

OBITUARY

ALVIN C. McCALL

Alvin C. McCall, a lumber operator from Johnstown, died at the State College Hotel at 8 o'clock Friday night, February 14, 1941, after suffering a stroke on West College avenue, State College, Thursday morning. Aged 63 years, the late Mr. McCall is survived by his wife and three daughters. The body was taken to Johnstown for interment.

MRS. W. C. BIERLY

Mrs. W. C. Bierly, wife of Rev. W. C. Bierly of 143 McAllister street, State College, died at the Jersey Shore hospital early Wednesday morning, February 12, 1941. Mrs. Bierly is survived by her husband, who served as pastor of St. John's Evangelical Church in State College for 23 years; a son, Paul, of Jersey Shore, and another son, George, of Wilkes-Barre; two daughters, Mrs. Cora Larish of Palmyra and Mrs. Mary Campbell of Berwick; and ten grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the home of her son, Paul, at Jersey Shore, Saturday afternoon, with the Rev. L. L. Stabler of St. John's Evangelical Church, State College, officiating. Interment was made at Mifflintown. Mrs. Bierly had been active in St. John's Church since her husband's retirement.

HOWARD S. HOUSER

Howard S. Houser, resident of Spring Mills, died at 9:15 o'clock Friday night, February 14, 1941, at the Centre County Home, Bellefonte, after a lingering illness with a complication of diseases. He had been admitted to the home one week before death ensued. Mr. Houser was a son of Daniel and Eva Hubler Houser and was born at Houserville on December 18, 1859, making his age at time of death 81 years, 2 months and 12 days. His wife, Elizabeth Kinley, preceded him in death. Mr. Houser was the last member of a family of 11 brothers and one sister, and is survived by nieces and nephews residing in State College and in Penn's Valley. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the F. V. Goodhart Funeral Home, Centre Hall, and interment was made in the Georges Valley cemetery.

MRS. ANNIE T. DUFF

Mrs. Annie T. Duff, widow of John T. Duff, and a native of Centre county, died Thursday morning, Feb. 13, 1941, at the home of her son, Guy A. Duff, at Chariton, Clinton county, after a lingering illness. Mrs. Duff had moved to Chariton with her husband in 1902 and had lived there ever since. She was a member of the Chariton Methodist church. Surviving are the following sons and daughters: John, of McElhattan, and Guy and Mrs. J. F. Decker, of Chariton; Mrs. Cora Fanning, Youngdale; Mrs. W. H. Wheeler and Mrs. Maude Kinley, Williamsport; Mrs. W. H. Caldwell, Gaylord, Mich.; and Mrs. Mabel Mix of Renovo; also two sisters and a brother, Mrs. M. M. Hartwick and Mrs. William Kline, State College, and Grant Thomas, Fox Park, Wyo. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon with the Rev. Edward L. Bair of McElhattan, officiating. Burial was made in Woolrich cemetery.

WILLIAM ELMER KLINE

William Elmer Kline, aged 66 years, four months, and 19 days, died at 7:45 o'clock Friday morning, February 14, 1941, at his home in Shingletown. He was born October 4, 1874 in Snyder County, a son of Simon and Lucy Mulbarger Kline. His father survives in Lyons, O. The deceased was married March 5, 1895, to Jeannette Thomas, who also survives with these children: Eric Martz, Huntingdon, W. Va.; Mrs. Irene Judy, Lewisburg; Grant, Oak Hill; Hamill, Lemont; John, Clintondale; Fred, Boalsburg; and Mrs. Mary Callahan, State College, R. D. One brother, Frank Kline of Tamaqua, also survives. The late Mr. Kline was a member of the State College Methodist Church and

a charter member of the State College Modern Woodman of America. Funeral services were held at his late home Tuesday morning with Rev. H. P. Babcock and Rev. L. J. Kauffman officiating. Interment was made at Boalsburg with members of the State College Modern Woodmen of America acting as pallbearers.

