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## HICKS FOR JULY.

### Warmer Weather and Less Rainfall.

The Rev. Irl Hicks says he believes that "warmer weather and less rainfall will be the rule in July, over most sections of the great grain producing regions, than in July, 1902. At the same time we do not look for general or severe drouth or for an excess of summer heat."

There are, however, to be some storm periods. The first is central on July 2 and 3. July will open with cloudy weather and drizzling rain. On the 2 and 3 there will be pronounced storm conditions. It will turn much warmer, will grow muggy and close and some solid thunder storms, with local rains, will pass over the country in their usual order. These storms may not subside before the 5th but a change to cooler will follow with cloudiness and drizzle and high humidity.

The second storm period—regular—extends from the 7th to the 9th. The first stages will bring extremely warm weather, followed by storms which will reach their culminating stages on the 10th and 11th. There will not, however, be widespread and soaking rains. Behind the blustering storminess and thunder look for rising barometer, westerly winds and cooler, clearing weather.

The 14th and 15th are the central days of the next storm period. Another great heat wave will arise at this time and many electrical, threatening storm clouds will arise on and touching the 15th. Cooler weather will come about the 15th to 18th.

The fourth storm period will run from the 18th to 20th, being central on the 20th. A general and persistent heated term will prevail at this time but the humidity will not be high. Some very deceptive clouds will appear, bringing some heavy gusts of wind and dust, but blowing over with only light rain, except in narrow localities. There will be some quite heavy storms on and about the 24th.

The 25th, 26th and 27th will be the central days of a reactionary storm period, when there will be a climax of summer heat. There will be an excessively warm wave and about the 27th there will come a rapid fall of the barometer, quickly followed by wicked wind and thunder storms in many parts of the country. A rising barometer and change to cooler weather will follow these storms for a few days. July will come to its close with the first stages of a regular storm period forming in western sections.

## A Reunion.

Last Sunday quite a number of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stevens of Fort Littleton. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Anderson and son Owen, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry and daughter Velma, James Kerlin, Mrs. Jennie Kitzinger, Mac Kerlin, Misses Edna and Irene Kerlin, Harry Ramsey, Bert Winegardner, and Miss Louie Kerlin.

At 12 o'clock dinner was served, and all seemed to enjoy themselves pleasantly, and when the time came for the guests to go home, everybody seemed glad for the occasion.

Rev. Geo. W. McInay, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spring Mills, Centre county, Pa., was a guest at the Methodist parsonage, this place on Friday. Rev. McInay has been in ill health since the last Annual Conference and his congregation has through its First Quarterly Conference, granted him a vacation of one month, part of which he will spend at Bedford Springs. He was at one time the efficient pastor of Burnt Cabins charge; and his friends there doubtless join with his present congregation in the wish that he may soon regain his usual health.

## Is Your Certificate Properly Recorded?

The marriage license law of this state requires that the minister or magistrate who performs the marriage ceremony furnish the parties with a certificate of the marriage and return a duplicate copy of said certificate to the office of the clerk of the Orphans' Court from which said license issued, within thirty days from date of marriage. The record of this duplicate certificate, in some cases, becomes very important in establishing date and validity of marriage, and it is therefore of interest to all parties who are married under the law of this state to see that their certificates are properly and duly recorded. The record in this county, covering the last eighteen years, shows that no certificates were filed in licenses corresponding to the following numbers, and if all those who obtained licenses during this period would compare the number on their original certificates with this list, they may discover the omission and have the same corrected:

Vol. 1.—8, 55, 86, 120, 239.  
Vol. 2.—29, 59, 61, 86, 91, 106, 118.  
Vol. 3.—11, 102, 104, 122, 128, 132, 137, 155.  
Vol. 4.—10, 20, 96, 115.  
Vol. 5.—20, 22, 29, 123.  
Vol. 6.—65.

