

OBITUARY

CHARLES EDWARD RIEGEL

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Charles E. Riegel, aged 76, of Berwick, a former Nittany Valley resident. He suffered a heart attack Wednesday of last week and died Saturday evening, December 18, 1943, at 6:45 at his home. Mr. Riegel was born in Lamar, Clinton county, and had lived in that community and the east end of Nittany Valley until his family moved to Berwick 48 years ago. He was an active member of the Methodist church and the P. O. S. of A. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, a son, and four grandchildren, all of Berwick. Mr. Riegel was the last member of the Isaac Riegel family. Those attending the funeral from this section were: Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Riegel, of Centre Hall; Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Seyler and family, of Avis; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Taylor and Mrs. Cordella Reish, of Salona; Mrs. Clair Beck, of Mill Hall, and her sister, Mrs. Charles Eason, of Ridgway.

MRS. JOSEPH G. PLETCHER

Mrs. Bessie Pletcher, wife of Joseph G. Pletcher, of Bellwood, Pa., while visiting the home of a stepson, Joseph Pletcher. Death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage. She was born March 29, 1875, at Alexandria, Huntingdon county, a daughter of George and Mary (McCombs) Estep. Mrs. Pletcher was previously married to John H. McGlinsey, who died in 1931. Six children of that union survive, Harry C. McGlinsey, of Juniata; John H. Mc-

Linsey, of State College; Mrs. B. B. Briggs and Mrs. E. E. Shaffer, both of Bellwood; Mrs. Lucy Walsh, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. L. R. Hobbs, of Pittsburgh. Also surviving are two brothers, Howard W. Estep, of New Kensington, and Harry Estep, of Altoona; a sister Mrs. Ada Steward, of Lewistown, and a half-brother, Clayton Estep, of Indianapolis, Ohio. Mrs. Pletcher was married to Joseph G. Pletcher in 1935 and he survives with the following stepchildren: Mrs. Elvira Kennedy, of Bellwood; Mrs. H. T. Harvey, of Millvale; Mrs. Job Bowers, of Altoona; Grant C. Pletcher, of Crete, Ill., and Joseph D. Pletcher, at whose home she died. Other survivors include five grandchildren, two of them being in the service in the South Pacific. Mrs. Pletcher was a member of the Bellwood Methodist church.

DONALD M. HOUSEAL

Donald Max Houseal, nine-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Harry A. Houseal, former residents of Millheim, died in the Memorial Hospital, New York City, on Monday December 13, 1943, following an illness of several months duration of a complication of diseases. The boy some months ago developed an ailment and it was soon learned that death was inevitable. Donnie was born in Montoursville, September 17, 1934 and was aged 9 years, 2 months and 27 days. Surviving are the parents and a younger brother, David, as well as his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Emma Houseal, all of Lemoyne, and his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Abel, of York. Fu-

neral services will be held Thursday, with interment in Mt. Rose Cemetery, York.

BILLY KAYE DAWSON

Billy Kaye Dawson, two months old son of Charles and Kathryn Irwin Dawson, of South Potter street, Bellefonte, died at 7:30 Sunday evening, December 19, 1943, at the Dawson home. The infant, born in Bellefonte, October 5, 1943, is survived by his parents and a brother, Charles, Jr., and one sister, Judith, both at home. Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the home in charge of Rev. G. E. Householder. Burial was made in the Union cemetery.

MISS MARY GARLAND

Miss Mary M. Garland, 88, died Friday evening at 7 o'clock at her home at Sandy Ridge. Her death was attributed to her advanced age. The deceased was a daughter of Henry and Margaret Woomer Garland. She was born January 10, 1855, at Bald Eagle. She was a lifelong resident of Sandy Ridge and was never married. She was a member of the Sandy Ridge United Brethren church. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence. The Rev. Lloyd Muhollen of West Decatur, officiated, and burial was made in the Phillipsburg cemetery.

SAMUEL B. SHOOK

Samuel B. Shook, of Turbotville, brother of Jacob Shook, of Bellefonte, died Saturday at his home, following a week's illness with influenza. He was born Aug. 18, 1873 in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, and lived most of his life in or near Turbotville, where he was a member of the St. James Lutheran church. Survivors include a son, John, of Turbotville; his father, Henry Shook, South Williamsport; two brothers, Jacob, Bellefonte, and Reuben, South Williamsport, and a sister, Mrs. William Fuller, Huntersville. Funeral services were held Tuesday with interment in Muncy cemetery.

