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RECORD OF DEATHS.

Persons Well Known to Many of Our Readers, Who Have Answered Final Summons.

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

MORTON.

Elizabeth Morton, a note of whose death appeared in last week's NEWS, was born March 15, 1827, in Thompson township, and died August 24, 1910, aged 83 years, 5 months and 9 days. She was a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Pittman. Her mother died when she was a babe one year and nine months old, and her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Smith, took her and raised her to womanhood in Whips Cove, this county. She was a sister of the late Rev. Ezra, John and Jared Pittman; two half brothers, George J. and Benjamin; two full sisters, Mollie Hege and Sarah Johnston; and two half sisters, Mrs. Susan Zimmerman and Ella, the last named dying when a young woman.

She was married to the late George Morton, Jan. 1, 1850, and they lived happily together for over half a century; and through their frugality and good management, acquired a plenty of this world's goods for themselves and to spare. This hungry and needy were never turned away from Uncle George and Aunt Lizzie (as they were called in the community) empty handed. The night was never too cold or stormy for this good woman to arise and go to a neighbor who was sick or in distress, and administer to their wants, and with her genial disposition. She always brought sunshine into the homes.

She united with the Christiana Church when a young woman, and she has been a faithful follower of the Master for many years. Although being greatly afflicted for more than four years, and a great sufferer bodily, she retained the full use of her strong mind and bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Richard Hollinshead, Plum Run; Mrs. J. A. Clevenger, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. B. A. Truax, at the old home near Pleasant Ridge, to mourn the loss of a dear mother and wise counselor. They have the deepest sympathy of the whole community in their bereavement.

She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Christian Church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. G. B. Powers and Rev. Thomas Garland assisted by Rev. J. C. Garland and Rev. John Mellett.

KEEFER.

On last Thursday evening Gilbert, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keefer, died at their home in lower Thompson township. The child was born July 22, 1907 and died August 25, 1910, his age being 3 years, 1 month and 3 days.

Gilbert was a very bright and interesting child, although his health was very delicate for several months. The very best of medical attention was given him, but all proved of little value. On Tuesday last he became critically ill, and remained so until death ended his sufferings Thursday evening.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon. Interment was made in the cemetery at Rehoboth church, services conducted by Rev. Gates, of Hancock. He is survived by several brothers and sisters and his loving father and mother—all of whom sadly grieve the loss of the little one in their home.

STONER.

Word was received here yesterday that John Stoner died at his home in Chambersburg Tuesday night. The deceased was a native of McConnellsburg, and a brother of William and Albert, and of Mrs. Ann Benford—all of this place; and of Merrick A., of Bedford. He was aged about 85 years.

SHOT HIMSELF.

Albert Manning of Bethel Township, Makes a Narrow Escape From Instant Death.

On Friday of last week, Albert Manning the 17 year old son of Charles Manning, of Bethel township, met with an accident that might have cost the young man his life. The facts in the case as we have been able to gather them are as follows: The young man had been out with his shot gun for some purpose and returning sat down in the house with the gun which was cocked beside him. He placed his arm over the muzzle and laid his head down on his arm. A little child, named Booth, a cousin of the unfortunate young man, was playing around on the floor when it touched the trigger discharging the load which entered young Manning's wrist badly lacerating that member and tearing away part of the right cheek. Some of the shot entered under the right jaw and the young man spat them out; the right eye was also injured. Dr. Stagers was sent for and seeing the seriousness of the wounds had him removed to the hospital at Martinsburg, Va., where we understand he is recovering as fast as could be expected under the circumstances. People cannot be too careful in handling fire arms.

Tribulations of a Country Postmaster.

In last week's NEWS appeared an article relating new rules for the McConnellsburg postoffice. As I am a country postmaster, I want to add a few rules to suit my patrons:

Always ask for your mail as soon as it arrives, and before the Postmaster has had time to distribute it. If he fails to comply with your request, cuss him and tell him that's what he is there for. If you don't happen to get any mail ask him when there will be some. That's the way to do. A Postmaster has no feelings. He's a kind of a slave for the public. If any of your friends send you a right ugly post card, blame it on the Postmaster. He sent it. Or, at least, that's the way it is in our office. Any one having a grudge against you, blame him, too; he caused it. O, the life of a Postmaster is not living among roses—three thirds of it is thorns. The patrons of some offices seem to think that a Postmaster is responsible for all the evil that exists in the immediate community. But he isn't. If he is right busy and you have letters to mail, throw them and the pennies in the letter box. He can fish them out. He has more time than you. If you want a money order, come in just the time the mail is due, and then swear because he has to change the mail, and cannot wait on you. This office is blessed with very good patrons as long as you do not stroke their hair the wrong way. If you do—look out.

Dear Editor, don't print my name to this. It might make matters worse.

COUNTRY POSTMASTER.

