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

MISS FANNIE GREATHEAD.

Miss Fannie Greathead, passed away at the home of her mother Mrs. Clara Sterrett Greathead, north First Street about four o'clock, Saturday afternoon, July 17, 1915. The funeral services conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. Leidy Yearick, took place at nine o'clock, Tuesday morning, and interment was made in the family lot in Union cemetery.

During the last two years Miss Greathead taught in one of the public schools in Pittsburgh, and when she came home a few weeks ago for her summer vacation, it was found that her health was being undermined by an insidious disease, that would not yield to treatment. Before going to Pittsburgh, Miss Greathead taught the Grammar school in McConnellsburg, and the faithful, efficient, conscientious work she did while in that position will bring forth golden fruit in the lives and hearts of the many young people who were fortunate enough to be under the pale of her influence.

The casket containing her remains was tenderly placed in its last resting place by six of her former McConnellsburg pupils, namely, Willis Daniels, Scott Alexander, Wilmer Hays, Mack Morton, Russell Stevens, and Orlean Mock.

Besides her mother, she is survived by two sisters, Misses Carrie and Elsie—her father George W. Greathead having died about eight years ago.

MRS. REUBEN S. MELLOTT.

Annie Clabaugh, wife of Reuben S. Mellott, died at their home near Sipes Mills, Thursday evening, July 16, 1915, aged 31 years, 6 months, and 12 days. The funeral took place last Sunday and the services were conducted by Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at the Siding Hill Christian church.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Clabaugh, of Bedford county, and was married to Reuben S. Mellott about three years ago who survives, together with two little sons. Mrs. Mellott was a consistent member of the Christian church and enjoyed the love and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances, who mourn her early demise. A few months ago she had an attack of grippe which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis; and while everything was done to bring about recovery that human agency could devise, she continued to grow weaker until the end came.

She is also survived by her parents, one brother and one sister—Alvin and Edna, at home; and one sister, Ada, wife of John Markle, living near Mattie, Bedford county.

MRS. ELIZABETH KEEFER.

Mrs. Elizabeth Keefer, wife of Martin Keefer, died at her home near Warren Point, after an illness of several weeks, aged about 69 years. She is survived by her husband and four children, namely, Mrs. William Hemminger, near Mercersburg; Mrs. Mary Smith, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Sarah Wolf, near Philadelphia, and Silas, at home. The funeral services were held at the M. E. church, and were conducted by Rev. J. I. Winger of Berkeley Springs, his text being taken from the 103 psalm.

DR. THOMAS HENRY WHITE.

Dr. Thomas Henry White, one of the most prominent surgeons and physicians in Western Pennsylvania, was found dead in bed at his home in Connellsville, Pa., on Tuesday morning of last week due to apoplexy superinduced by indigestion. Dr. White a son of Rev. N. G. White for many years pastor of the Presby-

Out in Ohio.

The many friends of Frank E. Mellott, of Bloomdale, Ohio, will be pleased to learn that he is getting along nicely. It will be remembered that the NEWS told about Frank having both arms broken by a run-a-way team on the tenth of June, which of course put him out of business, notwithstanding the fact that Frank had 65 acres of wheat to cut. But Frank goes to Sunday school and has the respect of the community in which he lives. So when harvest time came, his Sunday school classmates took the matter in hand, set a day, and twenty-five men turned out with the necessary machinery. When night came the wheat was in shock. In singing the praises of the men we would be very ungrateful not to mention the part taken by noble women in the neighborhood, who assembled at the Mellott home, took charge of the kitchen and prepared a dinner and supper for the reapers that made them feel that their efforts in the field were appreciated. Then to make the day more memorable, as the darkness began to disappear in the east, the indistinct form of an old stork was seen winging his way toward Frank's home, with the result that after the stork had disappeared, there was in the house a great-big brown-eyed baby girl.

Had Stroke of Paralysis.

