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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.

Mrs. S. M. Cook.

Mrs. Sara M. Cook, widow of the late Dr. P. McCaulay Cook, died at her home in McConnellsburg, Pa., Wednesday morning, May 24, 1911, aged 61 years, 1 month, and 15 days.

Only a few months ago, it became apparent that Mrs. Cook was a victim of tuberculosis, but during the last few weeks she had seemed much better. She was down street among her friends Tuesday and called at the News office. Wednesday morning she came down town on a little errand, stopped to exchange a kind word of greeting with those whom she met, went home. Then she went into the garden to set out a few plants, and while in a stooping position a hemorrhage of the lungs came on, and in less than five minutes life had fled.

Mrs. Cook was a daughter of the late William Brady Seylar and his wife Margaret (Hornor-McGaughey) Seylar, and was born in McConnellsburg, April 9, 1850. Possessing more than ordinary mental ability, and close application, she was well qualified to teach, and began her work in the schoolroom as teacher of the Corner school in Ayr township in the autumn of 1866. As an instructor she was popular and successful, and during the five years following, taught one term in Maryland.

On Christmas day, 1872 she was united in marriage with Dr. P. McCaulay Cook, and they soon thereafter went to house-keeping at Webster Mills. The Doctor built the house now owned by Tobias Glazier, which was known as the Cook home until the death of the Doctor while serving a term in the Legislature in 1900. Some time after that Mrs. Cook sold the property and removed to McConnellsburg where she lived the remainder of her life.

Mrs. Cook was a reader of good literature, and she possessed a fund of information on current events as well; this coupled with a keen sense of humor, and an ever ready wit, made her a very entertaining conversationalist.

She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and until her health began to fail, she took a very active interest in Sunday school and other forms of church work. She was a fluent and forceful public speaker, and her addresses will long be remembered by those attending the Sunday school conventions and the County Institutes. She was a ready writer, and articles from her pen appeared from time to time in the County papers. Her last newspaper work appears in this week's News under the heads, "Attention Comrades," "For the Study of Shakespeare," "Honor the Veterans," and the little notice of Dr. Garthwaite's visit.

Mrs. Cook was an active member of the Women's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the G. A. R.

The deceased is survived by two sons—Charles and Claude, Lanark, Ill., one daughter, Kathryn, wife of Marshall M. McKibbin, Hancock, Md., and one sister, Miss Mary M., McConnellsburg.

Mrs. J. S. Eitemiller.

Ella, wife of Jacob S. Eitemiller, died at her home in McKeesport, Pa., last Friday evening. The remains, accompanied by the husband, son John, son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schropp, of Salem, O., and daughter Mary, reached the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Comer (Mrs. Comer being a sister of Mr. Eitemiller) on Monday evening, from whose home the funeral took place at three

o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

While Mrs. Eitemiller had been in failing health during the last two years, she was bedfast only about a week, and death came as a result of a complication of diseases.

Besides her immediate family already named, she is survived by two sisters, Laura, wife of L. A. Youse, and Flora, wife of John Shaffer—both of this place.

Mrs. Eitemiller was born on the 28th day of April, 1860, and was aged 51 years and 21 days. She was united in marriage with J. S. Eitemiller in 1884, and during the past twenty-one years they have resided in McKeesport, her husband being a practical electrician, and foreman of telegraph construction on the lines of the P. & L. E. railroad.

The profession of flowers sent by representatives of the Company showed the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Eitemiller were held by his employers. She was a consistent member of Trinity Lutheran church in McKeesport, and actively engaged in the several societies connected with the work of the church. She was also a Past Grand in Anna B. Cogswell Lodge of Rebeccas, No. 285, McKeesport, thus showing that she was an honored and influential member both in Lodge and Church. Her husband being a member of McConnellsburg Lodge, No. 744, I. O. O. F., of this place, the local lodge turned out in a body Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral, and sent a splendid offering of flowers.

The husband and children have the sincere sympathy of their large circle of friends here in this dark hour of bereavement.

SIMPSON.

James Simpson died at the home of his son, A. H. Simpson, Crystal Springs, Fulton county, on Wednesday morning, May 17th, from dropsy and diseases incident to old age.

He was born in Ohio about 76 years ago, and came to Bedford county when about 14 years of age. He has lived in Bedford and Fulton counties since that time, having made his home in Black Valley for several years until about 2 weeks ago when he was moved to Crystal Springs, where he died.

He is survived by five sons and three daughters, and twenty five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

He served during the Civil War in Company M, 22nd Pennsylvania Calvary.

Funeral was held on Wednesday evening of last week and the remains interred in the cemetery at Akersville, this county.

REV. JOSEPH BARNEY.