The Reunion.

Notwithstanding the threatening weather on Friday, a large number of people from this vicinity went to the Reunion of the old soldiers held at the Reunion grounds in Licking Creek township. The McConnellsburg Band was on the grounds early and by eleven o'clock there was quite a large crowd present. The program as published, was carried out. There were several scraps and several men under the influence of liquor but, on the whole, the order was good. We are glad to say no accidents happened to mar the pleasure of those present.

The campmeeting down at the Clito A. M. E. church will be continued until the fourth of September.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

Machine Turns Turtle Near Bald Eagle School House in Thompson Township Last Sunday Afternoon.

Last Sunday afternoon Landlord McLaughlin, of Greencastle, accompanied by his wife and baby, and a chauffeur, were driving through Thompson township in an automobile, when they had an accident that might have been more serious than it was. On account of the condition of the bridge at Gregory's fording, they were directed to leave the main road leading from Big Cove Tannery to Hancock, at Dickey's Mountain postoffice, and go across the hills by way of the Bald Eagle schoolhouse, and thus reach the old National turnpike. In attempting to ascend the steep hill leading up to the schoolhouse, something went wrong with the machine, and in an instant it had run backward over the bank and upset. It seemed almost miraculous that no one should be seriously injured; and the machine, itself, was not so badly wrecked but that when it was turned back upon its wheels, it was able to move away on its own power. After going about two miles, however, it began to show signs of "internal weakness," and Mr. McLaughlin was obliged to resort to the old fashioned horse and carriage method of transporting his family to the railroad, and the machine was sent to Hagerstown for repairs. Mrs. McLaughlin was formerly Miss Julia Craig, and the family had been at Big Cove Tannery for a little visit among Mrs. McLaughlin's oldtime friends.

Old Time Apple Snitzing.

Edward F. Mellott, who owns a small place opposite his father's farm in Whips Cove, upon which is a large orchard with an abundance of apples, was asked to have an apple snitzing by friends who, of course, promised to be "Johnny-on-the-spot" at any time he might name. The proposition was accepted, and last Thursday evening the time named. Ed didn't seem to get excited at all, but calmly gathered a large pile of apples, and with a large room of the house in shape, was ready to furnish employment to all who might put in an appearance. But while his time was thus being occupied, those interested were finding something to do too; and at the appointed time somewhat to his surprise about 29 of his friends came flocking in with pans, knives, buckets, four big sweet cakes, two freezers of ice cream, etc., exhibiting quantity enough to make the possessor of the most delapidated stomach sit up and take notice and weep for more stomach capacity. Filling the air with merriment and laughter, after a few minutes chat in which all present participated, the snits begin to fly, until about 11 o'clock when the refreshments were served. After which all returned to their respective homes feeling that they had had a royal good time. Those present were: Martha Stern and daughter Ava, of New castle, Pa., Mrs. Dodds, of Greensburg, Pa., Vernon Mellett of Wilmington, Del., Emory Diehl, Irene Diehl, Effamoy Diehl, Gnettie Diehl, Bertha Diehl, Will Diehl, Carl Mills, Nancy Layton, Watson Plessinger, Flora Plessinger, E. A. Hoopengardner, Rose Hoopengardner, Bruce Hoopengardner, Tillie Hoopengardner, Nathan Mellett, Jane Mellett, Asa Mellett, Christina Mellett, Oscar Davison, Cecil Clark, Wallace Mellett, D. C. Mellett, Blanche Mellett, Denton Hoopengardner, Lizzie Hoopengardner.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

Several attempts have been made to steal chickens in this place within the past week. In one case the thieves were successful. A load of shot would be the best medicine for the thieves.

GO AS MISSIONARIES.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Humphreys (Maud Baumgardner) Started on Their Journey to Eastern China Yesterday.

WILL SAIL FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Fulton county contributes another missionary to the Foreign Field in the person of Mrs. Chas. Humphreys (Maud Baumgardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner, of Wells Tannery) She and her husband left Wells Tannery yesterday on their long journey to Ningyuenfu, situated in western China.

Stopping off at Philadelphia for a few days, they will proceed to Boston, where they will spend ten days in attending a missionary conference, after which they will go across the continent by rail to San Francisco. From that city, they will sail across the wide Pacific and land at Shanghai. Two months will then be required to make the trip from Shanghai to the point of their destination, most of the distance will be traveled by means of sedan chairs or house-boats.

Several tons of freight have already been shipped for their use when they arrive on the field of their labor.

To the Doctor has been assigned medical mission work, and he will be assisted by Mrs. Humphreys. Both Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys have special qualifications for the successful carrying on of the work to which they have consecrated their lives, and the prayers of their many friends at home will be directed with specific reference to their success. Mrs. Humphreys is well known as a successful and energetic Sunday school worker in this county, and she has had much valuable experience in city mission work.