The NEWS told last week of Grandma Michaels coming to McConnellsburg to visit her daughter Mrs. Geo. W. Hays. On Thursday of last week, Mrs. S. B. Woollet was spending the afternoon with Mrs. Michaels at the home of Mrs. Hays. Mrs. Woollet and Mrs. Michaels lived in the same neighborhood when they were girls, and it afforded them much pleasure to talk over "old times." During their conversation as she was referring to some interesting experiences Mrs. Michaels was suddenly stricken with paralysis in the left side of her body. Her mind is entirely clear, but she cannot talk much. Of course, she is confined to her bed.

Big Peach Crop.

The Smithburg, Md., peach district is making great preparations to ship a bumper crop of peaches to all parts of the United States, to Canada, and to nearly all parts of the world. 2,000 car loads is the estimate. Shipments will begin about August 1st. Reports from all along the South Mountain district extending on the Pennsylvania side nearly to Harrisburg indicate enormous crops of peaches this year.

Penrose's Car Burned.

Senator Penrose and party left Pittsburgh last Sunday morning for a trip over the Lincoln Highway, expecting to reach Harrisburg in time for dinner. In ascending a hill two miles east of Greensburg a back-fire from the carburetor caused a blaze, and the occupants had but little enough time to escape from the car and watch its total destruction by the fire.

He Used a Tractor.

Hon. W. S. Flemming used a gasoline tractor in his wheatfield near Greencastle last week to draw the binder. It is said that this is the first time a tractor has been used to cut wheat in southern Pennsylvania. Every thing worked smoothly to the satisfaction of the harvesters. A great crowd of people witnessed the work.

Mrs. Harvey Bender spent last week with relatives near Burnt Cabins.

terian church of McConnellsburg, was born in that town on the 26th of October, 1845. He visited McConnellsburg about two years ago.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Needmore to Have a New Chrch. Rev. Beard Now Conducting Meetings at Warfordsburg.

The evangelistic campaign held at Needmore by Rev. Charles Beard, of Martinsburg, W. Va., assisted by Rev. Croft, of Dane, and by Rev. Powers, of Needmore, resulted in 48 persons publicly professing their desire to lead a Christian life. The object of these meetings is not to make Presbyterians, Lutherans, Baptists or Methodists, but to lead men and women to repent and seek forgiveness of their sins, to lead lives in accordance with the teachings of Christ, and to encourage such persons to connect themselves with that branch of the Protestant church in which they feel they can be most useful and feel most at home.

Since the close of the meetings at Needmore, Rev. Croft has effected a Methodist Episcopal organization at Needmore with a membership of thirty-nine persons, a lot of ground has been secured, and a church edifice will be erected this fall.

The campaign opened at Warfordsburg last Sunday when Rev. Beard preached his Mother's sermon to a large congregation. At 3 o'clock, he preached a forceful sermon to men, only, in the Presbyterian church, which was received with the greatest interest. The Needmore choir of young men with Mrs. Milton B. Hill at the organ, assisted with the music. At the same hour, Mrs. Fulton of Sleepy Creek, W. Va., a zealous worker, addressed a large number of women in the tent. In the evening the tent was again filled to hear Rev. Beard on the "Firing Line" assisted by Rev. Lewis of the M. E. Church, Hancock.

Next Sunday Rev. Beard will preach a Memorial sermon. Warfordsburg Lodge of Odd Fellows invite every fraternal organization within reach to take part in this service. The members of fraternal orders will meet at the I. O. O. F. Hall at 10 o'clock.

Binder Passed Over Him.

While Bruce Truxel, near Burnt Cabins, was cutting wheat during latter part of last week, the leaders frightened at something, and ran in a circle throwing the saddle horse. Before Mr. Truxel could get out of the way the platform of the Binder passed over him, bruising his body and breaking some bones. We could not learn the exact nature of the injuries. He was taken to Chambersburg Hospital and it is reported that he is not fatally injured.

Coincidents.

