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## DON'T SPRAY TREES WHILE IN BLOSSOM.

Zoologist H. A. Surface, of State Department of Agriculture, Warns Fruit Growers of Danger.

### WAIT TILL BLOOM DROPS.

The owners of fruit farms, who intend spraying their trees to prevent diseases and kill the codling moth larva are advised by Prof. Surface, of the Division of Economic Zoology of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture not to spray the blossoms, but to wait until after the petals have dropped, or more than three-fourths are down. He also says injury will be caused to the blossoms if they are sprayed when open, but the spraying should not be delayed after the blossoms have fallen. To secure the best results the spray must be applied within six days after the blossoms fall, and a second spraying should be done ten days or two weeks after the first application to prove effectual.

The following are said by the department to be the objections to spraying trees when in bloom: There is no definite pest for which the spray is applicable at that time, and each spraying should be for something definite.

The very young fruit is liable to be injured by the spray liquid falling upon it at this time. Spraying when in bloom is a very sure way of thinning the fruit crop, but it is very unscientific and unsatisfactory.

Spraying blossoms with poison results in the destruction of bees. Bees are necessary for fertilization and setting of the fruit.

The delay of only a short time, or until just after the blossoms fall, gives the proper time for spraying for the codling moth and for plant diseases and does not result in the destruction of fruit or bees.

The proper spraying material is the Bordeaux Mixture, to which an arsenical poison such as Paris green or arsenate of lead is added. There are two spraying strengths for this liquid according to the hardness of the tree or plant to be sprayed. Spray the apple, pear, quince and potato with the strong formula which calls for three pounds of bluestone and four pounds of quicklime in fifty gallons of water, with one or two pounds of arsenate of lead added to this. If Paris green is used, instead of the arsenate of lead, one-third of a pound should be used to each fifty gallons.

The weak formula calls for one-half of the above quantities of bluestone, lime and arsenate of lead in fifty gallons of water. This is used on peach and plum trees on account of their tender bark, and on similar delicate plants. Peach and plum trees do not need to be sprayed immediately after blossoming, but these and the grapes should be sprayed for wormy fruit, making the application after the fruit reaches the size of buckshot.

### NEW GRENADE.

Martha Black, of Robertsdale, visited her many friends here over Sunday.

John Mills who has been at Scranton during the past winter came home on Tuesday.

Rilla Houck went to Newton Hamilton on Monday.

Harry Gaster, wife and son Ernest, and Grandma Gaster visited Samuel Grissinger near Dublin Mills over Sunday.

Dr. Campbell and Geo. Shaffer made a trip to Fort Littleton on Saturday, returning via Huston-town and took in the ball game at the latter place.

New Grenada is becoming famous for socials. Another one was held last Saturday night, by members of Zion M. E. church, which was a success socially and financially.

Mrs. Amanda Snow, of Wells Tannery, visited Frank Thomas and Auntie Duvall.

## WAS ALMOST A NONOGENARIAN.

James Kerlin Died at His Home in Taylor Township Last Week, Aged 89 years, 1 Month, and 3 Days.

### HE WAS BORN IN JUNIATA COUNTY, PA.

Jimmy Kerlin, as he had for a great many years been familiarly known, and one of Fulton county's oldest citizens, died at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Louisa Kerlin, on the old Kerlin homestead, near the village of Clear Ridge, Tuesday, May 4, 1909, at the advanced age of 89 years, 1 month, and 3 days. While he had been in frail health incident to senility for a long time, yet on the last day of his life he was up and about—cheerful as usual, and ate with relish a hearty supper. It had long been his custom to go to bed soon after supper, and at this time, when he finished his supper, he went to his room. In about half an hour afterwards he called, and before the family could all get to his bedside, he was dead.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Clear Ridge.

