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MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Mason L. Sipes a Joyous Occasion at Their Home.

FORMER RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY.

Mason L. Sipes and Catherine Jane Moore were married August 26, 1861, at "Uncle Billy" Lodge's in Brush Creek Valley, Fulton county, Pa., by Rev. R. A. Cooper, and they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home in Earliston, Pa., August 26, 1911, from two to eight o'clock, p. m.

On this glad occasion there were present with the bride and groom of fifty years ago, the following persons: Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Sheaffer, Capt. and Mrs. R. W. Cook, Miss Lizzie Stern, Henry Cosh and son Arthur, and I. H. Hixon and wife; also, the following children—Burton and Howard, of Curwensville; Miss Dorothy, of New York City; Louisa and husband, H. L. O'Neal; Elmira and husband, H. J. Waggoner; Amy and husband, C. P. Ott; and Harriett D. and Olive Blanche, together with the following grandchildren: Marion, Katherine, Raymond and Dorothy O'Neal; Maynard, Roland, Nelson, Vernon and Martha Ott, and Madeline Waggoner.

The happy couple received a valuable purse of gold and many other presents, and the afternoon was very pleasantly spent until half past six o'clock when the following menu was served—the menu cards being souvenirs and bearing the pictures of the host and hostess:—

Cream of Chicken a la Reine.
Celery, Olives, Salted Almonds,
Roast Turkey Stuffed.
Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes,
Green Corn on Cob, French Peas,
Risquelet and Cream Cheese,
Toasted Buns and Sultana Crackers,
Fiftieth Anniversary Cake,
Ice Cream,
Coffee.

The serving was in charge of the Chief of the Bedford Springs Hotel, who had kindly volunteered his services for the occasion, and who had made up the Anniversary cake, which was beautiful beyond description. The cake was twenty-two inches in diameter and four inches thick. Near the outer edge of the cake, which was wonderfully iced and bore the figures "1861-1911," was a decoration of small imitation evergreen; and just outside, nearer the edge when borne to the table, were fifty lighted candles, representing the wedded years, while on a pedestal in the center of it, was a white dove bearing in its beak a greeting from each one of the children to their parents. These greetings were afterwards read by Burton, the oldest of the children.

The groom of the occasion, Mr. Sipes, has an interesting lineage—his grandmother Hanks being a sister of Nancy Hanks, the famed mother of Abraham Lincoln. From this we see that the host, on this occasion, is a second cousin of the great Emancipator. A happier couple than these two good people could not be imagined, as they will attest after treading the vale of this life together for fifty years; but, during all this time, "The wife has found the husband but husband," and the "Angel he wooed, he has found to be only a woman."

Mr. and Mrs. Sipes have lived all their lives in Fulton and Bedford counties, with the exception of two months spent in Clearfield county.

What a sermon for Righteousness in the lives of these Godly people! And their children shall rise up and call them blessed.

We retrospect in the glad fact that these dear ones have given so much to this earth, and our hope is that the days and years they still deal very kindly with them. May their lives and goodly presence be given to us all for

Gone Out From Home.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEWS.

How often do we see our neighboring counties pointing the finger of ridicule, and laughingly branding Fulton as a backwoods county without railroads or modern conveniences but, as a general thing, their remarks are merely a boomerang rebounding with double force, as they are often compelled, to seek therein material to fill many deficits in their own favored localities.

Especially is this true along educational lines. It is with pride that we recall the number of persons who in the past have gone out from our borders and are now occupying prominent positions in the educational world, not only in this state, but scattered throughout the nation.

To attempt to give the names would take up far more space than we have at our command.

Fulton County this year, besides supplying her own schools with as an efficient corps of teachers as is to be found anywhere in this Commonwealth, has given not only to her sister counties but to some other states as well, a number of teachers whose ability goes without question.

This goes to prove not only the efficiency of the schools of the county but also the push and ambition of her people.

