

# PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NEWS

## STORY TELLERS IN OPEN MEETING

Inspirational Stories Will Form the Program for Club Meeting Tuesday Evening

At the next open meeting of the Story-Telling Club, Tuesday evening, March 28, held in the assembly hall of the Public Library, "Inspirational Stories" will be the theme of interest. To illustrate this finest type of story, Miss Carrie Reinhold and her committee have arranged an excellent program. An ancient story from the Chinese, "Community Fair," will be given by Miss Carrie Reinhold. Henry Van Dyke's beautiful "Story of the Other Wise Man" will be told by Miss Florence Carroll. The quaint, sweet story, "Scarf of Dym," by Mary Trumbull Slosson, has been chosen by Miss Alice Cusack. "A Heroine in Broze," by James Lane Allen, will be given by Mrs. Anna Hamilton Wood. E. O. Perham's version of "Pippa Passes," the lovable little girl whom Robert Browning has made famous, will be told by Miss Mary Snyder. Miss Lois Booker will give an original poem, "The Song of the Soul." Mrs. S. G. Cohen will give her own adaptation of Nathaniel Hawthorne's ennobling story, "The Great Stone Face."

The members and guests of the club are requested to come promptly at 7.30 o'clock. An Easter lesson by Georgiana E. Spere will be used for discussion at the next meeting of the Story Circle and several of the members of the club will tell delightful stories.

**CENTRAL HIGH NOTES**  
The sessions in Central high school will change Monday. The March meeting of the Philonian Debating Society will be held at the home of Russel Nisley, 703 North Seventeenth street, Monday, March 27. A few members of the grand opera company will sing for the students of Central high school Tuesday afternoon. Students of both sessions are asked to attend.  
The Rev. Dr. James Fry Bullitt of Bellevue, spent yesterday in Philadelphia.  
Mrs. M. H. Plank, of 1421 North Front street, is spending the week-end in Baltimore.  
Mrs. Henry M. Stine, of 21 South Front street, returned last evening after a several days' visit in New York City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Long, of 1722 Carnation street, will soon remove to Summerdale.  
Mrs. John Rauch, of Herr street, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Holler, of Ohio.  
A. W. Myers, of the Myers Manufacturing Company, has returned after a business trip to Altoona, Pittsburgh and Johnstown.

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## COMMUNITY CLUB AT BREEZE HILL

Interesting and Seasonable Talk on Birds Given by William S. Essick

A most interesting meeting of the Bellevue Park Association was held last evening at Breeze Hill with Mr. and Mrs. J. Horace McFarland. During an informal program William S. Essick gave an illustrated talk on "Birds" which was both delightful and timely at this Spring season. Mr. Josiah H. Hillegas sang delightfully "The Swallows," by Cohen, and "Irish Love Song," by Margaret Lang. The social committee in charge of the event comprises M. I. Kast, chairman, and W. R. McCord, W. B. Corbett, Mrs. James F. Bullitt, Mrs. Lucien B. Notestine, Mrs. Walter E. Dietrich. Those present last evening were Mr. and Mrs. J. Horace McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Hause, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Olmsted, Mr. and Mrs. William R. McCord, Mr. and Mrs. John Heathcote, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Calder, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Thoma, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Dietrich, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Corbett, Mrs. and Mrs. J. Horace McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. M. I. Kast, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Notestine, Mr. and Mrs. John Hemperly, the Rev. and Mrs. James F. Bullitt, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Haselinen, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hillegas, William S. Essick, Robert McFarland, F. W. Watts, Harold McCord, Robert Notestine, Walter Dietrich, John Terry, Allen Shirley, Miss Helen McFarland, Miss Anna Taft, Miss Edith Young, Miss Emma Fulton, Miss Pearl Sowers, Miss Marjory Hause, Miss Frances Hause, Miss Miriam Hemperly, Miss Helen Notestine, Miss Pauline Kast, Miss Marie Tarlow, Miss Mary Elizabeth Dietrich, Miss Mary Corbet and Miss Margaret Bullitt.

Miss Elizabeth Evans of Lucknow was a Harrisburg visitor yesterday. Miss Helen Dunlap, a student at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dunlap, of 1507 North Second street.

**HAGERSTOWN WEDDINGS**  
Hagerstown, Md., March 25.—Miss Effie Pearl Thomas and George Albert Balthaser, both of Harrisburg, were married here on Friday at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church by the pastor, the Rev. E. K. Thomas.  
Miss Blanche O. Davis, of Paxtang, Pa., and Harry A. Bowers, of Millersburg, Pa., were married on March 21 at the parsonage of Christ's Reformed Church here by the Rev. Dr. Conrad Clever.  
Miss Hazel F. Shearer and John Spahr, both of Carlisle, Pa., were united in marriage yesterday at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church here by the Rev. E. K. Thomas.