Mr. Kerlin was born in Juniata county, Pa., and when about ten years of age his father moved to this county, bringing Jimmy along. Having grown to manhood, he married Miss Jane McMath, of Waterloo, Pa., and to them was born one child, Mrs. Jane Culp, now residing at Columbus, Ind. His wife dying in about three or four years, he later married Miss Eleanor Patterson, also of Waterloo, Pa., and she died about six years ago. To this last union were born eleven children, six of whom are living, namely, John P., of Clear Ridge; Phoebe, wife of James D. Stevens, Fort Littleton; Jennie, wife of William Brown, Rockhill, Pa.; Cecelia, widow of the late Ephraim Anderson, Clear Ridge; McClellan, of Gracey, and Gilson at home. The deceased was the father of twelve children, forty-six grandchildren and twenty-seven great grandchildren.

### SAMUEL G. GLADFELTER.

The subject of this notice lived near Oak Grove, Huntingdon county, and had been afflicted during the past few years with dropsy and rheumatism to such an extent as not to be able to lie in bed for about two years, and usually did his sleeping in a rocking chair. Saturday, he was able to go about—was over at his son Daniel's, near Zion church, and after returning ate a hearty supper at home, and took his place as usual in his rocker for the night. On Sunday morning when the family arose, they found him cold in death.

His funeral took place on the following Tuesday, and interment was made at Cherry Grove, services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dean Mr. Gladfelter was an excellent Christian gentleman, a substantial citizen, good neighbor, kind husband and father. He leaves to mourn their loss a widow, two daughters, and three sons—Nora, at home; Emma, wife of Harry Bolinger, and Daniel—of Clay township; Frank, of Juniata, Pa.; and Adam, location unknown; also, one brother Jerry, near Waterfall, who has been blind for several years, and is in poor health.

The deceased was a lifelong member of the U. B. church at Oak Grove, and was born at York, Pa., on the 7th of November, 1818, hence was aged 70 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

### JUNE MELLOTT.

Miss Mary Mellott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward V. Mellott who live near the Sideling Hill Christian church, received the sad intelligence by phone Monday evening that her little sister June had died suddenly.

### PRICE \$22,000.

Stiltwell A. Clevenger Has Bought McKinley Hotel in Chambersburg.

Mondays' Public Opinion says that it was announced last Saturday that Stiltwell A. Clevenger, former clerk of the courts of Franklin county, and brother of Ahimaa Clevenger, who lives on the Tommy Sloan farm in the Cove, had purchased the McKinley Hotel in Chambersburg for the sum of \$22,000.

Breniser & Frank, who now conduct the hotel, have a lease on the property until the first of next April. The new owner is desirous of getting possession of the stand as soon as possible and is now negotiating with Messrs. Breniser and Frank looking towards securing possession at once. No agreement has yet been reached.

The new owner contemplates a number of improvements to the well known hostelry. Because of his wide acquaintance in town and county. Mr. Clevenger will doubtless be successful when he becomes proprietor.

"Stilly" is one of the Editor's former Normal School boys, whose success is watched with pleasure.

### Thieves Made a Big haul.

The Daylight Department store of J. S. Shapiro, at Broad Top City, was entered by thieves on Wednesday morning of last week about 3:30 o'clock, who blew open the safe and secured about \$375 in money, four gold watches and one silver watch. Mr. Shapiro offers \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Mrs. Cecelia Anderson, of Clear Ridge, and her niece, Miss Myrtle Stevens, of Fort Littleton, were agreeable callers at the News office, while in town last Friday.

Miss Mary came to town Monday afternoon to attend the Summer Normal school, and had engaged boarding at Mrs. Aaron Clevenger's. Monday forenoon, Mary and her sister June—who is about nine years of age—went to the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Obed T. Mellott, where they remained until after dinner—June, apparently very well, and eating a hearty dinner. They then returned to the home of their parents, and about 1 o'clock Mary left home for McConnellsb-urg. At supper, June ate as usual. Shortly after supper, however, her mother saw something in her condition that caused alarm, and she called to her husband who was at the barn. When he reached the house he saw that the child was in a dying condition, and before the rest of the family could be brought together, little June had breathed her last.

Funeral on Wednesday, and interment at the Sideling Hill Christian church. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends in this sudden bereavement.

