

# LINN'S HISTORY

(Concluding Patton Township) Schools.—The first public school to which the people of Patton sent their children was doubtless the one located at Stormstown.—at least it was the only one available for some time to the people of the Gray neighborhood. The recollections of Jacob and Samuel Gray go back to a log school house that stood near where Isaac Gray lives. It was a very rude affair, boasting nothing better than greased paper in lieu of window panes, slabs for seats, and rough boards for desks. Alfred Wells, the first teacher in that old log school house, was a terribly cross and fiery chap, who took much delight in knowing that the scholars stood in mortal fear of him, and well they might, for he was quick and free to lay the birch upon their shoulders with much lusty vigor and savage delight. The boys tried to bar him out one day, but old Wells smoked them with brimstone into capitulation, and after that they gave up experimenting upon him, satisfied that he must win every time they brought on a contest. In 1826 one Aaron Shupert taught school in a shanty that stood near James Ross' house. In the same shanty, Bradley and Carey (the latter also a millwright and manufacturer of cornshellers) were likewise teachers.

Iron Mining.—Iron mining in Patton was begun at an early day, for the rich ore fields naturally attracted attention as soon as the iron workers of Centre County began operations. The localities now known as Scotia, Celtic, and Lambourn were called upon in the pioneer era to furnish supplies for the Centre Furnace, Curtin's and others. William B. Henderson and William Hunter were among the earliest miners in Patton, and in that business they continued for a good many years as employees of various iron manufacturers. The Milesburg Iron Works is supposed to have mined iron ore in Patton since shortly before 1800. McCoy, Linn & Co., the present operators at the Milesburg Iron Works, own in Patton the ore rights in upwards of 10,000 acres. They control also extensive iron mining interests in Ferguson, College, Potter and Walker townships. In Patton they work several openings. Frank Letterman, their mining superintendent in Patton, is a native of Centre County. He engaged in iron mining for the Washington Furnace in 1853, and remained there until 1878, when he abandoned the employment of McCoy, Linn & Co. For nearly 30 years he has been engaged in mining and engineering.

Scotia Mines, etc.—At the locality known as Scotia the firm of Carnegie Brothers & Co. (limited) have set on foot extraordinary and important iron mining operations, whose extent and breadth, now only meagrely foreshadowed, promise to become a valuable factor in the industrial interests of not only the township but of the county as well. In the spring of 1881, Carnegie Brothers bought of Moses Thompson 300 acres of land now covering Scotia, and began at once to establish permanent and costly improvements as a step toward the development of the rich iron ore deposits here known to exist in abundance. They employed an army of 200 or more workmen, and these, busy themselves in clearing the land, erecting tenement houses and setting up machinery and other devices for the prosecution of ore mining, soon converted the wilderness into a bustling, energetic and pushing town. The improvements effected and contemplated are of the most approved description, framed moreover with an eye to the prosecution of business mining upon a liberal and progressive plan. These improvements include among others equally extensive upwards of a mile of narrow gauge railway track, communicating with various mine openings and running for a

greater portion of the way upon high trestle work. To meet the requirements created by the establishment of Scotia, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has established a branch railway from the main line at Tyrone to Scotia, and thus affords an easy and convenient outlet for the considerable volume of traffic which must flow from the mines to the receiving depot at Pittsburgh for the Carnegies. These mines are regarded as among the richest in the county, and are likely to yield their bounteous wealth for many years to come. Scotia is now (October, 1881) a busy hamlet with a population of about 400, contains three stores, will soon be established as a postal station, and bids fair to expand in strength and adornment without much delay.

In Patton and Halfmoon townships the Celtic Ore Company of Pittsburgh (composed of James I. Bennett, John Chalfant, August Painter, and John F. Wilcox) are preparing now (October, 1881) to engage in extensive ore mining operations. They own the ore rights in 1700 acres, and thus far have found ore to the depth of 59 feet, and a quality of ore that averages 45 per cent of pure metal. The Lewisburg, Centre and Spruce Creek Railroad line passes within a quarter of a mile of the lands of the company. The present operations of the company, dating from April, 1881, are merely preliminary to the actual business of mining and shipping, which will be begun with much vigor when once begun. The members of the company are all wealthy iron masters of Pittsburgh, and will use the product of their Centre County mines at their works in Pittsburgh. Their representative at Celtic is James Pierpont.

