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LOCAL HISTORY SCRAPS.

The Village of Needmore Was Known as Hart's Meeting House a Century Ago.

DANIEL BISHOP SUGGESTED NAME.



PRESENT BAPTIST CHURCH, NEEDMORE.

Continued from last week.

William Hart, brother of Jacob and Nathaniel reared a home one mile northwest of Needmore on the farm later owned and occupied by his son William after which it passed in turn to his grandson Enoch. His great grandson Wm. F. and on to the great great grand children and their mother.

In the early days of the settlement, these good Baptist folks built a log "Meeting House" within a few feet of where the present dwelling house of Ahmaaz Runyan stands. Within these rough walls worshiped the inhabitants for miles around and their thirst for the "water of life" was abundantly satisfied by the deep spiritual teachings of such preachers as Zophar D. Pascoe, Thomas Runyan, Moses Starr and others whose foundation of faith was the good old Bible.

There were few schools in the settlements in those days, the terms were short, and the modern text book, a thing unknown. Hence, the New Testament was used almost exclusively as a Reader.

This Meeting House as church buildings were called gave to the place the name of Hart's Meeting House. It served the purpose of church and school house until the year 1840 when it was torn down and the materials sold for \$12.00 to Joseph Palmer to be used in the construction of a barn for his son John on the farm now owned by Thornton Hess.

The congregation from this time worshipped in the school house until 1871, when a new frame church building was erected at a cost of \$600.

In 1872 the congregation known as the Fairview Baptist Society was formed. The church lot was deeded to the Society by Job Morgret and Rev. Thomas Rose was the first pastor.

In 1903 this building was remodeled, and to day presents a very neat appearance.

There is no local church or

ganization, probably, on account of the nearness of Sideling Hill and Tonoloway churches.

About this time, the land along the road leading into the place was laid off in building lots, several new buildings were erected, and the village took on quite a boom. In fact, the residents of the place thought their town sufficiently developed to warrant a christening, and many were the names suggested. "Fairview" was a name that met with much favor until it was discovered that Pennsylvania already had a post-office by that name.

It remained for the late Daniel Bishop, a well known wit, to give it a name. He was present one day when the matter of a name was being warmly discussed, and said in his drawing way, "You'd better call it Needmore; for it needs more town worse than it needs a name." "Needmore town" struck a popular chord, and from that time it went down on the map Needmore, dropping the "town" part of the word.

The first store in the village was conducted by Job Hart in 1870. In 1871, Mr. Hart sold the store to Mr. Ahmaaz Runyan, and in 1872, a post office was established with Ahmaaz Runyan as post-master. Mr. Runyan continued in the mercantile business in that place for more than forty years, and is still a resident of the village.

At this time (1911) the village contains about twenty buildings including 2 general stores, school house, public hall, church, blacksmith—and wheel-wright shops, grist mill, handle factory, marble works, &c.

There are two clergymen—Elder Funk, of the Baptist, and Rev. Powers, of the Christian, denominations—and two physicians.

There are in process of construction modern dwelling houses, which, with good telephone connections with distant points, and improved mail facilities, lend to the place, an air of substantial importance.

BURNT CABINS.

The Presbyterian church at this place is undergoing extensive repairs and services cannot be held therein for several weeks.

J. C. Peterson, one of our leading merchants, has almost completed building a wire fence around his premises, which not only serves against intrusion but beautifies the town. We hope many will follow Mr. Peterson's example.

Linemen are now engaged in stringing wire on the new telephone line which runs from this place to Fort Littleton.

Wilbur Fraker's sale near this place last Thursday was largely attended, and it is reported that he had a good sale. Mr. Fraker intends moving into town.

The farmers of this section have begun their spring plowing. T. J. Comer of McConnellsburg was in attendance at W. B. Fraker's sale last week.

Quite a number of our citizens

attended court last week.

The Pole Inspector of the Western Union Telegraph line passed through town last week marking many poles which are to be replaced by new ones.

Blaine Mathias who had been working at the carpenter trade in Illinois is at home.

Omar Horton is talking of going to Colorado.

Rev. Chambers the new M. E. minister, appointed by conference to this place is expected to take up duties in a few days.

Easton Stinson has moved to the Laughters farm near this place Mr. Laughters having removed to a farm near Pleasant Hill, Franklin county.

A. V. Kelly has returned home having spent the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Koddy, near Harrisburg.

Miss Ida Cowan has returned home from a visit to Harrisburg.

Harry Miller, who is employed by the Silca Brick Works in Mount Union, was home over Sunday.

Birthdays Surprise.