Rev. Joseph Barney, a well known minister in the Christian church, died at his home in Clearville, Bedford county, on Friday of last week, aged 79 years and 11 months. The funeral conducted by Rev. T. P. Garland, assisted by Rev. A. G. B. Powers, took place last Sunday, and interment was made at Clearville. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Luther and Frank, and by two brothers, Jacob, residing in Kansas, and Rev. John H., Clearville, Pa. Early in life he identified himself with the Christian church, and was licensed to preach in 1857, and ordained in 1860. For more than half a century he did effective work, and was very successful as an organizer and church builder.

JOSEPH FISHER.

Joseph Fisher, one of Bethel township's most highly esteemed citizens died at his home in Pigeon Cove, on Thursday of last week. The funeral took place on Saturday and interment was made in the cemetery at the Tonoilway Baptist Church.

While he was a man of fine physical appearance, Mr. Fisher's health began to decline about a year ago, and death resulted from a dropsical condition. He was aged about 65 years, and is survived by his wife, and two sons, namely Stephen and Frank.

## McCONNELLSBURG NORMAL.

Seventy-One Students Enrolled and More To Follow. Fine Bunch of Young People.

Seventy-one students are in attendance at the summer normal school conducted by Professors Emery Thomas and Lewis Harris, in the Public School building in this place. The gentlemanly and lady-like demeanor, would suggest that they are keenly alive to the importance of making the best use of their opportunities. The following are their names and post office addresses:

McConnellsburg.—Elizabeth Harris, Lily H. Houpt, Rose Fisher, Mabel Fore, Maye Lake, May Pittman, A. E. Alexander, H. S. Alexander, Arthur Shimer, John Mentzer, Robert Alexander, and A. D. Peightel.

Hustontown.—Zanna Laidig, Dotie Deshong, Katharine Laidig Oltupa Keebaugh, and Ethel Sipes.

Andover.—Lenora Decker, and Harry Deshong.

Sipes Mill.—Zoe Mellott and Ora Deshong.

Big Cove Tannery.—Retha Mellott.

Saluvia.—Maude Strait, Grace Hann, Andrew Strait, Daisy Strait.

Dickkeys Mountain.—Pleasant Sipes, and Mac Pittman.

Wells Tannery.—Eleanor Sipes Roy Foreman.

Hancock.—Alice Brewer, Alice Hoopengardner, and Anna Comer.

Cito.—Olivo Wible.

Dane.—Zena Brant.

Harrisonville.—Katharine Hoop Dwight Sipes, Charles Mellott.

Knobsville.—Erma Gress, Mabel Gobin, John Kelso, Wilbert Peck.

Crystal Springs.—Iva Hixson, Marshall Lynch, Amy Lodge, Ella Barton.

Pleasant Ridge.—Verda Mellott, Bell Mellott, and Nellie Mor-ton.

Warfordsburg.—Carrie Hill, and Kathryn Youker.

Covalt.—Jessie Truax.

Ft. Littleton.—Jennie Cromer.

Gem.—Margaret Kellner, Thos Truax.

Lashley.—Ada L. Lehman, Oscar Hendershot, Claude Scriever.

Pine Grove, Md.—Arthur Smith Akersville.—Homer Akers.

Dublin Mills.—Ray Hess.

New Grenada.—Roy Shafer.

Needmore.—Lester Mellott.

Franklin Mills.—Earle Golden.

Buck Valley.—Raymond Seriev er, and Sheldon Hill.

West Dublin.—Dallas Brant.

## LOCAL HISTORY.

Wells Township Schools, Houses, and Teachers of Sixty to One Hundred Years Ago.

FOR THE NEWS BY M. M. HORTON.

Continued from last week.

Before 1854, when the first county superintendent of Fulton county began his work, Wells Valley teachers were examined by some one appointed to do so, by the board of school directors. Usually one of the teachers living in the township was appointed. A. R. Foote, E. J. Osborne and Amon G. Edwards were the examiners from 1850 on. The certificate of these examiners was valid during the term following its issue. The first examination in Wells township was held Nov. 6, 1851, when B. F. Stevens, J. B. Foote and A. R. Foote received certificates.

The old time teachers taught 25 days for a month and on alternate Saturdays. In those days, Wells township teachers received better salaries than were paid in any other township in Fulton county or in any township adjoining it in other counties. The salary they received was usually \$25 a month. In 1859-60 the grading of salaries according to certificate was begun. The salaries then ranged from \$25 to \$37 a month, and no teacher was wanted whose certificate was lower than No. 3.

The school tax of Wells township in 1853 amounted to \$804.63, a very small sum, it would seem, with which to defray expense of running four schools; but it is to be remembered that the school term was but three months long, and that nobody thought of paying for the wood used in the old fashioned ten plate stoves that warmed the school houses, besides any damage done to a school house must be repaired at the expense of the person who did the damage if it could be known who such person was. Therefore, the cost of fuel and repairs was not considered in levying a school tax.