### MRS. L. F. SKINNER.

Mrs. L. F. Skinner, wife of Edgar M. Skinner, of Path Valley, and sister of Mrs. S. B. Woollet, of this place, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Allen Land, in Kansas City, Mo., Sunday evening, May 9, 1909, lacking but four days of being 65 years of age. Interment at Clay Center, Kansas. Mrs. Skinner was a daughter of the late Andrew Fisher, and was born near Saluvia, of whose family but three are left—namely, John R., of Bedford; Winfield S., and Elizabeth, wife of Postmaster S. B. Woollet, of this place.

Mrs. Skinner spent a few weeks in this place last summer. Her health has been very frail for a number of years, and her death was not wholly unexpected. She is survived by one child, Sadie Land, and three grandchildren.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

Class of '09 Gave Play in Auditorium Instead of the Usual Literary Exercises.

### LARGE AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE.

The graduating class in the McConnellsb-urg High School, this year, instead of the "regulation literary exercises," at Commencement, gave a play entitled "Those Dreadful Twins" to a large assembly in the Auditorium of the Public School building, last Thursday evening.

The address of the valedictorian, Miss Nora Watson, was delivered in excellent style, and showed careful preparation, and that the young lady possessed more than ordinary natural ability. Miss Watson is a young colored girl of the Booker Washington type, and is a daughter of Barber Isaac N. Watson, and a grand-daughter of Henry Caution of Mercersburg. We predict for her a life of usefulness in the education and moral advancement of her race.

The class numbered twelve—ten of whom composed the cast of characters in the play. The names of the graduates are Erskine Houston, Maria Dickson Alexander, Russel Mock, Daisy Kelly, George Morton, Josephine Runyan, John Mentzer, Murnie Rummel, Rex Irwin, George Nelson, Robert Alexander, and Nora Watson.

The play was of the lightest comedy class, and in character fell much below the standard of the plays of former years. There were few situations in which any player could have appeared to advantage—no plot to unravel—no pleasing finale. There was too much "rough house"—too many characters who essayed the roll of "drunks," and too little opportunity to display the skill and ability of the bright boys and girls of the cast, who would have appeared to far greater advantage in a regular commencement program, or in a play that stands first in its moral and educational influence upon character.

### Editor's Wife Hurt.

The wife of the editor of the NEWS was injured in an automobile accident last Friday afternoon. She was sitting on the front seat with her husband, who was driving the car, when on the turnpike about two miles east of Everett, a front wheel ran off. The sudden and unexpected stopping of the car threw her headlong about fifteen feet, she alighting flat on her face and body in the turnpike. She regained consciousness in a few minutes, and in a half-dazed condition, was hurried to Everett in a buggy, where she received medical attention. While her escape from instant death was miraculous, she seems to have escaped with nothing worse than a badly sprained wrist and numerous bruises. She is now at Bedford, and getting along as well as might be expected.

### A Costly Fad.

Royalty comes high, but they insist upon having it over in Europe, regardless of the expense. Spain, for example, is one of the poorest of European nations, and is hopelessly in debt, and yet she allows her young king \$1,540,535 annually for his keep, to say nothing of the castles he has to live in rent free. Of that sum the king himself gets \$1,211,058, or sixteen times as much as we give President Taft. His wife, the Queen, gets \$77,892, and the two-year-old son of the royal pair, who is also heir to the throne, is allowed \$96,547. The aunts of the King, three in number, receive from \$25,000 to \$43,000. Considering the sorry lot the Spanish rulers have been for the past half century, it seems to us as if the Spanish people were paying pretty dearly for their fad.

### MOTHERS' DAY.

Appropriate Services Last Sunday All Over the Land in Honor of Pure Motherhood.

All over this broad land, last Sunday was observed as Mothers' Day, although the idea of setting apart one Sabbath in each year for the purpose of developing a keener sense of maternal affection, is less than four years old. Pastors took as a theme for their sermons the thought of the beauty and glory of motherhood; and thousands showed their sentiment by wearing white flowers, mainly carnations. In McConnellsb-urg, scores of boys and girls—as well as those grown tall—proudly wore the fragrant flower in token of the dignity, grace and sacredness of motherhood.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, a large congregation listened to a sermon by Rev. Bryner whose theme was "The Model Mother." The Epworth League, with appropriate music, also paid high tribute to mother love and constancy—each member wearing the emblem of purity in honor of her who loves him best of all.