## SNOW SHOE

Mr. and Mrs. William Forshey and Mrs. Erma Guyer, Phillipsburg, spent Sunday with Mrs. George Hall and family. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gingrich, of Philadelphia, spent the weekend with Mrs. Gingrich's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Harnish. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Breon, daughter Thelma, and son Chalmers, of Pleasant Gap, visited their son, Rufus Breon and family. Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and Jane spent Thursday at Phillipsburg.

Mrs. Winona Stonebreaker and Helen, of Phillipsburg, visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bell. Mr. and Mrs. George Suger, of Milesburg, called at the home of Mrs. Mabel Lucas, Saturday evening.

Mrs. George Hall and Jake Beightol, who were surgical patients at the Phillipsburg State Hospital, returned home. The many friends of Mrs. Lester Hershey Sr. will be glad to know she is around again. Mrs. Hershey was a medical patient at the Phillipsburg State Hospital.

Peace on earth will be maintained by the nation, or group of nations, willing to fight for it.

## 60 YEARS AGO:

### Noted Speakers Listed For Memorial Day Addresses Throughout County

The following are some of the appointments we have noted for Memorial Day orators: Clement Dale, Esq., at Martha Furnace. Col. J. P. Coburn, Pine Hall. Hon. A. O. Furst, Pine Grove. D. P. Fortney, Aaronsburg and Rebersburg. Capt. Hugh S. Taylor, Marsh Creek. Hon. John G. Love, Howard.

An important telephone deal has been consummated this past week that will be of great interest to our readers. The Central Commercial Telephone Company of Central Pennsylvania, whose offices are located at Bellefonte, has been merged into the United Telephone and Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania. One reason offered for the merger was that independent companies like the Central Commercial lack the benefit of long distance service. It is claimed that local service will now be generally improved because of the action, and the popular low rates will continue. Ellis L. Orvis is the Central Commercial's president; John T. McCormick, superintendent, and Nelson Robb, secretary.

Supl. Rine on Monday began putting down the new water mains on Howard street. The annual Commencement exercises of the Bellefonte High School, class of 1901, will be held in Garmann's Opera House Thursday afternoon, June 6. The Junior Oratorical Contest for the Reynolds' prize will be held Wednesday evening, June 5, at the same place. The class of 1901 is composed as follows:

Daisy Barnes, Mame Woods, Adeline Oelwein, Phinetta Jones, Marjilla Williams, Lulu Rine, Charles Thomas, Orrie Ishler, Burt Robb, John Whippo, Bernard Brown, Lee Walker, Wilbur Twintire, and Walter Armstrong.

Miss Daisy Barnes won first honors and will be the valedictorian of her class. She also won the mathematical prize of \$10 and the general excellence prize of \$10. The latter prize is given for general excellence.

## 20 YEARS AGO:

### Invalid Finds Haven Here After Plane Makes Forced Landing in Wheat Field

Miss Rader, an invalid suffering with tuberculosis, whose home is in Bradford, became an inmate of the Centre County Hospital on Wednesday afternoon, not necessarily as a patient but rather as a guest, after undergoing the unerving experience of being thrown from the cot of a passenger plane which was forced down in the wheat field of M. T. Zubler, a mile west of Spring Mills, about 2 o'clock.

Widmann & Teah will open one of their popular stores in the Richelieu building on Saturday.

Sergeant Robert Stelz of the U. S. Army, who is stationed in Bellefonte as the advisory officer of the Federal Government to the local troop of the National Guard, was guest speaker of the Kiwanis Club at the meeting Tuesday noon in the Penn Belle Hotel. He gave an interesting account of the experience he had in connection with General Pershing's expedition into Mexico after Pancho Villa.

Rural mail carrier Robert Woodring was reminded of his birthday on Monday when a number of his friends gathered at his home in the evening and spent a few delightful social hours. "500" was one of the principal diversions of the evening and a special feature was the luncheon served by Mrs. Woodring. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Arby Everett, Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. V. Viesard, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodring Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Alex Morrison, Virginia Markley, Anna Viesard and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Markley.

