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Editor Barron's Reminiscences of Parsons and Places About McConnellsburg.

EDITOR NEWS: I was pleased to see in your paper a week or two ago a notice of the visit of Davidson Flora one of my boyhood friends to his native heath. In giving the names of some of my old schoolmates I think strange that I missed that of Davidson Flora; but I suppose I have missed many others, too. Davidson was one of my closest friends, and I am glad to hear that he is still living and has prospered. While in St. Louis a year ago I tried to hunt him up, but could get no trace of him and supposed he was dead. Davidson, as I remember him, was a quiet, backward boy, and gentle as a girl in his ways. He had two older brothers, John and George, who were also pleasant acquaintances of my boyhood.

Another of the boys that I have missed was Leander Zuck and, also, his brother Jake. Leander was the wag of the school. He always had a joke on hand, and turned everything into fun. Leander went into the service, and I often wondered that he was accepted, as he had two of his fingers cut off. Jake was more quiet, but he was also full of dry jokes.

I suppose all the boys of that time who are living remember the Douglas hole in the creek on the old Kittle farm. It was a great place and the only place the boys had to swim in, and it was well patronized on warm summer evenings. The hole was so small that often the boys could not all get in at once, and had to go in squads. Sometimes it would be so full that one could scarcely turn around, let alone try to swim. I suppose the hole is there yet and the creek, but where are all the happy boys who gathered there in those years?

One of the families of that time that became impressed on my recollection was the McCormick family, consisting of one brother, an old bachelor, and his seven maiden sisters. They lived on the back street in the east part of town. As the name indicates, they were Irish, having come from the old country. They lived together in delightful family harmony the one caring for the other in sickness and in health and in beautiful self-sacrifice for each other. They were devout Presbyterians and never a Sabbath, when well, did they miss their places in the sanctuary. They always came together and filed into the church and up the aisle—the sisters first and John bringing up the rear. Their pew was on the west side of the pulpit in what the Methodists call the amen corner. I recollect my brother Pat, when a little fellow, asking if they were the elders of the church. They were very poor but they all were industrious—the sisters worked at the loom and took care of their garden and their cow, while John broke stone on the turnpike for years and years. John was a man of great dignity of manner. I have often noted him as he would come home in the evenings weary and covered with pike dust. On Sundays he had his suit of broadcloth and his plug hat and would have been taken for a Supreme Judge.

This family must necessarily have all long since passed away but I have often thought of them as a beautiful example of piety and brotherly and sisterly affection—nothing but death ever having separated them through all the long years of their lives. I presume they all lie side by side in the old church yard.

The old Fasnacht farm has many pleasant recollections for me. There it was I spent the years of life which are fullest of enjoyment and hope and ambition for the future. At that age the future seems all rosy and bright and full of promise and the bitter

Passed Away.

Mrs. A. W. Johnston, Jr., of Ayr, who has been ailing since last spring, quietly fell asleep in Jesus Friday evening, the 15th inst., a few minutes after four o'clock. Her death was not unexpected, as it had been looked for by waiting friends and neighbors for several days. She was so emaciated that those who looked upon her serene face were impressed that she could not last long. Her disease was pulmonary in its character, and in this case effected its deadly work with great rapidity, excepting towards the last, when the forces of nature seemed to linger until the soul was perfected, beautified and fitted for glory.

When the disease had its inception we are unable to state. For several weeks Mrs. Johnston was impressed that she would never regain her physical health; but the thought of her early departure from amid the scenes of earth did not disturb nor distress her mind. Her countenance remained placid and full of Christian cheer. In her last illness she had no fearful forebodings. She admitted, a few weeks ago, to the writer that she had had at times some doubts and fears; but they all vanished under the efficient and masterly workmanship of the Spirit of Christ. One day she said, "At first I was very unsubmitive, but I am submissive now." And no one, who had any Christian conversation with her, would for a moment doubt the truth of the declaration. She kept up her daily Bible reading as long as she was able, and was always delighted to have someone read to her the word of God. In her half-delirious condition, on the day of her death, when any scripture promises or encouragements were repeated to her, she would make some response and, generally, in scripture language. At one time she completed quoting Isa. 53: 5, after the verse had been started. At another time when the sweet invitation of Jesus, Matt. 11: 28, 29, was repeated to her, she responded, "I am weary and heavy laden, but I am going to rest in the bosom of Jesus."