The Mercersburg Journal, in commenting on the recent petition of thirty-three Fort Loudon citizens for State Police protection against intoxicated foreigners who are working on the McConnellsburg and Fort Loudon railroad, sees the following coincidents: "The petition, the Judge who endorsed it, the saloon, and the State Police. Not half bad, Brother Fleming!"

Sold Gish Mills.

The assignee of H. L. Gish sold at auction the Flouring Mills at Fayetteville and Mercersburg in front of the Franklin county Court House last Saturday afternoon.

The Fayetteville Mill was sold to Luther W. Knauff of Mercersburg for \$3050, and the Mercersburg Mill to W. D. Boyd of the same town for \$4910.

Lost Two Fingers.

One day last week, while working at the small circular saw in his planing mill at Hustontown, William Laidig made a miscalculation so that one of his hands came in contact with the saw. Dr. McClain had to amputate the index and middle fingers at the first joint.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

James Smith Used J. K. Johnston's Name on Check to Raise Needed Funds.

Last March Charlie McLaughlin of the Hotel Mercer, Mercersburg, cashed a check bearing the name of J. K. Johnston in favor of James Smith, for the sum of nine dollars. When the check reached the Fulton County Bank, there was something about the signature that aroused suspicion, and when the check was presented to Mr. Johnston, he pronounced it a forgery. The check was returned to Mercersburg. Information was made before Justice-of-the-Peace Shaffner of McConnellsburg, a warrant issued, and placed in the hands of an officer who waited until Jim returned from Canada on Monday, when he was arrested and taken before Justice Shaffner. For want of sufficient collateral, the prisoner was sent to jail, to answer the charge of forgery before Judge Swope.

For a Square Deal.

If there is any significance in the meeting of 250 people in a country church to swelter for three hours in 80 degrees of temperature, in order to organize, then the people of Ayr township mean to give and receive a square deal at the next judicial election, for that is just what they did—not once, but twice—last Sunday afternoon at Big Cove Tannery.

A branch of the No-License League known as the Inter-County Judiciary League is being formed in each township and borough in Fulton and Adams counties for the purpose of insuring the election of a president judge who will interpret the Brooks License Law according to the rulings of both the Superior and the Supreme Courts of the State. Last Sunday was the date for the first of these meetings in Fulton county, and dates for similar meetings in each of the other townships will be announced later.

We can state briefly that each and every candidate for the office of President judge of Fulton and Adams counties will be asked for assurance that he will either grant or refuse licenses according to the will of a superior number of advocates for or against licenses. This is in strict harmony with the American spirit of fair play, and since there is no longer any doubt that the Brooks law was meant to be interpreted in this manner, instead of the way in which it was being interpreted in both the Adams and the Fulton county courts, pressure that cannot be lightly brushed aside will be brought to bear upon candidates by the substantial citizens of both counties.

Enviably Record.

J. Newton Morton, son of Hon. and Mrs. Peter Morton, of this place a member of the Junior Class at the Pennsylvania State Forestry Academy passed the subject of "Tree Identification" with a grade of 98.5. Only five men in the history of the school have made a better grade than this, and young Morton is to be congratulated. Out of 700 specimens of trees and shrubs that he was asked to name he missed only 28. "Newt" it will be remembered, was Valedictorian of the class of 1913 of the McConnellsburg High School.

They Want Fair Play.

Woman Suffrage has received the unqualified endorsement of those lovers of fair play and good sportsmanship, the big leaguers on the Philadelphia National and the Pirates. Hard on the heels of the Suffrage Day game in Philadelphia on July 7, when so many of the players declared themselves for the cause, comes the news that the Buccaneers are to play for "Votes for Women" on September 3.

CRASHED INTO TELEGRAPH POLE.