## NEWS FROM CHINA AT FIRST HANDS

Donald Carruthers Tells of Chinese New Year and Other Interesting Matter

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carruthers, of State street, received the following letter this morning from their son, Donald C. Carruthers, who is the Princeton University representative at the Army Y. M. C. A. at Peking, China. The association is for the diplomatic corps, soldiers and sailors, American, British and German men.  
"The Chinese New Year is now in progress and there are a great many strange customs observed at this time. About a week before the first of the year the Kitchen God is burned up so that he may go to the world of the spirits and report on what was done in the family during the past year. They very cleverly fix it so that he can't say anything about their deeds and misdeeds for they stuff his mouth with sticks of sweet candy and thus make it possible for him to speak the proverbial 'honeyed words' of our good friend Homer. For the first two days of the New Year all the shops in the city are closed and it is impossible to do business. They are usually on sale every day. There is custom also of visiting the graves of their ancestors on New Year's eve and offering to them. It is most difficult for the native Christian members of the family for they do not observe these customs quite naturally and it becomes quite a problem for them if they be the only Christians in the home and all the other members continue to worship in this old way.  
"I went outside the city the other day to see them. It is most difficult for the Buddhist Temple on New Year's Day. The custom is to bow three times before the image of the Buddha and then to light sticks of incense at the same time in memory of your ancestors. You then buy paper money and burn it in the temple thus assuring you of a successful year. One old woman I saw went to the temple for the good of her soul and then went away having paid her religious duties for the entire year. I felt it was not unlike working off the necessary number of chapters when I was in the seminary. It was quite pathetic however, to see the heathen in his blindness bow down to wood and stone! In the court of this big temple were all manner of sellers of goods and it was easy to picture the temple in Jerusalem when Jesus drove forth all them that sold and overturned the tables of the money changers. Huge quantities of incense were everywhere burning and more was being constantly cast on the fire by eager worshippers. In one of the rooms of the temple was a figure of a bronze horse with peculiar medicinal and healing virtues. You were to kiss that part of the beast in which you were bothered and it is not hard to see what an infectious article such an object would be among so many ignorant people.

**Interesting Visitors**  
"Two very interesting Germans in the Army Y. M. C. A. the other day and I got to know them fairly well. The next day I took them through the Chinese Y. M. C. A. and they were considerably overawed by some of the things they saw. They have both been in the interior of one of the southern provinces in the South of China, just north of Burma. They are under the direction of the Dresden Museum in Dresden, Germany. One of them last year alone collected more than 20,000 perfect specimens of the butterflies of South China—representing more than 2,000 different species. It will require 5 or 6 years' work to mount them and arrange them when he goes back to Germany and after that he will then be ready to classify them and study them. I told him in my best German that he sure was a typical German student. The other chap is interested in bird migration and he has collected nearly 2,500 birds of more than 370 species. In Europe to-day there are but 250 species and this increase is quite noteworthy. He has added one or more whole families to the birds of China. Naturally I found the men interesting.  
"I have begun to give the series of lectures in Industrial History and in Economics which I had planned. The men in the course are very keen and understand English to a marked degree. I find it quite enjoyable teaching men a subject about which they have never heard or thought. It is like planting in a new soil only I find it difficult to find the proper seed at times.  
"I took two marines and a professor just out from America (H. Vinace who just left the Princeton Graduate College in January to take a position in a "Bleiten Government school) to the Forbidden City to look at the museum and painting collection. This last was on exhibit for this week only. So I was mighty fortunate to get in before the collection was permanently closed. I doubt if I have ever seen any finer bits of realism in painting than I saw there in one of the paintings of a waterfall with a majestic old eagle sitting on a rock. It was the finest thing of its kind I have seen in a long while and doubt if I shall ever forget its charm. The two marines and the other chap were likewise particularly struck by its beauty. When they saw the gold scarabards studded with diamonds belonging to the previous emperors they could hardly contain themselves for they had not thought such things possible in China. One man said: 'I wouldn't have missed seeing that museum for anything. I wouldn't have felt that I had seen China if I had not gone there.'

**Political Matters**  
"I note that you are all quite anxious over political matters in China now and I suppose this may be partly caused by American press reports. There is one thing sure—Peking will not be troubled—and the foreigners by no means. Everything up north here is as quiet as a tomb. It looks as if the south would split into a republic and the north would remain a monarchy. But we don't know."

