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## THE GRIM REAPER.

Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

### MRS. MARY BUTTS.

Mrs. Mary Butts widow of William Butts, died at the home of her son Ambrose, Taylor township, Sunday evening, June 27, 1915. Interment was made at Center M. E. church on the following Tuesday. Rev. Veach of Wells Valley conducted the funeral services. She was aged 81 years, 6 months, and 17 days. Mrs. Butt's maiden name was Mary Swartz. She was married three times. Her first husband's name was Reihart, and the second was Wilson. To the third marriage there were no children. Surviving children are: Ambrose Wilson with whom she lived; William Wilson, of Mill Creek and Mrs. John Bolinger of Woodvale.

### EVELYN LAMBERSON.

Evelyn, aged about 9 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob C. Lamberson, near Hustontown, died Tuesday, July 6, 1915. The funeral was held on the following Thursday, interment being made at Hustontown.

A short time ago, the little girl went to the fields to pick wild strawberries and contracted poison of the skin. She was of a delicate constitution and before the effects of the poison could be arrested, something like blood poisoning took place and bodies of pus formed in her limbs and neck. All possible medical aid was given, but she was not able to resist the ravages of the disease. These conditions made her death particularly sad, and Evelyn's early demise has brought great sorrow to relatives and friends, including many little school mates with whom she associated for two years.

Survivors in her immediate family are: Father and Mother; Fred and Joe, brothers, at home; Fern, Christobel and Frances, sisters at home and Hazel, wife of Allison Keller, of Turtle Creek Pa.

## Town Water Vile.

For some time the water from the town reservoir has been vile. Every time it rains the water gets muddy, and this has been the case so frequently of late that the temper of our housekeepers is getting very "muddy" too. It has been pointed out to the Water Company so often that there need be no excuse for this condition, and much impatience is being manifested at the delay in carrying out the orders of the State Board of Health to remedy matters. Excuses for the delay no longer carry weight with our citizens. The order to remedy matters was given a year ago. It is beginning to look as though a good stiff fine instead of so many "notes" might put motion into the proper authorities. We think the people of McConnellsburg have had poured into their systems enough State Road washings to furnish sufficient "grit" to enable them to unite and end this miserable fiasco.

## Birthday Surprise.

Last Thursday evening when Miss Beatrice Mellott and Miss Crystabel Lamberson returned home, the former was surprised to find the room filled with a number of her friends who had assembled to celebrate her seventeenth birthday. A very delightful evening was spent in playing social games, and in enjoying music played on the piano. Miss Beatrice was the recipient of many nice presents, and the evening was one she will not soon forget. Those present were: Ida Fisher, Pauline Kirk, Crystabel and Frances Lamberson, Lois Alice and Mary Laidig; Hazel and Edith Reeder; Junie and Elizabeth Sipes; Beatrice Mellott, Annie Lamberson, Mrs. Jonas Mellott, Shelmia Mellott, Mrs. Robert House, Russell Deshong Hans Lamberson, James Kellar, Lester and Melvin Mellott, Jonas Mellott, Walter Mellott, and Clarke Kellar.

One Who Nas There.

## Bicycle Accident.

Since the clearing off of the bushes and rubbish at the top of Cove mountain on the Lincoln Highway many persons are attracted to this spot for the beautiful view it affords. Last Sunday, among many others that went to this place, were Elgin Mann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer P. Mann, and Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed D. Shimer. The splendid condition of the Highway tempted the boys to get on Elgin's bicycle and coast down the east side of the mountain. Everything went lovely until at a point about a mile east of the top at a sharp turn in the road they met an automobile. In attempting to turn out of the way of the approaching car, their bicycle struck a loose stone and the boys were thrown violently against rocks at the side of the road. They were picked up by the automobile party and taken to the top, where Russell Glazier took the boys into his car and hurried them to Dr. Mosser's office in McConnellsburg. It was found that Elgin was so seriously hurt that Dr. Palmer, head surgeon at the Chambersburg hospital was called and he responded at once. When he came, he found Elgin's lower jaw dislocated, and the boy badly bruised. The boy received the necessary attention and is now doing as well as might be expected. Frank escaped with a severe cut above one of his eyes and several minor bruises.