WILLIAM A. ROCKEY

William A. Rockey, well known retired farmer, died at his home in Boalsburg at 8:45 o'clock Friday night, February 14, 1941, from the effects of a stroke suffered last Wednesday. Mr. Rockey was a son of John L. and Amelia A. Katherman Rockey and was born at Zion on October 2, 1862, making his age at time of death 78 years, 6 months and 12 days. On September 17, 1885 he was united in marriage with Lydia H. Grove, who survives with these children: Mrs. Lesh Wright and Ralph Rockey, both of Boalsburg, and Willard G. Rockey, of Petersburg. Also surviving are six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Rockey, who retired from farming 21 years ago, was a member of the Boalsburg Lutheran church, the Knights of Malta, and for 50 years was a member of Victor Grange. Funeral services were held at the Boalsburg Lutheran church on Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. L. J. Kauffman officiating. Interment was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

MRS. JOHN W. EBY

Mrs. Jane Sharer Eby, wife of John W. Eby, of Zion, died at 6 o'clock Friday night, February 14, 1941, at the home of her son-in-law, Milford T. Herman, of Zion, after a five months' illness with a complication of diseases. Death came on her 74th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Eby, a lifelong resident of the Zion vicinity, was a daughter of David and Jemima Foster Sharer and was born near Zion on February 14, 1867. Surviving are her husband, John W. Eby, well known retired Zion farmer, with whom she was united in marriage on July 17, 1887; three children, William C. Eby, Mrs. Milford T. Herman and Mahlon J. Eby, all of Zion; a sister, Mrs. Emma Swartz of Pleasant Gap; a brother, John Sharer of Princeton, Ill., and a grandchild, Cecil M. Herman. Mrs. Eby was an active member of the Zion Lutheran church. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the home, followed by services in the Zion Lutheran church, with the Rev. Paul J. Keller assisted by the Rev. Mr. Link, in charge. Interment was made in the Zion cemetery.

WILLIAM B. LYONS

William B. Lyons, of Bellefonte, passed away at 6:55 o'clock last Thursday night, February 13, 1941, at the home of his son-in-law, Homer Ishler, of 126 Hartwick Avenue, State College, from the effects of a cerebral hemorrhage. He had been ill since October. Mr. Lyons was a son of Sherman and Catherine Young Lyons and was born at Lyontown this county on July 13, 1867, making his age at time of death 73 years, and 7 months. On December 26, 1889, he was united in marriage with Minnie B. Struble, who preceded him in death on March 16, 1926. Surviving are these children: Merle, of Bellwood; Mrs. Grace Williams, of Cleveland, Ohio; and Mrs. Leona Ishler, of State College; a brother, Harry Lyons, of Bellefonte; a sister, Mrs. Mollie Johnstonbaugh, of Lyontown; 6 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Mr. Lyons was a member of the Bellefonte Methodist church, the Modern Woodman of America and the Urdine Fire Company. Funeral services were held at the Bellefonte Methodist church on Monday afternoon, with Rev. H. Willis Hartsock, Rev. C. C. Shuey and Rev. John F. Harkins, officiating. Interment was made in the Union cemetery, Bellefonte, with members of the Urdine Fire Company serving as casketbearers.

MRS. J. ALBERT GUMMO

Mrs. Rose Etta Gummo, 84, who with her husband, J. Albert Gummo, quietly celebrated her 62nd wedding anniversary on Tuesday, February 11, died Friday afternoon, February 14, 1941, at her home in Salona. She had been ill for several years, suffering from ailments due to advanced age. Born in Boalsburg, she had gone as a child to Nittany Valley and resided there after her life. She was a member of the Lutheran church at Salona. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four sons and two daughters, John W. and George P. Gummo, Mill Hall, R. D.; Ward N. Gummo, Lock Haven; Sheridan A. Gummo, Nittany; Mrs. Florence Heltman, Hovard, and Mrs. Helen Fox, Los Angeles, Calif.; also one brother and two sisters, William J. Mauck, Lock Haven; Mrs. Minerva Miller, Mill Hall, and Mrs. James McClintick, Salona; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the late residence Tuesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. Paul J. Keller of Snydertown. Burial was made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