Miss Lillian Sheetz and Miss Dorot Oden, of Winchester, Va., are the guests of Mrs. George M. Whitnes, 1605 North Second street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Saunders and small son Howard started this morning for their home in Toledo, Ohio, after a visit among relatives in Harrisburg and Steelton.  
Mrs. Thomas Leighton, of Binghamton, N. Y., was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. N. F. Geiger, of State street.

**SINGS IN WILKES-BARRE**  
Abner W. Hartman, bass soloist, has returned from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he assisted in the annual concert of Alexander's Band of that place. Mr. Hartman sang a group of three songs which were well received by a critical and appreciative audience. The concert was held in the Masonic Temple of Wilkes-Barre.

## Willing Class Band Elects New Officers

The Willing Class Band of Calvary Presbyterian Church met at the home of the teacher, Morris Taylor, 111 South street, Thursday evening. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. Ross Mountz, president; Mrs. Paul Stambaugh, treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Waite, secretary.  
After the business meeting a social hour was held, during which the class enjoyed music and games. Refreshments were served to the following members: The Misses Esther Conrad, Emma Mason, Catharine Light, Alma Yost, Mrs. Lewis Long, Mrs. Paul Stambaugh, Mrs. Chester Waite, Mrs. Ross Mountz, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Grant Schwarz, Jr., of 2224 North Second street, are spending some time in Atlantic City, where Mr. Schwarz is recuperating after an illness.  
Asa A. Welmer, of Lebanon, who is spending several days in the city, will be guest at the banquet of the Engineers Club this evening.  
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers have gone home to Toronto, Canada, after a brief stay among relatives in town.

Miss Madeline Hartman of Troy, N. Y., was a recent guest, at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Wilson Haynes, of Market street.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Irons, Third and Maclay streets, are in New York for a few days.  
Mrs. James Brady and Miss Maude Brady, 510 North Second street, are spending the week-end at Ardmore and New York.  
Miss Henrietta Richards, of Philadelphia, is visiting her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deane, of Market street, over Sunday.  
Miss Hester Reed and Miss Norma Reed are in Pittsburgh for a week on the way home from Cleveland and Chicago.

Mrs. Charles Crawford, of Washington, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. William L. Keller, 2225 North Front street.  
Mrs. Harry Bink, of Paxtang, is hostess for the Tuesday Embroidery Club this evening.  
Benjamin M. Nead, 204 North Second street, is spending a few days in Pittsburgh.

Miss Harriet Harris, of 1110 Herr street left to-day for Devon where she will enter upon a course of training preparatory to entering the Presbyterian Hospital at Philadelphia.  
Miss Martha Miller, a student at Smith College, is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Miller, of 2321 North Third street.

**STORK NEWS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Irvin C. Seighman, 403 South Fourteenth street, announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Iva, Saturday, March 18, 1916. Mrs. Seighman was formerly Miss Emma May Smith, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hoke, of 1103A Cowden street, announce the birth of a daughter, Beatrice Elizabeth Hoke, Tuesday, March 21, 1916.  
Mr. and Mrs. George A. Morrissey, of 1507 Allison street, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, March 21, 1916. Mrs. Morrissey was formerly Miss Mary Johnson, of this city.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Elmer, 42 Linden street, announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Claire, Thursday, March 23, 1916. Mrs. Elmer prior to her marriage was Miss Jennie Dingler.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellicker, 403 Harris street, announce the birth of a son Thursday, March 23. Mrs. Ellicker was Miss Belle Stettel before her marriage.  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman, 1104 Green street, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, March 19, 1916. Mrs. Hoffman was formerly Miss Agnes May, of Shamokin.

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## WHAT THE SHOPS ARE SHOWING

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**Luxuries for the Home**  
Perhaps you've been wishing for a fireside chair, a big, over-stuffed davenport, a pretty wicker rocker for the bedroom or a dainty boudoir lamp, or new furnishings for the dining room. "The high cost of living" is often the only reason that these things are not purchased, but now the wonderful \$25,000.00 furniture sale at the Chas. Hoover Furniture Co., 1415 North Second street, gives everyone an opportunity to supply their furniture needs at prices so low that luxuries in furnishings may be purchased at the usual price of necessities.

**Success**  
"Nothing succeeds like success," they say, and it is certainly true that the good qualities that create success invariably receive their due recognition, so as to be their own reward, and the manufacturer who takes the trouble to make a really fine product will soon find it famous. Thus it has been with the Penn Comfort and Penn Perfect furnaces, which are sold by the Himes Hardware Store, 10 North Market Square. They are a fine product, carefully and correctly made, and their success is the natural result of the pains taken in their manufacture.

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