## They Want a Picnic.

Editor News.—What has become of the Harvest Home Picnic Committee? It is time that they are getting together to fix the date and place and to make other necessary arrangements for the picnic expected in a few weeks.

The committee consists of Tobias Glazier, Roy Kendall James H. Kendall, Harvey Nesbit, Walter Shaw, and C. M. Ray.

It will take some time to get everything in readiness to make the picnic a success. Fulton county could have as good a picnic as Path Valley and other places, if the interest of our farmer boys and girls be aroused and all help make it a success.

We should have plenty of music by the Band, good practical speakers, recitations, and a union choir of thirty-five or forty boys and girls to enliven the occasion. Also, a game of base ball, a tournament, and a merry-go-round to amuse the children.

We should have something like this to keep our boys and girls on the farms instead of their having to go elsewhere to seek pleasure. We hope the committee will get together soon and make arrangements for such a picnic, advertise in our local papers, and invite everybody to come and meet old friends. The News has assured us that it will help to spread the invitations to all its readers to come and make it a real "Old Home Day."

JEDEKIAH.

## Disabled His Car.

From Valley Spirit  
Wilmer Hays with George A. Harris of McConnellsburg saved a reckless automobile driver in New Oxford from self-destruction Monday by keeping a cool head. The inexperienced Ford driver tried to cover the pavement and both sides of the street at the same time.

When he encountered the Harris machine he could go no further. His machine was totally disabled by butting into the Harris four-cylinder Cadillac.

Mr. Harris had to run his machine into an iron fence to save his Ford assailant. Mrs. Harris was one of the three occupants of the Harris car. The Harris party was returning from a trip to York. Mr. Harris had never before had a motor-car accident. The five occupants of the Ford car had a narrow escape from death or serious injury.

## Local Social Events.

Mrs. J. C. Patterson and Mrs. W. L. Nace jointly entertained about forty of their friends at the Douglas a few evenings ago.

The second class to graduate from the McConnellsburg High School was that of 1899 under the principalship of Harry E. Gress, now superintendent of the City schools, Monessen, Pa. The class consisted of nineteen members all of whom are living, notwithstanding the fact that more than two thirds of them are married. Last Friday afternoon thirteen of the number assembled at the home of Mrs. W. H. Greathhead west Market street where they held the first formal class reunion. There were present Stella Sipes (Mrs. W. H. Greathhead), Lois A. Caldwell (Mrs. Wilson L. Nace), Irene Trout (Mrs. Ellis L. Lynch), Nelle Trout (Mrs. Ernest R. McClain), Mabel Trout (Mrs. Walter Reed Sloan), Elizabeth Fisher (Mrs. J. W. Mosser), Miss Sophie Hohman, Miss Zoe Mason, Miss Minnie Reiser, Miss Ethel Hayes, Miss Cornetha B. Nesbit,—all of McConnellsburg; Nora Johnston, wife of Mr. Owen R. Dunlap, Pittsburg, Kans. and Myrtle Stoner, wife of W. M. Lodge, Saxton, Pa. It will be seen that none of the male members of the class was there, and a good thing for them they were not present for they would not have been able to get a word in edgewise with that bunch talking. The members of the class not present were Alice Dickson, wife of Cashier Merrill W. Nace; Mary Scott Sloan, wife of Thomas H. Walker; Mary Grove, wife of Rev. A. J. Crooks; Miss Gertrude Sipes, Chambersburg; Ed. H. Reiser, Hutchinson, Kans., and James A. Sloan, Altoona.

Miss Ethel Hays entertained a nice company of friends Wednesday evening in honor of her sister Alice, Mrs. John Spangler, of Chicago, and her friend Mrs. Harley, of Pleasantville, N. J.

A bunch of fifty-six McConnellsburgers went up to the top of Cove mountain on the Lincoln Highway Monday afternoon, took "eat-in's" along, and spent the time until the sun was sinking behind old Sideling Hill most pleasantly.