Pittsburgh Automobile Party Had Serious Accident Near Everett Last Thursday Afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Myers and their three children passed through McConnellsburg last Thursday on their way to their home in Pittsburgh, after having been out on a thousand-mile auto tour. Their journey had been one of pleasure until they reached a stretch in the Lincoln Highway known as the Mile Level, a beautiful piece of road straight as an arrow a short distance east of Everett. After having passed over the sinuous winding road through the mountains to the east, the motorist is tempted to open the throttle just a trifle more and notice the figures in the odometer soar, notwithstanding the fact that there is a line of sturdy telegraph poles standing along the roadside giving silent warning of danger. Mr. Myers had almost covered the beautiful drive, when his car suddenly swerved to the left and with great force crashed into a twenty-five-foot pole planted five feet in the ground and carrying three arms with ten wires on each arm. The car which was a Ford touring, struck the pole squarely near the center of the radiator, and the impact was so great that the pole was driven forward in the earth, at least, eight inches, shattering the pole into splinters, and knocking two of the cross arms entirely loose, leaving them suspended from the wires. Mrs. Myers was riding on the front seat beside her husband who was driving, and when the car struck the pole, she was shot through the windshield and landed along the fence some distance. She was terribly cut by the glass and remained unconscious for several hours. Mr. Myers having hold of the steering column, was able to save himself from leaving the seat, but the children were thrown out, and strange as it may seem, neither they nor Mr. Myers suffered any serious injury. The car was not, as might be supposed, completely wrecked. The radiator was slightly mashed in, and one lamp broken, and as it stood in the Karns' garage when our reporter saw it on Friday, it looked like it would not hesitate to run up against the whole Western Union Line if its driver cared to take the chance.

The Karns Garage people took the Myers family to their home in Pittsburgh, Thursday evening.

Tried to Break In.

Just as the Clock in the Court House steeple had finished striking the hour of twelve a few nights ago, some person, or persons, made an attempt to get into the dwelling house of our aged townsman, Samuel Bender east Lincoln Way. Not being asleep Mr. Bender heard the rascals and frightened them away. He learned afterward that two persons had been seen in a shade tree in front of his house that same night, and he believes they were planning to get from the shade tree into an upper window. He thinks that the fact that the attempt was made the night following the day he got his pension money, may have some significance.

\$2.50 for Harvest Hands.

Denton Hendershot, of Pigeon Cove, called at the NEWS office on Monday to order bills for his sale of personal property, August 25th. Mr. Hendershot helped his son Lemdel, seven miles west of Hagerstown, to harvest. Lemuel cut 60 acres of wheat, and estimated the yield at 1500 bushels. He paid as high as \$2.50 per day to hands to shock wheat. Mr. Hendershot said that some farmers in Maryland paid \$3.00 a day for help. This is the highest price paid since the Civil war period.

Hunters' Licenses.

Pennsylvania is being given credit by the newspapers of the United States as being the greatest all-round game state in the Union. Last week 325,000 licenses for hunters were distributed among the county treasurers of the state, and the Game Commission is prepared to issue more if needed. It is said that the revenue from the sale of the licenses is to be held in a special fund and to be disbursed for game work only.

There are two sides to every question and, of course, two sides to the question of whether hunters should be taxed. No hunter objects to the payment of a dollar for the purpose of increasing game in the State; but there is a feeling—with or without base—that the greedy eye of "Class" directs the disbursement of game funds. If the American spirit of fair play be followed closely, and the money disbursed economically and efficiently, and without favor, then let us pay the tax. But if the system smacks in the least of European practice of gradually reducing good hunting areas to privately owned locations, then away with it. Fulton county, despite the destruction of its timber, is a natural breeding ground for game and is rapidly becoming the Mecca for hundreds of outsiders during the hunting season. But as yet, very little money has been spent by the State in the county for the propagation of game. We believe that the Game Commission is making an honest effort, through the help of the United Sportsmen's Association of Pennsylvania to distribute game and protect it; but Fulton county is too small, and too poor, to maintain a branch of that organization strong enough to pay in a sufficient sum to insure us a proper share of stock game and fish, and since it is the favorite hunting ground of Pittsburgh and western county sportsmen, we think ourselves entitled to special notice by the Commission. As an example of the feeling toward Fulton county, three wild turkeys were said to have been exhibited last fall by a hunter from a western county. When told that it was illegal to kill turkeys in Pennsylvania last fall, the hunter said "Oh, I did not kill them in the State, I got them down in Fulton County."

