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NATIVE BELLEFONTER

MISSING AT SEATTLE.

James E. Bassett Disappeared on

September 5th and Cannot

be Found.

James E. Bassett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bassett, of Annapolis, Md., and a nephew of James R. and Charles S. Hughes, of Bellefonte, mysteriously disappeared at Seattle, Wash., on September 5th, and all efforts of the authorities in Seattle to locate his whereabouts have proved unavailing to date. The fact that the young man's automobile and watch were found in the possession of D. E. Mayer, of Oakland, Cal., last Friday, gives the impression that Bassett has either been kidnapped or murdered.

Bassett had been at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Commander Theodore H. Winters, at the Puget Sound navy yard, and was making arrangements to sail in the near future for the Philippine Islands. He had advertised his Chrysler car for sale and had gone out on the morning of September 5th to look up a possible purchaser. He never returned and no trace of his whereabouts from the time he left his sister's home has been obtained.

As stated above the young man's father is Frank P. Bassett, who at one time was chemist for the old Bellefonte Furnace company. While living in Bellefonte he married Miss Marion Hughes, daughter of the late Rev. James P. Hughes, and their son James was born in Bellefonte. Some years later the family moved to Sparrows Point, Md., where they lived a number of years then moved to Annapolis, Md.

News Items of Presbyterian Home, at Hollidaysburg.

Donation week for the Presbyterian Home, at Hollidaysburg, will be held the third week in October, and all the churches in the Presbytery should make a hearty response.

The new wing to the Home is fast nearing completion and it is hoped to have it ready for occupancy by Christmas. It will afford an addition of twenty-four finely-equipped rooms, with an eight room apartment for employees. The total cost of the addition will be less than \$50,000, of which amount a little over \$30,000, which have been pledged. Contributions toward the work from Bellefonte people included Miss Emily Parker, \$1,000, and Miss Mira Humes, \$100. Up at State College Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Martin gave \$100 and Mrs. J. H. Tudor \$30.00. At Phillipsburg Mr. and Mrs. David Atherton gave \$15,000, which makes \$30,000 they have given to the home; Mrs. Lawshe Baird, \$1,000, and Thomas G. McCausland \$20.00.

The superintendent of the Home also acknowledges the receipt of \$1500, a bequest of the late Miss Mary E. McQuiston, of Bellefonte, for furnishing and maintaining a room in the Home.

A recent admission to the Home was Mrs. Jennie E. Deery, of Millroy, a sister of the late Frank E. Nagney, of Bellefonte.

Oats that looked so wonderfully promising on the ground is turning out to have been mostly straw. Farmers in the county who have threshed have been keenly disappointed at the yield their crop has turned out. This shortage coming in a season when few of them had even enough wheat for their own seed makes their plight all the worse.

On Wednesday evening, shortly after eight o'clock, a young man by the name of Hall, of Milesburg, running south on north Allegheny street, drove his car into the rear end of an automobile driven by Charles Tressler at the intersection of Allegheny and Howard streets. Both cars were damaged but nobody was hurt.

Judge M. Ward Fleming gave an interesting talk on the Constitution at the Kiwanis luncheon, at the Brockerhoff house, Tuesday noon.

MAXWELL.—Charles B. Maxwell, one of the leading citizens of Morrisdale, died at the Phillipsburg State hospital, last Friday morning, as the result of kidney trouble. He was taken ill on board ship while returning from a trip to Europe two weeks ago and was brought from New York and taken to the Phillipsburg hospital on Monday of last week. All efforts to save his life failed.

He was born at Morris Run, Tioga county, on February 10th, 1873, hence was in his 56th year. As a young man he located at Houtzdale where he studied coal mining in all its phases, fitting himself for a mining engineer. He at once accepted a position with the Morrisdale Coal Co. and in 1892 was sent to Broad Top as the company's superintendent of operations there. A year later he returned to Morrisdale to become superintendent of the company's operations in Clearfield county, a position he filled until his death. He was also superintendent of the Maxton Coal company, Cunard Coal company and Miller Coal company. He was president of the Moshannon Bank, of Phillipsburg, the board of trustees of the Phillipsburg hospital, the Superior Oil and Supply company, of Clearfield, and the Penn Bituminous Mutual Insurance company.

