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## OLD WAR TIME CAMPS.

Early Military Organizations in This County, and the Part They Played in the Civil War.

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Continued from last week.

The State did not supply the old time military with anything except arms—no clothing, no ammunition, no supplies of any kind. Each company adopted its own style of uniform and every man paid for the uniform he wore. Some companies wore a very fine costly uniform. The National Guards and Washington Blues did this.

All drums, fifes, flags, etc., were the property of the company and such thrilling, inspiring music as our musicians got out of these drums and fifes, none of us have heard since '61. The old flag of the Riflemen, a beautiful and costly banner when new, has been in care of Capt. Harvey Wishart in Wells Valley since the war. Its colors are still bright as ever; but, notwithstanding the care it has had, it has deteriorated in quality. Like the old fellows who used to march under its folds, it is not what it was fifty-four years ago. It is brought out on Memorial Day but not unfurled to the breeze. Where are the flags of the Blues, the Guards and the cavalry? The Fort Littleton cavalry disbanded in 1858, and the Guards at McConnellsburg did the same in 1860; so that when the war began, the Riflemen and Blues were the only companies in the county. In April '61, a number of the Guards joined the Riflemen and some of the cavalrymen enrolled with the Blues.

In April, 1861, President Lincoln called for 75,000 men to put down the rebellion, inaugurated in Charleston Harbor on 12th of that month, and very soon after the call went out, Captains Wishart and Gaster received orders to report their companies, at Harrisburg, for duty. Both obeyed, at once, by calling their men to company head quarters. The response was almost to a man.

The Riflemen reported one day at New Grenada, and there never was a day before that one on which all the homes in Wells Valley were so nearly entirely deserted, as they were on that day, neither has there been one since. Everybody turned out to say good by to the boys, bid them God speed and see them off. What I have written about the efficiency of the Washington Blues in point of drill, discipline and physical make up in spring of 1861 can be said of the Fulton Riflemen also. The Blues outnumbered the Riflemen but in all other respects there was no difference. After the boys marched across the bridge in New Grenada and filed down toward the Gap, on that April day, there were but three young men, physically able for military duty, left in Wells Valley. That night we were at Harrisonville, remaining there next day and on evening of next day, Riflemen and Blues were in McConnellsburg, the guests of the people in their homes. They remained such for two days and then it was, "On to Chambersburg."

Chambersburg was reached in the evening, and next morning we reported, for duty, in Camp McAllen—first orders for Harrisburg being countermanded. On our march from New Grenada to Chambersburg an enthusiastic ovation greeted us everywhere, and in giving this the young ladies were the leaders. Mr. Editor of the News, can you assign any reason for the fact that the girls of '61 to '65 were so much prettier than are those of the present time?

On the day following the arrival of the Fulton County boys in Camp McAllen, three Franklin County companies reported there for duty and then commenced

## Surprise Party.

A number of the friends of Mrs. J. B. Horton, assembled at her home in Wells Valley, on Friday evening, the 28th ult., to celebrate Mrs. Horton's 48th birthday anniversary. A most delightful evening was spent socially, and Mrs. Horton was the recipient of many useful and pretty presents. Music furnished by Geo. Sprowl, John Truax, and Elmer Cutchall added much to the entertainment. Among those present were, Wm. Harmon and wife, J. W. Gibson and wife, Geo. Sprowl, wife and daughter, Lula, G. U. Hann, wife and daughter Ida; Mrs. J. W. Barnett, and daughter Zola, Mrs. A. F. Baker, and daughter Mary, Mrs. G. W. Sipe and daughter Eleanor, Mrs. Hays Bivens and children John, LeRoy and Maud, Mrs. Mary Burket, and son Harry, Mrs. Emma Denisar and son William, Mrs. Apha Sprowl and children, Dewey and Ellis, Alice Piper and Catharine Hoke, of Saxton, Grace and Viola Burket, Anna Denisar, Kate Horton, Leta Sprowl, Phoebe Horton, Bertha Deshong, Belle Gracey, Minnie Swope, Joanna Morton, Lena Stunkard, Helen Rens, Howard; Clyde and Edgar Warsaw, Clar and Fred Heckman, Ernest and Rei Sprowl, Edward Baney, Elmer Cutchall, Roy Deshong, John Truax, Harry Long, Harvey Bevins, Jerry and Willie Stunkard, Roy Foreman and J. B. Horton and family.