In the Lutheran church, a white carnation was presented by the Sunday school to each mother, and to each of the young ladies.

The floral decorations in all the churches were particularly fine. And a general recognition of the day was observed, even though the service had not been especially designed for Mothers' Day.

### School Report.

Report of Intermediate school, McConnellsb-urg. Eighth month. Number enrolled, 37; average attendance, 38; per cent. of attendance, 92; attended every day during month, Mary Irwin, Mildred Mock, Grace Steach, Eleanor Sinnott, Lucille Grissinger, Minerva Pittman, Dorothy Hamil, Faith Reed, Robert Hamil, Fred Fisher, Raymond Grissinger, Pierce Henry, Mac Morton, Guy Reed, Hollis Wible, Wayne Taylor, Ross Hamil, Harry Steach, Willis Daniels. Those who attended every day during term, Minerva Pittman, Ross Hamil, Guy Reed, Gertrude Hoke, teacher.

Report of Primary School for term, and for the last month.

Number enrolled for the last month, 45; Number enrolled during term, 47. Average attendance during month, 42; Average attendance during term, 40; Per cent. of attendance during month, 90; Per cent. of attendance during term, 94.

Those who did not miss a day during month—Carl Grissinger, Ted Hamil, Herman Hixson, Willis Mellott, Keller Mentzer, Bruce Ray, Frank Shimer, Dwight Steach, Vincent Stevens, Elwood Wilkinson, Chester Woodal, Helen Bender, Marion Bender, Mary Bohnger, Rose Daniels, Edna Doyle, Mary Fisher, Mazie Hamil, Dorothy Harris, Myrtle McQuade, Margaret Mellott, Nettie Mellott, Winnie Mellott, Mary Pittman, Anna Mary Sipes, Helen Steach, Martha Taylor.

Those who did not miss a day during term—Ted Hamil, Mary Fisher, Mazie Hamil, Mary Pittman, Anna Mary Sipes.

Those who missed one day—Nettie Mellott, Martha Taylor.

### NORA FISHER, Teacher.

An old darky wanted to join a fashionable city church, and the minister, knowing it was hardly the thing to do, and not wanting to hurt his feelings, told him to go home and pray over it. In a few days the darky came back. "Well, what do you think of it by this time?" asked the preacher. "Well, sah," replied the colored man, "Ah prayed an' prayed an' de good Lawd, he says to me, 'Rastus, Ah've been trying to git into dat chu'ch mahse'f for de las' twenty years and Ah ain't done had no luck.'"

## TREATMENT OF SEED POTATOES.

State Zoologist Surface Prefers Formalin to Corrosive Sublimate Because Latter Dissolves Immediately.

### HOW TO PREPARE THE MIXTURE.

The subject of the treatment of seed potatoes to prevent scab was brought to the attention of the Division of Economic Zoology of the Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania by Mr. R. J. Belt of Wellsville, York Co., Pa., Treasurer of the Wells Whip Co. Mr. Belt treated his potatoes with bichloride of mercury, having dissolved two ounces of corrosive sublimate in 16 gallons of water. Three times this quantity of the mixture was used on 40 bushels of potatoes.

State Zoologist H. A. Surface replied that he prefers formalin to corrosive sublimate for potato scab treatment. This is because the formalin, or formaldehyde, dissolves immediately in water, it being a liquid itself when in the commercial form, and it does not corrode any material by coming in contact with and drying upon it as the corrosive sublimate might do. After having killed the disease germs it evaporates and is gone, so that no evil after-effects can come from it. It is quickly and easily prepared, and its action upon one's hand will not be anywhere near as serious as the corrosive sublimate solution.