But the Wheat Came Up.

On a recent trip through parts of the County we had pointed out to us many fields of fairly good wheat that last fall and winter "were as bare as the big road," according to statements made by those who knew. The drought of last fall delayed both the sowing and the sprouting of the wheat, and many farmers thought they would have to plough the fields in the spring and plant to something else; but as soon as the soil warmed up, the wheat appeared, much to the surprise of many. When former townsman John Fields, of Oklahoma, was home last week, he said that similar experience was frequent in that dry state. It occurs here occasionally; but not to the extent that last fall's sowing showed.

Pennsylvania Crops Short.

The Bureau of Agricultural Statistics at Harrisburg has sent out the following forecast for the 1915 crops: Estimated crop of wheat, 21,800,000 bushels. Last year it was 23,747,000 bushels. The hay crop will be short by about one fourth.

Forecast for wheat in the United States for this year, is a little over that of last year as shown by the following figures: For 1915, 963,000,000 bushels. For 1914 it was 891,017,000 bushels. A falling off of almost 2,000,000 bushels of corn is expected for Pennsylvania, with a corresponding decrease for the United States.

KEEP A LIGHT HEART.

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

"Frame your mind to mirth and merriment which has a thousand harms and lengthens Life."

Lycurgus decreed that statues of the God of Mirth should be set up in the halls where the citizens of Sparta ate.

Men of all ages have appreciated the value of a cheerful disposition. The cultivation of cheerfulness even in the face of misfortune and disaster unquestionably helps to prevent illness. On the other hand those who always take a sober view of life are so distressed by misfortunes when they come, that there is often danger of physical impairment.

The nervous system in the human body is so delicately adjusted that a comparatively slight disturbance may seriously disturb certain of the bodily functions. While it might be at the time difficult for the most skillful diagnostician to trace the exact connection between mental depression and a physical illness, the fact that they are often intimately related is well known.

Habits of mind like habits of body can be cultivated through persistent effort. Cheerfulness is one which will not only prove a distinct benefit to its possessor but serve to stimulate and encourage those with whom he comes in contact.

Melancholia and similar serious disturbances may be brought about by permitting the mind to brood over real or fancied troubles and if indulged in the line of demarcation between the two becomes more and more indistinct.

Therefore, though you do not set up the statue of the god of Mirth in your house bear ever in mind that "the light heart lives long."

Dry Farming Congress.

Semi-arid western states hold a "Dry-Farming" congress each year. Our former townsman, John Fields, editor of the Oklahoma Farm Journal, says of the organization "This congress has without question done good work in impressing upon people generally the necessity of cutting away from the agricultural traditions of the eastern states, and of developing methods and growing crops adapted to the climatic conditions of the Great Plains."

Our reason for quoting the foregoing is, that up-to-date eastern farmers owe much to their brothers who went west and cast aside some of the hide-bound notions instilled into their minds by their stubborn ancestors. One of the important things learned from our western friends is the conservation of moisture—something that is necessary here in the East as in the West. Another good thing that has been made popular by dry-farming states is the necessity of "sticking together" for the spread of advancing methods.

Much that we know about farming has been handed down to us by some one. The son wants to absorb from his father all the good things that the father has learned about the subject; the son wants to develop as much original knowledge as possible, and, in addition, he wants to gather by reading and associating with successful farmers all the information possible, and by so doing he will not only be in a position to be a successful farmer himself, but be able to transmit knowledge that will be helpful to the generations that follow him.

Shallow cultivation which leaves a very fine, level mulch over planted ground, and the use of a soil packer, conserves moisture in dry lands of Fulton county as profitably as in Oklahoma. Each type of soil must receive the care adapted to it; and, right here we will say again "Young Farmer, read, READ! Get in touch with the agricultural departments at State College, Harrisburg, and Washington. The times are changing and we must keep up with them."