John M. Bowman of Burnt Cabins, Ed Reasinger of Bellefonte, and Guy Mills, of Shade Gap, hauled five tons and three hundred and fifty pounds in three two horse loads. Reasinger says he is willing to pass over the belt if another team can be found to beat this record.

The hard work of preparation for something more serious than drill only; but what a grand time we had. Soldiering in Camp McAllen was a regular first-class picnic. We were pleasantly and comfortably quartered in the buildings belonging to the Franklin County Agricultural Society, and received in way of rations, all, and more than the most exacting could desire. Indeed, many of us had never lived so well before. Each company was furnished a large, new, cook stove with everything belonging to it, table ware in full quantity including such small articles as castors, pepper boxes and salt cellars. Think of such an outfit for soldiers in camp. Most of the boys—perhaps all, had different experience before the curtain rang down on the last scene of the great drama at Appomattox.

During those exciting days of April and May, 1861, there was no limit to the number of rumors and reports of events transpiring everywhere, but especially in the south, of events, real, probable, improbable and otherwise. The very air seemed charged with them. First we would hear that Baltimore is in flames; then, that a military and naval force has sailed from New Orleans or some other place, having New York and Philadelphia as its objective destination; again, the rebels are in force at Harper's Ferry, Martinsburg or elsewhere and so the reports flew.

Finally, the climax came. One morning the report was that a force of rebels, 40,000 strong had left Hagerstown and were marching rapidly on Chambersburg. This rumor, unlike any of its predecessors, was continually growing stronger all day. The fact that four or five regiments fully equipped and ready for service, were encamped just east of town, was cited as sufficient to corroborate the truth of the report. It was believed that the rebels intended to sack those troops and we having enlisted would be objects of their attention also. Later we learned why this rumor would not down. Its originators were carefully keeping it alive during all that day.

(To be Continued.)

## Farmers' Institutes.

The annual county institutes for farmers will be held at Warfordsburg and Needmore this year. The programs are printed, and the subjects for discussion are very practical and interesting. Five sessions will be held at each place, namely, at Warfordsburg, Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning, afternoon and evening of November 25th and 26th. At Needmore, Monday afternoon and evening, and Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening of November 28th and 29th. In addition to home talent there will be four specialists from the State Department of Agriculture—men that are farmers themselves, and the help they will be able to give to our people will be worth dollars and dollars. Farmers who have attended these institutes need no urging to attend; but those who have never attended one, do not know what they have been missing all these years.

## NEW GRENADA.

Mrs. Julia Stunkard spent a few days here among her old friends and neighbors.

Myrtle and Odeta Barrett, Oak Grove, were visitors in New Grenada last Sunday.

Thomas Ramsey is realizing the truth of the old adage, "Trouble ne'er comes singly," for last week he lost the only horse he had. Mr. Ramsey has been afflicted for some time and this seems like hard luck.

James F. McClain and family left last Thursday for their new home in Youngstown, O., and arrived there on the evening of the same day. One by one our neighbors are leaving. Soon a new generation will hold the fort. We miss them, but our best wishes go out for their success and happiness in their new home.

Wm. H. Shaw moved from the Crider mansion into the house vacated by the McClains.

Prof. J. B. Holland, of Newry, Blair county, was a recent visitor in New Grenada.

George Lodge, of Brush Creek, took his brother Fred back to Clear Ridge last Sunday, and Fred opened his school again at that place on Monday. It had been closed two weeks by order of the health authorities, on account of the prevalence of diphtheria in the neighborhood.

George stayed over night in the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Campbell.

Ritner Black, the genial freight agent for the E. B. T. railroad at Orbisonia, spent last Sunday in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Black.