It would take up too much space to undertake to give a full account of the various religious conversations held with her; in all of which, as well as in her sickness and life, she exemplified the beautiful, lovely graces and virtues of Christianity. She had unwavering faith in the word of God and in Christ. She grasped the plan of salvation with a joyful faith. She was remarkable for her gentleness, conscientiousness, thoughtfulness, patience, calmness, kindness, acquiescence in the Divine will and general goodness of character. Her's was a lovely Christian character. She had evidently walked "in His steps," and had learned of Him, whom to know is life and peace.

Mrs. Esther (Aiken) Johnston was born August 2, 1870, in Muskingum county, Ohio; publicly professed Christ in the Associate Presbyterian congregation of Bloomfield, Ohio, at the age of seventeen; was united in marriage to Mr. A. Warriston Johnston, January 16th 1901, near Albia, Iowa; came to the Cove a short time after their marriage, where she made numerous friends. This young couple settled down to farm life by themselves last autumn, expecting to spend many years together. But, alas! it was not to be; it was not in accord with the Divine plan. The close tie has been dissolved, the happy home has been broken up. Purposes have been thwarted, hearts saddened, hopes blasted; for God's ways are not as man's ways. Happy will it be for the bereft husband, and all the friends, if there is a quiet, Christian submission to God's will. "Surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, who fear before Him."

Mr. Johnston has the warm sympathy of the entire community.

Married.

On Wednesday, August 13, 1902, at the M. E. parsonage, McConnellsburg, by Rev. A. D. McClosky, Joseph W. Mellott, and Rosie May Sharpe, both of Thompson township, this county.

Saluvia.

Charles Mann, Jr., has secured employment in Wells Valley. James B. Horton, who is employed at Wells Tannery, spent Saturday night with his family at this place.

Charles Early, of Wells Valley, was among those from a distance who attended the festival Saturday night. Miss Retta Schooley, who has been employed at West Dublin the past few months has returned to her home at this place.

George DeDonald, who is employed in Somerset county, is visiting his family at this place. W. E. Bair, an employee of the Western Union Telegraph company in the eastern part of this state, is visiting his family at Green Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Daniels, spent Saturday the guests of Grant Baker, near Knobsville. Prof. Zinck, Mercersburg's portrait and landscape artist, was the guest of George A. Harris, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart spent Saturday at the McIlvaine place, the guests of Mr. Ellmaker. Miss Dora Deshong, David Deshong and James Deshong—three of our successful teachers, have secured schools in Bedford county for the ensuing term.

Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson of Tod township, were visiting Mrs. Nelson's brother, S. K. Pittman, Thursday.

George S. Fockler, who had been spending a two week's vacation with Mrs. Fockler, who is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Wishart, returned to his home in Johnstown Friday.

O. E. Hann and George A. Harris, Esq., spent Friday in Wells Valley on business.

Miss Katharine Metzler, entertained Miss M. Alte Lake, of Pleasant Ridge, over Sunday.

Miss Lillian Fisher, of Warfordsburg, and Miss Nora Fisher of McConnellsburg, were two prospective teachers who passed a creditable examination at Harrisonville, Thursday.

Prof. Potts, of Bedford, representing Ginn & Co., school book publishers, attended a meeting of our school directors, Thursday, in the interest of his firm.

A. J. Lamberson, Clem Chesnut, Dr. F. R. Shoemaker, Grant Wink, Esq., and Norris Hoover—all of Hustontown, attended the examination at Harrisonville, Thursday.

Our school directors have placed insurance on the school houses and contents against loss by fire.

T. Irwin Sipes, who is located at Cameron, Ill., is visiting his family at Harrisonville.

Mrs. O. E. Hann, continues in ill health.

Among those from a distance who attended the festival Saturday night, was James Clevenger and Mrs. Albert Clevenger, of Pittsburg, and Hiram Clevenger, of West Dublin.

Preaching at the Green Hill Presbyterian church Sunday morning, August 24, at 10:30 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. West.

William R. Mellott, who has been employed in Somerset county is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew W. Mellott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Speer, were visiting friends at Hustontown the first of this week.

A number of our young people will spend the week at Crystal Springs Camp.

H. K. Stevens and family, of Shippensburg, who had been visiting Mrs. Stevens' sister, Mrs. H. E. Austin, returned to their home the first of this week.