## A Jolly Gathering.

On last Saturday evening the pupils and instructors of the Normal school in town, together with a number of invited guests, met in Sheriff Mason's orchard below town to enjoy the evening. The orchard was lighted with lanterns, several gameboards had been set up, and chairs had been placed and rugs spread for those less inclined to activity. Soon after the arrival of the participants, games were started. Tapping, Bingo, Drunken Sailor, Skip-to-my-Lou, Down the Mississippi, and Pop Goes the Weasel, followed each other in quick succession. During the evening excellent refreshments were served, and shortly after refreshments, the games were again in order. The fun kept up till almost midnight; and when Good Nights were said, all agreed that they had had a hearty good time.

## Child Drinks Kerosene.

A few evenings ago a little child of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ott of Ayr township drank some kerosene oil, which later threw the child into convulsions. A physician was called who brought the little sufferer through all right. The can had sprung a leak and Mrs. Ott had placed a basin to catch the dripping fluid little thinking that the child should be tempted to drink it.

## Judge Swope Brought His Wife and Daughters Along.

For the special session of court held here this week Judge Swope drove through from Gettysburg, bringing Mrs. Swope and their daughters Mary and Amy with him. All of those who had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Swope were delighted with her pleasing manner, and felt that it would not take her long to become as popular with our people as her honored husband.

Mr. Amos Plessinger and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Plessinger, spent last Saturday in this place. Mr. Plessinger and Harry have added a traction engine to their outfit, and expect to begin in a couple of weeks on a busy season of threshing.

The Orbisonia Dispatch came to us last week enlarged to a seven column folio, and so much local news matter on the first page you could shake a stick at it. The makeup and press work is first class, and Orbisonia may well be proud to send her friends a sample copy and ask them to subscribe. This evidence of prosperity delights us.

## GONE TO THE OTHER SHORE.

Yea, Though I Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death I Will Fear no Evil.

MRS. M. R. SHAFFNER.

As the clock in the tower of the Court House was tolling off the hour of four last Sunday afternoon, the spirit of Mrs. Maggie, wife of M. R. Shaffner, Esq., of this place, bade farewell to its earthly tenement and winged its way to celestial blessedness.

It was only a few months ago that the friends of Mrs. Shaffner were pained to learn that an insidious disease had fastened itself upon her; and while she had from the first the most careful and constant medical attention, it was beyond the skill of any human agency to save her life.

About a week prior to her death, her symptoms became alarming, and then to the end it was only a struggle to lengthen her life—not by days, but by hours.

Maggie Oakes Shaffner, daughter of James and Maria Oakes, was born on the old homestead near Watsonstown, Pa., April 12, 1850. On the 26th of May 1885, she was united in marriage with M. R. Shaffner, and they came to this place and went to housekeeping later in the summer of the same year; and during her residence of almost eighteen years here, she, by her quiet, consistent earnest christian life won the highest esteem and most tender affection of all who came within the circle of her influence.

Owing to the fact that interment was made in the Shaffner lot in Riverside cemetery at Huntingdon, Pa., on Tuesday evening, it was necessary to hold the funeral services at seven o'clock Tuesday morning that the train might be reached at Mercersburg at 10:30.

The services were held by her pastor Rev. Wm. A. West, D. D., of the Presbyterian church assisted by Rev. J. H. Mathers, D. D., of Bellwood, Pa., and were most impressive.

The floral tributes—one from the classmates and teacher of her Sunday school class, one from the members of the Missionary society and one from the Christian Endeavor society in both of which she was an active member—and one from members of the Masonic fraternity, were touchingly beautiful.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by one brother Mr. J. Bruce Oakes near Watsonstown, Pa.

MRS. SARAH SMITH.

Mrs. Sarah Smith died at her home in Mt. Carroll, Ill., Monday morning, June 22, 1903, aged 65 years. She was a former resident of McConnellsburg, being the widow of Joseph A. Smith who died here about twenty years ago, and sister of Mrs. D. V. Sipes of this place, Mrs. Susan Ott of Chambersburg, Mrs. Cornelius Lambert of St. Thomas, and Peter Binkley of Omaha.