## Many Children Killed.

As the result of a battle that raged fiercely in the United States from July 3 to 5, 1915, 19 persons were killed and 903 are known to be hurt. But the reports are by no means all in; straggling parties are yet to be heard from, and the Tetanus Corps cannot make report for nearly a week. The latter report will largely increase the list of dead, which when added to the known list will put the results of the battle on a par with some of the recent engagements in Europe. The deadly ammunition used in this battle was made chiefly in China and Japan, and it is diabolically arranged to produce a slow and awful death from lock jaw when the victims are hurt by it. The ammunition was sold chiefly to little children who are to young to understand its danger.

## What Do You Know?

Do you know that an editor or a reporter for a newspaper can in his rounds stop and ask a hundred persons "what is the news" and ninety out of the hundred will reply "Nothing special," and yet 50 out of that number know something that, if not found in the next paper, will astonish them greatly and disappoint them more, and perhaps make them madder than hornets. Don't be afraid to let the news paper man know it.

Dr. H. W. Bender and J. Frank Gump, Jr., of Everett passed through town last Sunday on their way to Martinsburg W. Va. with a view to securing the services of a baseball team.

## LETTER FROM FLORIDA.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mann Delighted With New Home Town. Good Place to Invest Money.

In a recent letter from Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mann, St. Cloud, Florida, they say that so far as the business is concerned they cannot complain.

"We have our lots planted in citrus fruits and many trees. Our sweet potatoes look fine and we think Florida can produce sweet potatoes equal to the Jersey variety—can tell better after we try them. The growth of vegetables here is little short of marvelous; but of course, intensive cultivation and moisture is required—both of which they get. A patch of crimson clover shows good growth despite the heat.

"We try to get from the garden all the fruits needed, and therefore plant bananas, guava, oranges, lemons, limes, and every variety of vegetables.

"If you know of any people who require a warm climate and who have a little capital, send them along. St. Cloud is well known as a growing city with many excellent features. It is the home of many veterans of the Civil War. The G. A. R. post has a fine hall, and there are many benevolent organizations, seven churches with excellent pastors and church work of every kind flourishes. As for the people, they are the salt of the earth—so friendly, so helpful. We are glad to be here and glad to say a good word for the place.

"Land is cheap now; but the new charter will, no doubt, send the price up; for when a town grows into city privileges, there follows a steady line of improvements. The town has a fine weekly newspaper, and if any one desires to know more about the place, let him subscribe for the St. Cloud Tribune for six months. The summers are, of course warm; but Charlie Mann Jr., who was here recently, thinks it no warmer than at Hansford, California. We get splendid breezes and the mosquitoes and flies are not a circumstance to the New Jersey article. The birds here sing so sweetly, and the air is redolent with the perfume of flowers—such beautiful flowers. There is no land boom here. People come to spend the winter and buy because they see a great future for this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann request the NEWS to extend their best wishes to Fulton and Bedford county friends, as well as to all others who know them.

## Annual Reunion.

The Damascus Sunday school will hold their annual picnic in Comerer's Grove on Saturday, July 24th. Speaking, recitations music both vocal and instrumental—and a good dinner will be features of the day. At the same time and place the Misson and L. A. society of the church will offer at public auction their Mission Quilt. The body of this quilt is white long cloth upon which is embroidered in red silk the names and addresses of nearly five hundred persons. The states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia, and Illinois are represented. One block of thirty-four names represents Woodhull, Ill., and a block of seventeen names, represents Freeport, Ill., and three blocks contain names of one hundred persons of McConnellsburg and the Big Cove. On the centre square is embroidered a picture of Damascus church, with the names of its ministers, trustees, and deacons who have served since the organization of the church. Bids for this quilt may be sent anytime before the 24th of July to Mrs. Wilson E. Litton or to Miss Hattie Gregory—both of Plum Run, Fulton County, Pa.

Earl Taylor, of Harrisburg, spent the Fourth at home in McConnellsburg.