One of the first duties of a school board, after organization, was to appoint a committee of three representative men in each sub-district to have charge of that school. These were known as the school committee. It was the business of that committee, among other duties, to choose a teacher for their school and to recommend his election to the board of school directors, who were expected to confirm their choice; to see to it that needed repairs to the school house were promptly made; to look after the conduct and discipline of the school in their charge, and to be sure that there was always a supply of fire wood on hand at the school house. If the fuel supply needed replenishing, the teacher reported the fact to a committeeman who either brought a load of wood or had some one do it. Patrons of the schools, who owned wood land, were each expected to furnish a load of wood now and then for use at his school and he, who failed to do so, was sure to hear of it in terms not at all complimentary to him.

Next day, after a load of wood came to the school house, the boys brought their axes to school with them and, if necessary, mauls and wedges, and at the noon recess teacher and boys soon reduced the load to stove wood and piled it up, part in the school house to keep it dry, the rest outside. There were no wood houses. The first money ever expended for fuel in Wells township for school purpose was paid to Henry Keith in 1854. Mr. Keith furnished the fuel used in Camp Spring school during a school term. Owing to the fact that nobody in the district except Mr. Keith brought any wood,

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## Western Visitors.

Abner Sipes, of Pierceton, Ind. and his brother Harvey, of Mt. Gilead, O., were a pair of native Fulton countians, that made the NEWS office a very pleasant visit while in town last Friday. They were visiting there nephew George C. Sipes, of Thompson township; and last Friday when George came to town to take his daughter Pleasant, who is attending school here, home to stay over Sunday, the uncles came along to see the old town again, and to see how many of their old acquaintances they might meet.

Abner and Harvey are sons of George Sipes, a well known "schoolmaster" of three quarters of a century ago, and they were born on the farm now owned by William Kelner, about a mile up Licking creek from Peck's fording. In 1844 their father moved from the farm on Licking creek to the old Bailey farm, near Covalt postoffice in Thompson township. Like many other young men of that time, Abner went west fifty-three years ago, and his brother Harvey the year following.

The brothers are veterans of the Civil War, they having both been members of an Ohio regiment, and were in the service practically from start to finish of the great struggle.

Their mother's maiden name was Lake—Mary, a sister of the elder James and Daniel Lake, well known citizens living in Belfast township fifty years ago.

This is Abner's first visit to this county since the year of the Johnstown flood—about twenty-two years ago. Harvey was here two years ago. The brothers are the last of their father's family, and are wise enough to cut loose from the active business cares of life and take times easy.

## Caught in a Shower.

Of the few showers we have had during the past few weeks. B. A. Deavor was caught in one May 7th at his home near Hustontown. After the shower was over, he helped to devour a freezer of ice cream which he always enjoys very much. This happened to be a card shower and, of course, did no great damage. He wishes, through the NEWS to thank the many kind friends and neighbors who remembered him on his 68th birthday by sending him 167 beautiful post cards. They bore the following post marks: Drady, N. Dak., North Madison, Ind., Jersey Shore, Pa.; Princess Anne, Md.; Madison, Ind.; Steelton, Johnstown, Pine Hill, Somerset, Co., Cando, N. Dak.; Oceola Mills, Baltimore, Rock Lake, N. Dak.; Altoona, Harrisburg, Sixmile Run, New Enterprise, East Altoona, Robertsdale, Woodvale, Broadtop City., Woodbury, Crocus, Wells Tannery, Saluvia, Three Springs, Dublin Mills, Waterfall, Gracey, Dudley, Kearney, Dane, Clear Ridge, Hustontown, Hiram and Laidig.

## Base Ball.

Fort Littleton and Laidig on the latter's ground.

Ft Littleton.	Laidig.	
Fraker, R	p	Wink, V
Cromer, R	cc	Brant, D
Fraker, B	ss	Brant, O
Cromer, H	1b	Gracey, R
Cromer, H	2b	Clevenger, H
Richardson, C	3b	Brant, E
Fraker, H	rf	Laidig, J
Fraker, B	cf	Lamberson, F
Fields, R	lf	Rowe, U

Score:—  
Ft Littleton 10 10 00000—2  
Laidig 4 10 20000x—7  
Umpres, D. K. Chesnut and H. K. Stevens; Score keeper, E Chesnut.

Anthony Mellott, of Belfast township, called at the NEWS office last Saturday. Anthony is interested in having a big reunion of the Mellott families some time this summer. It is a good suggestion, and all its needs is that some one shall "whoop it up."

## Honor the Veterans.

The memorial service in honor of the veterans of all wars will be held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, May 30th, at 1:30 p. m., Rev. J. V. Royer of the M. E. church will deliver the address, and the following program will be rendered:

Prayer.  
Music by the Band.  
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.  
Music.  
Address.  
Vacant Chair (tableau accompanied by music)  
Recitation.

