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## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES.

Rev. Bryner Preached Baccalaureate Sermon in Presbyterian Church Last Sunday Evening.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TO-NIGHT

With the Commencement exercises in the Court House to night there will be added to the roll of members of the alumni of the McConnellsburg High School, the names of eight young persons who have waited three long years and worked patiently and well for the coveted parchment, which will show to the world that they have "finished their first lesson."

The High School was organized in 1897, and the first class comprising five members, namely, Olive and Bessie Grissinger, Irvie Hull, James H. Kendall, and Morse Sloan, were graduated in 1898. To those five, have since been added eighty-two others, making a total of eighty-seven graduates in the ten years.

During the past six years Prof. Emory Thomas has been principal, and the work done has been exceptionally thorough.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening by Rev. C. W. Bryner, of the Methodist Episcopal church. A half an hour before the time for the services to begin, the large audience room was so packed that it was with difficulty that any more could get in. The school and the directors were seated in the middle blocks in front. The altar was tastefully decorated, and the choir was made up of representatives of the various choirs of the town. An anthem by the full choir; a trio by Misses Emily Greathead, Gertrude Sipes, and Kathryn Cook; and a quartette by Mrs. Geo. W. Reiser, Mrs. C. R. Spangler, Miss Gertrude Sipes, and Miss Emily Greathead, were exceptionally well rendered and greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

The theme of Mr. Bryner's sermon was: "The Value of a Definite Aim in Life," suggested by II Kings 9:24—"And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength."

While Mr. Bryner makes no attempt at oratorical flourish, he, in his quiet way, possesses the power of holding the wide-awake attention of his audience from start to finish. His sermons are always intensely practical, and are prepared with that care that makes his flow of well chosen sentences as smooth as a rubber tire buggy on a new State road.

At the close of his discourse, which occupied thirty minutes, he asked the graduating class to stand, when he delivered to them the following personal address:

#### ADDRESS TO THE CLASS.

I want to congratulate you, the members of the Class of 1908, on the degree of success which you have achieved in having successfully completed the course of study required of the graduates of our High School.

Your education thus far, as your motto, "Thus ends our first lesson," would indicate, is only the foundation upon which shall be based all future attainments. I want to congratulate you, especially, upon the fact that you are entering upon life's duties at this period in the world's history. This is the best age, and this is the best epoch in that age, the world has ever seen. There never was a better time for you to do your best. Value the opportunity you have. Remember that in this land and age, nothing is impossible to the young man or the young woman, if he or she is willing to pay the price. And the price of success in any calling of life, is toil and sweat and struggle. Anyone can do the easy things in this world's work; but it takes manhood and womanhood with brain, brawn and stick-to-itiveness to accomplish the difficult tasks. The foot of the ladder is crowded, but there's plenty of

## DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Denton D. Gallaher's Barn, near Burnt Cabins, Burned Last Saturday Night. Together with Live Stock.

The barn on the Lazarus Yetter farm near Burnt Cabins, now owned by Denton B. Gallaher, was totally destroyed by fire last Saturday night. The destructive element had gained such a headway before it was discovered, that it was impossible to save much of the contents, in consequence of which one horse, and three calves were burned to death, and another—a three year old colt belonging to Guy Mills, was so badly burned as to make it practically valueless. In addition to this much Mr. Gallaher's farming machinery was burned, as well as all of John Peterson's farm machinery; for after Mr. Peterson's barn burned last threatening time, he stored his machinery in Mr. Gallaher's barn.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

room at the top. The difference between Success and Failure, is the difference between hard work and indolence, drudgery and ease, perseverance and fickleness. George Washington became president of these United States because he had spent much time and energy in preparation, and he was the best qualified man for the position at the time. Abraham Lincoln was called to the office of the chief magistracy of this nation at the most critical moment in its history, simply because he had been getting ready for years for that very position; and when the opportunity came, he stepped up and took his place.