Dr. and Mrs. Leroy Locke, of Bellefonte, are the proud parents of an infant son, born at the Hospital Saturday. Although the proud parents have not decided on a name, in all probability it will be christened William.

dence during the four year's course at the high school. Miss Lulu Rine won the biographical essay prize of \$10, Miss Phinetta Jones, of Milesburg, won second honors and will deliver the oratory oration at the commencement.

Miss Mary Blanchard expects to spend the summer in Europe traveling with her aunt, Mrs. Wistar Morris. They will be accompanied by Rev. Dr. Woods, of Philadelphia, and his children.

J. Thomas Mitchell, Esq., will sail from New York on May 30th for a three months' tour abroad. His itinerary takes in England, Ireland and Scotland, the principle cities of France, points along the Rhine and possibly through Switzerland down into Italy.

In the case of George B. Brandon, of the Wellington Hotel, Carlisle, who was charged by James S. Summers, colored, of Harrisburg, with refusing to accommodate him at the hotel on account of his color, the Grand Jury of Cumberland county Thursday ignored the bill and placed the costs on Summers. Mr. Brandon formerly was proprietor of the Brockerhoff House at this place.

Barber Frank Sasserman has added a new chair to his already well equipped barbershop in the Centre County Bank building.

Hereafter during the summer season ice cream will be served at Blackford's Eating Parlors on Bishop street. It will be made by Ceaders.

Samuel Taylor, who for a number of years successfully managed the China Hall for the Wilkinson estate, resigned his position. Mr. Taylor will now devote his time to outdoor work connected with the studio of Mallory & Taylor. At Wilkinson's he has been succeeded by Henry Linn, son of the late John B. Linn, who has purchased a half interest in the store.

Clement Dale, Esq., is attending a session of the Board of Trustees of Gettysburg College, this week, of which he is a member.

## Legal Notices

**BIDS WANTED**  
Boggs Township School Directors will accept sealed bids on general school supplies and janitorial supplies. Bids to be submitted to Mrs. Pauline Jenkins, secretary, Milesburg, no later than June 4. Copies of lists of the necessary supplies may be secured at the home of the secretary. x22

**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
The proposed budget of the school district of the Borough of Bellefonte, Centre County, Pa., is available for inspection by all interested persons at the office of the secretary of the board in the Bellefonte High School building. The budget may be inspected any week day from this date until the evening of Monday, June 11, 1951, at which time the final adoption will be made by the board.

JEAN E. HAYNES  
Secretary

**BIDS WANTED**  
The Howard Borough School Board hereby solicits bids for a 24-inch power lawn mower of standard type and best possible quality. Bids must be sealed, envelope marked BIDS FOR POWER MOWER, and be in possession of the secretary of the board before 7 p. m. EDST, June 4, 1951.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
HOWARD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Donald B. Gardner,  
Secretary, Howard, Pa.

**ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE**  
In the matter of the estate of OLAN A. JOHNSON, also known as O. A. JOHNSON, late of State College Borough, deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against said estate to present the same without delay for settlement to ELIZABETH E. JOHNSON, Administratrix, 140 N. Patterson St., State College, Pa., or her attorneys, JOHNSTON & JOHNSTON, Bellefonte, Pa. x21

**BIDS WANTED**  
The Board of Directors of the School District of the Borough of Bellefonte desires bids on coal to be delivered to the following buildings and in the following amounts: Spring Street building 125 tons, Allegheny Street building 40 tons, Bishop Street building 90 tons. The coal for the above buildings to be regular furnace coal. For the high school building 320 tons of stoker. The coal desired is bituminous. Accompanying the bids should be analysis of the coal. Bids are due in the office of the Secretary of the Board, Miss Jean E. Haynes, not later than 7:30 P. M.

Monday, June 11, 1951. The board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.  
JEAN E. HAYNES,  
Secretary.

**PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE**  
FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1951  
3:00 p. m. (DST)—on the Premises  
The undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Daniel J. Dennison, late of Phillipsburg, Centre County, Pennsylvania, will offer at public sale the gas station and garage property of said decedent situate at 117 E. Presque Isle street in the Borough of Phillipsburg, more particularly described in deed of the First National Bank of Phillipsburg to Daniel J. Dennison, dated October 24, 1935, and recorded in Centre County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book No. 150, page 555.