MRS. ALICE M. IRVIN

Mrs. Alice M. Irvin, of Pennsylvania Furnace, widow of the late Daniel Irvin, died at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning, February 17, 1941, at the home of her son, Clarence, at the Branch, after a several months' illness with a complication of diseases. Mrs. Irvin was a daughter of William and Elizabeth Kuhn Cole and was born at Loveville, this county, on July 26, 1862, making her age at time of death 78 years, 6 months, and 21 days. On February 16, 1882, she was united in marriage with Daniel Irvin, who passed away on March 21, 1929. Surviving are two sons and two daughters: Mrs. George Meyer, of State College; Clarence, of the Branch; George H. Irvin, of Beverly Hills, Calif.; and Mrs. Alice E. Wright, of Latrobe. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick, of Tyrone; 10 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Irvin was a member of the Graysville Presbyterian church. Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock this Thursday morning at the home of the son, Clarence, with the Rev. Mr. Groendyk, of the Graysville Presbyterian church officiating. Interment will be made in the Graysville cemetery.

MRS. SAMUEL MCKINLEY

Mrs. Susanna McKinley, wife of Samuel McKinley, of Pleasant View, one mile north of Bellefonte, died at 9 o'clock Friday morning, February 14, 1941, at the County Home, Bellefonte, after an illness with a complication of diseases incident to advanced age. She had been a patient at the home since January 9, and had been bedfast for the past year. Mrs. McKinley was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Croft Wilson and was born in Clinton county on August 11, 1857, making her age at time of death 86 years, 6 months, and 3 days. Surviving are her husband, Samuel McKinley; a brother, James Wilson, of Pleasant View; three grandchildren, Mrs. Eugene Rupert, of Milesburg, and Samuel and Norman McKinley, both of Pleasant View, and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home in Pleasant View, with the Rev. M. P. Kerstetter pastor of the Milesburg Methodist church officiating. Interment was made in the Troyville cemetery, Milesburg. Mrs. McKinley was a member of the Milesburg Methodist church.

MRS. WILLIAM FRANK

Mrs. Ida May Frank, wife of William Frank, residing along the Zion-Jacksonville road, passed away at the family home there about 8:45 o'clock Thursday night, February 13, 1941, after a several months' illness with a complication of diseases. The family moved six years ago from Pennsylvania Furnace to the Zion section. Mrs. Frank was a daughter of Jacob and Hannah Gady Emeligh and was born in Huntingdon county on February 8, 1874, making her age at time of death 67 years and 5 days. Surviving are her husband; the following children: Mrs. Ruth Frank, Pennsylvania Furnace; Thomas, Basil and Daniel Frank, State College; Mrs. Ellen Cox, Curtin; Mrs. Edith Orndorf, Woodward; Mrs. Margaret Wolfe, Coburn; William and Lee, at home, and Glenn, of Alexandria; and three sisters, Mrs. Mary Robinson, Mrs. Margaret Duputter and Mrs. Nora Dixon, all of Bradford, together with 13 grandchildren. Mrs. Frank was a member of the Presbyterian church. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Widowson Funeral Home, Bellefonte, followed by services in the Presbyterian church at Baileyville, with the Rev. Paul J. Keller officiating. Interment was made in the Graysville cemetery.