To prepare the mixture put 30 gallons of water into a barrel, to which add one pint of the formalin solution. This about equals one-half ounce to a gallon. This may appear weak, but it is strong enough to destroy the scab germs. Put the potatoes in bags and the bags into barrels, and pour enough of the foregoing solution of formalin and water into the barrel to cover the bags, and let stand for an hour. After that take the potatoes out of the bags and let them drain. Other potatoes can be put in the bags and immersed for the treatment. The liquid can be used again and again as long as any remains. It should be kept covered to prevent escape of the fumes or evaporation, and it would be well to strengthen it occasionally by adding a little more of the solution. The potatoes can be treated either before or after cutting, but if they are not to be planted soon, dipping before cutting is best. They can be dried in crates or in barrels, or spread on the barn floor, after the same has been swept completely and scrubbed with a solution of the formalin or bichloride, whatever is being used.

### MRS. WILL HUGHES HURT.

Thrown From Train Near Philadelphia Last Saturday. Both Shoulder Blades Fractured.

While boarding a train of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway at Manayunk station, Mrs. William F. Hughes was thrown or fell to the station platform last Saturday afternoon, sustaining painful, if not fatal injuries.

The train was just about to start for Philadelphia, and the crew picked up the woman and took her to the Reading Terminal. An ambulance of the Jefferson Hospital was in waiting there, and Mrs. Hughes was hurried to the hospital, where it was found that she was suffering from fractures of both shoulder blades and several severe contusions about the body. While the woman is not in immediate danger, the doctors say that her conditions is serious.

Mr. Hughes is a native of this place, and he and his good wife spent several weeks here two years ago. Their many McConnellsb-urg friends trust her injuries may not prove serious.

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## 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

Clarence R. Akers, of Brush Creek Valley, spent Monday night in town.

Samuel W. Truax, of Iddo, called at the News office a few minutes while in town Monday.

Miss Lala Anderson and Rose Fisher made a trip up to Dublin Mills last Sunday, and enjoyed the drive very much.

P. Howard Kirk, of Bethel, was among those who came to town Monday to contribute a student to the Normal.

Lillie R. Campbell went over to Hollidaysburg last week to spend some time in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Campbell.

Mrs. C. W. Peck and children, Ruth and Robert, are visiting the family of Henry H. Deshong, and other friends and relatives in Belfast township.

Mr. S. L. Wible, near Chambersburg, came over the mountain Tuesday and will spend a few days among his Fulton county friends.

Mrs. Mary Fahnestock, of Chambersburg, spent the time from Saturday until Monday, the guest of her brother Jacob Henry, in McConnellsb-urg.

Mrs. M. H. Hollinshead and Miss Sadie Fohner, of Harrisonville, spent the time from Saturday until Monday with relatives and friends near Mercersburg.

Miss Lillian Stinson, of Knobsville, has been spending the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mort, at Clear Ridge.

Miss Gertrude Hoke, of this place, spent the time from last Friday until Monday, the guest of Miss Nell Johnston, at the Normal at Shippensburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Myers, and their little family, of Mercersburg, were guests in the home of Mrs. Myers' parents, R. M. Kendall and wife, over Sabbath.

Prothonotary Harris accompanied his wife to Harrisburg last Friday and returned home Saturday evening. Mrs. Harris remained for a more extended visit in the home of her sister, Mrs. James K. Linn, of that city.

Mrs. Priscilla Waters, of Columbia, Pa.; Edgar Chambers and wife, Harry Henderson and wife, Josephine Stoner, Susan Browne, and Howard Reidout—all of Mercersburg, attended the graduation exercises and birthday reception of Miss Nora Watson, last Thursday evening.

Harry Hull and family, who have been residing in Colorado, came to McConnellsb-urg last Saturday, and expect to make their home among us. Harry is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Hull, and has been in the West for several years. His many friends here extend to him a hearty welcome.

Mrs. J. B. Runyan went over to Mercersburg last Friday afternoon and stayed until Saturday morning in the home of her friends, Dr. and Mrs. Swartzwelder, when she and Mrs. Swartzwelder took the train and went down and spent the day in Chambersburg. Mrs. Runyan returned home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Stevens left yesterday morning for Erie, Pa., in which city they will remain with their daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Rausbeck, until next Monday, when Mr. Stevens will go on to Hancock, Iowa, where he will remain during the summer, superintending the erection of a nice house for his brother, Dr. A. S. Stevens. Mrs. Stevens will remain with her daughter a few weeks before returning home.