He was a member of the Presbyterian church, of Phillipsburg, the Rotary club and ranked high in the Masonic fraternity. His wife died five months ago and his only survivors are his mother and one sister. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, at Phillipsburg, on Sunday afternoon, by Rev. Ralph Illingworth, burial being made in the Umbria cemetery, at Osceola Mills.

HASSINGER.—Mrs. Margaret Hassinger, widow of the late John Hassinger, died at her home in Port Matilda on September 7th as the result of a stroke of apoplexy sustained on the morning of the 2nd. From the time she was stricken until she passed away she did not speak a word and was not able to recognize any one.

She was a daughter of Jacob and Nancy Johnstonbaugh and was born near State College about seventy-two years ago. As a young woman she married John Hassinger, of Scotia, where the family lived until about ten years ago when they moved to Port Matilda. Mr. Hassinger died in 1923 and since that time she had conducted the boarding house for the Superior Silica Brick company. She was a pronounced type of "Good Samaritan." Friend or stranger found a welcome at her abode and she was never known to turn away the hungry, and on many occasions furnished beds to the weary.

She is survived by eight children, Mrs. Elsie Fields, Chester E. and William Hassinger, of Norristown; Mrs. Nancy Wallace and Mrs. Eva Snyder, of Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Myrtle Young, Mrs. Rebecca Patton and Mrs. Edith Korman, of Port Matilda. She also leaves two brothers and two sisters, John Johnstonbaugh, of Bellwood; David, of Altoona; Mrs. Ellen Neidigh, of Tyrone, and Mrs. Annie Miller, of Williamsport.

Rev. Faus, of the Methodist church, had charge of the funeral services which were held at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of September 10th, burial being made in the Presbyterian cemetery at Port Matilda.

PURDUE.—Edward J. Purdue, who died at the Centre County hospital, last Thursday morning, had been a patient there for more than a month undergoing treatment for kidney trouble and other complications. He was a son of Thomas and Esther A. Meyers Purdue, and was born on the old Purdue homestead, on Muncy mountain, on September 9th, 1856, hence was 72 years and 4 days old. His entire life was spent on the mountain near the home of his birth, the past few years on the old Burnside place. He was a member of the Bellefonte Lodge of Moose.

He never married but is survived by four sisters, Mrs. C. F. Tate, of Bellefonte; Mrs. John Dawson, Mrs. Bert Poorman and Mrs. John Rossman, all living near Bellefonte.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, at the C. F. Tate home, in Bellefonte, by Rev. William Snyder, of the United Brethren church, burial being made in the Meyers cemetery.

MEYER.—Jacob Meyer, well known resident of Penn township, died at his home at Coburn, on Tuesday morning of last week as the result of general debility, aged 81 years, 10 months and 21 days. For fifty years he was engaged in the lumbering business and a portion of that time operated a planing mill at Coburn. He was a member of the Reformed church at Coburn.

His wife has been dead for some years but surviving him are two children, Mrs. C. F. Corman, of Coburn and Cyrus C. Meyer, an attorney in Pittsburgh. He also leaves three brothers, Philip F., Cyrus H. and Thomas A. Meyer, all of Coburn. Rev. G. A. Fred Greisinger had charge of the funeral services which were held on Friday morning, burial being made in the Millheim cemetery.

MORRISON.—Mrs. Margaret Morrison, widow of William Morrison, who moved to State College from Beechwoods, Clearfield county, about eleven years ago, died on Sunday, following an illness of some months. The remains were taken to Beechwoods on Tuesday for burial.

WEAVER.—Nelle M., daughter of James H., and the late Alice M. Wagner Weaver, of Milesburg, died in Jefferson hospital, Philadelphia, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Her body was brought to the home of her father Wednesday morning and services will be held there Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Revs. Lehman, Oakwood and Piper will officiate. Interment will be made in the Union cemetery in this place.

Miss Weaver was compelled to give up her work as assistant in the office of Dr. J. C. Rodgers in this place about eight months ago. Her health had broken and she entered the Centre County hospital for treatment. After twenty weeks there she was taken to Philadelphia in July and only two weeks ago wrote home of her recovery and suggested that she be met at Lewistown. Before these plans could be carried out word came that she had contracted an unusual throat trouble and death followed so quickly that the family could scarcely realize that she had gone.