And you, too, will fill just the position in life for which you are qualified at the time the opportunity presents itself. Here are two young men of our town of equal natural ability: The spare moments of the one are spent in preparation for life's work. He applies himself to all needful duties and tasks—it matters not how distasteful they may be to him. He is industrious, diligent, painstaking, persevering, persistent. The other is a lover of ease. His spare moments are spent on the street, or in some loafer's retreat. He does not see the importance and necessity of toil and drudgery. He is fickle, idle, inconstant, indolent. An opportunity presents itself. A desirable position is open. A teller is needed in one of our banks; or a clerk, in our leading store. Both young men apply for the position. Which one will the teacher recommend? Which one will the bank directors and cashier, or the merchant, prefer? That is a question that is easily answered. Each may decide it for himself. Let me repeat my statement: You will fill just the position in life for which you are qualified at the time the opportunity presents itself. The world needs you. In it you will find a place worthy your highest effort and ambition.

Be thoughtful, earnest, industrious, manly, womanly. Be full of the idea that there is something to do which you can do better than any one else. Seek and find that work and do it. Put into it the energy of your life. Learn to feel your need of Divine guidance. Read the old Book. Seek its inside meaning. Find in it the guide of your life. Help all those with whom you come in contact. Leave the world better because you were in it; and in the end, you will hear the grand plaudit, "Well done."

The Commencement exercises in the Court House as outlined in the News last week, have been prepared with much care, and those who want a seat would do well to go in time. In addition to the literary part of the exercises, the music promises to be unusually good.

## GLIDDEN TOURISTS AGAIN.

Will Pass Through McConnellsburg on Way from Bedford to Harrisburg. Monday, July Thirteenth.

### PATHFINDERS HERE LAST THURSDAY.

The Glidden tour pathfinding party in a six cylinder Premier touring car arrived here from Bedford last Thursday evening and spent the night at the Fulton House.

Leaving Buffalo, N. Y., on the Friday preceding, the party consisting of Dai H. Lewis, of Buffalo, secretary of the American Automobile Association touring board; Leon Myron Bradley, of New York, publicity agent; N. Lazarus, of New York, official photographer, and Ray McNamee, of the Premier factory, driver of the car, the pathfinders made the first day's station at Cambridge Springs. On the second day of the tour the route will lead from Cambridge Springs to Pittsburg and on the third day from Pittsburg to Bedford Springs. On the fourth day the run will be made from Bedford to Harrisburg, passing through McConnellsburg during the forenoon of Monday July 13th.

The tour will last about twelve or fifteen days and 2,000 miles will be covered. The route will lead over the most beautiful country ever attempted on a Glidden run. Also it will be the longest and stiffest test for automobiles ever attempted in a contest in this country. Mr. Bradley reported the roads during the first five days to be in poor condition but said the trip from Bedford to McConnellsburg was a pleasure. From Harrisburg the route will lead to Reading, Allentown and Easton and thence to Milford, where the next night control will be established. This route is taken in order to cut out New Jersey, which all motorists are now avoiding on account of the absurd automobile laws which recently were passed. From Milford the route will lead to Albany and thence around New York and back among the Berkshires and White Mountains, ending at Saratoga, on July 24.

The Glidden tourists passed through this place last year on the 22nd of July, and attracted much attention. Their trip this year eastward from Pittsburg will cover a different route with the exception of the road from Bedford to the Forks of the Pike east of McConnellsburg.

### A Bride Entertained.

On Friday, the 24th, ult., Mrs. August Soffel, of Pittsburg, was hostess at a very handsomely appointed shower and reception, given in honor of the bride, Miss Laura Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Hattie and the late T. J. Palmer, of Harrisville, Pa. Many hand some and costly gifts of silver, cut glass, china, and linen, were received by the bride.

Some of the guests present were, Mrs. Wm. Dixon and daughter Helen; Abram Mellott and wife, John Huber and wife (nee Miss Nannie Sipes), F. C. Mumma, wife and son Douley, and several trained nurses from McKeesport Hospital, of which school the bride was a graduate; Miss Margaret Clevenger, and Dr. August Soffel, wife and two sons, Joseph and Howard.