A number of relatives and friends spent Tuesday evening of last week very pleasantly in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Nesbitt in the Cove. The occasion was the celebration of their daughter Jeanette's eleventh birthday anniversary. In order that the surprise should be complete, it had been arranged that Jeanette should return home from visiting a neighbor just at the proper time. When she came into the house, she found a merry company, and the first thing on the program was an earpulling match, which, as is always the case—more fun for the puller than for the pull-ee. Well everybody had a royal good time, refreshments were served, games played, and before they knew it the clock warned the visitors that it was time to go home. Jeanette got a nice lot of presents. Those who were there were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nesbitt and daughters Cora and Jeanette; Mary and Rhoda Kendall, Myrtle Stout-eagle, Bessie and Katherine Nesbitt, Mamie and Olive Mellott, Lula Bishop, Mary Unger; Florence, Ada, and Nellie Crouse; Grace Shimer; Jane and Ada Rhodes; Virginia, Rebecca, and Bertha Tritle; Thelma Glazier; Mary Tritle, Mrs. Wm. Cooper and daughter Ruth; Cam Mellott, Thurman Nesbitt, John Bishop, Hayes and George Richards, Norman and Herbert Cooper, Russell and Kenneth Glazier, Walter Peck, Harvey and Clarence Nesbitt, Charles Knable, Lewis Crouse and sons, Harvey, Mervine, and Luther.

Recent Weddings.

RAKER—LAIDIG.

A marriage occurred at the M. E. parsonage in Huntingdon Wednesday March 15th in which two well known Fulton county people were the principals. The groom is George Raker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Raker of near Dane and the bride, Miss Gertrude Laidig, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laidig of Dudley, formerly residents of and at the present time owning a farm on the State Road in Taylor township. The bride and groom are most estimable young people, and THE NEWS extends hearty congratulations.

TRUAX—DESHONG.

Sherman Truax, son of J. M. Truax, of Brush Creek township, and Miss Mary Deshong, of Bethel township, were united in marriage at the Christian church in Belfast township, on the 12th inst. They are worthy young people and have the best wishes of all.

MELLOTT—FEAGLEY.

Ranard Mellott of Belfast township, and Miss Annie Jafe Feagley of Ayr, were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse in McConnellsburg on Wednesday afternoon of last week by Rev. John M. Diehl. This worthy couple will make their home in Belfast township, and start out in their wedded life with the hearty wishes of a host of friends.

Kicked to Death By Horse.

While driving from her home at Lemasters to Mercersburg last Saturday, Mrs. Jacob Heckman aged 73 years, met with an accident which caused her death instantly. She was accompanied by her son. While driving along the road, the horse became unmanageable, kicked over the dash board of the vehicle and struck Mrs. Heckman in the breast directly over the heart, killing her instantly. What started the horse to kicking is not known.

In addressing the fruit growers of Bucks county, Dr. Surface, state zoologist, said he was content to let the other fellow get the small profits from milk, hay, butter and eggs if he could raise and sell the fruit.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

PITTMAN.

William H. Pittman died at his home in Thompson township at 3 o'clock, last Saturday morning. Funeral Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by his brother-in-law, Rev. John H. Barney, of Clearville, Bedford county; and interment was made in the cemetery at the Damascus church on Timber Ridge.

Mr. Pittman was apparently in the very prime of health until the winter of 1906, when he contracted pneumonia, from which he never fully recovered, it leaving him with diabetes; but the immediate cause of his death was cancer of the bone in the lower jaw, and for more than a week before his death his sufferings were intense.

The deceased was a man of many sterling qualities—useful in the community, and loved by a large circle of friends. He was elected sheriff of this county in 1889, and made a very efficient and popular officer.

During his earlier life he traveled over much of the United States, spending two years in Iowa, Indian Territory, and Mexico.

In 1889, he went to the state of Washington, took up a homestead near Land, in that state, and staid there four years. He then sold out his holdings in that state, and returned to his native county, purchased the property long owned by his father-in-law, John Hess, and resided upon it the remainder of his life.

The deceased was a son of Matthew and Louise Deshong Pittman. About twenty-five years ago, he was married to Miss Ella, daughter of the late John Hess, who with five children namely, Claude, Lee, Mac, Harry and Olive Gaynell, survive. He has two brothers living—Dr. Joseph J. of Charles Town, W. Va., and John M., of this county; and two sisters—Mrs. B. R. Simpson and Mrs. Scott Johnson—both of Thompson township.

The large concourse of friends that followed his remains to their last resting place attest the esteem in which he was held.

PECK.