MRS. EMMA ELIZABETH WILSON

Mrs. Emma Elizabeth Wilson, of Zion, died at 6:45 p. m. Friday, December 17, 1943, at her home of complications. Mrs. Wilson, who had been ailing for several years, was 61. Born in Union county on December 19, 1881, she was a daughter of William and Mary Wittmer Hoffman. Her husband, George Wilson, and two sons, Milo and Fred Wilson, both of Zion, survive. William Hoffman of Pleasant Gap, is a surviving brother. She was a member of the Reformed church, Zion. Funeral services were held at the church, Monday, with Rev. Charles Link officiating. Interment was made in Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

JOSEPH H. MILLS

Joseph H. Mills, of near Mt. Eagle, was found dead in his cottage on the Bennett lumber operation near Mt. Eagle, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Death is believed to have taken place about 2 o'clock that afternoon, and according to Centre County Coroner Charles Sheckler, William Bressley, who occupied a cottage nearby, said Mills was in his usual health about noon, when he went into his cottage for a nap. Mr. Mills was a son of John and Anna Mayes Mills and was born in

Boogs township on June 25, 1885, making his age at time of death 58 years, 5 months and 24 days. His wife, the former Carol Pickie, and these children survive: John, George and Edgar Mills, all in the Army; Melvin Mills, in the Navy; Jacob Mills, Mrs. Kenneth Miller and Mrs. Arthur Emel, all of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Also surviving are a brother and sister: Michael Mills, of Bellefonte, and Mrs. Merrill Bowser, of Milesburg; and a half-brother, Selby Hardigan, of Lock Haven. Seven grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at the Wetzel Memorial Chapel, Milesburg, with Rev. Howard E. Oakwood officiating. Interment will be made in the Advent cemetery.

GEORGE McHENRY, KASE, sr.

George McHenry Kase, Sr., employed as a carpenter by the Titan Metal Company, died at the Centre County Hospital here at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, December 20, 1943, from the effects of a series of strokes. He had been a patient at the hospital for several weeks. Deceased, who resided with the Samuel Roberts family on Wilson street, was a son of Peter and Lydia Zilph Kase and was born in Pennsylvania on May 13, 1861, making his age 82 years, 7 months and 7 days. Surviving children are: George, Jr., of Williamsport; Charlton, of Kingston, and Mrs. Ray Seymour, of Wilkes-Barre. The body was taken to the Widdowson Funeral Home and later was taken to Kingston, where services will be held on Friday, with interment at Kingston.

ALFRED SEIBERT

Alfred Seibert, of Phillipsburg, brother of James D. Seibert, of Pine street, Bellefonte, died Saturday, December 18, 1943, at 9:45 a. m. at the County Home, Bellefonte. He was 71. Mr. Seibert was born at Bellefonte, March 1, 1872, a son of Jacob and Anna Reese Seibert. He never married. In addition to his brother living in Bellefonte, another brother, Frank Seibert, of Phillipsburg, and one sister, Mrs. Henrietta Newland, of Pittsburgh, survive. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Seibert home, Bellefonte, with Rev. Harry C. Stoninger, Jr., officiating. Interment was made in Union cemetery, Bellefonte.

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Knights of Columbus Install Officers Here

A special meeting of the St. John's Council of Lewistown, and Bellefonte Council, Knights of Columbus, was held in the K. of C. rooms in the Farmers' National Bank building, Bellefonte, Sunday afternoon. Installation of officers of both Councils by District Deputy M. V. Dughl of Lewistown, and his assistant, featured the meeting. Speakers of the afternoon were State Deputy Robert J. White of Williamsport, who spoke on Council activities, the insurance system; District Deputy Dughl, and members of both Councils.