All spent a happy evening. When departing they wished the happy couple a long and prosperous wedding journey.

On the 26th of April, Mrs. F. C. Mumma and Mrs. John Huber entertained Miss Laura Palmer and Dr. Herbert Arthur at a dinner given in their honor.

Charlie Kelly, of Chambersburg, spent the time from Saturday until Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Kelly, on South First street. He was accompanied back to Chambersburg by his mother, who will spend a couple weeks with relatives and friends in that place.

## ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.

Michael Lehman Passed Peacefully to His Final Rest Monday Evening After Lingered Illness.

### MRS. McDONOUGH, TUESDAY MORNING.

#### MICHAEL LEHMAN.

Michael Lehman, one of McConnellsburg's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his late home northwest corner First and Walnut street, Monday evening at the advanced age of 80 years, 2 months, and 25 days. Funeral Wednesday afternoon. Interment in the graveyard at the Lutheran church, and sermon in the Lutheran church by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Fassold.

Mr. Lehman was born of German parentage, near Needmore, this county, and now but one member of the family survives, namely, Leah, wife of John Kauffman, Altoona, Pa.

In 1853 Mr. Lehman was united in marriage to Miss Susan Speece, of McConnellsburg, who died about nine years ago. Three children survive: Louisa, widow of the late Hanson Jackson; Catherine, wife of P. Fred Black, and Eva, wife of Nicholas H. Roettger—all living in this place. There are twelve grandchildren.

Sixty years ago, Mr. Lehman identified himself with the Lutheran church, and from that time until the day of his death he was a most faithful and devout member. For many years he was a member of the Lutheran choir, and as long as his health would permit, he was regular in his attendance at all its services.

Mr. Lehman was a veteran of the Civil War, being a member of Co. F. Fifty-Sixth Regiment, P. V., and serving with Jacob Clevenger, John and Jacob Fox, the late Thomas Humbert and others. He was mustered out of service in December 1865.

#### JOHN N. TAYLOR.

John N. Taylor died at the home of his parents, James and Agnes Sharp Taylor, three miles north of Harrisville, Thursday, May 7, 1908, aged 22 years and 9 months. While he had been in failing health for several months, his last sickness covered a period of sixty days, and the immediate cause of his death was acute diabetes.

Funeral on the following Saturday and interment in the cemetery at the Sideling Hill Christian church.

John did not profess religion, but as he was praying and calling upon the Lord, when delirium and death put an end to his great sufferings, we sincerely hope and trust that all is well with his soul. He leaves to mourn his loss, a father, mother, one brother, and one sister—Orville, at home, and Cecy, of Sallillo, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Henry Wolf, assisted by Edward Croft.

#### MRS. JAS. A. McDONOUGH.

The many friends of Minnie Maye, wife of Jas. A. McDonough, Democratic nominee for Assembly 1906, were greatly shocked to learn of her serious illness, and later of her death, at her home at New Grenada. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonough on last Wednesday was born a fine big son, and their hearts were gladdened by that joy that comes with the first child. But, alas! in a few hours thereafter, the mother begins to show symptoms of illness that rapidly developed into peritonitis; and while everything is done for her that human skill can devise, grim death came into the home on Tuesday morning and caught away the spirit of the young mother and wife.

The funeral will take place this afternoon conducted by Rev. W. J. Sheaffer of the M. E. church, assisted by Rev. Floegel, of Three Springs. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Bethel church and Rev. Shafer will preach the sermon in the church.

Mrs. McDonough was a daughter

## ROBBERS' BOLD ATTEMPT.

The Gale Family, Near Warfordsburg, in Bethel Township, Attacked Last Wednesday Night.

### HEROISM OF JOHN McCULLOUGH.

The Gale family, one of the oldest and best known in the lower end of the County, reside on their farm about two miles south of Warfordsburg.

The family is composed of William Gale, Miss Kate Gale, Mrs. Bettie Andrews—all above seventy years of age, and John McCullough, aged about fifty-five years, unmarried, who has had his home with the Gales for more than forty years.