She was born in Milesburg February 16, 1889, and was a young woman of exceptional qualities, a home maker for her father and a devoted member of the Methodist church.

Surviving her are her father and the following brothers and sisters, J. Fred, of Milesburg; Mrs. J. C. Irwin, of Snow Shoe; Mrs. J. L. Oswalt, of Milesburg; Clarence W., of Pittsburgh; Paul M., of Milesburg; Mark W., of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Harry C. Coleman, of LeMoyne.

GARNER.—Mrs. Adaline E. Garner, wife of Henry A. Garner, died at her home at State College, on September 8th, following an illness of eight months.

She was a daughter of Samuel and Maria Corl and was born at Pine Hall on January 27th, 1861. When twenty-one years old she married Henry Garner who survives with the following children: William M., of State College; Harry M., of Waddle; Mrs. Lottie A. Witmer, of Filmore; Mrs. A. Elvina Rockey, of Linden Hall, and J. M., of State College. She also leaves six brothers and sisters, Jeremiah Corl, of McKeesport; G. McClellan Corl, of Pittsburgh; Joseph H., Mrs. Rebecca Ewing and Mrs. Elvira Smeltzer, of State College, and Calvin T. Corl, near Bellefonte.

Mrs. Garner was a member of the Reformed church of State College and Rev. A. S. Asendorf had charge of the funeral services which were held on Wednesday morning of last week, burial being made in the Pine Hall cemetery.

POTTER.—Henry Potter, a member of one of the old-time families of Potter township, passed away at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon, at the home of his brother, Joshua T. Potter, in Centre Hall, following a week's illness. Contracting a bad cold his lungs became congested and later pneumonia developed which caused his death.

He was a son of Joshua and Mary Taylor Potter and was born on the old Potter homestead west of Centre Hall on October 5th, 1840, hence was almost 88 years of age. He never married but made his home with his brother on the farm until two years ago when they moved to Centre Hall. Of a family of eight children his brother Joshua is the only survivor.

He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian church and Rev. J. Max Kirkpatrick had charge of the funeral services which were held at the Potter home on Tuesday afternoon, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

GAULT.—Mrs. Mary C. Gault, widow of the late Samuel Gault, for many years residents of Bellefonte, died on Saturday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Showers, near Unionville, of general debility. She was a daughter of Henry and Hannah Poorman, and was born near Bellefonte on April 18th, 1848, hence was in her 81st year. Her surviving children are Mrs. C. W. Showers, of Bellefonte; Mrs. W. H. Knepp, of Huntingdon; Mrs. G. H. Barnes, of Duncansville; H. P. Gault, of Tyrone; Mrs. H. E. Stover, of Altoona; Mrs. A. L. Showers, of Unionville, and James Gault, of Grazierville. She also leaves one brother and a sister, Solomon Poorman, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Susan Ruhl, of Spring Mills. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. R. R. Lehman, burial being made in the Bellefonte Union cemetery.

CROUSE.—Mrs. Louisa R. Crouse, wife of George Crouse, died at her home at Smulton, last Saturday evening, following two month's illness with Bright's disease, aged 61 years, 10 months and 24 days. She was a daughter of Henry and Sarah Vonada and was born near Madisonburg. In addition to her husband she is survived by three children, Dora S. Crouse, of Smulton; Florence, at home, and Miss Berenice, of Bellefonte. She also leaves her aged mother, five brothers and three sisters. Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, in the Methodist church, of Smulton, of which she was a member, burial being made in the Union cemetery, at Rebersburg.

A troop of Boy Scouts was organized at Pleasant Gap, last Friday evening, by C. E. Williams, of Bellefonte. Twenty-one members were enrolled and LeRoy Adams was elected Scoutmaster.

NEW DRIVERS ELECTED FOR LOGAN PUMPERS.

Other Business Transacted by the Borough Council.

Only five members were present at the regular meeting of borough council, on Monday evening. A written complaint was received from W. F. Shope regarding the condition of a "lane" south of Logan street. He claimed it had never been properly cleaned up by the Central Pennsylvania Gas company after laying the pipe in the lane and when it rained became very muddy, much to the annoyance of the residents in that neighborhood. President Walker stated that he thought the company had done remarkably well in caring for the streets and alleys used and felt certain that everything would be put in proper shape as quickly as possible.