A large and impressive fare well meeting was held last Friday evening at the home of Hon. and Mrs. S. P. Wishart at Wells Tannery. Addresses were made by Mr. Wishart, Rev. Kennedy, Dr. Humphreys, and others, after which refreshments were served by the Ladies Aid Society.

It should be a source of much encouragement and satisfaction to the church workers in the little village of Wells Tannery to feel that from their number in the last few years have gone out two missionaries—the other being Miss Alice Wishart, who is now stationed at Allahabad, India.

S. S. Picnic.

A very enjoyable picnic was held by the Presbyterian Church and Sunday school in Mr. James Henry's meadow north of town on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

On Thursday afternoon the Methodist Sunday school held one at the same place which was largely attended and passed off pleasantly.

The spring in this meadow was recently been cleared out and greatly improved, steps placed across the creek and the walk along the creek made.

Extremes.

A contrast such as is rarely noticed on our streets, was presented on last Thursday just as the new automobile of the McConnellsburg Carrying Company started on its initial trip to Mercersburg. As the big machine whirled away and disappeared in a cloud of dust, a wagon drawn by a yoke of patient, slow-paced oxen came swaying up the street, thus presenting at one glance, a picture of the past and present.

The steamer Megantic, carrying Dr. Hawley H. Crippen and Miss Ethel Leneve, taking them back from Canada on a warrant issued in connection with the supposed murder of Dr. Crippen's wife, Belle Elmore, arrived at Liverpool on Saturday.

HOME COMING SERVICE.

Partial Program of Exercises to Be Held in the Whips Cove Christian Church, Sunday, Sept. 4th.

MORNING

1. Opening Service
2. Prayer
3. Song
4. Sermon by Rev. A. G. B. Powers
5. Solo by Miss Minnie Diehl
6. Sermon by Rev. S. L. Baugher
7. Solo by Miss Ava Stern
8. Addresses by other ministers

AFTERNOON

The services in the afternoon will consist of a sermon by Rev. J. R. Logue and by Rev. A. W. May, and by songs, quartettes, and solos, by Miss Stern and others.

EVENING

Sermon by Rev. Baugher, solo by Miss Diehl, and other special music as occasion may require. Everybody cordially invited to these services.

Teachers' Preliminary Meeting.

The Teachers' Preliminary Meeting for Ayr, McConnellsburg and Todd Districts was called to order in the public school building McConnellsburg last Thursday by Supt. Lamberson, after which Prof. Emory Thomas was elected Chairman.

The first topic for discussion was: Mathematics.—Number work, all grades. The main points brought out in the discussions by the different teachers were:—Teach number work by objects. We fail in Arithmetic because we consider that the child knows more than he really does. Teach addition by the use of combinations and continual drill. Five questions are worth a great deal more than one five times as long. Arithmetic is largely a habit.

The afternoon session was continued in the discussion of: Writing, system to be used and methods of instruction. The ideal way to teach writing is by the use of practice paper and not the copy book, first securing a smooth, rapid fore-arm movement without which there cannot be either, legibility or rapidity, the two demands made of all writing, at the present time. The suggestion was made that every teacher teach one system and that one a good slant system by at least one practice drill every day.

The next question discussed was: Spelling, methods of teaching. A strong discussion brought out the following: Teach spelling largely by the oral method, making use of the Phonetic method also.

Agriculture in our schools was taken up briefly by Supt. Lamberson at the close of the session. He suggested that all teachers in schools not having adopted the text book, place one good work on Agriculture in their school and use it supplementarily. We advise our teachers to prepare for the teaching of this branch as the day is not far distant when it will be a compulsory subject, having already been adopted by fourteen different states and outlined in the courses of study of twenty-two others. I should be glad to personally hear from all teachers interested in this subject as I think I can give them some useful information concerning self improvement in this branch.

There were twenty-six teachers present. Organization for Local Institute work will be made later. BLANCHE O. PECK, Sec'y, Knobsville, Pa.

Leasure-Smith.

C. Harry Leasure, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Leasure, of Everett, and Miss Minnie Smith, daughter of the late John L. Smith, this place, were married in Harrisburg, August 24th by the Rev. Mendenhall.

Walker Richards and wife, of Big Cove Tannery, were here Saturday.

NEAR DEATH: MIRACULOUSLY CURED

Wonderful Faith Cure is Causing Much Excitement in East Providence Township.

Much excitement and wonder is being expressed by persons residing near Graceville, in East Providence township, over the miraculous cure of Mrs. Daniel Shafer, who had been near death's door from the effects of a tumorous growth. On Wednesday night, August 12th, the relatives of Mrs. Shafer were anxiously watching at her bedside, earnestly hoping that her life might be spared a short while longer, when they were startled by a loud scream and with consternation saw the woman arise from her bed and go to a spring, where she drank freely and bathed her face with the water, and, apparently, fully recovered her health.