The family of the Editor are under obligations to Mrs. Ruth W. Swope for a basketful of the finest turnips we have seen for a long time.

McConnellsburg, 5; Greencastle, 0.

The strong Greencastle nine went down to defeat at the hands of the home team on Saturday last by the above score in the greatest game of ball ever seen on the local grounds.

The visitors were outclassed from beginning to end and not one ever reached the initial base. Bowden, who was in the box for the home team, pitched a great game, striking out fourteen, and not once did he allow the visitors to touch the horse hide safely. Kegareis, who had hitherto been a mystery for the home team, was hit hard throughout the entire game. Comp, James Patterson and R. Wagner carried off the honors in the line of fielding, while Thompson, Jackson and Comp excelled at the bat.

The local team played an errorless game and certainly deserved to win. It is to be hoped that in the future more people will pay the small admission fee instead of looking at the games from fences because the boys are deserving of better support than that.

The score by innings is given below:

McConnellsburg	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	x
Greencastle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A SPECTATOR.

New Grenada.

Dusty roads.

Steam thrasher in the Valley. J. C. Alexander is seriously ill. Harvey Shafer is home from the Smoky City.

E. W. McClain's baby boy is on the sick list.

Mrs. Albert Bergstrosser is suffering from heart trouble.

Dr. Harry C. McClain has located at Six Mile Run.

W. Scott Dunlap carries his hand in a sling, caused by being hurt in a coal mine at Six Mile Run.

Mike and Joe Detwiler of Pittsburg, Pa., spent a few days among friends, and took in the camp-meeting.

Harry Lockard and family, Harry Truax and family—all of Altoona, are in the Valley with friends a few days.

John Mills, who has been at Altoona during the summer, is home on an outing.

Henry Truax is having his new house painted and papered.

The school board met last Friday and awarded the contract of repairing No. 2. school house to James McClain and Wm. Fritchey; also elected teachers, for No. 1 Primary, Miss Susie May; No. 2, Mrs. Agnes Alexander; No. 3, Prof. Geo. W. Ready. There were no applicants for 1 and 4.

James A. McDonough, Harry Truax, Harry Edwards, H. Curtis McClain, Dr. R. B. Campbell, and L. L. Cunningham, all of the Masonic fraternity, drove to Everett last Friday and attended Lodge Friday night. All had a good time except Curtis, he put up a bet and lost.

Miss Ella Black died near Waterfall, Pa., Aug. 6th, 1902, aged 31 years, 9 months. Funeral services at Zion M. E. church on the 8th by Rev. Jackson of the U. B. church. Interment at Shore cemetery in Clay township, Huntingdon county. Ella was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Black of Taylor township. Her mother preceded her to the grave when Ella was but a young girl. Several years ago her health failed. She was a very kind hearted, sympathetic girl. Her father, two brothers, Daniel and David, and one sister, Hester, wife of Webster Baker, survive.

Last Sunday forenoon while Mrs. Ruth W. Swope and family of Licking Creek township were at church, some one broke into her house and went from room to room throwing everything topsyturvy—overturning furniture, emptying bureau drawers, and pilching things in a state of general disorder. They then went to the pantry, ate her sweet cakes and pies, and then went away talking with them a revolver and some shells. Whoever did that is hunting trouble.

Teachers Elected

Since the last issue of the News, teachers have been elected as follows—

TAYLOR.—No. 1, N. E. M. Hoover; No. 2, vacant; No. 3, Harry Bergstrosser; No. 4, John Woodcock; No. 5, W. G. Wink; No. 6, B. C. Lamberson; No. 7, Wm. Ranck; and No. 8, Miss Grace Huston.

LICKING CREEK.—Saluvia, Miss Margaret Daniels; Harrisonville, Miss Katharine Metzler; Valance's, Cleveland Fohner; Mountain, P. C. Mellott; Siloam, D. R. Strait; Forest Dale, R. R. Sipes; Shanes, V. L. Hollenshead; and Daniels, J. Frank Daniels.

WELLS.—No. 1, advanced, vacant; No. 1, primary, Miss Susie May; No. 2, Mrs. Agnes Alexander; No. 3, Prof. Geo. W. Ready; and No. 4 vacant.