Like many other of the older families, these people lived a quiet uneventful life, are in comfortable circumstances, and, up to last week, had preferred to keep their surplus cash about the house rather than to take chances in placing it in a bank.

About nine o'clock on Wednesday evening of last week, the family had all retired to their beds except John McCullough, whose attention was attracted to a rap at the door. Thinking that it meant only a late call from some of the neighbors, he went to the door, opened it, when he was confronted by a stoutly built young man about six feet tall, who shoved a revolver in McCullough's face, commanding him to throw up his hands, and proceeded promptly to show where the money in the house was kept.

McCullough, although a well-built man, is one of those easy fellows, who do not say much, and as harmless as a kitten, did not talk back, neither did he conduct his visitor to the hidden treasure. He did, however, throw up his hands, but it was only to give him a better chance to bring his sturdy fists down upon the robber, when a violent struggle took place. It was a battle for life or death, and never did two men fight more fiercely. McCullough succeeded in wrenching the revolver from the robber's hand, but it dropped to the floor, and the robber succeeded in regaining it, when he concluded that a retreat would be most wise. As he sprang away into the yard, McCullough slammed the door shut, and called for a shot gun, when a ball from the robber's revolver came crashing through one of the panels of the door, barely missing the body of Mr. McCullough. The robber then disappeared in the darkness, and the family, who were all thoroughly aroused by this time, did not take chances of sleeping any more that night.

The robber was well masked, and wore a white beard, but he had evidently not had a great deal of experience in the "hold up" business.

The Gale people have changed their minds about the safety of banks, and robbers hereafter will not find much money about the house, should the attempt be repeated.

ter of Newton G. and Belle McClain Cunningham, and was born May 1, 1883. On the 17th of January 1906, she was married to J. A. McDonough in the Leister House parlor, Huntingdon, Pa., by Rev. W. J. Sheaffer. Her son was born on the 6th of May and on the 12th of May she died.

Mrs. McDonough had been a consistent member of the M. E. church since she was a little girl; and was one of those lovable characters that won the esteem of all who came within the circle of her influence.

Besides her grief stricken husband she is survived by her parents, one brother Arthur, an insurance man at Mount Union, a sister Ruth, and two brothers—Ernest and Merrill at home.

## FORGING AHEAD.

Nat Wishart, a Former Fulton County Boy, Now at Wheeling, W. Va.

From a recent issue of the Wheeling (W. Va.) Times, we publish the following that will be read with pleasure by Nat's many Fulton county friends:

"Mr. Nat H. Wishart, of Pittsburg, who is an employee of the Westinghouse Company, of that city, was in Wheeling last Saturday and leased the large show room of the McClure House Annex on Twelfth street, for the purpose of starting the Footer Dye Works agency. The Footer people are widely known for their artistic work, and Wheeling is to be congratulated on getting one of their many agencies.

Mr. Wishart is of a clean cut disposition, and looks the part of a consistent business man; and although young, our impression of him is "He looks good to us." We wish the young man and his business all the success in the world.

He is a product from the County of no railroads, and they have turned out some good ones."

## Recent Weddings.

### MULLENIX-SIPES.

On the 22d day of April, 1908, by M. J. Slick, J. P., at his office in Mercersburg, Pa., Mr. Clarence Smith Mullenix of Foltz, and Miss Daisy Kendall Sipes of this county, were united in wedlock.

### ARTHUR-PALMER.

On Tuesday, April 28th, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. August Soffel in Pittsburg, were married Miss Laura Palmer, daughter of the late T. Jefferson Palmer, of Harrisville, and Dr. Herbert Arthur, of McKeesport. The happy couple left for a four weeks' wedding tour, during which time they will visit places of interest in the eastern cities, after which they will begin housekeeping in McKeesport, where the groom has a large and growing practice, and is a surgeon of ability on the staff of the McKeesport hospital.

The many friends of the bride in this county, join in wishing her a long and happy life.

