auspices of the Public Affairs committee a petition has been prepared and will be presented to the Honorable Samuel S. Lewis, Secretary of Highways.

The March meeting of the Bellefonte Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the Parish House of the Episcopal church, State College, last Thursday evening. It was an outstanding event. The Regent, Dr. Lucretia Simmons, read the names of the following who have been proposed for membership: Miss Helen Bottorf, of State College; Miss May Taylor, Miss Roxanna Mingle, Mrs. Paul McGarvey of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Samuel Waite, of Narbeth.

If the hopes of his friends are realized, Bellefonte may some day take pride in claiming the discovery of Emory Holderman, noted sculptor. Reading like fiction from an everyday magazine, Emory Holderman, an employe in the mines of the American Lime and Stone Co., may some day achieve fame and fortune as a sculptor and modeler. If his artistic talents withstand the test they are now undergoing, Mr. Holderman, age 28, has been an employe of the company for many years, and as a hobby he has been practicing clay modeling. Recently Sam Shalleross, manager of the plant, had occasion to go into the mine and incidentally ran into one of Mr. Holderman's plastic pieces of art. Mr. Shalleross was favorably impressed and he arranged to have Holderman's skill tested under competent judges at the Dick Brothers Art Foundry, Reading, Pa. Mr. Holderman will remain with the firm for a period of two weeks and if he shows capacity in his artistic development may be permanently employed.

Dr. Richard P. Noll, Mark Williams and Hoy Koyer represented the Bellefonte Lodge of Elks at the district meeting of the order held in Lock Haven on Sunday.

Last Thursday 14 little folks gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoover of Valentine street to help celebrate the birthday of little June Marie, her fifth. The delightful afternoon was spent in games and music after which refreshments were served to Betty and Evelyn Hollobaugh, Isabel and Annabel Miller, Edna Hines, Betty Wright, Dick Gross, Anna and Emma Johnson, Betty Keeler, Marjha Ann Gross, Susanne Wagner and Lenore and June Marie Hoover.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison died yesterday afternoon at 4:30 in Indianapolis, Indiana, after lying unconscious several hours.

## Thanksgiving

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Pennsylvania. This Arctic air plumed the mercury from the forties to well below 20 degrees by early afternoon as far east as the Allegheny ridge.

It also started the greatest snowstorm of record over the western counties. During the next 18 hours, this cold front moved only about 150 miles eastward, so that the western counties remained in the snow area of this storm.

There was a temperature difference of 40 degrees or more in as many miles. Early on the 25th a coastal disturbance, which had formed rapidly over the Carolinas during the late hours of the 24th, was centered over Maryland, and had become a very active center with strong to gale force southeast and east winds, bringing a continuous flow of warm moist air into Pennsylvania.

During this memorable 25th day of November, winds rose to hurricane force over many eastern counties, heavy to excessive rains sent streams to above flood stage in southeastern counties. Extremely heavy pressure, combined with high onshore winds, produced record high tides which inundated the tidal areas.

The gales caused damage as far inland as Clinton, Centre, Huntingdon and Franklin counties in Pennsylvania. Heavy rains fell over the Susquehanna River basin, with sleet and freezing rain over much of the central and western mountain sections of Pennsylvania, while snow continued unabated west of the mountains.

The area from Fulton county to Elk county was especially hard hit with sleet, snow and freezing rain, as the cold front retrogressed on the 25th. The glaze storm was exceptionally severe from Fulton to Clearfield counties with tremendous damage to forested mountainsides, power and telephone lines.

The city of Altoona lost all power as a result of breakage of ice-coated power lines and fallen, ice-coated tree limbs. In some areas, the countryside was laid bare of trees. Highway travel was extremely hazardous, where possible, due to ice-coated and debris-laden roads.

The damage estimate in the Clearfield-Elk-Jefferson county area alone was \$90,000. The complex structure of the unorthodox movement of the storm center into the northwest maintained an alternating change from warm to cold, from rain to snow, and thawing and freezing over the area of its path.