The Evening Mirror, of Mt. Carroll, says Mrs. Smith retired at the usual time Sunday evening feeling in her ordinary good health, save for the complaint of a toothache. About 2:30 the daughter Mattie, who sleeps in an adjoining room, was awakened by what seemed to be a scratching on the floor or wall. She called to her mother but received no response, and going to her room found the parent lying on the floor beside her bed. The sons were summoned and she was raised to the bed. When asked as to the trouble, she raised her hand to her head, and replied that her teeth and head were aching. These were her last words. She at once sank into a stupor and at shortly before 7 o'clock passed away, without having gained consciousness. Death was due to apoplexy.

The deceased was an estimable woman, respected for her many admirable qualities. Mrs. Smith was a member of the Lutheran church in the East,

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPROVED.

Mr. Andrew Hoover of Taylor Township to be Removed.

At the special session of court this week, the report of the committee to inquire as to the sanity of Mr. Andrew Hoover of Taylor township, was approved, and he will be sent to a State Institution as soon as practicable.

Mr. Hoover is about 61 years of age. During the past fifteen or twenty years he has been subject to epilepsy or falling fits, and more recently it was noticed that his mind was failing.

About two weeks ago there was a decided change for the worse, and on the 20th ult., he became so violent that his friends were obliged to appeal to the authorities for help. Consequently, on the State he was taken to McConnellsburg, and on the charge of assault and battery, he was committed to the county prison. The Court was at once asked for a committee lunatic inquiring, and Hon. S. W. Kirk, F. P. Lynch Esq., and Dr. A. D. Dalbey were appointed, and last Friday took testimony in the case and reported substantially as follows:

That he (Mr. Hoover) is in indigent circumstances, and has no property to keep him, that he is subject to epilepsy or falling fits, he at times became very violent and has to be watched and restrained; that his mental condition is not good, has not been for a number of years, and is gradually growing worse, and, therefore, from the testimony, we believe his condition is growing more serious, that it is dangerous for him to be running at large, that there are no facilities here for taking proper care of him, and that he should be confined in some institution for the insane where he may have proper care.

but after removing west was not affiliated with any denomination, although she lived a conscientious Christian life, and has gone to the reward earned through fidelity to her faith.

Seven sons and two daughters are left to mourn a devoted mother's love. They are William G., John P., and Robert, George, Roy, Frank J., Thomas, Mrs. Charles E. Grove and Miss Mattie.

MISS CHRISTENA W. MYERS.

Miss Christena W. Myers, daughter of Rev. John Myers of the Little Cove died at her home on Friday evening 19th ult., from a hemorrhage of the lungs. She had been ill with lung disease for about five years. She was aged 23 years, 4 months and 18 days.—She is survived by her father and mother and the following brothers and sisters: J. Martin, Gary C., Theodore H., Della, Elizabeth, Olive and Mrs. Joseph Funk. Miss Myers had been a member of the German Baptist church for a number of years.

The funeral was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Calvin Garland, of Needmore and Elder Jacob Keller. Interment was in Licking Creek German Baptist graveyard.

She bore her long illness and suffering with remarkable cheerfulness and resignation. Her memory will long be cherished in the minds of a host of friends and admirers.

MRS. ELIZABETH LAUVER.

The subject of this notice died in Chester, O., on Thursday of last week aged about 32 years. Her remains were brought to Hancock on Friday, and thence out to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bivens, near Big Cove Tannery, on Friday.—From the latter place funeral took place on Sunday and remains were interred at St. Paul's Lutheran church.

Maj. Frank W. Hess and family leave San Diego, California, today for the East. Miss Lib will stop off at Oshkosh, Iowa, and spend some time among friends there.

## OUR PUBLIC PROPERTY.

County Commissioners to be Commended for their Interest and Care.

Our commissioners, Samuel D. Mellott, George Sigel and H. Park Palmer, are winning the hearty commendation of the good citizens of this county for the interest they are manifesting in the care of our public buildings.