James Monroe Peck died at his home in Belfast township, on the 26th day of February, 1911, aged 75 years and 16 days. His remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery at Antioch Christian church in Thompson township. He is survived by his wife and two children, Army at home; and Annie, wife of W. H. Hollinshead, Milton, Oregon.

The deceased was a son of Henry C. Peck, and was the youngest of a family of ten children—the late John H. Peck, of Ayr township, being the oldest of that family. The names of the others—all of whom are now dead, were, Jacob, William, Peter, Job, Annie, Elizabeth, Isaac and Moses.

James was born in Thompson township, and spent his entire life within a radius of a few miles from the place of his birth. He was a good, quiet, inoffensive citizen and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him.

KERLIN.

Herbert Lawrence Kerlin died at the home of his father, John M. Kerlin, near Knobsville, Monday, March 20, 1911, aged 24 years and 19 days. The funeral took place on the following Wednesday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Knobsville M. E. church, Rev. Henry Wolf conducting the services.

Herbert had pneumonia, and was sick only about a week. Everything was done for him that could be done, but the grasp of

the dread disease could not be broken.

"Herbie" as he was familiarly known, had a host of sympathizing friends, which fact manifested itself in the unusually large attendance at the funeral, and by the serious and emotional attention which prevailed during the services.

He leaves to mourn their loss his father, two brothers—Cloyd, of Knobsville and William J. at home, and two sisters, Chessie A., wife of Milton H. Shadle, of Saltillo, and Bessie, wife of Geo. Giunt, of Dublin township.

"W." P. S.—The family desires through the medium of the NEWS to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kind help and sympathy so freely rendered during the sickness and funeral of the deceased. "W."

CLEVENGER.

Jacob Clevenger, a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home at Jugtown in Ayr township, last Sunday aged 66 years, 2 months, and 6 days. The funeral took place yesterday and interment was made in Union Cemetery. Mr. Clevenger had been in declining health for some time the result of senile dementia.

He is survived by his wife, Lucinda, who was a daughter of "Shorty" John Harr, of the Corner, and by the following children, namely, Lewis and Daniel; Elizabeth, wife of Linn Alexander; Daisy, wife of William Sedors; Rhoda, wife of Harvey Seville; Ella, wife of William Kuhn—all of whom live in this county, and Minerva, wife of Elam Walker, residing in Mercersburg. He has two brothers and one half-sister living; Adam at Cito; John, in the lower end of the County, and Sallie Dugan, aged 90, at Big Pool, Md.

Jacob was a member of Company F, 56th Penna. Regiment, and was a comrade of our townsman John R. Fox. He was wounded at the battle of Hatcher's Run and mustered out at the close of the War. Jacob's father sent him out to the woods one day in the latter part of the summer of 1864 to cut a load of wood. Jacob got the army fever while out in the woods, struck his axe into a log, and went over the mountain and into the army. He used to say in speaking of it, that he supposed the wood was not cut yet.

RAMSEY.

At the advanced age of 85 years and 5 days, Mrs. Isabella Ramsey died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert C. Bratton, near Dublin Mills on Tuesday of last week. The funeral took place on Thursday, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. L. W. McGarvey, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and interment was made in the cemetery at Clear Ridge.

In 1854 she was united in marriage with Conrad Ramsey; and to this union two children were born, both of whom are still living, namely, Mrs. Robert C. Bratton, and Mrs. Geo. W. Stevens—the latter residing at Carlisle.

For many years they lived near Fort Littleton, but moved to Clear Ridge, where the husband died in 1870.

For more than three-score years, Mrs. Ramsey was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and in her latter days, recalled with pleasure how she used to walk three miles to attend class meeting; and shortly before her death talked to her pastor about having attended several conferences.

PECK.

Anns, wife of Riley Peck of this place, died Tuesday afternoon, aged 65 years, 9 months, and 17 days. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 1 o'clock, and interment will be made in Union cemetery.

Mrs. Peck was a daughter of the late Philip Snyder who im-

Bedford County Dry.

Bedford county is now without a single licensed hotel or saloon. Of the two associate judges, one of them is an out-and-out anti-saloon man, and votes against every application that comes down the pike. The other associate is just as firmly of the opinion that every man that asks for a license ought to have it, and he votes as he thinks. The President Judge is not in sympathy with the liquor business, and unless a man comes before him with a mighty clean sheet, he gets a negative vote from the President Judge. Thousands of citizens of Bedford county signed remonstrances against the granting of licenses, and sent witnesses into court to show that those who had licenses last year violated the law in every case; hence, at the first sitting of the court, Associate Judge Huff voted against every application; Associate Brice voted for every application, and President Judge Woods having the casting vote, voted with Huff in every case except that of the Bedford Springs, which is open but three or four months during the year, and who agreed not to sell liquor to any person outside the guests of their own hotel. A few days later, Associate Judge Brice arrived at the conclusion that if every one else should be turned down, the Springs had might as well take its medicine with the rest, and he changed his vote. Had the Bedford Springs been quick enough, and taken out their license at once, after the first sitting of the Court, Judge Brice could not have affected it by changing his mind. From this it may readily see that if licenses are to be assured to applicants, it is necessary that the liquor men must see to it that no Associate Judges are put on the bench that will vote against the granting of licenses.