BRUSH CREEK.—Akersville, advanced, vacant; Akersville, primary, Lewis Harris; Buffalo, Ernest Walters; Emmaville, William Hanks; Buchanan, Milton Hixson; Locust Grove, Oscar C. Sharpe; and Oak Grove, Amos N. Mellott.

AYR.—Jugtown, Miss Olive Grissinger; Springhouse Valley, Miss Emma Sloan; Corner, Miss Carrie Humbert; Laurel Ridge, Miss Blanche Peck; Tannery, Miss Nannie Mellott; Webster Mills, Gilbert Mellott; Rockhill, Miss Blanche Johnston; Back Run, Charles W. Seville; and Meadowgrounds, Miss Olive Kendall.

Thompson.

The doctors are kept busy now looking after the sick.

W. H. Hess, who had been very poorly for several weeks, was able last Sunday to be taken up to Geo. F. Mellott's in the Cove, where it will be more convenient for his physician to give him medical attention.

Samuel M. Clevenger was in this township a few days ago delivering books. He has sold 200 copies of Mr. World and Miss Church Member, and has delivered 190. He is now starting out to sell prohibition papers. Sam is a hustler.

The festival last Saturday night was well patronized.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method to express our gratitude to the kind neighbors and friends who assisted us during the sickness and death of our little grand-daughter MILDRED.

MR. AND MRS. GEO. W. PARSONS.

Card of Thanks.

G. Newton Hoke wishes in this way to thank his friends and neighbors and all others who responded so promptly last Saturday morning and helped to save his barn from being destroyed by fire.

Frank Robinson Hurt Again.

Frank Robinson was severely injured at the blind switch, near the Baltimore street crossing, B. & O. Railroad, in Cumberland, on Monday of last week. He is a watchman at the crossing and was throwing the switch for an engine moving slowly, when another engine, moving faster, came upon him unnoticed and dragged him. He lodged in the triangular point. A small bone in his ankle was broken, his head was bruised and his back hurt. Several years ago Mr. Robinson lost an arm and was otherwise badly hurt while engaged as a brakeman. Mr. Robinson is a son of Mrs. Emeline Robinson of Bethel township.

Shimer.

Mildred Leone Shimer, daughter of Miss Effie L. Parsons, died at the residence of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Parsons, Thursday Aug. 14th, aged 10 months and 7 days and was interred in the M. E. cemetery at Knobsville Friday 15th. Rev. McClosky conducting the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eitemiller of Allegheny City, are spending a week with their aunt, Mrs. Eitemiller.

Inveigled, Intrigued, Invaded and Surprised!

Mr. J. Watson Ellmaker, a pleasant, social, vivacious, and well-to-do bachelor of Lancaster, Pa., has, for several years, been spending the hot months on the hill and mountain tops of Fulton county.

For the better enjoyment of quietness and solitude, Mr. Ellmaker had established, in a beautiful grove on Sideling Hill mountain, about one-half mile east from McIlvaine's, a delightful camp (known far and wide as "Camp Ellmaker"), a lovely place, indeed, where the sweetness of the pure, resinous, invigorating air wafting among the stately pine trees, and the cool, refreshing, mountain water of a spring near by can be enjoyed to the heart's content.

Mr. Ellmaker, by his winning ways, has endeared himself into the good graces of all the fair sex throughout the surrounding country as well as the respect of all who have met him; but no one dreamed that such fraternity would result in any serious consequences.

But on Saturday, 16th inst, 10 a. m. "Camp Ellmaker" was invaded by a company deeply intent on some daring purpose, and Mr. Ellmaker realized that he had been inveigled and intrigued, but the whole thing focalized and materialized into a very pleasant and much-enjoyed social occasion. At noon-tide all were invited to a well spread and abundantly supplied repast of good things to satisfy the appetite, prepared by such chefs-de-cuisine as Mrs. Benj. Hanks of Riversdale, Mrs. J. G. Staley of Rays Hill, Mrs. Thos. H. Weaverling and Miss Lottie McIlvaine of Hotel McIlvaine. Mr. Ellmaker exclaimed repeatedly, "Friends, indeed I am much surprised." The day was spent pleasantly together in singing and conversation, and after partaking of supper, the invaders departed for home, wishing that many such days of enjoyment might follow. Besides Mr. Ellmaker, there were present, Mrs. E. F. Burghman and child of Los Angeles, Cal., Miss Lily P. Hanks, of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. James Sproat and child, and Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Hanks, of Riversdale; Mr. and Mrs. Jos. G. Staley, of Rays Hill; Mrs. Thomas H. Weaverling, and Miss Lottie McIlvaine, of McIlvaine, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stewart, of Green Hill.