## FLOWER COMMITTEE.

Mrs. N. H. Roettger, Murnie Rummel, Nellie McQuade, Ethel Freeman, Elizabeth Doyle, Kitty Mentzer, Meta Fryman, Jean Johnston, Mary Irwin, Maudaline Stevens, Dollie Hammill, Josephine Runyan.

## AIDES TO G. A. R.

W. H. Greathead, E. R. McClain, W. L. Nace, H. I. Johnston.

## DECORATION COMMITTEE.

Mrs. B. W. Peck will act as chairman and be assisted by Members of W. R. C. All those who wish to contribute flowers "in memoriam" will send them to the home of Mrs. S. M. Cook.

## For the Study of Shakespeare.

For the past two years a group of our young people have been studying the dramatic works of the immortal bard of Avon. The Club meets once a week during the winter season and the course of study has done much for the social and educational advance of its members. The first season The "Merchant of Venice," and "Macbeth" were the studies. The past winter, "Hamlet" and "Richard III" were the heavy work of the class. As a diversion an evening was given to the honor of Mark Twain—another occasion was employed by "The Idyls of the King. The Xmas lesson was made lively by the selection of "The Other Wise Man," by that charming writer Henry Van Dyke. This variety of study prevented any tedium or fag on the part of the readers and at the same time widened their stock of knowledge of good literature. This class will convene in the early fall and we bespeak, for them a great addition in the number of our progressive young people.

## Farmers' Institutes.

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the place where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institute, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This Board is composed of the Local Members of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliance. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to J. L. Patterson, McConnellsburg, Pa.

## Orchard Demonstrations.

A second list of demonstrations to be held in orchards to show the latest method of spraying and treating trees for extermination of the codling moth and other fruit tree pests, which are reported as unusually numerous in a number of sections of the state, has been announced. The demonstrations held in the last week have been largely attended, especially in the southern counties where farmers have been adopting the new methods. The dates: May 26—Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg. May 27—J. B. Runyan, McConnellsburg. Mrs. Maggie Reese of Burnt Cabins was in town on Thursday shopping.

## 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

William Mentzer was a County Seat visitor Monday.

Rankin Mellott, of Pleasant Ridge was in town on Saturday.

David Laidig, of Taylor township visited our town on Saturday.

Judge D. T. Humbert, of Dickey Mountain was in town on Saturday.

R. S. Mellott of Sipes Mill, was attending to business in town on Saturday.

William Wilds and Sylvester Cunningham were business visitors Saturday.

E. W. Hendershot of Webster Mills was a business visitor to town on Saturday.

H. A. Strait of Saluvia was at the County capital on Friday attending to business.

William Snider, wife and son George were pleasant visitors at the home of Daniel E. Fore, Esq., on Sunday.

After spending several days with friends here Mr. John H. Witt returned to his home in Waynesboro on Friday last.

Miss Alice Hays who has just completed teaching a term of school in North Field, New Jersey has returned to her home in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hill and two children, of Mercersburg, spent Sabbath with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Comer of this place.

Samuel C. Kline, wife and their daughter Effie and son Riley, of Belfast township, were interested callers at the NEWS office while in town shopping last Saturday.

George Richardson, Mrs. Mac Richardson, Mrs. Charles Richardson and Miss Emma Cromer, all of Fort Littleton were registered at the City hotel on Saturday.

Russel H. Runyan, who holds a nice position in the Census Department in Washington, D. C., is spending a few days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Runyan.

Mrs. N. I. Fimiff, of Chambersburg came over to Fulton Monday to visit among her many friends and relatives here. It has been about two years since she was here for a visit.

Misses Eva and Daisy Mellott, and their uncle Reuben Mellott, of Sipes Mill, were among the out-of-town visitors last Saturday. Daisy and Eva called at the NEWS office a few minutes.

W. Randolph Palmer and daughter Miss Nellie, spent a few hours in town last Saturday. Mr. Palmer is on the new R. F. D. Route, and will get his mail from the Needmore office after the first of June.

Charlie Cutchall and wife, Jamie and Jessie Cutchall, Miss Nannie Landers and Miss Alice Cutchall—all of Taylor township, were pleasant callers at the NEWS office last Saturday afternoon. Miss Alice came along to town with the party to attend the summer normal school here.

Miss Bossie Simpson, who had been spending a few weeks in Mercersburg helping her sister Mrs. H. B. Atkinson with her millinery work, stopped in McConnellsburg a few hours last Friday on her way to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Simpson in Thompson township.

David R. Strait who has been located at Steelton, Pa., during the past year or two, spent a few days during the past week in the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Strait of Saluvia. David was on his way to Detroit, Mich., where he will be located for some time. His brother H. A. Strait met him in town.