MRS. CECELIA J. MAURER

Mrs. Cecelia Josephine Maurer, for over fifty years a well known resident of Tyrone, died Wednesday afternoon Feb. 12, 1941 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Robinson, Mount Union, following an illness extending over a period of five years from complications. Mrs. Maurer was born at Frenchville, Clearfield county, March 6, 1867, a daughter of Frederick and Harriett (Fontory) Plubel. On January 18, 1885, at Frenchville, she was united in marriage with Reuben Thomas Maurer, who died several years ago. She is survived by these children: Mrs. Lydia Phillips, Tyrone; Mrs. Robert Morgan, Tyrone; Mrs. Howard Steer, Milesburg; Mrs. J. D. Neidigh, State College; Norman Maurer, Altoona; Mrs. Mary Broderick, Detroit, Michigan; Olie Maurer, Akron; Mrs. James Robenolt, Mount Union; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Sinclair, Snow Shoe, and Mrs. Basil Rougeux, Clearfield; also these brothers: Cammie Plubel, of Indiana, Pa.; Fred Plubel, Pine Glen, and Basil Plubel, Snow Shoe. There are 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Maurer, a kind and loving home woman, was a faithful member of the Columbia Avenue Methodist church, of

THE WAR IN EUROPE

(Ed. Note—As this column is prepared several days in advance of publication date, any subsequent events that may conflict with the opinions expressed herein must be considered as unforeseen.)

Most military experts agree with the analysis of the war situation given by Mr. Winston Churchill in his recent broadcast. The British Prime Minister discounted the sweeping victories already scored by the Nazi military machine, deprecated the effects of a Nazi sweep through the Balkans and the seizure of Russian provinces and asserted that all these gains would be of no avail unless Germany defeats Great Britain.

Consequently, there is general agreement that Hitler, to accomplish his purpose, must make an attempt to invade the British Isles. The longer the effort is postponed, the stronger become British defenses, the more potent the flow of supplies from the United States and the more dangerous the general peril of the Nazi regime. Hitler apparently realizes this and is anxious to fortify his position in France, strengthen his hegemony in the Balkans and bolster his Italian ally in the Mediterranean area.

Some Doubt of Attack

While most military experts agree that Hitler must attack the British, there is a small minority which insists that he cannot afford this terrific gamble unless assured of the safety of his base of operations in Northern France, the security of his oil supply from Rumania and the continued resistance of the Italians under Mussolini.

Moreover, this minority argues that while Hitler's army is superb, his air force is hampered by the threat of oil shortages and the necessity of patrolling the Russian frontier and the far-flung areas of conquered nations.

Weighing the arguments on both sides, we cannot see how Hitler can long delay an attack upon England. Certainly what happens in the Balkans and the Mediterranean areas will represent temporary gains until the issue is decided between the two great powers.

Of course, it is possible for Hitler and Mussolini to stand on their gains, attempt to consolidate the territory and spoils that they have acquired and adopt a defensive role while airplanes and submarines attempt to carve out the British. Such a low-level strategy contains peril for both totalitarian states and especially for Fascist Italy.

Heavy Punishment for Italy

The capture of Begad by the British Army in Libya indicates the complete collapse of Graziani's army in Africa and invites the British to

RANDOM NOTES

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TEACHER:

Ordinarily you would think the profession of school teaching was virtually without hazards to life, limb and the pursuit of happiness, but it seems that even Bellefonte teachers are not safe. According to reports, a teacher the other day was younger in after school. The child's mother allegedly appeared at school, dragged her child from the classroom and threatened the teacher with bodily harm if the child was ever detained again. The mother alleged to have indicated that perhaps she carried a gun in her purse. There reportedly was a later scene between mother and teacher on the streets, and the teacher is said to be somewhat fearful that threats will be carried out. It is somewhat comforting to the teacher to know that police have been informed of the matter and are carefully watching developments.

MRS. ROSS MOWERY

Mrs. Lucina Mowery, 87, widow of Ross Mowery, died Tuesday evening, February 11, 1941, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Wensel, Loganton, R. D., after an illness of five years. Surviving her are two other daughters and a son, Mrs. Ella Yarrison, Williamsport; Mrs. Lulu Brungart, Spring Mills, and James Mowery, Jersey Shore, R. D.; also 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; a brother and two sisters, John Turley and Mrs. Clara McClintick, Wadesville; and Mrs. Lina Hillier, Renovo. Funeral services were held Saturday at the Wensel home, followed by services at the Loganton Evangelical church of which she was a member. The Rev. T. R. Huser officiated and burial was made in Fairview cemetery.