A RECIPIENT.

J. S. Eitemiller and family of McKeesport, Pa., are making their annual visit to McConnellsburg. They have a host of friends here who are always glad to welcome them back to their old home.

Ernest Hixon of Brush Creek brought Amos Stouteagle home Saturday, and took Miss Olive Stouteagle back with him Sunday to attend camp-meeting at Crystal Springs this week.

Mr. John Hollenshead of Sipes Mill, who was injured several months ago while quarrying limestone for Judge Morton by a spall of steel from the drill striking one of his eyeballs, went to Baltimore a few days ago and had the injured organ entirely removed. This was deemed necessary in order to save the sight of the other eye.

We have before us a catalogue of the Union Business College and school of Shorthand, Typewriting, and Telegraphy, of Quincy, Ill., which is in itself a model of typographical art. Not the least gratifying feature of the catalogue, however, was the face of our old student and friend Waterson E. Hixon of Brush Creek township occupying a prominent place in a fine picture of the faculty of the institution.

There will be a festival at McGovern's school house on Friday evening of this week, the proceeds to be devoted to the school library. Mr. Henry and the pupils of the school deserve much credit for the enterprise.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

Miss Minnie Mock returned home on Thursday, after a pleasant visit among friends in Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kelley spent Sunday with her brother, Charles Bishop of Thompson and were accompanied home by her niece Mary Bishop.

William Cowan and family of Franklin county spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Cowan's mother, Mrs. Catherine Cowan of Tod township.

Mr. W. H. H. Kline near Hustontown, accompanied by his nieces, Cecie F. Kline and Stella B. Oakman, spent a day in town last week.

Mr. James Spottswood and grand-children Jared and Edward White—all of Washington, D. C., spent the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Nace of this place.

If you are thinking of taking a Normal School course, write to Dr. G. M. D. Eckels, Principal, Shippensburg, Pa., for a catalogue. This catalogue will tell you all about the Course of Study and free tuition.

There will be a festival in Fore's Grove at Knobsville, Saturday evening, August 23, for the benefit of the U. B. church. There will be string music to enliven the occasion, and care will be taken to make the affair a pleasant event.

Mrs. Ida Johnson and son Cloyd who have been spending several weeks with Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. S. I. Miller of this place, returned to their home in Peoria, Ill.

Mrs. W. F. Hart of Needmore, accompanied by her daughter Miss Esta, and by her sister Mrs. J. W. Lake, of Pleasant Ridge, spent a few hours in town last Wednesday.

The accommodations for young ladies at the Normal School Shippensburg, Pa., cannot be excelled anywhere in the state. The improvements now being made in the gentlemen's dormitory, will make their rooms equally desirable.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sigel of Covalt were in town last Wednesday. Mr. Sigel said that Alfred Peck is getting ready to build a barn to take the place of the one destroyed by lightning a few weeks ago.

Rev. and Mrs. George M. Shimer and their daughters Lillian and Madeline of Osceola Mills, Pa. are spending a summer vacation with their many friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stouteagle who had been spending a few weeks in this county on account of the illness of Mrs. Stouteagle's father, Mr. Baltzer Decker, returned to their home in Blair county on Monday.

The Shippensburg State Normal School offers a very fine education at a very small expense. If you are interested in knowing more about the advantages this school offers to students, send to Dr. G. M. D. Eckels Shippensburg, Pa., for the latest catalogue.

Abraham Garlick, a well-known citizen of near Emmaville, this county, died Sunday evening August 9, 1902, aged 63 years, 1 month and 6 days. He is survived by his wife and eight children. Funeral services were held on Tuesday forenoon, conducted by Rev. William S. Ritchey, of Snake Spring Valley.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral of Mrs. A. W. Johnston, Jr., last Monday were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Bard McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. S. Houston Johnston, and Mr. and Mrs. Amos L. Downing—all of Franklin county; Mrs. Smith of St. Louis, Mrs. Smith of Pittsburg, and Mrs. Graham, sister of the deceased, Beaver Falls, Pa.