Below is given a list of some of the teachers who have secured positions elsewhere, and who have left, or will soon leave, to take up their respective work. We congratulate the various places to which they go upon securing the services of persons so well qualified in their chosen line. Not only will the schools be benefited but we feel that the community at large profit by their being associated with it.

Letitia Peck, Monroeville, N. J.; Grace Shimer, Breezewood, Pa.; Jessie Mason, Vandergrift Heights; Arthur Shimer, and Edgar Alexander to Warren township, Franklin county; Bessie Irwin, Philadelphia; Ada Rexroth, Berks county; Alice Hays, Raritan, N. J.; Ethel Hays, Pleasantville, N. J.; Goldie Mason, Clayton, N. J.; Russell Nelson, Pittsburg; Minnie Mock, Carrie Greathead, Johnstown, Pa.; Emma Sloan, Johnstown, Pa.; Elsie Greathead, Athens, O.; David Chestnut, Cambria county; Bessie Walleit, Vandergrift, Pa.; H. O. Wible, Broadtop City; Elizabeth Henry, Corbin, Pa.; Grover C. Kirk, Lancaster county; N. E. M. Hoover, Bedford county.

Albert Hays Married.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eugene Cuiver, of Buffalo Creek, Colo., announce the marriage of their daughter Betsy Mitchell to Mr. Albert Hays, on Saturday, September 9, 1911. Mr. Hays, who went to Colorado a few years ago on account of his health, finds the climate very beneficial, and he is interested in a big ranch. His many McConnellsburg friends wish him and his bride a long, happy and prosperous life.

Wink-Lynch.

At the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. J. G. Alexander, of this place, on Monday, September 4, 1911, Rev. John M. Diehl, of the Presbyterian church, united in marriage, Miss Dessie Lynch, of Sharpe, Pa., and Mr. Albert Roy Wink, of Plum Run, Pa. The bride and groom are excellent young people, and enter the realm of married life with the best wishes of their numerous friends.

E. L. Martin, representing the Philadelphia North American spent a couple days in town the first of this week.

many years yet to come, and may we all look forward to that which is but a surcease of the struggles here, and a glad acclaim of the triumph over yonder.
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BIGELOW BUSY.

Promises to Institute Proceedings to Condemn Turnpike and Give Us State Road.

From Chambersburg Repository.

Highway Commissioner E. M. Bigelow and his wife, with a chauffeur, arrived here from Pittsburg at noon on Wednesday and stopped at Hotel Washington.

Quite a number of our citizens were quietly sent notice of his presence and in a short while fully a score of our leading business and professional men were giving him an informal reception.

He was most pleasant in manner and glad to see our men and assured them by his words and manner of his desire to improve the roads hereabout, which he said were rather bad.

He was on his way from Pittsburg, his home, to Philadelphia, Easton and other points, via Harrisburg, and left about 2 p. m.

He promised to return before long and look further into the matter of the various roads centering in Chambersburg.

He promised to at once begin advertising for contracts for re-making the road between here and Greencastle, constructing an improved State road from the present one.

He also promised to institute proceedings at once to condemn the turnpike between here and Bedford, as provided by the Shroul Act, and he will then make many improvements to the road, repairing it in various places and temporarily putting it into good shape.

Later he will have a State road made of that turnpike from here to Pittsburg. The repairs can only be made as far as the money is now available but later the whole long 150 mile road will be remade in the latest and best way.

Upon learning that that the pike between here and Philadelphia by way of Gettysburg was in good condition except for a distance of possibly twelve miles in Adams county, Commissioner Bigelow promised to have the necessary repairs made and thus make the entire road bed good between these two points.

Our citizens who had the pleasure of meeting Commissioner Bigelow were much pleased with him and greatly encouraged by his promises as to our highways all of which need remaking and improving badly.

Pennsylvania Corn Stands High.

That Pennsylvania can produce corn of high quality was demonstrated at Columbus, Ohio, last January, when those exhibits that stood first in the competitions at Harrisburg last year won out over corn from all other states in the Eastern Zone.