This sale is subject to an existing lease to the Gulf Oil Corporation calling for a monthly rental of \$125.00 as more particularly set forth in Recorder's Office for Centre County, Pennsylvania, in Misc. Book No. 38, page 577.  
TERMS OF SALE: 25% down when the property is declared sold and the remainder upon the delivery of the deed within 30 days. Sale subject to confirmation.  
DAVID L. BAIRD,  
Administrator,  
Phillipsburg, Pa.  
H. L. HARPSTER, Auctioneer  
Thompson & Baird, Attorneys x21

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FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1951  
2:00 P. M. (DST)—on the Premises  
The undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Daniel J. Dennison, late of Phillipsburg, Centre County, Pennsylvania, will offer at public sale the gas station, garage and adjoining property of said decedent, situate at 21 W. Maple street in the Borough of Phillipsburg, more particularly described in deeds of Florence E. Gray et al, to Daniel Dennison, recorded in Centre County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book No. 136, page 219; The Phillipsburg Coal and Land Company to Daniel J. Dennison, recorded in Centre County, Pennsylvania,

in Deed Book No. 137, page 287; and W. Forest Stonebraker, et al, to Daniel J. Dennison, recorded in Centre County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book No. 167, page 166. This sale shall include the foundation placed for new building and is subject to deed out of small part of premises by Daniel J. Dennison to Frederick Barnes, et ux, recorded in Centre County, Pennsylvania, in Deed Book No. 201, page 311.  
TERMS OF SALE: 25% down when the property is declared sold and the remainder upon the delivery of the deed within 30 days. Possession to be delivered upon delivery of deed. Sale subject to confirmation.  
DAVID L. BAIRD,  
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## Test Gardens Get More All-America Roses

Nearly 50 new roses have been added to the test gardens at Penn State for the All-American Selections this year. In addition, about 50 new entries last year will appear in the garden for the second of the two-year test periods. The additions bring the roses to over 300 hybrid tea roses and floribundas, since the college gardens alone contain 230 different roses. The gardens will begin to bloom about the second week in June and continue throughout the season.

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## RUNVILLE

The next event will be Decoration Day, Wednesday, May 30, at the Advent Cemetery at 9:30 a. m. Irvin Watson and son, of Moose Run, visited with relatives and attended Sunday School here on last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Zerby and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shirk last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan Lucas and Miss Lulu Zerby, of Unionville, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shirk last week. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Poorman, of State College, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shirk last Sunday.

Jack Witherite made a call at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shirk last Sunday and found it a good place to stay. A baby girl, weighing 10 pounds, arrived at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Leonard E. Ritchey, of Caselman, last Wednesday morning at 6:30 a. m. The new arrival is the third child, there being two boys, Calvin, 5, and Brian, 2. The Rev. Ritchey was pastor of the Runville charge, Evangelical United Brethren four churches the past five years and moved to Caselman last September. Mrs. Ritchey is the former Miss Jeanne M. Hawks, only daughter of Mrs. John H. Bohn, of Altoona. The Rev. Ritchey is a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ritchey Sr., also of Altoona.

## PINE GLEN

Church services: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Worship service at 11 a. m. The baccalaureate service will be at 7:45 p. m. at the Snow Shoe Methodist Church. Four members of the graduating class are from Burnside township, Isabel Kochik, Mona Fry, John McCullough and Marvin Hoover. Memorial services will be held at the cemetery here on Memorial Day. Anyone having lots are requested to clean them up. The 4-H club will meet on Monday, May 28, at the Starr school at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Bull, county agent, expects to be present. Mrs. Clyde Hoover Jr. was a patient in the Phillipsburg State Hospital for several days last week. Did you hear the wedding bells ring? Leonard Narehood and Mary Louise Cowder, of Kyfertown, were married on Saturday.

Addresses Son's Class  
Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president at Penn State, will deliver the commencement address when his son, Milton, Jr., is graduated from Kansas State College, May 27. Young Eisenhower, like his father before him, will get a bachelor's degree in Journalism. Dr. Eisenhower is former Kansas State president. A bureaucrat is one who doesn't know which way the wind is blowing until he throws his hat into the ring.

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