Mrs. Maude Neal and son George are spending a couple of weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cunningham.

Mr. Neal came down and spent Sunday with them returning home Monday morning.

Roy Ripple and family, of Mount Union, visited Mrs. Ripple's parents, George Shafer and wife.

## COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Day Instructors, Night Lecturers and Entertainment Attractions, All First-Class.

DR. SCHEAFFER WILL BE HERE.

The forty-fourth annual session of the Fulton county Teachers' Institute will assemble in the Public School Auditorium, McConnellsburg, Monday, November 14th, at 1:30 P. M.

Judging from the talent engaged for that week's work, we see no reason why this year's institute should not be a success. The fact that Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, our State Superintendent, will be here for two days is enough to make it certain that there will be plenty of good material for the minds of all. Then with such other men as Dr. C. C. Ellis of Juniata College, Prof. C. C. Gortner of Mansfield State Normal, and Prof. J. W. Yoder, the Musical Director, of Huntingdon, to appear as instructors, the day work will be, without doubt, exceptionally strong.

No effort has been spared in the selection of lecturers and entertainers for the evening sessions. You are all invited to attend all the sessions. We need your assistance to make the institute a success. Come.

Following is a synopsis of the programme:

Musical Director—J. W. Yoder, of Huntingdon.

Dr. C. C. Ellis, Juniata College, All week.

Prof. Oden C. Gortner—Mansfield State Normal, all week.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent, Harrisburg, Wednesday and Thursday.

Monday night—Lecture—Dr. C. C. Ellis, "The Biggest Word in the Dictionary."

Tuesday night—Lecture—Dr. Byron C. Platt, "American Morals."

Wednesday night—Entertainment, The Players.

Thursday night—Entertainment, The International Sextette.

## BACK RUN.

Raymond Paylor returned home last week after having been employed at Sterling, Illinois for some time.

Ida Lake, who had been employed at Mercersburg for some time is visiting her parents Abner Lake and wife in the Cove.

Nora Paylor and Elmer Hann, returned home Sunday evening after having spent several days visiting relatives and friends in Franklin county and Hancock, Md.

Helen Clugston is employed at James Truax's.

Fred Clugston and Wesley Cooper spent Sunday with the latter's aunt Mrs. Lem Hill in Timber Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. John Truax are visiting a short time among friends in Warfordsburg.

Mrs. Mary Kelley spent a couple days last week with Mrs. Wm. Paylor.

Elmer and Bernard Truax visited Wm. Ott's Sunday.

## WEST DUBLIN.

Mrs. James Lyon and daughters Ruth and Clara spent Saturday evening in the home of Edward Whitehill, of Yellow Creek, Bedford county.

Fire on Sideling Hill made extra work for some of our men on Monday night.

Our farmers are anxious to finish husking corn which is a fair crop.

Chester Brand had eleven bushels of clover seed on his farm this year.

Our hunters have been getting some rabbits during spare time.

## Surprise Party.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Mellott near Mercersburg, in honor of Mr. Mellott's 50th birthday. About 7 o'clock friends and neighbors began to arrive and Mr. Mellott said that was the first time he ever had his ears pulled or that he got a present. The evening was spent in social chat and music by a graphophone. Mr. Mellott received many nice and useful presents, and a number of beautiful post cards. About 9 o'clock refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake. Those present were:

J. R. Mellott and wife and son Earl, Daniel Pensinger and wife, R. J. Rinehart and wife and children, Stanley, Margaret, and Ethel; H. M. Denisar and wife, and children—Grace, Emma, and Russell; Jere Glazier, wife, and daughter Gladys; J. W. Mellott, wife, and son James; James Pittman and wife and family Lloyd, Paul, and Grover; Charlie Wagner and wife, Sylvester Custer and wife and son Mahlon and daughter Hattie; Wm. Hann and wife and daughter Maye; Mrs. H. L. Banks, B. M. Starr and wife, Jacob Musselman and wife and daughter, Mary; Gilbert Starr and wife; Mrs. John Jones and sons Frank and Leslie; Norman Pensinger and wife, Elizabeth Hendershot, Mollie Hendershot, Jennie, Bertha, Florence and James Pensinger; Lena, Lewis and Charles Glazier; Roy and Blanche Starr; Edith Denisar; John Banks, Chas. Lake, Norman, and Paul Wenger; Lloyd Wagner, Will Gearhart, Charlie Starliper, Harry Pine, and F. O. Asherton. At a late hour they all returned to their homes, after having wished Mr. Mellott many more happy birthday anniversaries.