Recent Real Estate Transfers.

Geo. A. Harris, Agent last week sold a farm along Pattersons Run Licking Creek township, containing 220 acres of which 150 is excellent timber to C. R. Spangler of McConnellsburg, Pa., on private terms. This tract was owned by Geinett Brothers of Middleburg, Pa., and was purchased by them through Agent Harris about four years ago.

The Mary E. McCoy tract of 438 acres timber land in Dublin township adjoining the Huntingdon County line was sold last Saturday by Geo. A. Harris to Clark McGovern and D. W. Gress of McConnellsburg on private terms. This is said to be a fine tract of timber, and has also fine stone quarries on it.

The title to two lots in Hustontown were transferred Monday from A. C. Sipes to John Henry for \$78.00.

A small tract of land near Gem, Pa., and owned by Mrs. Annie Mellott, was sold Saturday to James Pott McKee, on private terms.

100 acres owned by George Fittery, Belfast township, was transferred Saturday to Charles Garland.

Mrs. Geo. A. Harris was called to Hancock last Saturday, on account of the illness of her father, George W. McKibbin.

migrated from Germany about seventy-seven years ago, and reared a family of twelve children of whom but one now survives: David, of Peoria, Ill.

About thirty-five years ago, the deceased was married to Riley Peck who survives her. To this union one child survives, namely, Dora, wife of Mr. Clyde Ott, now residing in Tod township.

Mrs. Peck was a consistent member of the German Baptist church, and a good wife and neighbor. The cause of her death was a combination of diseases from which she had been a sufferer for several months.

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. J. Schidleman, of Knobsville, was in town on Saturday.

H. H. Hertler, Esq., of Burnt Cabins, was a town visitor Saturday.

J. B. Sipes, of Harrisonville, was a County Seat visitor on Friday.

G. J. Mellott and wife, of Webster Mills, were town visitors on Saturday.

Rev. John Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge was seen on our streets on Friday last.

Saml. Reese and wife, of Burnt Cabins, were registered at the City Hotel last Saturday.

Miss Lydia Martin of Darling Station, Pa., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin in the Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Glazer and daughter Thelma, spent a day recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Washabaugh.

Mrs. Nicholas H. Roettger of this place went over to Chambersburg, Monday morning to visit her daughter Ruth and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pott McKee and their daughter Florence spent a few hours in town last Saturday. Pott has everything in readiness to bury a limekiln this spring, and lime is what tells on land in his township.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Wible and their children Merrill, Hiram, Milford and Paul of Springfield, Huntingdon county were visitors over Sunday in the home of Mrs. Wible's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Zac Vallance in Tod township.

Roy C. Ott, who had been spending the winter in the home of his parents, John Ott and wife, Tod township, left Monday for Iowa, where he expects to spend the summer on a farm. Roy was out there last summer and knows what he is taking hold of.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, It is customary when people die, or remove from the community to say a lot of good things about them; and

WHEREAS, The District President of the Central Pennsylvania Conference has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Rev. C. W. Bryner, and transplant him into a field higher up the State; and

WHEREAS, His walk and conversation, while pastor of the M. E. church in this place during the last four years, has been such as to win for him the good will and esteem of every one, irrespective of religious creed or denomination; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we commend him to the good people of Centralia, Pa., where he has been sent to labor, and assure them that he will do to tie to. While unpretentious, he is a man of more than ordinary ability in the pulpit—faithful, fearless, and yet tactful; and if his congregation stand by him as did Aaron and Hur with Moses at the battle with Amalek, they will never have reason to regret the day Mr. Bryner came into their city.

Real Estate Sales.

Frank Mason, Agent, sold Jas. McKee's Belfast township farm to Roy Palmer for \$1885. Roy will move onto it April 1st. McKee has rented from Niche, and will continue to farm another year in Taylor township.

Nathan Hill's 84-acre Bethel township farm has been transferred to R. L. Lucas, and his Blankney farm, to Harry Barnhart.

Three Feldman lots of "West McConnellsburg" have been sold to John A. Klewisch, of Pittsburg, for \$600—the last not sold by Mason.