The story of this wonderful cure, which, if true, is paralleled only by the healing of the sick by Christ during the birth of the Christian era and is miraculous in the extreme. The facts as given to a representative of this paper by one familiar with the family, are as follows:

"Mrs. Emma Shafer, wife of Daniel Shafer, of near Graceville, was taken to the hospital at Roaring Spring about five months ago, where she was operated upon for cancer. Although this operation was seemingly a success, the patient did not receive much relief, and about two months ago Mrs. Shafer was taken to a hospital in Philadelphia, where her relatives were told by the physicians that an operation could not be performed on account of her weakened condition and furthermore that an operation was useless. She was then brought to her home and her condition steadily grew worse. Her physician administered morphine to alleviate the pain, which at times was intense. She had been confined to her bed for several weeks, was unable to take nourishment, and Wednesday night, August 12th, it was thought she could not live through the night. The family were watching at her bedside, when, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock Thursday morning, they were startled by a loud scream and upon recovering from the shock were surprised to see Mrs. Shafer arise from her bed and start on her way downstairs. Her husband expostulated with her and asked her to return to her bed, when she replied: "No, Christ has commanded me to go to the spring—drink and bathe myself and be cured, and I must go."

Finding that his wife was determined to carry out this alleged command, Mr. Shafer asked her to put on her shoes but she said "No, I must go as I am." Mrs. Shafer then went to the spring near the house, drank freely, and, scooping the water from the spring with her hands, dashing it over her head, face and shoulders and returned to the house apparently cured.

The next morning Mrs. Shafer dressed, took her accustomed place at the breakfast table and ate a hearty meal. Since then she has steadily improved in health and is now, seemingly, well.

The case is being watched with much interest by persons in that vicinity and news of the wonderful faith (?) cure is causing much comment among the residents of this end of the county.—Everett Press.

Entitled to Transportation.

Gen. H. S. Hudekoper, chairman of the Gettysburg battlefield monument commission, said that soldiers with honorable discharges from any Pennsylvania regiment that fought at Gettysburg, are entitled to transportation to witness the dedication of the monument on September 27.

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

Miss Olive Pittman spent Monday in Chambersburg.

Emory Booth, of Altoona, is spending a few days in our town.

Mrs. Eli Largent is away on a trip to Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss Viola Mumma, of Huston town, is spending this week at Judge Morton's.

Mrs. Abram Runyan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Dawney, at Huston town.

H. H. Hertzler, of Burnt Cabins, was a pleasant caller at this office on Monday morning.

John Seiders and wife, of Cito, are attending the Grangers picnic at Williams Grove this week.

N. A. Mellott and wife, of Saluvia, were registered at the Fulton House on Saturday.

D. M. Morton, of lower Ayr, was shaking hands with his friends here on Saturday.

Misses Mary Nairkirk and Nell Martz, of Hagerstown, are the guests of the Misses Grissinger of this place.

Miss Alice Truax, of Charles-town, Franklin county, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nettie Truax, in the Cove.

Clem Suders and sister Pauline were among those who took advantage of last Thursday's excursion to go to Atlantic City.

Mr. J. A. Clevenger, of Washington, D. C., spent from Friday until Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. Peter Morton, near town.

Miss Effie Rotz and her two nieces, Gail and Leona Myers, of near Chambersburg, are visiting friends in this place and vicinity.

Miss Esther Klee, of Chambersburg, has been visiting relatives and friends in this place and in the Cove, during the past ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. VanDyke, who have been visiting friends in this place for the past two weeks, left for their home in Philadelphia last Saturday.

Miss Floss Thompson, who had been spending her summer vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Thompson, returned to her home in Philadelphia last week.

Rev. J. B. Farrell, wife and daughter Helen, of Greencastle, were at the Washington House over Sunday. Mr. Farrell is pastor of the Greencastle Presbyterian congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McClain, Miss Mary Hoke and Mrs. Wilson L. Nace and daughter Helen spent several days during the past week at Atlantic City.

We had a very pleasant call from T. Elhott Patterson, Esq., of Philadelphia, on Monday morning. Mr. Patterson and family have been spending sometime at his old home south of town. We promise our readers an article from Mr. Patterson's pen shortly.

James Sipes and wife, and their son Harvey, in their Ford touring car, with O. L. Greathhead at the wheel, left town Monday morning at six o'clock, went down to Cumberland county where they own a couple of good farms, looked after the crops, came back to Chambersburg where they spent two or three hours taking in the sights of our neighboring village, and returned home arriving at six o'clock Monday evening. The odometer showing a day's run of ninety-six miles. When it is considered that James Sipes is with-in a few days of being 87 years of age, his wife but ten years younger, and that they looked back on the trip, the next day, as a day of recreation, the trip is remarkable.