DR. ERWIN W. RUNKLE

Dr. Erwin William Runkle, professor emeritus of philosophy at Penn State College, died at his home on South Pugh street, State College, at 7:45 a. m. Friday, February 14, 1941, as the result of a stroke suffered January 13. He was 71. Dr. Runkle was painfully hurt when he fell as the result of the stroke, suffered while walking, and became slowly weaker from that time on. Dr. Runkle was born on May 29, 1869, in Lebanon, Iowa, a son of Adam and Malinda Shirk Runkle. He attended Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, graduating in 1890. He received his master's degree there in 1891 and his Ph. D. at Yale in 1893. Going to Penn State in 1893 as an instructor in philosophy, he became an assistant professor in 1894 and a full professor in 1899. From 1904 until 1923 he served as College librarian, and from 1923 until his retirement in 1938 he was head of the philosophy department. He was deeply interested in the history of the College and became historian of the institution in 1926, continuing in that capacity until the present. He was married on September 6, 1894 to Miss May Middlekauff who survives. He also leaves one son, Lawrence M., of Forest Hills, L. I., two brothers, Edward A., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and one sister, Mrs. E. G. Dannatt, Ames, Iowa. Funeral services were held Monday morning in the First Presbyterian church, State College, in charge of Rev. E. H. Jones. Interment was made in Pine Hall cemetery.

Three Families Routed by Fire

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porarily into their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz and their daughter, 3, are now living in Johnstown City, N. Y., where Mr. Fritz is a student at the Baptist Seminary. He enrolled last September in a 3-year course after the accidental death of his son, 6, who was struck by a car at Flemington.

'Peter Hauntz,' Entertainer

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"She died young, soon after the birth of a son who I believe still lives. 'Peter Hauntz' widow, as kindly and lovable as her distinguished husband, died about 1928. In the winter Prof. Sharpe wore top boots and a fur cap with ear-flaps, resembling some old-time pioneer, but when he gave his shows he appeared in a black Prince Albert or frock coat, black string tie, and immaculate white shirt front which, with his handsome features, made him very distinguished.

"He was an impressive figure, though most of his shows were given in halls or schools where there were no stages or platforms, just a drop curtain, but his manner commanded respect and his friendly steel grey eyes won his audiences old and young.

"I consider that Prof. Sharpe, alias Peter Hauntz, brought more joy to the young people of central Pennsylvania than all the other entertainers of his generation. There should be a memorial of some kind and a permanent display of his life-like puppets in Gov. James' state museum on Capital Hill."

By way of further comment, Colonel Shoemaker states:

In a letter from Mrs. Charles Rowles of Castanea, Clinton county, the granddaughter of "Peter Hauntz" says: "I read the article about my grandfather, late J. H. Sharpe. I was pleased about it. The puppets were never destroyed. My grandparents lived for 40 years in Hubbersburg and my grandmother travelled with him every place. She spoke French, German and Pennsylvania Dutch like English. Both Prof. and Mrs. Sharpe came of old-time colonial families, and were highly educated."

It was largely because of their intense love of children that the Sharpes toured the mountain settlements, this writer has been told. It was art coupled with love of humanity that sent them on long and arduous tours, lasting for months at a time.

Perhaps Mrs. Rowles has a family album with portraits of the revered professor and his wife, also the dark beauty, Nelly, whose loveliness is still lauded around the stove in many a mountaineer cabin in the wild Nittany ridges. At the west end of Hubbersburg, that is the part nearest to Bellefonte stands a picturesque little Presbyterian church, a miniature of John Knox's Kirk of St. Giles in Edinburgh and behind it grew a stand of dwarf primrose.

There have been many conflicting rumors circulating throughout Europe. Talk of peace, with reports asserting that Germany was attempting to make peace between Italy and Great Britain. The verge of seeking an armistice from Great Britain.

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