A communication was received from Ogden B. Malin, chief of the Logan Fire company, stating that two of the company's drivers, J. T. Storch and Earl Kline, have virtually left town and recommended that Miles Steel and Earl Custer be elected as their successors. On recommendation of the Fire and Police committee they were elected.

The Street committee reported various repairs on a number of streets, putting them in shape against the approach of the winter season. The committee also reported the collection of \$180.00 for six sewer permits.

The Water committee reported repairing one fire hydrant, several leaks in pipes, laying 715 feet of four inch pipe on north Allegheny street and completing the west Lamb street extension. Also the collection of \$4.00 for junk sold, \$60 for rent at Phoenix station, \$31.00 on the 1926 water duplicate and \$1594.00 on the 1927.

The Finance committee reported receipt of a check for \$1000 from Miss Sarah Love, on 1927 taxes and asked for the renewal of notes totaling \$21,500. No notes were authorized for a loan by John Griffith of \$2000 and one by Lizzie Hogan for \$500.

The Sanitary committee reported that the nuisance complained of by Mrs. Galer Morrison, the emptying of salt water from ice cream containers, in the gutter near her home on Bishop street, by Mr. Dunkleberger, had not been entirely abated. The committee reported that so far nothing has been done to abate the gutter nuisance near the Undine building and the Street committee was requested to see to it as soon as possible.

Mr. Cobb stated that he had investigated the complaint of Edward J. Decker regarding the shortage of water at his home on Blanchard street and found the complaint justified. Mr. Seibert stated that the water line to that point was only a two inch pipe and about one hundred feet of it was cast iron and was partly stopped up with barnacles. He further stated that a four inch pipe would naturally afford a better supply. The matter was referred to the Water committee with power.

The Special committee reported that no further progress had been made in the matter of securing a reduction of the deficiency charges on insurance rates and after some discussion the president referred the matter back to the committee for consultation with the borough solicitor regarding the kind of a zoning order the borough will have to adopt to meet the requirements of the Underwriter's association.

The Street committee reported that Malcolm Young had made request for a small street light on west Lamb street near his home, and the matter was referred to the committee with power.

The committee also complained about the dirty condition of the street lights in many portions of the town, and also that lights were off for days at a time before being fixed by the company. President Walker suggested that the committee take the matter up with superintendent E. C. Musser and he would probably see to it.

The following bids were received from Bellefonte coal dealers for supplying coal to the two fire houses: Thomas Coal yard, \$4.40; Bellefonte Fuel and Supply Co., \$4.50 and \$5.00; City Coal yard, \$4.35 and \$5.75; O. J. Harm, \$5.40. On motion the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, the City Coal yard, at \$4.35 a ton.

Bills were approved to the amount of \$4560 after which council adjourned.

Flick—Reese.—Edward R. Flick, of Unionville, and Miss Harriet Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Reese, of Tyrone, were married at the home of the bride's parents, at 6:30 o'clock on Thursday evening of last week, by Rev. M. C. Piper, of Milesburg, the ring ceremony being used. The attendants were Miss Elizabeth Reese as maid of honor; Plummer Flick, best man; Maxine Flick and Dorothy Friday, flower girls, while Mrs. Chaney A. Reese played the wedding march. Mr. Flick is employed in Tyrone and for the present the young couple will make their home with the bride's parents.

The remains of Mrs. Maud Derstine, wife of Rev. M. S. Derstine, pastor of the Methodist church at Muncy, who died at that place on Saturday, following a prolonged illness as the result of a stroke of paralysis, were taken to Centre Hall for burial on Wednesday morning.

GRAY'S CEMETERY A MODEL CITY OF THE DEAD.

There seems to be an awakening of interest and pride in the care that is given the last resting place of those of our families and friends who have gone before.

Some years ago the late Mrs. Joseph Montgomery aroused Bellefonte to realization of its indifference to the condition of the Union cemetery in this place. Every year since the work she launched has born fruit in increased interest in the town's burying ground so that today the place has no semblance to the unkempt appearance it presented twenty years ago.

Up at Pine Grove Mills "the old" cemetery, that was so much of a bramble patch that the grave stones couldn't be seen, only a short time ago, is a model of orderliness now.