## Electrify the South Penn.

EDITOR NEWS.—The auto travel on the Lincoln Highway last Saturday and Sunday beat all records. 165 cars passed Green Hill on Saturday and over 200 passed on Sunday. Estimating that each car carried an average of five persons, one thousand people passed our door on Sunday.

I have lived to see greater results than hoped for when I penned my former articles begging for the abolishment of toll-gates and for the rebuilding of the old pike by the State. The new, fine, Lincoln Highway across the County is proving to be of inestimable value to this section. This leads me to think that still greater practical things await the hand of improvement, namely, the speedy building of the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon railway, and the electrifying of the whole of the South Penn branch in order to afford unbroken connection with the main line of the Cumberland Valley railroad. Never have I felt a greater desire to be young again than when I sometimes spend a sleepless night thinking over the possibilities of, and wishing that I could take active part in, the development that such connection with the Cumberland Valley would bring to Fulton county. Just as the public has seized upon the advantages of the Lincoln Highway for pleasure and profit, so would our people of Fulton county seize upon rapid transit to the great Cumberland Valley main line to restore this part of the County to its once proud position as a farming district—something that partly passed with the passing away of the old stage coaches that made local trade for us by reason of the sale of supplies and commodities.

JAMES A. STEWART.

## Bulletin Board Dedicated.

Last week the W. C. T. U. caused to be erected a large bulletin board on the vacant lot south of the Presbyterian church in McConnellsburg. Last Saturday evening the board was formally dedicated to the service of the cause of temperance. About 500 witnessed the ceremony. A number of girls bearing flowers, and boys with flags, followed by the members of the W. C. T. U.—all led by the Band—marched from the Court House to the dedication grounds. The Band then played "America" in which people joined in singing. Rev. J. L. Grove read the Scripture lesson and C. J. Brewer led in prayer. Miss Ella Pittman made an elegant address on "What the W. C. T. U. Upholds." Miss Mary Seylar very forcibly explained the purpose of the bulletin board and enumerated some of the joint responsibilities which men and women must shoulder in the political field. The bulletin board was then unveiled and the tribute of flowers and flags placed, the children marching as the Band played "Onward Christian Soldiers." Mrs. Robert E. Peterman then gave a reading entitled "Two Lincoln Pennies." Benediction by Rev. R. E. Peterman. An offering was received while the children sang enthusiastically the "Pennsylvania State Song."

The W. C. T. U. will use the bulletin board for the display of work in picture and reading this summer. If you have something appropriate for the board, give it to the Publicity committee. A general change of display will be made each week. In a few days several women will call on the people to become members of the movement. No one is required to pay to become a member.

Quay, son of Robert Mellott, south of Big Cove Tannery, was kicked under the arm by a horse on Wednesday of last week, and he is still suffering internally from the effects.

## Worth Reading Twice.

The July American Magazine includes the beginning of a new little department called "Family Finances" in which will appear short articles dealing with the money side of family life in its various phases. The first little article in this department is entitled, "When Buying Luxuries Consider How Old You Are." Following is an extract from this little article:

"One day a young man 25 years of age told me that he had just fallen heir to \$2500. He was going to spend the whole sum on a pure luxury. He said that \$2500 was not much money anyway, and that he might as well have a good time with it—even though the good time lasted only a little while.

"When I told him in a general way that he ought to save that money I made no impression on him. But when I explained to him how \$2500 invested at six per cent, and compounded annually, would double in twelve years, he began to wake up. At 37 he would have \$5000, at 49 \$10,000, and at 61 \$20,000. The \$20,000 at 61 would be yielding him \$1,200 a year—a little more than his present salary.

"I had roused his financial imagination to the first real work it had ever done—so far as I know. He hung onto that money and invested it at six per cent.

"I told him that when he is 61 and has that \$20,000 maybe somebody else will give him \$2,500 and if so to go out and spend it if he wants to. Money spent at 61 by a man of some means is not like money spent at 25 by a young man of no means. The man at 61 has comparatively little chance left for his pile to grow. In fact by 61 he is supposed to have his pile.