Not only did the Keystone State take the sweepstake prize for yellow dent corn, but she also took first prize in the single ear exhibit of dent corn of any color.

The sweepstake prize for white cap yellow dent corn was won by Harry B. Herr of Lancaster, Pa.

Prof. F. D. Gardner of the Pennsylvania State College in speaking of the corn said "Our corn exhibit was the best in the Eastern Zone, and we took just a half of all the sweepstakes on corn for our zone. I think we have made a very satisfactory showing."

Arrangements have been made and indications point to an exceptionally fine show at Pittsburg, in Duquesne Garden, next January when the conventions and exhibits of the Pennsylvania Live Stock Breeders' Association, the Pennsylvania Dairy Union, and the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania will be combined into one mammoth show. The corn show will surpass any former attempt ever made in Pennsylvania along this line.

T. Frank Sloan left for his home at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, after a week spent with friends in town.

RECORD OF DEATHS.

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

ALL SEASONS ARE THINE, O DEATH.

MARY E. WILDS.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Wilds, died at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Woollet at the Washington House in this place last Friday morning, of pulmonary tuberculosis. The funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Diehl, of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. Royer, of the M. E. church and Rev. Grove, of the U. P. church, took place Monday morning, and interment was made in Union cemetery.

Miss Wilds was a daughter of George and Rachel (Woollet) Wilds, and was born at Fort Littleton on the last day of May, 1870. Her mother dying when Mary was but eight years of age, she was taken into the home of her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Woollet, where she lived as a daughter during the remainder of her life. Mary possessed those qualities of gentleness and refinement that won for her the esteem of those within the circle of her acquaintances.

MRS. HENDERSHOT.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Powell) Hendershot, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. J. R. Mellott, near Mercersburg, on Monday evening of last week, of a complication of diseases incident to advanced age. Her remains were taken to Fulton county on Thursday and interment was made in Union cemetery in the Big Cove.

The Powells were among the early English settlers in this section of Pennsylvania, and the grandfather of Mrs. Hendershot obtained a patent for a tract of land at the eastern foot of Sideling Hill known as the old Powell place, and now owned by Frank Schetrompf. It was here that Mrs. Hendershot was born March 25, 1822, hence, at her death, she was aged 89 years, 5 months, and 3 days. She was married to John Hendershot in the year 1842, and he died about forty years ago. To this union were born eight children, four of whom survive, namely, Denton, Bethel township; Isaac R., near Mercersburg; William C., Akron, O.; and Margaret, wife of J. R. Mellott, near Mercersburg, Pa.

Mother Hendershot belonged to a line of sturdy ancestors, who have done much for the development of the country, and her long life is a testimonial to the simple habits of our forefathers.

GIBSON.

Mrs. Rebecca Gibson, widow of Alexander Gibson, deceased, who had been physically frail for several years, died last Saturday evening at her home in Wells Valley, at the age of seventy-nine years. Interment in Wells Valley cemetery Monday, Rev. Harry Daniels of York, Pa., conducting the funeral services in the absence of the pastor of the deceased, Rev. Weise.

Mrs. Gibson had been what could be truthfully termed a life member of the M. E. church, having connected herself with that Christian organization when a child. She endeared herself to those in the community in which she so long resided not alone by her loyalty to the church of her choice but because of her influence for good on all who came in close touch with her in every day life.

She is survived by four sons and two daughters, namely, J. W. Gibson, at whose home she died; Thomas and George, of Pittsburg; James, Altoona; Mrs. Mary Clark, Saxton, and Mrs. Sadie Lodge, Langdondale.

Miss Ethel Elder of Tyrone, returned home last Monday after a two weeks' visit with the Misses Mason.

FARMING WITH DYNAMITE.

Removing Stumps, Breaking up Hardpan, and Preparing for Free Planting.