### DAVIS-SHAFER.

At Harrisburg, Pa., on Thursday, May 7, 1908, Mr. Joseph Davis, of Robertsdale, and Miss Maude Shafer, of New Grenada, were united in marriage. The groom is a son of the late Samuel Davis, and the bride, a daughter of George Shafer, of New Grenada. The affair was held last Saturday evening at the groom's home. A large number of friends were present, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Their many friends join the NEWS in extending congratulations.

## Mysterious Disappearance.

Frank B. McDonald and his wife, who is a daughter of Mrs. Susan Rummel, west of McConnellsburg, have been living for some time in the home of the latter's mother. Last Sunday after dinner, Mr. McDonald left home in the best of spirits, saying that he was going over to the home of Andrew Rotz, who is married to a sister of Mrs. McDonald, and who lives on the Sipes farm east of town. A few minutes after leaving his home, Mr. McDonald was seen passing through the tollgate west of town, and his family have not seen nor heard anything from him since. He did not get to Mr. Rotz's. His wife feels very uneasy and fears that something has happened to her husband, as she knows of no reason why he should deliberately leave without giving her any reason. Any information as to his whereabouts, will be a great relief to the mind of his wife.

The annual Memorial sermon will be preached to the grand army veterans by Rev. J. C. Fassold, in the Lutheran church, next Sunday morning, at 10:00.

## ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Snapshots at Their Comings and Goings Here for a Vacation, or Away for a Restful Outing.

### NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Hon. and Mrs. Jno. P. Sipes are in Philadelphia a few days.

Messrs. Roy Kendall and Aaron Martin of the Cove visited friends in Lemaster recently.

Miss Nellie Runyan, of Shippenburg, is spending this week among friends here.

M. R. Shaffner, Esq., is absent this week, on a business trip to Huntingdon and Philadelphia.

Miss Nora Conrad, of Pittsburg visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad recently.

Samuel W. Peck, of Meyersdale, is visiting in the home of his uncle, the editor of the NEWS.

John Snyder, who has been employed in Altoona, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Fred Snyder, in Tod township.

Mr. R. A. Stouteagle is taking advantage of the slack time in Altoona to spend some time among his old Fulton county friends.

Rev. Horace N. Sipes, who is pastor in charge of a circuit in Cambria county, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson Sipes.

Misses Olive and Desse Kendall left on Tuesday for Huntsville, Ohio, where they will visit their uncle J. N. Nelson's family and other friends.

Herbert Helman an employee at the Asylum at Norristown Pa., is spending this week at the home of his mother Mrs. Matilda Helman in this place.

R. M. Wilkinson, of Hancock, spent the time from Saturday until Sunday afternoon in the home of his brother, A. B. Wilkinson, of this place.

Ross Doyle started out on a pedestrian expedition Tuesday morning, and expects to visit Chambersburg, Gettysburg, and Harrisburg on his trip.

Mrs. George Finnf Sr., who had been visiting her children at Newville, and Mont Alto, returned last Friday accompanied by her grandson, Master George Finnf.

Miss Blanche Morton, an efficient stenographer in the office of the Philadelphia Press, is home with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Morton, for a short rest and vacation.

Miss Ethel Freeman, who has been engaged in the millinery department of one of Philadelphia's big stores, is spending some time in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Myers, on East Water street.

Miss Maze Mellott, who has a nice position with the Hays, Ackers & Co., people at Eighth and Arch, Philadelphia, is spending a couple of weeks in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Mellott in this place.

## HEAVY GATE

Falls on Children of Roswell Stains in Wells Valley. Released by Their Mother.

Goldie and Pearl—daughters of Roswell Stains, of Wells Valley—aged about 5 and 7 years, respectively, went out to the pasture field for the cows last Friday evening, and in attempting to open a large oaken gate, it slipped off its hinges and fell over on the children, crushing them to the ground and holding them fast. The cows passed out of the field through the opening and went home. When the mother noticed the cows, but saw nothing of her little girls, she went in search and found them under the gate. Goldie was lying in about eight inches of water, but managed to keep her head out. Mrs. Stains soon released the children from their perilous position, but Goldie is somewhat worse for the experience.