"Always when contemplating luxuries consider how old you are before buying. The price of luxuries is much higher in early life than later. It is very high in youth. If you want some comforts and a few luxuries in old age control yourself in the earlier years. Get the foundation of your capital laid early so that it will have time to build itself from small beginnings into a substantial amount—say at 60."

## Money for State Roads.

The State Highway Commissioners have apportioned the amounts of money available for road work in 1915 and 1916. They figured by counties, naming the amount available for actual construction, and another amount set aside for maintenance. It has been found that it is poor policy to construct roads and then let them deteriorate for the lack of care. A complete list of the sixty-seven counties in the State shows that in some instances, more money is needed for maintenance than for construction. The estimated amount for construction in Fulton is \$7,443, but no money for maintenance. Bedford county gets \$19,655 for construction and \$18,390 for maintenance. Huntingdon county gets \$13,885 for construction and \$5,124 for maintenance. Franklin county gets \$36,208 for construction and \$13,999 for maintenance. Several counties run over the \$100,000 mark for construction.

One of the reasons why there is such a difference in the amount awarded to the counties is because of the sums already spent. The work of connecting eastern and western counties by way of the Lincoln Highway through Fulton county has cost much money and work is still in progress. It will be many years before the State can reach all roads taken over by it; and we may as well make up our minds that localities in need of better roads, will have to turn out and work them by private enterprise as was shown on Good Roads Day.

## WALKING ON ALL FOURS.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

Scientists tell us that our remote ancestors walked on all fours. Certain it is that we all begin locomotion in that manner. It is natural for a baby to crawl and during the first few years of life most children spend much time playing on the floor. In order that this natural disposition to keep near mother earth shall not prove injurious there are a few precautions which it is well to take.

For babies it is easy enough to spread a blanket or some similar protection on the floor, and when they grow older a little railing some six feet square will serve to keep them within bounds until such a time as they can be taught not to pick things off the floor and put them in their mouth.

Carpets, rugs, and wooden floors are invariably contaminated by the dirt which is tracked in from the outside. There are innumerable colonies of germs everywhere on the floors, some of these are almost certain to be disease germs. When children grow old enough to be given the things to eat, unless they are watched they will not hesitate to pick up the food which has fallen on the floor or which they have laid their. This practice is genuinely risky and every effort should be made as early as possible to train the children that things which have fallen on the floor are dirty and must not be put in their mouth. It is surprising how early they will learn this if care is taken and a fresh supply of the precious tit-bit offered in the place of the soiled one.

The wise mother makes every effort to protect her children's food from contamination for many of the digestive disturbances which are so fatal in the early years of childhood may be traced to dirty food.

The old saying that we must all eat our peck of dirt is a stupid and harmful one like many another of the old saws.

## What is a "Road Hitch."

According to the Bedford county papers, the railroads are running excursions to Bedford to afford the public the opportunity to see a "Road Hitch" at work. All that the papers say about "it" is that it makes dirt roads at one-third the cost of old methods; but whether it is a "critter" or some kind of a machine, they leave the reader to guess. Probably, it is a machine, and we may not have been following the Highway Department activities as closely as we should have done. Whatever it may be, we want one—or a flock of them. If it is a critter, and adapted to grazing on hillsides, let's engage a pair at once for breeders, for we need something to make good dirt roads. Out in Licking Creek township they tried groundhogs, but the blamed things will not dig where they are wanted. If we had a railroad to Bedford we would excursion over to see the thing. What is a "Road Hitch?"

## Earth Farthest West.

The earth was farthest from the sun on July 5. It seems paradoxical that the earth is farthest from the sun in the hottest part of the year. The explanation, of course, is that the change in the amount of heat from the increased distance is but 6 per cent., while that due to the greater inclination of the sun's rays at noon is more than 200 per cent., which far overbalances it. The sun now shines for 15 hours compared with nine hours in winter, and also shines through the atmosphere in a shorter path. Thus the variation in distance has but a slight effect upon the temperature when compared with the other causes.