## ONE WHO WAS THERE.

WELLS TANNERY.

The Institute at "No. 2" was well attended Friday evening.

Miss Kelley, of Saxton, is visiting her sister Mrs. Paul Baumgardner.

Miss Zola Barnett has returned to her home, after a week's visit with her brother Will and family at Minersville.

Scott Snyder, of Everett, and friend Miss Marie Cypher, of Cypher, were visiting their cousins in Mary Day Foreman last week.

D. B. Sipe and daughter Ella, of Saxton, visited friends in the Valley, part of last week.

The meeting at Pine Grove church is still in progress.

Miss Minnie Swope left last week for Pittsburg where she will remain for some time.

Harry Baumgardner, of Altoona, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baumgardner.

Mrs. A. F. Baker is visiting friends in Saxton.

Ray Barnett who is employed in Saxton is home on his vacation.

Miss Jean Madera, of Altoona, is visiting her friends here.

## END.

Theson Griffith and wife, of Trough Creek, spent the last of the week with relatives in the Valley.

Reed Edwards and sister Marion went to Juniata last Friday evening and visited relatives until Monday. They were accompanied on their return by their mother and Mrs. Beckie Edwards.

S. B. Coy and wife, of Saxton, are visiting the latter's parents, A. D. Berkstresser and wife.

Elmer Anderson and wife, of Kearney, spent Saturday with the latter's parents J. R. Lockard and wife.

There is a protracted meeting in progress at the U. B. church. A local institute was held at "No. 2" last Friday evening.

A. S. Edwards spent Friday at Robertsdale.

Harry Lockard, of Altoona, spent a few days at his old home last week. He was looking after game.

Who can beat this? Robert Mellott, of lower Ayr township, has in his possession a turnip which was raised by his brother Reuben on his farm up in Belfast township, that weighs 44 pounds, and measures 24 inches in circumference. Robert says Reuben has plenty more larger than this one.

## Local Institutes.

The second local institute in Brush Creek township was held at Buchanan School house, Oct. 28th. The institute was called to order by the teacher Amy Lodge, after which S. E. Walters was appointed president. Topics for discussion were—1. By what means are you trying to secure a more regular attendance? 2. What are you going to do with those pupils who come in late in the term and do not want to take up all the branches. 3. Composition work; Its importance and how to get best results. All the teachers of the township were present and took an active part in the discussion of the topics. The Institute adjourned to meet at Locust Grove, Nov. 4. Ella Barton, secretary.

A local institute was held at Battle Ridge Friday evening November 4th. The meeting was called to order by the teacher Robert Cromer. John Woodcock was appointed president. The following questions were discussed. 1. The aim and importance of the recitation. 2. Value of an education. 3. Cooperation of teacher and parents. Eleven teachers were present, namely: Dotie Deshong, Myrtle Stevens, D. K. Chesnut, L. P. Morton, John Woodcock and Robert Cromer from Dublin, Blanche Peck and John Kelso from Todd, Zanna Laidig, Wm. Ranck and W. G. Wink from Taylor. Several recitations were given by the school. The institute adjourned to meet at Chesnut's in three weeks.—Myrtle Stevens, Sec'y

The fourth local institute, of Bethel township, was held at May's Chapel, Nov. 4th. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Edgar Hann. Topics for discussion:—1. Irregular attendance. 2. Morality. 3. Upon whom does the success of our schools depend? These topics were well discussed by the teachers, viz: Scott Alexander, Edgar Hann, Kathryn Yonker, Sadie Barton, of Bethel, and Thos. Truax, of Union. Songs and recitations were rendered by the school in a manner that speaks well for the work of both teacher and pupils.—Lulu Slusher, secretary.