Everywhere in the county we have noticed evidence of the awakening of community concern for the appearance of the plots in which they lay their departed to rest. It is a very creditable work, but will it be continued by those who are to follow or is it only the peculiar inclination of a passing generation?

If it is the latter there is a way to prepare for indifference on the part of posterity as well as the certainty of a time coming when few if any will be left in certain communities who have any interest in the old cemeteries that dot them. This can be done either by endowment funds or a plan for perpetual care.

The Union cemetery in Bellefonte, the Boalsburg cemetery, the Pine Hall cemetery and others in the county, no doubt, have adopted the perpetual care plan as insurance against the day when their burying grounds might become filled, new ones located, and no one left in the community with any interest in the graves in the old one.

We know of one cemetery in the county that is already so well provided for by perpetual care contributions that if it were not to receive another cent from any source it is in funds, wisely invested, to secure an interest yield that will keep its fence in order, its grass mowed and head stones clean for all time to come.

On Monday we drove up through Half-moon valley. We did not pass Gray's cemetery as usual with a casual glance. It looked so beautiful that we stopped to appraise what the people of that community have been doing lately. It is so trim, dignified and impressive looking that we wondered what it might be looking like a few generations hence. The names on the stones were all familiar to us—names of families many of whom have been in the valley almost since the county was erected. Far more of them are in Gray's cemetery, however, than in the villages and on the farms surrounding it, and twenty years from now there will be few left in that valley who will have any concern for what the graves of those who made it look like.

The saddest thought those who are going down the other side of the hill can have is that of "how soon are we forgotten." We all hope that some one will see that our "grave is kept green," but what right have we to hope for such labor of love or reverence from someone who never knew us or has no reason to revere our memory.

All these thoughts passed in review as we passed by Gray's cemetery. And we wondered whether the Grays, the Hartsocks, the Ways, the Meeks, the Sellers, the Kepharts, the Stevensons, the Matterns, the Behrs, the Stines, the Hueys, the Norrises and others who are left of the old families are thinking of what will happen when the last of them is gone or removed so far that the last resting place of their forebears is not an occasional reminder to see that "my grave is kept green."

We don't know whether Gray's cemetery is incorporated or not. If it isn't it ought to be. Further than that it ought to follow the advice of the sage of the First National bank of Bellefonte whose impressive comment on the condition of the cemetery at Zion, published a few weeks ago, was the inspiration of this article. While there are enough of the older families of Half-moon valley living Gray's cemetery ought to be insured.

Five thousand dollars, properly invested by a bank with fiduciary powers, would provide a fund that would perpetually care for a cemetery as large as Gray's. And if only twenty-five of the survivors of the families whose ancestors are lying there were to give two hundred that amount would be raised. And why pay a thousand dollars for a marker that couldn't be seen in a cemetery if it were neglected for only ten years.

Marriage Licenses.

Gerald E. Flegal and Elsie E. Packard, both of Clearfield.

Joseph Radowsky, of Hawk Run and Elizabeth Yasovsky, of Phillipsburg.

William H. Pearson and Dorothy L. Rossman, both of Bellefonte.

William Lyons and Rosie Rupert, both of Bellefonte.

Daniel J. Miller and Elsie G. Glover, both of Lock Haven.

The rain of Wednesday and yesterday came at a time when it was badly needed, and now if the weather man will give us about another month of warm weather it will help the farmers amazingly.

A Library for Centre County.

Henry L. Cecil, a member of the lecture bureau of the National Association of Book Publishers, will talk on the needs of a county library at a meeting of the Bellefonte Woman's club on Monday evening, September 24th, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Cecil as lecturer, teacher and school superintendent, has come into close contact with the reading needs of people in many parts of the country. He has lectured before grade, High, and Normal schools of the Atlantic seaboard and the middle west, and presents most convincingly the great importance of the public library in developing the minds and ideals of the citizenry.

He will speak throughout the county as follows:

State College, Thursday, Sept. 20

Millheim, Friday, Sept. 21.

Phillipsburg, Saturday, Sept. 22,

and Tuesday, Sept. 25.

Spring Mills and Centre Hall, Wednesday, Sept. 26.

All men and women who are interested in bettering the citizenship of our country are urged to attend these meetings.

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