Members of the Bellefonte Council installed for the ensuing year were: Joseph J. Boscaino, grand knight; John T. Mignot, deputy grand knight; John Conaghan, chancellor; John S. Knapik, financial secretary; John T. Catalano, recorder; Frank Metzger, warden; B. J. Beezer, treasurer; Fred P. Saylor, lecturer; Joseph T. Kelleher, advocate; Alf Boscaino, inside guard; Carmine Formicola, outside guard; and James C. Hazel, W. J. Love and James Boscaino, trustees.

About 60 members were present. After the meeting a buffet lunch was served by the local council.

—Last Minute sale of mirrors and pictures at Claster's, Bellefonte, Pa.

Admits Murder; Police Not Impressed

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One of the offenses for which he spent time in prison (he spent about 18 of his 38 years behind bars) resulted from a sodomy charge. He is alleged to have tied a crippled boy to a tree and misused him.

The man was arrested in DuBois on a minor charge early this month and while being questioned there indicated he knew some things about a couple of fires in this county. He was brought here on December 3, and under questioning by State Police admitted firing the James Blanchard Lucas barn along the Jacksonville road on February 27, 1940. He also admitted setting fire to the William Fred Haines barn along the same road on February 10, 1940. Those fires were set just one month before the Taylor murder.

After his "confession" to the murder, Snavey also "confessed" he set fire to the Yearick barn in Little Nittany Valley, but a check on that confession revealed the man was serving time in prison when that barn burned.

As a matter of fact, Snavey has told police he'll "confess" to anything they want him to, as long as they don't question him. He seems to have a horror of being questioned.

Snavey pleaded guilty to an arson charge here December 7 before Judge Ivan Walker and was sentenced to serve from 10 to 20 years in the Western Penitentiary. Because police believed he had "something on his mind," he was not taken to Pittsburgh at once, but has been questioned in other crimes. It was during this questioning that he made the additional confessions, police said.

Although they discount his participation in the Taylor case, one officer posed an interesting question: "All right," he said, "we took his word for it that he set the barns on fire. Why are we laughing when he admits the Taylor murder?"

Anyhow, if police were looking for a scapegoat in the Taylor case, Snavey would fill the bill. But believe it or not, much as they'd like to see the case written off the books as a solved, police don't want a scapegoat. They want only the actual slayer.

And they'll have ways of knowing, we're told, when they get the "right" suspect.

Phila. Inquirer Raps Peace Now

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It will be necessary to defeat the Axis Powers." But how many human beings, judging from the massacres at Kiev, Kharkov and Nanking, does Mr. Hartmann think the Axis Powers would destroy if they won world domination?

The psychological soundness of Mr. Hartmann's plea to Congress is not readily perceptible. His letter says his group doesn't believe the "defense and safety of America require an attempt to invade and conquer either Germany or Japan." Americans would be glad to hear from Mr. Hartmann how the future safety of their country could be assured without the smashing defeat of its enemies.

He adds angrily that unconditional surrender is a "cannibalistic slogan" and that "this insane slaughter must be stopped. Stopped here!" By suggesting that Germany and Japan, not the Allies, started the war and by shrugging away Axis atrocities? Mr. Hartmann's peace psychology is not likely to convince those millions upon millions of Americans who realize that an enduring peace depends in large measure upon the thoroughness with which the Germans and the Japs are defeated and penalized for their unspeakable crimes against humanity.

Certainly Congressmen who received the letters and the negotiated

peace literature that accompanied them lost no time in denouncing the proposal for a soft, premature peace as "misguided" and "dangerous." It is all of that and more.

But the deeply disturbing feature of this appeal to members of Congress is that it is a group movement, perhaps only the beginning of an organized propaganda drive directed toward the prevention of Pearl Harbor in the future, but toward a compromise peace that would surely promote greater and more terrible wars.

Nazi Germany, facing certain defeat, conceivably is desperately trying to find an "out" in this war by which to end hostilities and at the same time keep part of its illicit loot. To urge a compromise peace now is to give aid and comfort to the Nazi barbarians.

For their own protection Americans must realize that they can't negotiate with Hitler and Tojo. Germany and Japan must be totally defeated, invaded, disarmed and made powerless to rearm. Such a policy must be fundamental in the building of a world peace structure.

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ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Centre County will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building at Bellefonte, Pa., on Monday, January 10, 1944, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12, for the election of 12 directors for the ensuing year.
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