The fourth local institute of Tod township will be held at Sunners school Friday evening, Nov. 11th. Questions for discussion: 1. At what age should children be sent to our ungraded country schools? 2. Spelling; How taught? 3. Irregular attendance, tardiness, effect of, and how overcome? JOHN KELSO, Teacher.

Institute held at Locust Grove Nov. 4th. C. A. Spade, teacher. The following were the questions: 1. Writing; Importance of, and how taught. 2. Rules; How, and when, to make them. 3. The art of Questioning. Good music, vocal and instrumental, was well rendered; also, a number of recitations and dialogues. The teachers present were: Grant Spade, Chester Spade, Fred Lodge, and Amy Lodge who thoroughly discussed the questions. The next institute will be held at Akersville.—Amy Lodge, secretary.

## NEEDMORE.

Our new school house will now soon be completed. Chas. Kershner is doing the plastering.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Truax have moved into our village. Mrs. Peck has moved to Howard Martin's, and Billy Wink, goes into Mrs. Peck's house.

Miss Rhoda Garland is visiting her grandmother at Laidig.

Chester Piesinger is getting ready to go West in a few days.

Rev. T. P. Garland received a post card abover that almost swamped him a few days ago. He feels very grateful toward his many friends for thus so kindly remembering him.

## 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

W. W. Kline of Andover, visited the County Seat on Friday.

H. O. Wible, of Knobsville, paid our town a visit on Saturday.

Harry Hamil of Knobsville, was on our streets Saturday.

Wm. Vallance of Hustontown, was a town visitor on Monday.

John Kelso of Knobsville, was a county capital visitor on Saturday.

John M. Hixson, Akersville, was a business visitor on Saturday.

B. A. Deavor, of Hustontown, was seen on our streets on Saturday.

Elmer Clouser of Big Cove Tannery was a business visitor on Friday.

W. H. Lake and wife of Union township were town visitors on Saturday.

Wm. M. Cline, of Fort Littleton, was at the county seat on Friday last.

James Campbell, of near Knobsville, was a business visitor on Saturday.

H. M. Strat, of Saluvia, was attending to business in this place on Friday.

M. B. Hill and wife of Warfordsburg, were shopping in our town Saturday.

John Motter wife and son Donald, left Monday for their home in Altoona.

E. O. Kesselring of Hustontown was a business visitor to town on Friday last.

Miss Hattie Sipes of Everett, has been visiting friends in this place the past week.

Miss Grace Johnston of near Cito, was an early Monday morning visitor to our town.

Frank Hess, who lives near Andover was attending to business in town on Friday.

Harry Wible and family, of Hustontown, came down and spent Saturday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sipes of Bellevue, near Pittsburg, are the guests of the family, of Mr. Sipes' father, J. N. Sipes, Esq.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Bradnick and their daughter Emma and son Frank, of Knobsville, called at the News office while in town last Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Alexander and Miss Minnie Dickson spent the latter part of last week and first of this in Shippensburg and Harrisburg.

After spending two weeks very pleasantly among her former Fulton county friends, Mrs. S. B. Houston returned to her home at Eau Claire, Pa., last Saturday.

Reed Simpson and wife of Hancock, Md., were town visitors one day last week. Mr. Simpson was formerly in the mercantile business at Dickey's Mountain, this county.

W. H. Lamberson called at the News office a few minutes on Tuesday morning on his way home to Brush Creek township to vote. William had been down the Cove two weeks husking corn for Walker Richards, but when the snow began to fly, he thought it time to quit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Garland and little son Leslie, were in town a few hours last Thursday, and called a few minutes at the News to exchange greetings with the editor and to leave with him a mess of sweet potatoes. There was not so many of them as far as numbers go, but when size and weight are considered they were great, for they weighed four pounds each, and were perfect specimens of the good old-fashioned sweet potato.