When they came into office last January they found that the yard in front of the Court House was used as a general dumping ground for ashes and old rubbish; they found an old dilapidated fence feebly attempting to surround the County Park; they found the doors to the main hallway of the Court House with broken locks, and allowed to stand open or shut at night to suit the convenience of any who might feel interested one way or the other; some of the public offices without paper, matting or furniture, and the town clock stretching forth its hands beseechingly that a coat of paint might be given the cupola to keep the clock from drowning every time it rained.

"But things had changed about de place"—a janitor was employed, locks were restored, needed repairs made, the offices overhauled, the rubbish cleared away, the old fence sold—and, during the past week Messrs. Shiner and Doyle have been busy with putty and paint shutting up crevices and covering with a good coat of paint the dome that was fast decaying for want of attention.

Not every citizen in the County may own a farm or even a home; but every citizen of the County who comes to McConnellsburg and looks upon the public buildings may feel that he has a joint ownership in them, and that he has a right to demand that they shall be properly cared for.

Our public property is as much a subject of personal pride as our private property; and nothing is calculated to prejudice the minds of strangers against us, to any greater an extent than to see that we have not spirit enough to look after our public affairs.

This does not mean extravagance.

There is a marked difference between extravagance and negligence. Any farmer in the county who would allow his property to run down as did the public buildings here, would soon receive a call from Sheriff Fleck with a partnership proposition.

## Russell Garland Re-enlists.

R. S. Garland, son of G. N. Garland formerly of this county, who for the past six years has been in United States Marine service, is visiting his parents at Washington, Pa.

Young Garland has just re-enlisted in the Marines and is off on a two months' furlough before entering upon another six years' term of service. He has for some time past been stationed at Washington, D. C. During the Spanish-American-Philippine war Mr. Garland saw much hard service, first in the West Indies and later in the Philippines. His discharge which he received a few days ago notes the important engagements in which he participated, in many of which he was especially commended by his officers for individual acts of bravery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Frazer and son Ralph of Fort Littleton, and James W. Rummel and daughter Emma and the latter's little son Guy, of this place, went to Gettysburg Tuesday to be present at the anniversary exercises commemorative of the Great Battle.

Notwithstanding the rain last Sunday evening the Children's Day services attracted more people to the Methodist church than could gain admittance. The exercises had been prepared with much care, and were very interesting.

## SPECIAL COURT SESSION.

Disposing of Matters that Have Accumulated Since June Term.

A special term of the Fulton county court was held here Monday evening, Judge Swope and his Associates, Hons. Kirk and Nelson, presiding. This court was specially convened to hear argument on the exceptions to the report of the auditor in the assigned estate of H. C. Smith. J. Nelson Sipes, Esq., and Mr. Edmonds, of Hagerstown, were the attorneys for the exceptions. Mr. Sipes moved that the latter be admitted to practice in our courts for this case, and Judge Swope administered the customary oath. Hon. W. Scott Alexander argued to sustain the report. In all there were nine exceptions to the report. Judge Swope took the papers in the case, stating that he would give his opinion in the matter in the near future.

The following current business had accumulated since the recent regular June term, and a session was held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock for its transaction:

By Mr. Daniels—Widow's appraisal in the estate of David Martz, late of Licking Creek township. Approved unless exceptions be filed within 20 days.

Mr. Jno. P. Sipes—Motion to amend parties to the case of The McConnellsburg Water Company vs. The Burgess and Town Council of the Borough of McConnellsburg, by adding the name of M. M. Dreibelbiss as the legal plaintiff. Motion allowed.

Mr. J. N. Sipes—Report of board of inspectors to view and inspect the new county bridge recently erected over Tonoloway Creek at Maxwell's Fording, in Thompson township. Report confirmed.

Mr. Daniels—In the matter of the petition of the citizens of Bethel township for viewers to lay out a public road, which board was appointed at the last term of court, the court was asked to vacate the name of William Paylor, of Ayr township, because he is a relative to one of the petitioners. The name of Ephraim Mellott, of Licking Creek township, was substituted.

Mr. Alexander—Petition of citizens of Fulton county for the appointment of a suitable person to fill the office of Jury Commissioner during the unexpired term of C. H. E. Plummer, who has removed from the county. George F. Metzler, of Licking Creek township, was appointed.