To say that a farmer can lift the mortgage on his farm with dynamite is not a joke, but a fact. And one that will spell independence to thousands of land owners whose cultivatable fields are carrying a double burden of taxes—that which legitimately belongs to the productive soil, and that which is being paid on land rendered uncultivable by the presence of stumps, boulders, hardpan, etc.

The use of dynamite on the farm, or, as it has been so aptly called, "farming with dynamite" has passed the experimental stages, and is now as much a part of modern farm practice as is "scientific farming," or the use of power machinery.

Contrary to general belief, the use of dynamite, at least, the brands manufactured especially for farm purposes, is safer than the handling of ordinary gunpowder. The prejudice against dynamite is largely due to the somewhat frequent explosions of dynamite factories. Invariably these accidents happen during the process of making the explosive, and are never caused by the finished product.

The few cases of injury of users of dynamite on the farm have, without exception, been caused by the foolhardy action of the victim inspecting the charge immediately upon its failure to explode. The advice of experts is: "If dynamite fails to explode, go away and come back next week." While this is not to be taken literally, in so far as the period of time is concerned, it does point the way to positive prevention of accidents.

The use of dynamite in farming is extremely simple and requires but the intelligence to follow a few clear directions, which information, in the form of illustrated booklets, is supplied free by makers of dynamite.

While the cost of performing the various operations of stump and boulder blasting, ditch digging, subsoil "plowing," hardpan blasting, etc., varies with conditions, it is in every case decidedly lower than the cost of accomplishing the same results by manual labor or with mechanical appliances.

The Long Island, New York, Railroad Company removed one hundred stumps from its Experimental Farm at an average cost of but sixteen cents each, including dynamite, blasting caps and fuse. Ordinarily the pulling of these stumps you would have required three men and two horses thirty-three days. One dynamiter and a helper blasted one hundred and fifty-seven stumps in a single day.

Other records show the removal of seven hundred and sixty-eight Southern pine stumps, of an average diameter of twenty-nine inches at a cost of thirty cents each.

Subsoil "plowing" or the breaking up of the lower layers of earth, results, in many instances, in almost doubling the productivity of farm land, for the simple reason that the natural plant food in the lower strata is made available and a largely increased water storage is created. This also aerates the soil. The blasting of hardpan produces equally beneficial results.

The manifold uses of dynamite for farm purposes are being universally recognized, and are being developed by the United States Government, agricultural colleges, the great railroads and other agencies interested in making farms more productive and the work of the farmer easier.

Misses Minnie Dickson and Maria D. Alexander returned on Monday after a ten days' visit to W. L. Mower and wife at Highfield, Pa.

THE NEW GAME LAW.

The Raccoon a Game Animal and May Be Killed During September, October, November and December.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., that from and after the passage of this act, the wild animal known as the raccoon shall be classed as a game animal in this Commonwealth, and it shall be unlawful to kill or capture such animals except during the month of September, October, November and December, of each year. Each and every person killing or capturing, or attempting to kill or take a raccoon during any other month of the year, except as above named, shall, upon conviction, be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each animal so illegally taken or killed; or in default thereof, shall suffer an imprisonment of one day in jail for each dollar of penalty imposed and unpaid.

Section 2. The open season for grey, black or fox squirrels; also the open season for the grey rabbit and hare; also the open season for the ruffed grouse, the wild turkey, the quail, commonly called Virginia partridge; English, Mongolian, ring-necked and Chinese pheasants, shall be from the first day of November to December fifteenth, inclusive, of each year. Each and every person killing or taking, or attempting to kill or take any of the game birds or animals mentioned in this section, at any time except as provided for in this act, shall upon conviction, be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each animal killed or taken, contrary to the provisions of this act, and twenty-five dollars for each game bird, either killed, taken, or attempted to be killed or taken, contrary to the provisions of this act; or in default thereof, shall suffer an imprisonment, in the common jail of the county, of one day for each dollar of penalty imposed and unpaid.