The storm center re-formed over eastern Ohio, and kept light to occasionally moderate snow falling over western and northern counties the remainder of the month with temperatures below freezing until the afternoon of the 30th. During the height of the storm, snow fell at such a rate that snow piles were unable to keep up with it, and people who started to drive that eventful Friday in the western counties soon found themselves caught in traffic snarls, and hundreds of vehicles were abandoned where they were trapped.

Drifting snow closed roads as rapidly as they were opened. Scores of towns were isolated for two to three days before even one-lane traffic was resumed. Commerce and industry were at a standstill, with radio the only general means of contact in that area. Delivery of staple foods, such as milk and bread, became an acute problem.

An embargo was imposed on highway travel, especially in Pittsburgh, so that progress could be made in snow removal. At Erie, 26.7 inches set new all-time 24-hour snowfall records. Hundreds of roofs collapsed from the weight of the snow. There was \$50,000 damage from this cause alone in the Farrell-Sharon area.

The heavy, drenching rains reached their peak during the early afternoon of the 25th over most of the eastern counties. Streams rose above banks rapidly, and moderate flooding was in progress from the headwaters of the Allegheny River basin to the Delaware River.

A number of stations in the Reading-Scranton area reported new 24-hour precipitation totals. Pottsville had 6.36 inches. However, along the Allegheny Ridge the rapid fluctuations between liquid and frozen precipitation made it difficult to determine where and when surface runoff ceased to be a factor in the flood rises.

In the Juniata River basin, the flood was the highest since the "Great Flood of March 1936," despite the early arrival of the cold. In the West Branch of the Susquehanna River basin, the headwaters received heavy snow; nevertheless, from Sinnemahoning Creek to its mouth, the West Branch was in moderate to heavy flood. Elsewhere, in the rain area, light to moderate flooding prevailed.

In the Philadelphia area, crests approached the 1936 levels; much damage resulted from standing water unable to run off rapidly enough by natural drainage. The loss of electric power and communications due to flooding of plants or destruction of utility cables was accentuated by the ensuing cold and wind that enveloped all of the State by dark of the 25th. The storm's cold breath did not

high school newspaper. On March 20th and 21st Beatty Motor Co., local Ford dealer, in cooperation with the Ford Motor Co., will hold what promises to be a very interesting display of Ford products. The exhibit will be held in the old Armory building on North Spring street and will be free to the public. Beatty and Co. will display one of the Town Sedans which will be the first showing of this car in Centre county. There will be talking pictures of the Ford River Rouge plant. The new Fordson tractor will also be on display.

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Thomas Turner, et ux, to Joseph D. Weller, Huston Twp., \$1.  
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Joseph D. Allen, et al, to Claude H. Decker, State College boro, tax \$7.70.  
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leave Pennsylvania until the 30th. Its effects and aftermath will not leave the memory of those who experienced "The Storm of November, 1950."

**Epilogue**  
Very little snow fell in the eastern portion of the State, but the average in the western part was 29.3 inches, which is more than twice the previous record total for November. Erie measured 46.9 inches as the greatest monthly total of record. The State average of 11.0 inches is also a new record. Only in 1889 was the State average precipitation of 6.3 inches exceeded.

## Cows Will Respond To Kind Treatment

Cows respond to kind treatment and the way they are handled in the milking routine alone can mean a difference in milk production. County Agent L. H. Bull tells of two men who milked equal strings of cows in the same herd and under identical conditions. Ordinarily the two groups of cows should have given the same amount of milk, but they did not. Why?

The herd owner became curious and soon had his answer. The man who got high production handled his cows with care and consideration. The other milker was careless and rough in his manner. As a double check, the owner switched strings of cows. Each man then milked the string previously milked by the other man. Before long the careful milker brought up production with the low string while the other milker's production fell with the high string.

The county agent explains: "One man loved his job; the other merely worked at his. Next time you get ready to yell at the cows or massage them with the milking machine, hold your temper. Provide bossy with care and comfort and she will reward you."

About three-fourths of the criticism of the church and preachers comes from those who know they are doing what the church condemns.

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