Mr. Daniels—Report of the committee on Andrew Hoover, of Taylor township. The committee, which consisted of Dr. A. D. Dalbey, Frank P. Lynch and S. W. Kirk, Esq., found that Mr. Hoover was subject to epilepsy and was mentally deranged. It was recommended that he be detained in some suitable institution where proper attention could be given to his case. The court made an order in accordance with the recommendation.

Mrs. B. F. Shives of Laurel Ridge came in Tuesday morning and advanced her subscription to the News.

Landlord Speck, Henry Miller, and J. C. McGowan, of Burnt Cabins were among the county seat visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rowe, Miss Lavinia Hershey and Clara Detwiler—all of Knobsville spent last Friday at McConnellsburg.

On Wednesday, June 24, 1903, Mr. Job Harr and Miss Elsie McEldowney both of Belfast township were united in marriage by Rev. Lewis Chambers of Big Cove Tannery.

Besides going into nearly every family in this county, the Fulton County News reaches nearly seven hundred homes scattered over almost every State in the Union, and crossing the Atlantic and the Pacific going out as a weekly letter to friends in foreign lands.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of Persons and Places You Know.

M. D. Matthias of Hustontown was here last Saturday.

Paul Shade of Washington, D. C., is visiting in the home of Mrs. Catharine Bender of this place.

Miss Jessie Geinger of Buck Valley spent part of last week among friends in Everett.

Mrs. D. M. Kendall is home after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Shepherd in Ohio.

Dr. F. S. Shoemaker of Jeanette, Pa., is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Shoemaker at Hustontown.

Mr. C. M. Brantone of Taylor's substantial farmers, called last Friday to advance his subscription to the News.

The merchant who does not invite the public to visit his store is woefully behind the age. Judicious advertising is one of the secrets of business success.

Miss Barbara Martin who spent the past year as a student at the Lock Haven state normal is at home with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin of the Cove.

On Tuesday evening of last week in the ladies parlor of the Hotel Dunn, at Berkeley Springs Mr. Nathan Trail, of Maryland, was married to Miss Rhoda M. Smith of this county.

Lieut. and Mrs. J. Walker Johnston spent last Friday night a week with the family of S. Houston Johnston near Mercersburg, on their return from a visit to Gettysburg.

Master Reed Ray returned from the Chester Springs Soldiers' Orphans' school last Thursday evening to spend the summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Ray.

Prof. Harry E. Gress, principal of the Soldiers' Orphans' school at Uniontown, accompanied by his wife and child, is spending his summer vacation among friends here.

Superintendent Barton held his first teachers' examination for this year at Prof. Shull's school at Harrisonville Tuesday of last week. Thirteen were examined and twelve certificates granted.

Subscribers to the Fulton County News when requesting change of address will please state where they have been receiving the paper. Failure to do this frequently prevents the desired change being made.

W. A. Culler of Mercersburg, formerly of Thompson township this county has been elected principal of the Bridgeport schools. Mr. Culler is one of Franklin county's best teachers and this is a recognition of his worth as an instructor.

On Tuesday of last week, John M. Bain, managing editor of the Pennsylvania Hawkeye, at Bedford resigned. He has agreed to remain with that paper, however, until some one to fill the position is secured. Mr. Bain has obtained employment in Chicago.

On Wednesday evening of last week while a daughter of Wm. P. Unger of Ayr township was in a tree picking cherries, she fell to the ground, breaking one of the bones in her right forearm. Dr. Mosser reduced the fracture and she will soon be all right again.

Work on the line of the Bedford-Fulton Telephone company is progressing rapidly. The poles for the line between Breezewood and Everett have been erected this week. The work was much delayed by the wet weather of the past few weeks, but the line is now ready for the wires.

Tommy Hamil's grocery business at the East end of town has grown to the proportions, that will make it necessary in a short time to enlarge his room. We are glad to note this success. His genial and accommodating manner has won to his store a wide and valued patronage.