Section 3. Each and every magistrate, alderman and justice of the peace of the Commonwealth is hereby given the power of summary conviction in all matters pertaining to violations of any of the provisions of this act; and also prosecutions for such violations shall be conducted and the penalty applied as provided in section thirty-first of the act May first, Anna Domini, one thousand nine hundred and nine, entitled "An act to provide for the protection and preservation of game quadrupeds and game birds, and song and insectivorous and other wild birds and prescribing penalties for violation of its several provisions."

Section 4. All acts or parts of acts consistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved—The 3rd day of June A. D. 1911.

JOHN K. TENER.

Note.—The condition governing the taking of all kinds of game not referred to in the above Act remain the same as specified in the Act of May 1, 1909, and with this our hunters are familiar.—Belleville Gazette.

Vaccination Law in Force.

Officials of the state department of public instruction stated that numerous letters received at the department from school officials in various parts of the state indicate that an erroneous impression prevails that the compulsory vaccination law relating to school pupils has been repealed.

"The idea has got abroad, probably because there is no mention of vaccination in the new school code, that it is no longer required. This is a mistake," said A. D. Glenn, deputy superintendent. "The vaccination law, which is a health measure, was passed several years ago, and is in force today just as much as it ever was, although the code is silent on the matter. The requirements of last year stand."

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 Goldie Mason left on Monday morning for Clayton, N. J., where she will teach in the public schools.

D. E. Little and wife, and Miss Jessie Correll are spending two weeks in Eastern Cities purchasing goods.

Maude Straut, of Needmore, and Maye Lake, of McConnellsburg, spent last week as the guests of W. M. Steele.—Everett Press.

Dr. Clarence N. Trout and little daughter Esther, of Red Lion, Pa., spent the time from Friday until Tuesday in the home of his mother, Mrs. M. B. Trout.

Our old neighbor and friend John H. Wilt of Waynesboro spent last week visiting relatives in Huntingdon county, Hustontown and this place. Mr. Wilt looks like the world was using him well.

Mrs. Hattie Dixon and daughter Ethel, of Chambersburg, who spent a week very pleasantly with her mother, Mrs. Maria Palmer, returned home accompanied by her niece, Miss Katherine Hart, of Needmore.

Mrs. W. R. Speer and daughter, Alice, visited friends in Cumberland, Md., last Saturday and Sunday. They were accompanied on their return to Everett by Mrs. Speer's mother, Mrs. Sara Cutshall.—Everett Press.

Mrs. Howard Skipper and her children Ernest, Clyde and Boyd, passed through McConnellsburg on their way to their home in Waynesboro, after a few days visit among their old friends and acquaintances near Harrisonville. Ernest had been spending several weeks visiting in the home of his sister Grace, Mrs. Henry Sipes, near Andover.

Miss Anna Locke, of Dalls-town, Pa., and Miss Bell Locke, of near Fort Littleton, Fulton Co., were visitors of Miss Molie Locke on Friday night and Saturday of last week. Miss Anna has been employed in a cigar factory for 20 odd years. She entered the factory a poor girl, and by her industrious and careful habits is now worth a considerable amount of money besides real estate in her home town. Her childhood home was Selen, Pa., where her father, the late Silas Locke once kept store.—Orbisoma Dispatch.

For County Commissioner.

The time is drawing near for the primary elections, when candidates of both parties will be nominated, and it behooves the voters to select their best men, especially for the office of County Commissioner, and just here I want to say that no man, on either party, has announced, who is better fitted for the office than Jonas Lake, of Taylor township. He has been engaged in surveying for 35 years, and knows the value of land in every township in the County. There are thousands of acres of land on the unseated land book which do not exist and the County is paying taxes on it. Mr. Lake knows every foot of unseated land in the County, and in the Commissioner's office, would be just in the position to save the County hundreds of dollars in taxes on unseated lands that do not exist. He is well known in all parts of the County, and if nominated, will poll a large vote in every township, especially BELFAST.

Miss Edith Mellott, who has been employed at the City Hotel, during the last five years has accepted a position in a millinery establishment in Harrisburg and went to that city on Monday to enter upon her new work.